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## Negro Dentist In Portland

We are proud to be first to announce the arrival in Portland of Dr. Carl Vickers, Portland's first Negro Dentist. Dr. Vickers' arrival in Portland heralded a new era in the life of the colored people and citizens of Portland who are hoping for and looking forward to the Negro taking his rightful place in the business and professional world of this area.

It is altogether fitting and right that Negroes should begin to take an active part in not only the health and well-being of their community, but the economic welfare as well. A business of any kind, regardless of the type, be it tailorshop, boot-black stand, barber shop, or what have you, if conducted correctly, it lends its little bit towards adding prestige to the position Negroes hold in the business world. Therefore all of Portland is happy to welcome Dr. Vickers here as Portland's first Negro dentist.

We hope he is the forerunner of more professionally trained Negroes to come. He was invited to become one of us by some really progressive Negroes of Portland who have the welfare of the race at heart and no ulterior or hidden motives behind their invitation. His acceptance and decision to stay proves that he can see a future here, not only for himself, but for the right thinking progressive people of our race that settle here.

Dr. Vickers is at present taking his State Board Examinations in preparation to open an office and has been granted the use of space in the Dental School until such time as he has a location.

## Elks Hold Open House

After the Fletcher Henderson dance on Thursday night, the local Elks, Billy Webb Lodge, No. 1050, held open house. The large crowd that attended was evidence that the news of the open house had received wide circulation. Celebrities in large numbers rubbed elbows with the local population in the kind of an affair that the Elk Lodges all over the country are famous for. Free drinks and food everywhere, the free and easy comradeship of the association making it an evening that all who were present will remember pleasantly for a long, long time. Among those present were the U. S. O. Smiths, Mrs. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Cy Denton, Mrs. Shelton and charming daughter, Mrs. Janice Lewis, Joe Williams, W. W. Shine, Mrs. Marion Brown, C. Countee, Mrs. W. B. Dunn, Mrs. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Fontaine and others. Military personnel were T/Sgt. Donald Hepburn, and Cpl. Eddie Perkins.

Members of the Lodge made speeches, celebrities were introduced and an announcement was made by W. L. Shine at his Barber Shop, membership campaign. During this Membership Campaign, a special Joining Fee rate is offered to encourage new members to find out just what makes an Elk click. The fees are for new memberships—Five Dollars, for reinstatements, Two Dollars and fifty cents. Applications will be received by Mr. Allen at 1031 N. Larrabee, Worthy Master W. L. Shine at his Barber Shop, or Mr. Lillard Evans, 1429 N. E. First Avenue, EAst 9541.

The bar was efficiently handled by Jason Fontaine and Eddie Phelps.

## HARTFORD, CONN., FIRE

The Portland Inquirer made an attempt to bring to its readers results of the great catastrophe that occurred in Hartford, Connecticut, and wired Chief of Police Charles J. Halliffey for information concerning the number of Negroes killed and injured. Our inability to publish for you a complete story on this fire is no fault of ours. For the public's benefit, we reprint for you a telegram received from the chief of police.

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All bodies not identified. Many mutilated beyond recognition. Unable to tell number of Negroes.

CHARLES J. HALLIFFEY, Chief of Police,  
Hartford, Conn.

## Cab Driver Threatens Rider

The driver of a Broadway cab insulted and threatened a rider Sunday, it was learned by The Portland Inquirer, when the rider objected to an overcharge on his fare. The driver of the cab, William N. Eherington, No. 17600, went so far as to threaten to slit the throat of the rider. Even then the passenger refused to pay any more than what the meter registered, except that he had already given the driver a tip, and all parties concerned went to the 2nd and Oak Street Police Station.

At the police station it was learned that the cab had picked up the passenger at the eastern end of Victory Boulevard in Vanport. Having another passenger in the cab at the time, the driver continued on to the west end of Victory Boulevard where he discharged his other passenger. Without turning back his meter, which at that time registered \$1.00, he returned to Portland. When the rider got out of the cab, the meter registered \$2.30. He gave the driver \$1.50, thinking at the time, he says, that he was "tipping" the driver. The driver immediately got boisterous and demanded \$2.00, because as he said, that is the fare from Vanport regardless of what was on the meter. The rider refused to pay any more and that is when the threats along with a few choice names were passed out by the driver. He continued to use these names at the police station.

The officer at the desk after getting some advice from his colleagues told the driver that under the law, since he did not turn back his meter, the passenger really owed him nothing. That legally he would have to ride the same route, clock it and send a bill for the fare.

No further action was taken in the matter and all parties concerned left the police station, some mumbling words that sounded like law suit.

Ed's note: Watch the Inquirer; if it goes to court, we will be the first to bring you the news.

## Uncle Sam To Pay For New Babies

Washington, July 8—Half a million GI babies are expected to make their debut during the next 12 months at Uncle Sam's expense.

Katherine F. Lenroot, chief of the children's bureau, estimated last Saturday, that many babies and their mothers will be cared for under the emergency maternity and infant care program for which congress has appropriated \$42,800,000.

There will be no embarrassment attached to this service in that the congressional appropriation provided for help to service men's wives and babies, with no questions asked concerning the financial status of the father to foot the bill himself.

## Federal Employee Increase Noted

Washington July 6—An 8978 increase during May in the number of paid federal employees in the continental United States was reported Wednesday by the civil service commission.

It was the fifth consecutive monthly increase and brought the total to 2,862,449. In June of last year federal employment reached a record peak of 3,002,453.

In addition to employees on regular wage or salary rolls, the federal government had 8598 \$1-a-year employees in May and 283,660 who were serving without compensation, the commission reported.

## IVY ANDERSON ENTERTAINS AT PORTLAND AIR BASE

On Monday afternoon, Ivy Anderson, accompanied at the piano by Miss H. M. Lily, gave a performance that is always as only Ivy Anderson can put before her public.

Miss Lily accompanied Ivy Anderson at the Portland Army Air Base on Monday. She is visiting her sister, Mrs. Cabell, on 2923 S. E. 35th Ave. Miss Lily is a very talented pianist, and she and her sisters, Mrs. Franklin and Mrs. Cabell, appeared as radio artists in the state of Oklahoma. She and her sisters are all three members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and the entire group is unusually talented.

Miss Lily is a graduate of Wiley College and a teacher in Oklahoma. One should hear her own composition of "Won't You Please Take My Application", of which Mrs. Franklin of the U. S. O. at Camp Hathaway, Vancouver, Washington, is the composer of the words. It is what the jive talkers consider a "solid sender".

Miss Anderson is now appearing at the Cloud-room, and was formerly with that band of national and international fame, Duke Ellington. Miss Anderson has an inimitable style of her own, that cannot be copied by anyone, no matter how hard one may try. Her appear-

ance at the Portland Army Air Base was a complete success in every way. And we must say that Miss H. M. Lily completely won the hearts of all service men present with her style of piano playing, and each service man wanted more music.

## Appearing Here



Zelma Middleton, songstress, appearing here with Louie Armstrong's orchestra.

## COACHES TO RUN TO EAST VANPORT

It has been announced by Gordon G. Steele, president of the Portland Traction company, that a new motor coach service to East Vanport from downtown Portland has been inaugurated. The terminals will be 320 S. W. Oak street in Portland and at Messina and McKin avenues in East Vanport.

Cash fare will be 10 cents. Children under 7, when accompanying a fare-paying passenger and not occupying a seat needed for a fare-paying passenger, may ride free. Children alone must pay full fare.

## Oregon Drive Goes Over Top

Oregon kept its promise to the nation by going more than one hundred per cent in the fifth war loan drive. It over-subscribed up to Saturday by a volume of \$148,309,092 against a quota of \$125,000,000 which was announced by C. E. Sammons, state chairman, Oregon War finance committee. The drive officially ended Saturday.

The state also has a chance to pass its E bond quota of \$38,000,000 as a result of a treasury ruling that all bonds issued by the Federal Reserve bank by 3 p.m. July 31, may be counted against the E bond quota, which was 44.1 per cent.

## FIFTH WAR LOAN GOES OVER BY HALF MILLION

Washington, July 9—Bond subscribers in the fifth war loan have gone over the top, and now total \$16,650,000,000. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau announced in a statement of mid-afternoon.

The fifth war loan drive ended Saturday, and the total as taken up to Saturday was \$16,000,000,000.

## WAC Lieutenant Donates To Portland Lounge

Portland, Ore.—Recently WAC Lieutenant Blanche Scott stopped over here in the city of Portland, Oregon, while enroute to Walla Walla, Wash. While here she visited in the Troop-Lounge of the Travelers' Aid Society, where thousands of members of the armed forces of all branches of the service stop, of all colors, races, creeds, and religious denominations. Presuming that she, Lieut. Scott, might receive a similar reception to that afforded Negroes in most of the "solid southern" cities, she was agreeably surprised at her reception here in Portland, especially when she and other Negro members of the armed forces were treated with such humane cordiality. She could not detect any differences shown between Negroes and whites in any form of service and receptiveness.

Upon preparations for her departure, this very stunning and attractive WAC Lieutenant, who exemplified such charm and intelligence that workers in the Lounge remarked about it, made a farewell remark. This remark is as follows: "In all my travels, and I have done quite a lot of traveling, I have never seen such humane kindness shown in any troop-lounge. Other Negro members of the armed forces and I have been given such a warm and kind reception that I wish to leave a little token of appreciation to further this great work that is being done here in Portland." And with that she handed the worker an envelope. Upon opening the envelope after the departure of the lieutenant the hostess of the Troop Lounge, who was in charge at that time, was to say the least "surprised."

It is not customary at any time for a member of the armed forces to pay for any service received in the Troop Lounge. The workers do not tender service with any thought of monetary gain. Occasionally a soldier will leave a dollar (maybe) or so, or he or she may go to the limit with a five dollar bill, but that's that. So the worker is excused for being "surprised" when she opened the envelope left by WAC Lieutenant Blanche Scott. (Incidentally she is a graduate of Vassar College for Women), for it contained a twenty-dollar bill. Lieutenant Scott is a Negro.

## BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Martin, Vanport City, a son, Joseph L., born June 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Belcher, Vanport City, a son, Douglas, July 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blakeney, Vanport City, a girl, Sandra Susanna, July 7.

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