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COLORED CAB COMPANY FORMED

Shortage of Taxis Stressed in Request for License

A Taxicab company, designed primarily to serve the needs of the colored population in the present shortage of cabs is in the process of formation. Stressing the very evident fact that the lack of adequate taxi service has hit the colored neighborhoods the hardest, the group are in hopes of having their license issued in the very near future.

At a meeting held last Sunday several men and women interested in the project mentioned a number of reasons why the company should do everything in their power to put the cabs on the street as soon as possible. One lady had this to say, "I have been a resident of Portland for many years. There was a time when I knew all the cab drivers by name. Recently I called a cab and was told that I would get a cab in an hour or maybe longer. At another time I was down town, it was raining very hard and I went to a corner where cabs usually stand. There was a cab there with no one in it. I asked the driver if his cab was hired. He looked at me from head to toe and seemed as if he was about to let me have the cab. My husband was with me and had been standing behind me, when the driver saw him it was no go. He told me the cab was already in use."

The story was told and corrob-

rated that all the present cab companies refuse to come to the district immediately surrounding the Williams Avenue and Cherry Street district at any time. Many times without any subterfuge, just a blunt refusal.

Residents of Vanport complained that it is almost impossible to get a taxicab in that area at any time, day or night, unless one can be stopped on the street. Many instances of cabs needed in an emergency and none being available have been mentioned. These complaints and the fact that there are some Negroes who have the initiative and the ability to go ahead with some worthwhile business project are the reason for the forming of a Negro Cab company.

Among other things mentioned was the fact that there are going to be people of our own race who will try to impede the progress of the race by attempting to block this company. These people are known to be forever in the foreground when it comes to causing trouble, said one of the members present. What we need in Portland is wholehearted cooperation of the Negro, for the Negro, by the Negro. It is time now for the Negroes to put away petty bickering and join forces for the common good of the Colored population.

WILL YOU HELP?

There is in Portland today a condition that never has been known in the State of Oregon before. Every one knows about the migration of the Negro to this area. It is no secret that the Colored population of Multnomah county holds a balance of power in potential votes. This condition has never existed before. But that Balance of Power will be of no value to the Negroes unless we get the new people REGISTERED.

Several times before and somewhere in this issue of the Portland Inquirer we have spoken on the lack of Unity among our people. Many times it has been spoken of by people in their daily conversation. No doubt you have spoken of it yourself or at least thought of it. Here is your chance to do something about it —

WILL YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP GET THE NEW NEGROES REGISTERED?

It is your job, my job, everybody's job, to help get these people registered before the time expires. Will you help?

If you will volunteer your assistance, or the use of your car or willing to help in any way, please call WEBster 7220. Say that you will help and give your name and address.

Read "HOW YOU CAN HELP" on page 4.

KÄISER MAKES SPEECH TO WORKERS

Edgar Kaiser made a speech to his workers in the Vancouver yard concerning "Efficiency." The speech was made after the receipt of a letter from the President on the need for more AP5 trophies, and in a hurry. The letter spoke of the urgency for these ships, not because we were in a losing battle, but for reasons which cannot be made public.

Mr. Kaiser also stated that the yard was going on a Seven Day Week for the next ten weeks and

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P. A. A. B. SINGERS TO APPEAR AT DANCE

Squadron C of the Portland Army Air Base in cooperation with the Teen age program at the St. Johns Y. W. C. A. will furnish special entertainment at the final dance of the summer series held by the Topper Club on Friday, Sept. 8th.

Arranged through Mr. Hill, recreational director of the all-Negro division, the program will present the talented Squadron C quartette who will sing novel arrangements of popular songs. Sgt. Benjamin Harrison, reader, will offer some popular selections from Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

The Topper club is a teen-age co-educational activity held each Friday evening at the St. Johns Y. W. C. A. from 8:30 to 12 o'clock. For the September 8th affair a special five-piece orchestra will furnish music for dancing. All Teen-agers are invited.

NURSERY OPENED FOR NEGRO TOTS

A new nursery school for Negro children between the ages of 1½ and 6 years has been opened at 1717 N. E. Victoria avenue by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, and will care for 40 children as soon as additional facilities are provided.

A special project of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the school will be known as the Blessed Martin Nursery school, honoring Blessed Martin League of Oregon, a department devoted to the promotion of Negro welfare, with Charles E. Royer as president.

Staffing the nursery school will be Miss Margaret Egan, who has served as supervisor in a Seattle, Wash., nursery school teachers' unit for the past eight years; Sister Adelaide Marie, trained nursery school teacher; Miss Doris Reynolds, Negro group worker, and Mrs. T. Amos, housekeeper. Sister Margaret Jane has been appointed superintendent of the nursery school. Business management and social work problems will be super-

SOCIALISTS HOLD LUNCHEON

The National Socialist party had a luncheon at the New Heathman hotel Wednesday, August 30th, at noon. Mr. Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for President, was the speaker. He selected for his subject "Frustration of Democracy." His talk was very interesting, some of the things he said will long be remembered by all present, especially about the American people as a whole. Among other things he said Americans should first judge themselves before passing judgment upon others. Take Russia for an example, she freed the serfs but gave each individual a tract of land to start on, and as years pass it was up to the persons ability or mentality whether they succeeded or not, but the American Negro was freed from slavery, but not given anything whatsoever to start on; now is that fair to humans? They never had a chance, could any other race succeed with such obstacles? No. Therefore I want all of you to tell me where is the Equality or Democracy of which America so proudly speaks, is it dead or did it ever exist?

The meeting was rounded out by all the guests receiving invitation and tickets to Washington High School to hear Norman Thomas speak at 8 p. m.

CLASSES PLANNED.

Registration will be open from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Friday and Saturday in Civic theatre for limited enrollment of grammar and high school students for the fall semester of the Portland Civic Theatre School of Drama. Available in the classes offered in instruction in acting technique, voice and diction, pantomime, improvisation, rehearsal and performance. On the faculty are Doris Smith, Ruth Radford Herman and Hilmar Sallee.

vised by the social service bureau it is announced. The school is a beneficiary of the Portland Community Chest.

Classes in

HOW TO REGISTER

These classes are for the benefit of those that have never registered, everybody invited to come out and learn how. Classes are free.

VANPORT

Tuesday, Sept. 5
11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Location: VANPORT, COMMUNITY CENTER No. 2;

GUILDS LAKE

Friday, Sept. 8th
11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

GUILDS LAKE, GUAM ST. CENTER.

Take an interest in your own welfare, and come to these classes. — 11 a. m. for graveyard and swing shift. 7 p. m. day and graveyard shift.

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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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