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Race Tags Unnecessary

It is rather amusing at times, this civil rights business. When the shoe is on the right foot it is tight and encounters considerable opposition, but when it is on the left foot, it fits perfectly, that is sometimes it fits perfectly.

This page has unflinchingly supported the need of strict civil rights interpretation and will continue to do so. It has echoed the fact that there is no two ways about civil rights and the integrated program it protects.

The embarrassing position certain organizations and individuals maneuver themselves into can easily be avoided by practicing the tenets of democracy or some form of religious teachings.

The Leisure Hour Golf club is again sponsoring its annual golf tournament. It is the understanding of this page that the tourney is open to the public, yet placards and news stories advertising the recreational event refer to the tournament as the Pacific Northwest Negro Amateur.

Newspapers and radios in the Portland area have long since stopped the unnecessary practice of referring to individuals or groups by race, unless necessary. Sometimes this necessity is difficult to determine. But Portland citizens can justifiably be proud of the "tagless" program adopted and followed by the local press and radio.

The continued practice of a predominantly Negro organization to still use race tags when there is no apparent reason for the usage is either one of negligence or one of pure stupidity and rejection.

Public golf tourneys in the state of Oregon are open to the public, that is anyone is eligible to participate. There is no reason for a Negro tournament. Perhaps at one time there was, but no longer does a segregated situation exist.

There most certainly is nothing wrong with a golf club sponsoring a tournament, a club whose members are mostly Negroes in number. But this page cannot sanction the usage of "Negro" and at the same time profess a belief in civil rights. There is simply no room on the integrated scene for racial identification tags.

Is there anything wrong with the Leisure Hour Golf club referring to its tournament as the Pacific Northwest Amateur or some similar appropriate name?

Civil rights is everybody's privilege. Even the hint of segregation or group association is an attack on the principles of the American democratic form of government. If the American is to realize the ultimate in democracy, then he will have to accept the individual on his own merits.

It is quite evident that many Americans are still a little mixed up on this business of civil rights; the actions of many would lead one to believe that they don't know the meaning of interracialism, but preach its acceptance anyway.

Vice Accusations

The recent mild furor raised in Portland because of alleged existing vice conditions has seemingly settled down to just another one of those evident "alerts." It looks as if city officials had to take a back seat to the accusations hurled by one of the city's taxicab executives; anyway apologies were plentiful and it looks as if the "heat" is off.

Perhaps some day in the near future Portland's two dailies, The Oregonian and the Oregon Journal, will do an honest-to-goodness job on this vice business. One thing is certain, as long as people sanction vice it is going to stay pretty close to home.

It is the people themselves that are to blame for the vice conditions that now exist in the city. For certainly without their patronage such conditions would have been scrapped to a minimum sometime ago.

It is up to the people to "get tired" of vice every now and then if they expect any sort of decency to exist in their neighborhood and city. It is when "payoffs" become so regular that this syndicate idea becomes a real problem, a problem very difficult to combat.

AME Church Slates Confab

The 62nd annual session of the Puget Sound conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church got under way Tuesday at Bethel AME church with the missionary society meeting and electing officers.

A reception honoring Bishop Rt. Rev. D. Ormonde Walker was held following the missionary evening program. Also honored were Bishop Fred D. Jordan, recently back from Africa, and lay delegates and visiting ministers.

The conference will hold forth until August 9 with Rev. Jesse L. Boyd as host pastor.

Among visiting ministers are Revs. C. Wayne Love, San Francisco; J. Austell Hall, Berkeley; Alva Shaw, Los Angeles; L. Sylvester Odem, Oakland; Therion Cobb, San Diego; H. Solomon Hill, Oakland; E. D. Chapell and E. B. Childress, Kansas City, Mo.; T. J. Towns; presiding elders L. F. Greene, Seattle; Fred Stevens, Los Angeles; A. K. Quinn, Los Angeles; L. H. Owen and R. A. Washington.

Rev. B. C. Allen, ex-pastor of Bethel AME church, was unable to attend the conference.

The August 21st issue of the Challenger will carry detailed reports of the AME conference. Mrs. Mary Duncan Holiday will author a sidelight article on the conference activity.—The Editors.

Negro Prostitution Said at Low Ebb

Negro prostitution in Portland is at a very low ebb, according to studies of Negro and white prostitution released by Dr. Thomas L. Meador, city health officer, recently and published in The Oregonian.

The reports were listed separately. One each for Negro prostitution "for Negroes" and for prostitution for whites.

The report on Negro prostitution was allegedly made by a Negro investigator who found that prostitutes generally were working out of taverns, with a few in actual houses of prostitution, reports The Oregonian.

The reports showed no interest in gambling or bootlegging operations, except in minor references which had to do with effect of other vice operations on the main interest of the investigators, that of prostitution.

Same Name, New Address

The Portland Challenger is now located at 4617 N. Williams avenue.

Although the publishers are kept busy on other jobs in order to finance a newspaper with standards acceptable to a majority of the people, an effort will be made to keep the business and news offices open as often as possible during the week.

News items, large or small, are very much welcomed and every effort will be made to find space for them in the Challenger's news columns.

Editorial comments are just as eagerly sought for as news items. The Challenger is for its readers and only through readers' comments can we best judge our worthiness to the community.—The Editors.

News In Brief

BY WILLIAM WRIGHT
Challenger Staff Writer

Off to Albuquerque, N. M., is Ted McDonald and daughter Sylvania, 3738 NE Rodney avenue. McDonald and daughter will visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McDonald. They plan to stop over in San Francisco and Los Angeles while on the three-week trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Weaver of Los Angeles visited recently with Mrs. Weaver's brother, Alford Banks, 73 NE Cook street. While in Portland the Weavers had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. General Jones, 1828 N. Interstate avenue. Miss Mildred Banks re-

cently returned from a visit with relatives in Chicago.

Mrs. S. C. Little, 6112 NE Grand avenue, left recently to visit her daughter, Mrs. Franklin Williams, in Sioux City, Ia. Mrs. Little took her nieces, Renee Banks and Debra Fatheree, with her on the trip and will see relatives in Chicago, Idewild, Mich., New York and White Plains, N. Y., before returning home.

Back from a quick trip to Seattle are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fatheree. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Hillery B. Goodson, 4304 Kinnickinnick place, while in the Queen city.

Mrs. Earl Winslow and Mrs. Arthur Winslow are back from a jaunt that took them to Illinois, Ohio and New York. Returning with Mrs. Arthur Winslow were her sons, Artie and Brad.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Molden, 4904 N. Williams avenue, were among the many Portlanders taking in the Sea Fair in Seattle. Accompanying her parents on the motor trip to Seattle was Miss Charlene Molden.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Harris and daughter Rita are planning a trip to Berkeley, Cal., where they will visit Harris' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Leacock. Harris is slated for induction in the army August 20. Gone to the army is Ronald Thompson.

Mrs. Charles L. Rice has returned to Cairo, Ill., after a stay with Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, 3134 SE 36th avenue. Mrs. Rice came to Portland to visit her sister and brother following the death of her husband, an attorney who practiced law in Cairo for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Avance Bass, 302 N. Cherry street, were hosts to Miss Jo Ann Taylor of Ogden, Utah, who was here during the past week.

Mrs. James Hodge, 54 N. E. Failing street, is presently host to her mother, Mrs. C. W. Duncan, who will be visiting her until the first of September. Mrs. Duncan hails from Chicago.

Off to the Marines August 17 will be Joe Banks, June graduate of Jefferson high school.

Recent Portland visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Roberts from Los Angeles. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barno, 52 N. E. Hancock street, and left here July 24.

Youths' Arrests Clear Burglaries

Police arrested seven teenagers recently and cleared up four burglaries. Two of the young prisoners were said responsible for packing a safe out of the Melody Amusement company, 2731 N. Williams avenue, Detective Capt. William D. Browne said.

One of the arrested youths said the safe had been dumped near Vancouver, Wn., after it was battered open and stripped of about \$50.

Detective Delmar Sanders said the eight youngsters are linked to at least four recent burglaries. Break-ins admitted besides the amusement company included Hill's grocery, 639 N. Russell street; the Jive Alley, 2707 N. Williams avenue, and the Porter's club, 2504 N. Williams avenue.

Only two of the group were over age. They are Ozzie Austin Kelly, 18, 2427 N. Ross street, and Norris Elvin Kelly, 19, 7727 N. Johnswood drive. Both are held on charges of possessing stolen property. The other five were held in juvenile quarters.

Portland Soldier Promoted to Cpl.

Samuel T. Wilkinson Vaughn, son of Mrs. Clarence Countee, 206 N. Skidmore street, was recently promoted to the rank of corporal, according to reports from Camp Roberts, Cal.

A message sent to the Challenger by 1st Lt. Thomas E. Keikel, Cpl. Vaughn's commanding officer, had this to say of the Portland soldier:

"I would like to state that Cpl. Vaughn is one of the most efficient men I have in my company. To show you what my thoughts are of this EM, I have picked him above all my sergeants, SFC's and master sergeants as the 1st Sgt. for my company."

Lt. Weikel gave Cpl. Vaughn recognition for his "excellence in carrying out duties set before him."

Writer Raps Race Pride, Calls 'Passing' Impossible

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(1) Recognize the privilege of others to live their lives as they choose, especially when such choice does not infringe upon your rights. In other words, "mind your own business."

(2) Recognize that the accident of race is not a proper subject for pride or shame. You can justifiably be proud of only that which your efforts have helped to bring about. If you must be proud of something, then, do some deed of which you may justifiably be proud.

(3) Recognize so-called race pride for what it is—a rude substitute for self-efficiency. Often he whose claim to superiority is based on race has little justification for assuming himself equal to other humans.

(4) In your profession or business prepare to meet the supply and demand of the MAIN STREAM of the United States' and world's economy—not merely the Jim Crowed BACK WATERS of the United States' caste system. Then your hope for success will not depend on race-consciousness and Jim Crowed monopoly.

(5) Devote less time to criticizing the "passer" and more time to eliminating the social ills which induces one "to pass."