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## FEP Pays Off

Oregon's Fair Employment Practice commission celebrates its fourth year of activity in July. The act has had a total of 91 formal complaints filed under its provisions which forbid discrimination because of race, religion, color or national origin.

The commission has done a wonderful job in integrating non-whites with whites on jobs. It has—through its own program of education—lessened the barriers for many a job applicant.

FEP has paid off in a big way in Oregon. It has done a marvelous job of educating the employer as well as the employee. It has erased the many stereotyped opinions that existed in the minds of the employer and the employee.

Although it may seem out of line with a democratic society to have to legislate such an act in order to insure equal job opportunities, the use of the act itself has shown that legislation was indeed necessary.

Oregon has advanced in race relations since pre-war days. Advancements have been rocky, but steady. FEP was a hard-fought advancement that proved its effectiveness and worthiness.

There is still a battle to be won. Civil rights—in terms of public accommodations—is still lacking. Oregon is the only state on the Pacific Coast without a civil rights ordinance. To say such an ordinance is out of place is foolish.

Public places are licensed by the state and city to serve the public. The individual should have the right to go into such places and expect service.

The current drive by the "Civil Freedom Committee" to put up to a vote of the people the civil rights bill passed by the 1953 Oregon legislature is another sore thumb on the hands of democratic government.

It is sheer folly to think that an equal society can exist when one group attempts to segregate another because of color and thus bar the workings of a society based on the freedom of an individual.

Legislation is the only way to educate those who "do not know" and refuse to accept the teachings of democracy. Man is bound to be free to choose his own associates and he is going to make gains in this direction.

Segregation must of a necessity fall by the wayside if America is to seek and maintain any semblance of world leadership and respect.

Moral teachings and spiritual guidance is certainly in order if Oregon and the rest of the nation is to go forward and prove to the world that democracy pays off, and in a big way.

Cheap talk and practices are out of order. Actions have always brought results. Good government needs the efforts of all its citizens and only through a thoroughly integrated society can the ultimate in output be obtained. A united society can obtain the ultimate.

## Housing Pamphlet

The Urban League of Portland is to be commended for the fine pamphlet it has designed and circulated. The pamphlet, entitled "Don't Be Misled," debunks the myth that the presence of non-whites lowers property values in residential areas.

The little red, white and blue pamphlet-folder points out that "some people—individuals—may cause property adjoining them to be less than desirable, if they are dirty, noisy and careless about upkeep. But these characteristics have nothing to do with race or religion or nationality. There are a few such people in all groups."

Information offered in the pamphlet include things to read, facts to know and questions to ask.

It is a very informative little folder and worth the reading time of every individual.

## College Slaps Race Ban

Recent action taken by Lewis and Clark college's board of trustees has cleared the way for members "persons of all races, creeds and color" will be national fraternities on the campus, but only those which admit

## Letters To Editor

To the Editor:

Some questions arise about Rosenbergs worthy of consideration. Would they have been killed had a great man like Lincoln been in the White House? He used to pardon similar criminals. How do his famous words "malice towards none and charity for all" apply? How many have such an attitude.

Again, would Rosenbergs have been killed had we not been in the grip of anti-Communist hysteria wave? Is it possible that they could have been even heroized had the USSR been our ally as in World War II? Enemies today often become friends tomorrow, e.g., Japan, etc.

At the time of the last "stay," news commentators poured forth screens of propaganda about our vastly superior system of justice as compared to other lands. Indeed, the USSR wouldn't have granted as much. But isn't the end about the same, namely, death? What many wonder about is whether or not there is a mailed fist within the velvet glove of American democratic justice? A statement from the highest authority in the land said about "mercy" being a detriment to our welfare? Isn't the absence of "mercy" instead?

Still further, Rosenbergs' crime was assessed as the worst possible in that it periled the lives of 160 million Americans. And if their crime was of this magnitude, how about the inventors, makers, etc., of the atomic bomb? They're not guilty? How about those others who are supposed to have taken part in this treason, like Fuchs, Hiss, etc.? And also, if the USSR doesn't have the bomb as Truman recently intimated, how can these people be guilty?

I'm not saying that they aren't. But one wonders had none of these ever lived, wouldn't the USSR have gotten bomb secrets from captive German and other scientists? This kind of questioning could go on but to conclude we ask what would have been the more proper Christian and democratic procedure? Answer: commutation of the death sentence to imprisonment.

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### Pastor's Aide Auxiliary

The pastor's Aide Auxiliary of the House of Prayer, 2205 S. E. 10th Avenue, had a glorious time recently dedicating the fourth Sunday in May.

The church was beautifully decorated with roses mixed with cat flowers. The Bishop Searcie was flanked in his pulpit by many ministers, both in and out of the city. This program truly was a grand affair.

Entertainment was from some of Portland's best choirs, quartets, solos and readings. There were many friends, such as Brother Hughes, and many baskets of flowers for the pastor and his auxiliary.

The auxiliary wants to thank their many friends for the fine attendance. Truly many hearts were made happy.

The Rev. M. C. Cheeks from Mt. Sinai Baptist church came forth with a soul-stirring message. All the P. A. Auxiliary want to thank their many friends again and again.

ALPHA SEARCIE, Reporter  
ROBERT SEARCIE,  
Pastor-Bishop  
MRS. RACHAEL BARNO,  
President.

## News In Brief

BY WILLIAM WRIGHT  
Challenger Staff Writer

Mrs. William Graves Sr. recently entertained the Past Matrons and Patrons of Enterprise Chapter No. 6 in honor of their 32nd anniversary. Guests present were Mesdames Perry, Pope, Thomas, Thompson, Gaskin, Wasson, La Belle, and Bradley. Honor guests were G. Purcell and Roberta Blackwell of Mt. Hood Chapter and Brother Vernon Gaskin of Enterprise lodge.

Visiting with Mrs. Graves is the Rev. E. P. Williams and family of Tulare, Cal. Mrs. Williams is the former Blanche Graves of Portland and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Graves.



O.D. Richardson

Ed Webb is still in Portland. Webb reported for army duty last week and found himself reclassified . . . Mrs. Walter L. Thompson has as her guest for several weeks Mrs. Dorothy Davis of San Diego, Cal., and Mrs. Marcella Carbin of Hollywood, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Hamilton are the proud parents of a baby boy, Bruce. For the Hamiltons it is their third child . . . Members of Kappa Alpha Psi presented their first annual Black and White formal at the Teamsters hall last week. Guests report a nice time.

## FEPC Reaches Fourth Birthday

Oregon's fair employment practices committee observes its fourth birthday this month, July, and the act has had a total of 91 formal complaints filed under its provisions which forbid discrimination because of race, religion, color or national origin.

The administrators of the law, state bureau of labor, have closed 90 of the cases after investigation. Discrimination was found in 46, all based on racial origin.

### Labor Unions Accused

Sixty of the complaints were filed against private employers and 25 instances of discrimination were found. Labor unions were accused in 19 complaints and investigations bore out the charges of 16. Most of the cases involved refusal of admit to membership.

State, municipal and county agencies were mentioned in 11 complaints and discrimination was found in six.

## There's a Reason Why We're Late

The Portland Challenger is reaching you late because of a desire on the part of the editors to give you as up-to-date a coverage of news as possible. We will continue to give this service to our readers until such time that we can publish weekly.

### Wanted Assistance

To the Editor: I would very much appreciate any assistance you can give me in helping me locate a friend that is now residing in your fair city.

Before her marriage, she was Romelia Durden from Little Rock, Ark. She is about 30-or 33-years of age and attended Dunbar high school.

I wrote to your Chamber of Commerce but forgot to tell them that before her marriage her name was Durden. I secured your name and address from them.

Thanking you in advance.  
Mrs. Dorothy Lucharan  
1894 Julian Avenue,  
San Diego, Cal.

Back in Portland following another year at Central State college in Wilberforce, Ohio, are Kathryn and Valerie Cook. Kathryn graduated this year with a degree in elementary education. Valerie is a junior majoring in secretarial science. Kathryn's future plans are indefinite.

Mrs. Earl Winslow and Mrs. Kathryn Winslow left last week for an extended trip to the east coast. Kathryn's two boys, little Artie and Brad accompanied them on the trip.

Mrs. Emma Walker became the bride of Ulysses Childs in a court house ceremony in Portland recently. Witnessing the rites were Mrs. Frances Williams, Mr. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Freeman. Mrs. Childs gave a luncheon for the wedding party following the ceremony. She is a teacher at Couch elementary school.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Irwin, 102 N. E. Hassalo street, are off on a motor trip to Denver, Chicago, Detroit, Benton Harbor, Vicksburg and Los Angeles. With the Irwins are their children, Vivian, B. J. Jr. and Lillian and grandson Frank "Butch" Jones.

It was party time for Pfc. O. D. Richardson recently when friends got together at the home of his sister, Mrs. Velma Whitley, 116 N. E. Hassalo street, and whooped it up for the returning serviceman. Richardson is stationed at Camp Roberts, Cal.

Guests at the party given in his honor by Pearl Kennedy and John D. Hunt were Jackson Winters, Seth Hill, Jackie Richardson, H. J. Belton Hamilton, Henry and Roosevelt Creal, Miss Shirley Thompson, Miss Janet Brown, Sylina Jones, Marvin McKinney, Billy and Clemontine Graves, A. D. Williams, Miss Dorothy Molden and Kenneth McRae.

The Otto Rutherfords are visiting the summer months with relatives in Yakima, Wn. Mr. Rutherford is president of the Portland branch of the NAACP.

Stags ran rampant along with showers during the month of June. Members of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity gave a stag for Ted Burger, Clarence Pruitt and Richard Bogle at the home of Howard Jacobson. Advice topped a program of individualism at the stag.

Ben Johnson gave a manly affair for Bogle at his home last week. The occasion was a stag shower. Harold Lacey followed the Johnson-sponsored stag with one at his home for Bogle.

Herb Williams, recently returned from his teaching assignment in Alaska, is on the road again. This time the son of Mr. and Mrs. Belvin Williams, 2403 N. E. 7th Avenue, is off to New York City where he will work toward his Master's Degree in Education at Columbia university.

Mrs. Marie Ginn was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. James Heffner, 5124 N. E. Davis street, recently returned from a visit to Oakland, Cal., where they stayed with Mrs. Heffner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cosey.

The Heffner's children, Dayna and Jackie, accompanied their parents on the jaunt and remained for a longer visit with their grand parents.