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Inter-Racial Church Opens

MINISTERS OF MANY DENOMINATIONS TO ASSIST.

Announcements of the opening of an Inter-Racial Church in Vanport on Sunday, August 13th was made last week. The building located on Meadows in the rear of Shopping Center No. 3 was opened by the Rt. Rev. B. D. Dagwell, Bishop of Oregon, assisted by Rev. Stone, vicar of St. Philips Church of Portland and Rev. Leslie Denton, resident clergyman of Vanport.

The plan is to have a colored minister and a white minister in charge each Sunday. Last Sunday Bishop Dagwell was in charge, on Sunday, August 21, Rev. Stone and Dr. Shannon of the First Christian Church were in charge. August 28, Dr. Morgan O'Dell of the Presbyterian Church and President of Lewis and Clark College will be in charge.

On the first Sunday in September, Dr. Goodsell, Supt of Oregon Methodist Church Conference with Rev. B. C. Allen of Bethel A.M.E. will be in charge.

Rev. Raymond Walker of the First Congregational Church will be in charge September tenth.

All persons are invited to attend regardless of denomination, services will be held each Sunday at 8:00 P.M.

Their object is to direct groups to the church of their choice and also guide others to churches in the community and give them any other religious services they can.

Office Workers Needed in Washington, D. C.

About 10,000 office workers—most of them typists and stenographers—will be needed this Fall in Washington to take care of the normal turnover and to replace teachers and students who are returning to school, the U. S. Civil Service Commission estimated recently.

At present there is no pressing demand for clerks, the commission said, but applications for such jobs are still being considered, and there are a few openings for card punch operators and the like. The bulk of the present demand, however, is for typists and stenographers.

Because Washington, like many major centers in war industry, is crowded, the Civil Service Commission and many other governmental agencies have set up programs to aid the newcomers in finding quarters and in learning their way around the city.

The commission has adopted for its own personnel a "Big Sister" plan through which the newcomer is given the benefit of an older girl's experience in finding suitable living quarters, is shown the convenient shopping centers, given tips on what's tops in entertainment, introducing to other girls in the same office and generally given a chance to orient herself.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

Conference Meets At Bethel A.M.E.

53rd Annual Session of the Puget Sound Conference.

The Conference this year, which was held at Bethel A.M.E. Church, at N. McMillan and N. Larrabee Streets, Portland, Oregon, opened on Tuesday, August 16th.

Rt. Rev. Noah W. Williams, Presiding Bishop, with Rev. C. R. Edgell, D.D., Presiding Elder, and Rev. Browning C. Allen, D.D., Pastor Host.

Each day was given over to the various clubs of the church, and the club of the day had complete charge of the dining room, serving three delicious meals to members of the Conference and the public.

Most interesting to the general public, was Missionary Day, August 16, which was conducted by the women of the church. This meeting was informally conducted and everyone present was made to feel at home.

The morning session opened with Missionary Services, with reports from societies, Secretary Treasurer, and report of Finance Committee, followed by announcements, song and the closing Missionary Benediction.

The afternoon session, which began at 2:00 P.M., held to its theme, "Tomorrow is Today," and followed closely the program outlined in the order of the day, with the exception of the solo scheduled to be sung by Miss Hildebrande. Mrs. Elmore, of Tacoma, Washington, substituted for Miss Hildebrande, who was unable to attend.

The women's organizations of Missionaries was co-operated into one society, which will in future, be known as the "Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society."

There were fifty delegates to the Convention, who pronounced the hospitality shown by Portlanders, very heart-warming. The State of Washington was well represented on the Roll of Officers. Sending Mrs. Emma J. Hayes, Seattle, Mrs. Audrey Roberts, Tacoma, Mrs. Armenta Holly, Spokane, Mrs. Ora E. Brooks-James, Seattle, Mrs. Della Woods, Yakima, Mrs. Edna P. Moore, Tacoma, Mrs. Mayme Robinson, of Ellensburg, Washington, and Mrs. Helen Dundee, of Spokane, Washington. Pocatello, Idaho was represented by Mrs. Fannie Johnson, Great Falls, Montana, by Mrs. Nettie Aldridge.

The delegates wore very attractive street dresses, while the ladies of the Missionary Society wore cool white, presenting a delightful contrast in apparel. Mrs. Williams was wearing a beautiful orchid, a gift of the Bethel Missionary Society, and a lovely altar bouquet was the gift of Miss Hildebrande.

Bethlite Society presented Mrs. Allen with a check.

An amusing incident occurred when the Annual Conference Roll Call was taken. Ladies were invited to present offerings, and immediately complied with the request, but the men had to be coaxed, and after humorous persuasion by the Bishop, finally contributed, much to the enjoyment of those present.

Election of officers went forward in record time; a motion being put forward to re-elect incumbents, by the Bishop and seconded by Mrs. Della Woods. A standing vote was taken, and with no dissenters, passed unanimously. There were two replacements on the Roll of Officers, and three additions to the Executive Board.

The Bishop announced he planned to take Reverend and Mrs. Holly with him to an unknown destination. Reverend Holly was ordained a minister, at Bethel A.M.E. Church in the year 1939, and is recently of Spokane, Washington.

Thursday morning was taken by the Bishop to discuss the business of the church, with a public reception Thursday night.

Friday was splendidly handled

Colored Girls Now Working In Vanport Cafeteria

Vanport Eatery Hires Negro Workers

By E. P. Mims, Staff Correspondent

Another step forward in breaking down the discrimination against Negroes in the field of employment was accomplished recently in Vanport. Colored girls are now employed in the Restaurant of Shopping Center No. 5 and can be seen there on all shifts. This is a distinct advancement for the Negroes in this area and may be the beginning of a new policy over the entire county. The Vanport Housing Authority wants it known that they've never practiced discrimination and are continuing in their policy of placing Colored workers in any position that they are capable of filling. They cite as an instance of this practice that the only bona fide Negro member of the Sheriff's Office of Multnomah County is on duty in Vanport in the person of Sammy Blanchard. Other Negroes hold positions of equal responsibility in several departments in this Project.

The girls working at this restaurant hold positions in all departments. There are two cashiers, two cooks, several waitresses and also two men included in the personnel. Included are Helen Blackwell and Joyce Hamlich, cashiers; Pinky Turner and Maltilda Gafford, cooks; Patricia Stevens, Hannah Pierce, Beatrice White, Thelma Robinson and Mildred Childs, waitresses; and John Finch and Robert Brown, handymen. They are divided in two shifts, some working the day shift and the others on the night shift, and according to the public and their employers are doing a mighty fine job.

Clerk Examination Slated — A civil service examination for a clerk in the county school superintendent's office will be held at 9:30 A. M., September 12, on the seventh floor of the county courthouse. Applications, which can be obtained in room 723 of the courthouse, must be filed by 5 P. M., September 6.

NEGROES MAKE HISTORY IN U.S.M.C.

SAIPAN, Delayed—For the first time in its combat history, the Second Marine Division had Negroes serving it in the battle for this island.

Two of these men were wounded by shrapnel during a shelling by Jap artillery. The are: Sergeant Timerlate E. Kirven, of 687 North orly-Fourth St., Philadelphia, Pa., and Private First Class Samuel James Love, of 2657 Prosperity St., Jackson, Mississippi. Both were hit by shell fragments in the legs.

Other members of the Negro unit, all of whom are attached to division headquarters outfits are Private First Class Clifford Rice Jr., of 828 Cotton Ave., Eutaula, Ala., Private First Class George Morgan, 4720 South Park Avenue, Chicago, Ill., and Private First Class Elsie Woods, of Shelby, N. C., who, as a patrol, have recently been hunting Jap snipers, and Sergeant Robert Webster, of 544 Ann St., Columbus, O., Corporal Joseph Thomas Holmes, 576 E. 165 Street, New York City, Corporal James Clarence King of Marion, Miss., Private First Class William McKinley Wyatt, of 2030 Filbert St., Va., Private First Class Harry Kingston, of Richmond, Va., Private First Class Clint Wallace High Jr., of Carthage, Tenn., Private First Class H. J. Jones, Route 4, Box 79 of Mt. Olive, Miss., Private First Class Hamilton Phillips of 709 W. Lanvale St., Md., Private First Cl. Joseph Daniel Perry, of 316 Drennen St., Van Buren, Ark., Private First Class George W. Simpkins, of R. 1, Box 269 Frisco City, Ala., and Private First Class William K. Caldwell, of 1006 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky.

Lot Purchase Approved. The city council Wednesday approved the purchase of two lots with a house and warehouse on them at N. Flint avenue and Page street for \$9000 and one lot with a house at 1722 N. Blandena avenue for parks and playgrounds. The purchases were recommended by the park acquisition committee.

TO THE NEGROES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY

PORTLAND, GUILDS LAKE, AND VANPORT CITY

Registration Is Now Open at the County Court House, Fifth Ave. and Salmon Street, Room 141

In order to VOTE in the November Elections you first MUST register. In order to register you will have to go to the County Court House.

To reach the County Court House take the Williams Ave. bus or the Alberta trolley car or the Sellwood bus. Get off at Salmon Street (1000 S. W.) and walk two blocks west.

From St. Johns or Interstate bus transfer at Oak Street to the Mississippi bus or Broadway trolley. Get off at Salmon Street and walk two blocks east.

From Vanport ride bus to end of line (9th and Oak), walk east on Oak to Broadway and take the Broadway trolley or Mississippi bus. Get off at Salmon St., Walk two blocks east.

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