

# BURTON HOMES NEWS

By HAZELL PRATT

## CHURCH NEWS

The members of the Burton Homes Community Church, their pastor, the Rev. R. L. Johnson, and a host of other ministers attended the appreciation services of the McLoughlin Heights Community Church, which was held Sunday, July 16, at 3:00 P. M. in behalf of Rev. S. A. Powell. The pastor, Rev. Powell, took leave Monday, July 17, for the east, where he will be engaged in a series of Evangelistic services.

Sunday night at 8:00 P. M. the Rev. Gilbert Matthew delivered the sermon. Dr. M. M. Burnes, Jr., representative of the National Baptist Convention of America in this area, urges everyone to look forward to the National Baptist Convention, which convenes September 6th to 10th, 1944, at Memphis, Tenn. Rev. Burnes wants it known to those who cannot attend in person that they may enroll by sending in the individual enrollment, which is \$5.00, or enrolling in the church, which is \$10.00, their district Association for \$25, or the Staff Convention for \$50. For further information write M. M. Burnes, Jr., 238-E Ft. George street.

The second gigantic mass meeting of the Vancouver local of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was held at the McLoughlin Heights Mill Plain Recreation Building Main Auditorium, Tuesday, July 25, 1944, at 8:00 P. M. To you who are not members, we especially invite you, that you may learn of the wonderful work this great organization is doing for YOU. Guest speakers were the Hon. Wm. H. Jones, Mark A. Smith, Ralph F. Faulk and others, including Angelo Herndon.

## RECREATION NEWS

"Jack Just Anybody" is the name of the current play being rehearsed by the Burton Homes Dramatics class which assembles in the club room of the recreation center every Monday thru Friday at 9:15 a.m. until 10:00. Mrs. Barbara Hicks, famous radio actress, is the Dramatics teacher. Patches, the patchwork girl of Oz, is played by a little race girl Juanita Robinson. This play will be presented at Burton Homes on August 28, at 8:00 P. M.

We are proud of the large race enrollment, children and adults in the piano class at Burton Homes. on Wednesdays and Fridays. The girls and boys are very cooperative due to the fact that only one piano is available for use. Mrs. Nell Moe, capable and patient instructor, has substituted cardboard keys for the beginners in her classes, and as the pupils become more advanced they practice on the regular piano.

Look! Look! A variety show will be presented at Burton Homes Friday night at 8:00 P. M. under the direction of Mr. Fred O. Bowman, supervisor of Burton Homes Recreation Center, and Mrs. Josephine Hasbrooke, musical director for the Greater Vancouver Recreation Commission. Come and see the famous juggling act, the guitarist, comedy acts, ballet dancers, singers, a dramatic skit and also a number by the Rhythm Band. Many race children will be represented on this program. Margaret Routt, talented colored dancer, will give a tap number and Amelia Lanier, gifted pianist, will also render a number. We don't want to miss the well known "McGinty" act performed by Jack Bridges and Jack Edgar.

New talent is being discovered at Burton Homes each day. Edward Scriven, 248-C, Ft. George, who is a dancer, is as light on his feet as a feather, also shows a precise coordination of rhythm in both feet in his dancing. We hope to see Mr. Scriven in a show soon.

We want more talent to represent

our colored population. There is plenty of undiscovered talent in this community; so make yourselves known you boogie beaters, songsters and hoofers. We want to see a lot of people in these public performances. The Greater Vancouver Recreation Commission enables each and every one of us the opportunity to take part in these public shows, so lets take advantage of the chance.

## MEETINGS

Wednesday, July 26, there will be a meeting of all Project Supervisors from Portland and Vancouver in Vanport City Recreation Center No. 1. Thursday, July 27, the meeting will be held in Ogdens Meadows. Some of the national officers will be present.

Mr. Jesse Bates, 226-D Ft. George, urges all Burton Home youth between the ages of 16 and 30 years to attend the first meeting of the American Youth for Democracy, Friday evening, July 21, at 8:00 o'clock in the First Congregational Church at 14th and Main, for the purpose of organizing a chapter of the A. Y. D., the first of its kind in the Vancouver area.

## SPORTS NEWS

The Burton Home A. C.'s lost to Alcoa, 17 to 18, in the league game on Monday, July 17th. The A. C.'s defeated Mill Plain 21 to 13 at Mill Plain on July 19th.

Here's what we have all been waiting for: an announcement by the Burton Homes A. C.'s that they will sponsor a twilight dance in the Gym on Saturday, July 29, from 7 o'clock until 1 o'clock. Mr. Walter Polluck, head of Project Services for the Vancouver area and other notables will be present.

## SOCIAL

Are you a stranger in Burton Homes? Then join our Young Matrons Society Club! There will be plenty of fun at our Open House to be held in the Club Room of the Recreation Center on August 3rd, Thursday at 6:30 P. M. Mrs. Isadore Welch, President; Mrs. Lorene Anderson, Secretary, and Mrs. Mattie Wright, Treasurer.

## BOXING NEWS

BENSON TERRY, who has been training at the Burton Homes Gym, started boxing in 1937 at the Ninth Street Boy's Club in Cincinnati, O. He was then a welterweight, weighing 147 pounds. Terry, still an amateur, went to Cleveland, then to the "Windy City." Some of his opponents whom he defeated in his rise to a professional were Willie Gaines, Hubert Winfield and Charley Perkins, all noted fighters. While in the service Benson Terry was under Al Wiley, who trained Ray Robinson, Buddy Moore and Chauly Wright.

Now Benson is thinking of heading east to Boston. He will fight under Doc Avery, famous fight promoter and manager. Benson is now fighting in the middleweight class and is showing great progress. Look for our featured boxer in your next week's issue.

## RADIO

LISTEN to 13-year-old Amelia Lanier over radio station KVAN every Sunday afternoon at 2:45 P. M. Miss Lanier is a talented pianist with more than her share of personality which makes us all very proud of her. Miss Lanier resides at 250-G Ft. George.

Our Burton Homes Dramatics teacher Mrs. Barbara Hicks is the "Silver Lady" presented over KVAN every Friday at 1:45 P. M. The most versatile and interested pupils in the dramatics class at Burton Homes will be chosen to appear over the air with Mrs. Hicks in the near future.

## ILL

Richard Sevier, 581-B Hathaway, pupil of the Burton Homes Nursery

School, is ill with pneumonia. We hope little Richard a very speedy recovery.

## ARTS AND HANDICRAFT

Work is progressing in the Arts and Crafts classes on the Second Annual "Vankids Cirkus." The life size bear, large enough to enclose two boys, has a face and is beginning to acquire a body.

Burton Homes special contribution to the parade is a revue of personalities with famous entertainers of stage, screen and radio. Sportsmen and other celebrities are being impersonated. Papier mache masks for the personalities are taking shape. A tentative list of characters to be represented has been posted, but is subjected to revision and supplementation. Jack Benny and his troupe, which includes our famous Eddie Anderson (Rochester), Bill Robinson, Bing Crosby and sons, Joe Louis, Lena Horne, and Paul Whiteman have been chosen, and costumes have been started.

There is an opening for Dr. George Washington Carver to be impersonated. All children enrolled who have not as yet made their choice are urged to sign up.

The high point of interest in the sewing classes came with the introduction of knitting needles and crochet hooks. Juanita Robinson has already knitted a purse, and any number of girls have them well started. Amelia Lanier has completed a knitted hat. The girls are also braiding crepe paper raffia purses.

The boys have discovered that wood-burning is an art that quickly gives professional results. Plaques are the favorites and are crowding out the former favorites, plaster carving and clay modeling. James Madison and Moses Barnett have both made plaques that are a credit not only to themselves but to the colored race.

Mrs. Maratha Crockett is the industrious and inspiring instructor of the Arts and Crafts classes here at the center. Classes are from 10:00 to 4:30 on Mondays through Fridays.

## U. S. O. NEWS

By M. Belle Dunn

July 27, Thursday. USO meeting.  
July 28, Friday. Game night.  
July 29, Saturday. Entertainment committee.  
July 30, Sunday. Picnic 8:30 p.m.  
July 31, Monday. Recreational activities.

## Show World

By Vivian Wright

Two fair visitors from Los Angeles to the City of Roses this week are Autumn and Autrina King. Known to their public as "Billy and Flick." Practically born on the stage, these dainty, talented sisters stop shows at every performance. Upon completion of six weeks at the Dreamland in Alaska, headlining the bill in a Seattle club for six more, they will open here Monday, in the All-Colored revue, "Rockin' in Rhythm," at Paul's Music Hall.

Cute as a bug's ear, these girls have already upset the male population no end.

Mr. Ophis J. Grey, Southern Pacific Cook, is a newcomer in the

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HERBERT LEWIS, Prop.

song writing field. He has just had a song published by the Wright Publishing Company, Chicago, Ill.

Entitled, "Buy a Bond to Bomb a Bum," his song is on the music stands now.

Vacationing at present, Mr. Grey will soon return, and is seeking a

pianist to collaborate on music. Anyone who is capable of meeting the necessary requirements please contact the Portland Inquirer.

This is a chance for some Portland musician to step up the ladder to fame, and should not be overlooked.

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