

## PORTLAND PATTTER

By M. SAWYER

Why does everybody like to go to the Blue Room, you know where I mean . . . Fraternal Hall . . . Maybe it's because of the Floor Show; it certainly is improving . . . Tap-dancing and everything. And with their new policy of no gambling, it bids well to become more popular than ever.

There is another Blue Room hereabouts, too. Yep, you oughta see it . . . no floor show . . . but, O Boy! WHAT BAR-B-Q, it's in Bagley Downs and the proprietress is a former Portlander, you know her, Lorraine Bailey, and she has quite a nice place out there.

Say, Rev. Clow, how did you and Mrs. Clow enjoy that impromptu speech on the bus the other night . . . anent Roosevelt. Howse about mentioning something about it from your pulpit one day and help inform our people how some of their actions appear to others. I am sure you were embarrassed along with a few other decent people who were present.

We promised you a picture of that X-Ray thing. Well, we will get it yet. Thought you would rather see current pictures of our fighting men first, but we still have it in mind.

There is a little, plump, jovial sort of fellow running a store on Third Avenue just below Burnside Avenue with the most comical name (Buchwach) the last "H" is silent, but is he a fine little guy. He went to school here in Portland with some of the fellows hereabouts and one that is now a movie star. You

should hear him talk about those drape suits he carries in his store. Did I say drapes, more like Portieres, you know, those kind that sweep the floor.

Has anyone ever found out why Walt Greeson moved from the U. S. O.? Well, no matter, we have a Negro Photog now, he can be reached through the offices of the Inquirer. So when you are in the market for pictures of any kind, just contact him. His work is as good as any in the Portland area, and a lot more reasonable than most. Line forms on the right.

It is about time we asked you to spend your money with the people who spend their money with your enterprises. By that we mean patronize the people and concerns that advertise in Negro papers. Every concern and business in Portland, both colored and white, have been given an opportunity to advertise for the Negro trade. If they do not advertise, it is because they feel that they do not have to. Prove to them that you can swing together, and if they do not have an "Ad," ask them WHY? More about this later.

We almost forgot to remind you that some of you have not sent in your subscription so that you will not miss the Portland Inquirer. Better hurry as we are going to remove that convenient subscription blank and then you will have to make out one of your own.

Question of the Week: Which is the most useful, a voter or a floater?

packed to capacity nowadays and it is imperative that we do not let ourselves become offensive to others in coming in close contact in crowded busses or cars.

We are working in dirt and grime, it is really an impossibility to keep clean longer than a few hours at a time, but to come to work clean is a step in advance.

The delight I felt inwardly to see some of the men of my race clean shaven and clothes clean, smelling of a good soap, I find myself incapable of expressing. If it was just one in one hundred it would be noticed, but what was more than delightful it was a group of no less than seven or eight.

We hope the appearance of these men will influence others to take a little time to improve their appearance.

### "Americans All"

A handful of people gathered the other day in the quiet, cool darkness of a Northwest Theatre to see an unreleased film. This was no usual run-of-the-mill film, and this was no ordinary audience. The people were making history by their presence and the film is destined to become one of the best known and most shown picture of our times, . . . "Americans All."

The audience was invited to see this film and to make comments on anything that had to do with the picture itself and its reception by the local public. Every person present represented some group or business that is interested in the welfare of the country, especially in so far as race relationship was concerned. Lawyers, doctors, welfare workers, merchants, newspaper representatives, club women, society people, busy people, who gave their time to see and comment on something that was definitely of benefit to all the oppressed and underprivileged people of this country, and of vital importance to the Negro. But there was just four Negroes present. Why? Because we, as a race are showing very little interest in the things that are done for our betterment and advancement.

The film, released by March of Time, deals with discrimination and segregation; the economic oppression under which we live, and showed instances and examples where amicable relationship has been brought about and can be improved.

"Americans All" should be shown over and over again. We would go so far as to say that seeing it should be compulsory.

### Vancouver and Vicinity

By DORIS MAE WILLIAMS

Kaiser Co., Inc., Vancouver. A fire broke out Monday night in the Vancouver Ship Yard as a result of an explosion of an acetylene hose, inflaming the men's latrine and all scaffolding and stairs on the starboard side. A blaze at an estimated height of 50 feet was brought to control by the yard's fire department. The damage so far has not been estimated and no one was reported injured.

A boat carrying several passengers capsized Tuesday, July 18, in the rear of ways of Kaiser, Inc. shipyard. The capsizing occurred along lunch hour serving time. Just in the rear of craneway six. It's occupants were all rescued.

The 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Collins made his trip from his home in Monticello, Ark., to Portland, Oregon, without any trouble. He was put in care of the child's travel care service through the U. S. O. Upon arrival, the boy, Wadell Collins, was asked how he felt to which he replied "O. K." only a little tired. Mr. and Mrs. Collins reside at 215 Stapleton street, Ogdan Meadow.

The Inter Racial Executive Committee met at the Public Library, 14th and Main, at 8 P. M. to act on revision of the constitution and by-laws in their regular meeting Monday, July 24, in City Hall Council Chamber, 8 P. M. Rev. Moses Guy, president.

Mrs. Mary Burrel Menefee, former school teacher and recreation leader of Ft. Worth, Texas, received a message informing her of her grandfather's illness. Mrs. Menefee is waiting for a reply from a wire to her parent, before determining whether or not she will leave for home. Mrs. Menefee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Job Wesely Burrel of Pittsburgh, Texas. Her occupation is a scaler at Kaiser, Inc., Vancouver. She is now residing at 6067 Kiggins street, Bagley Downs.

Mrs. Mary McKnight, scaler on the ways at Kaiser Co., Inc., was

called home Monday. The message received informed her of her mother's illness. She left Monday night for Louisiana. So far her husband has had no word from her and her stay will be indefinite. Mrs. McKnight lives at 558B Hathaway Drive, Burton Homes.

Vancouver, Wash., July 21, 1944. —At First Congregational Church, Rev. Helliwell, Pastor, the first meeting of a A. Y. D. was held. Officers were elected and plans formulated for inter-racial, etc. For further details of this chapter contact Mrs. W. H. Jones, R. F. D. 1, Box 153, Vancouver, or Rev. J. W. Brown, 2634 Hathaway, in Burton Homes.

Wendell E. Hocker, residing in the Burton Homes, is leaving for New York City for a vacation. He is one of our popular and prominent young men. He was former acting secretary of the N. A. A. C. P. of Vancouver.

Mr. Celisk Walker and Miss Lorene Evans were united July 19, 1944, by Rev. L. Brown in matrimony. Witnesses were Clarence Dois and Cecil Mae Frazier.

Improvements in personal care are being noted in the Kaiser Vancouver Yard. As I was coming off shift Friday morning I noticed a clean pleasant odor from a group of men, my eyes strayed in the direction of the odor. To my delight as well as astonishment the whole group were shaved and their hair groomed and above all clean clothes. We must realize the weather is considerably warmer now and a frequent change of clothes is a necessity. As we know the busses are

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