

**YOUR POLITICS**  
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The Northwest has taken on a tremendous growth in shipbuilding and accessory industries. This growth will have its counterparts in the habits of old citizens and the impressions or lack of impressions it will make upon its new citizens. A normal outgrowth of this will be readjustment for all concerned to an amalgamation of the prevailing influences. Out of this process we will build for an energetic, progressive and healthy citizenry.

It is with this thought in mind that I shall attempt, during my relation with this publication, to discuss politics as they affect the nation and city, State, federal and international affairs.

The necessity of acquiring the prospective voters with the laws is of paramount importance. A thorough program of politics will have as a basis the knowledge of the governing voting and its natural sequence.

The law on registration and voting procedure in the State of Oregon require that male and female citizens of the United States be of the age of twenty-one years.

Previous residence in the state six months, in the county, precinct or ward, no specified time.

Registration is required. Voters cannot register at the poles on the day of election, but must be registered at least 30 days prior to election.

This qualification will suffice providing one can speak the English language, read and write same.

In order to become a political asset one first must comply with

the laws of given locality. It is then that we are in a position to make our desires felt, whether on the winning or losing side.

Before going into the pros and cons of party issues and programs I will ask all my readers to check their political status. If you are qualified according to the standards the place to register for those living in this vicinity is the County Court House, S. W. 4th Ave. and Salmon, Portland.

**Services to Children Offered in Vancouver**

In answer to the question of parents in the community of Vancouver, as to what provision is being made for the recreation and education of children we are now in a position to make a report.

The work of providing facilities for the young has been going on for a period of two years or more. Such work requires immense organization, financial support, and the will to surmount innumerable obstacles.

The Clark County Child Care commission has aided local agencies in meeting the needs of children and of supplying special safeguards in wartime.

Vancouver Community Chest is making it possible for vast quantities of reading material to be distributed to all who are interested. When you are mailed or handed a copy, do not throw it away, but read it from cover to cover. Even though childless, you may be of help to someone who has children, in passing on the information you have read.

There is no distinction between race, color, or creed. The same

service can be enjoyed by any and all who need the help of such service can provide. Do not be too lazy or busy to investigate and use the opportunity to interest your youngster in some phase of the program. The recreational facilities will be varied and any child can find something of interest.

Information has been prepared in minute detail, and any and all questions concerning children of all ages, is not difficult to obtain.

The Inquirer will see to it that the services to children are available to parents as has been set forth. There will be publicity of all events and activities, and if there are any additional questions which seem not to have been explained fully, please feel free to inquire at any time.

You realize, of course, that the children will not know about what is being done for them if you, the PARENTS do not first find out and tell the youngsters.

There is nothing to be argued about, just the simple fact of taking part in community life when asked to participate. Find time to take the little ones the first time, then allow them to enjoy along with you, the recreational and educational opportunity.

Health as well as play, will be the first consideration, so do not feel that only the playtime has been planned.

Get Out and Get With It!

**NOTICE**

Due to shortage of space The Portland Inquirer is not printing the Weekly Sermon nor the Weekly Recipe. Will print them next week if space permits.

**VITAL STATISTICS**

**Clark County—City**

**BIRTHS**

Brooks—To Eddie C. Brooks—Florence Couthen, July 26, a son.  
Burns—To Jesse O'Neal Burns—Margie Gertrude Hogan, July 28, a daughter, Vivian Gertrude.

Jenkins—To Herndon J. C. Jenkins—Julia Lee Allen, July 31, a son, Herndon J. C., Jr.

Harris—To Richard Harris—Mary Jane Robinson, July 28, a daughter, Mazie Robinson Harris.

Smith—To Wesley Norvell Smith—Christine Johnson, August 4, a son, Gene Wesley Smith.

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Brown—To Mr. and Mrs. Otis F., 1718 S. E. Clinton, July 4, a daughter, Rita Joyce.

Paster—To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H., Vanport, July 18, a daughter, Anna Elizabeth.

**DEATHS**

Benford, Henry, Multnomah Hospital, Portland, July 13, 67 years, cardiovascular disease.

Polum, Bud, Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, July 15, 54 years, cerebral hemorrhage.

Booth, Thelma Ray, 2802 Victory Ave., Vanport, July 23, age 30.

Wilbur, Mckinley, Apt., 1484, Unit 2619, N. Cottonwood, Vanport, August 5, age 46.

**STILLBIRTHS**

Vanport: Freeman, Lenore, 4308 Cottonwood, Apt. 1021. Died July 26, 1944.

Vanport: Owen, Jimmy, 2801 Cottonwood, Apt. 1469. Died July 27.

**UNITED STATES NAVAL NEGRO SOFT BALL TEAM**

The Negro soft ball team at Astoria Naval Base, Astoria, Oregon, sparked by such outstanding players as Dillingham, formerly coach-player in Lima, Ohio; Legs Scarlett of the Clowns; Allen of the Monarchs, and Harris of the Hot Corner, with the superb speed of Shond Sherman, are out to meet any team close to their team in the Astoria League.

They are recognized as one of the most amazing and spectacular teams in the Service League on the Coast. They are trained and coached by J. P. Morgan, Sp (A), welfare and recreation, and issue challenge to any team interested.

The United States Naval Negro Soft Ball Team will furnish transportation to any team desiring to travel to the Naval Base at Astoria, Oregon, and will also give a return game to the opposing team on that team's home lot.

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**17-Year-Old Negro Youths Urged to Join These Warriors in U. S. Coast Guard**



Seeking the voluntary enlistment of 1,700 Negro youths in the Steward's Mate Branch, U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters this week called attention to the fact that the 17-year-old volunteers in this branch will also get a crack at the enemy. At left (top and bottom) Coast Guardsman Browning Lutter, steward's mate third class, of 4401 South Parkway, Chicago, Ill., is shown making the flash change from galleyman to gun-talker when general quarters alarm is sounded aboard his Coast Guard assault transport somewhere in the South Pacific. At the right, Coast Guardsman Excell McGee, seaman first class, of 6222 Eberhart Street, Chicago, does a quick change from his job in his ship's tailor shop to his battle station as a stretcher bearer in sick bay. At top center, Steward's Mates James

Spruill of 424 Harvey Street, Elizabeth City, N. C., and J. D. Chambers, 1766 Llewellyn Avenue, Baltimore, are shown with three other members of their 20 mm. anti-aircraft gun crew aboard a Coast Guard assault transport in the South Pacific. Below, two other fighting Coast Guardsmen, Coxswain John Wyatt (left), 3430 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Mo., and Gunner's Mate Sterling Parker, 513 South 6th Street, Camden, N. J., help themselves to generous portions when "Chow Down" rings over their combat cutter in the sub-Arctic. Seventeen-year-old Negro youths who want a real crack at the enemy were urged to visit their local Coast Guard Recruiting Offices immediately.