

PORTLAND PATTEN

By M. BELLE DUNN

Everything seems to have gone political this week. Celebrities in town all were from some political setup. There was Adams from Amsterdam News, Matthews (Matty) from the Afro, Bailey from the National Republican Committee, and Simpson from New York. We are certainly getting popular in Portland.

Say did you ever notice that the fellow who is really busy can always find time to do a little bit more? It's the ones who have very little to do that are so busy that they do not have time to do anything else.

Speaking of popularity, how about two bands in less than a week and good attendance at both affairs. Maybe we can work up to a regular weekly feature soon. Quien sabe?

Say, I wonder when are the new Neon lights in front of you-know-where going to start glimmering. We watch for the Grang Blaze nightly. Bet it will be somepin'.

Portland sports a coming celebrity in the person of Pearl Drew. If she wins the Marion Anderson contest (says she is not going to lose) she corrals one thousand bucks and that's a bunch of kale. But it will only be a starter for the career this young lady has chosen. Help give her a lift, come out and hear her yourself on the 29th of September. (Not a paid advertisement)

We will be a long time getting on to the ways of progress a la Portland. This gliding around in the shadows, whispering in corners and keeping mum when you are trying to do something for civic or race progress is more like during the period when the underground was trying to free the slaves. May be,—there is a reason for it, will somebody please tell us. Yep, we learned of a group that are trying to do something of a very commendable nature. Conversing with the leaders of the movement we found out these facts, they do not want a word of their activities printed. With a little persuasion it is possible we can get one of them to write us a letter telling us why

all the secrecy. We will gladly publish it and we will regard no one's toes.

Vanport steps out again and is sporting a brand new Barber Shop and Beauty Shop, yep, all colored. Now will somebody please step up and say Inter-racial, segregation or some such childish remark. It is Negro business, it is race progress, it brings prestige to the Negroes of the community and to those who do not seem to know it—the prestige of the Negro is still based on the accomplishments of the NEGRO.

Did you notice the blood donor request on page 8? Your blood can save a life, and will be treated the same as any other blood, rumors to the contrary. Stories of blood being separated, thrown out, and kept to itself is all the bunk. If you are really interested, you can go there one day and see the blood being processed. It is a very interesting procedure.

REPORTERS FETED HERE

Julius Adams of the Amsterdam News and Ralph D. Matthews, managing editor of the Washington, D. C. Afro-American, were entertained on their visit here by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Cox and a party of friends. Included in the party were Mrs. James Braggs, Mr. and Mrs. Cy Denton, Mrs. Janice Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Faulk.

Mr. Adams and Mr. Matthews accompanied the Dewey party as representatives of the Negro Press and were invited along with other members of the Press to a banquet at the Benson Hotel, sponsored by the local dailies, The Journal and The Oregonian. Due to the lateness of the arrival of some of their invited guests, Mr. Adams and Mr. Matthews did not attend the banquet as planned but expressed a desire to see some of the colored places of interest in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Cox offered to conduct a tour of Portland's Nighteries and then invited the entire party to their home.

Highlights of the impromptu affair were scenes from a play written and to be directed by Mr. Matthews in D. C. in November; vocal solos by Mr. Cox and instrumental solos by Mrs. Cox. To say that all had a grand time would be putting it mildly. Mr. Matthews had kindly consented to send his play to Portland after it has been produced in D. C.

CALIFORNIA G. O. P. UNITES

By HERMAN HILL, (Special to The Inquirer)

In a significant move to win the increasingly important vote of the Negro in California, as well as to consolidate gains already made, the National Republican Committee acting on the advice of California Committeeman Raymond L. Height, has announced the formation of the California Negro Voter's League for Dewey and Bricker. The move marks the first time in the Golden State's history that the party has seen fit to set up such a statewide organization. Heretofore, in previous California state and national campaigns, the Republicans have neglected to make an all out bid for the race's vote, with the net result that the rival party has made alarming political gains amongst this once traditionally voting Republican group.

Has Able Chairman

Named as executive chairman of the newly formed organization is Attorney Ivan J. Johnson, III, member of the State Central Committee, a delegate to the recent national convention and former assistant United States district attorney.

Other members of the executive committee are William Nickerson, Jr., Dr. Frank Pearl, Louis Blodgett, Sidney Preston Dones, Major Bowles, and B. B. Bratton, Louis V. Cole is field secretary.

It is the plan of the organization to set up offices in Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento, Fresno, San Bernardino, Bakersfield, San Diego, and Los Angeles.

Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Echo Robinson, Mr. Bratton and Mr. Cole were in San Diego Monday to organize a staff and headquarters.

Attorney Johnson's offices at 1104 East Vernon Ave. will serve as executive headquarters. Five district offices are planned for Los Angeles and already one at 1618 West Jefferson boulevard, has been organized under the direction of Mrs. Addie M. Speights.

Organization To Be Permanent

According to Johnson, a streamlined, whirlwind campaign keyed to reach the public at large will be waged in behalf of the Republican standard bearers. He further indicated the organization would become a permanent one in the state.

Commissioner Bowes Plans Post-War Jobs

Envisioning a city with a population of half a million, with business and industry prospering on trade with the orient, the planning and building of a future Portland is a challenge to its citizens and to their determination to assume leadership among the cities of the Pacific coast, declared William A. Bowes, City Commissioner, in an address before the Portland Rotary Club.

Commissioner Bowes called attention to the resources of this area and to its remarkable growth since the Lewis and Clark exposition in 1905, and expressed the conviction that much of the war-time increase in population will be permanent. "We are standing at the doorway of a new Portland and a great opportunity," he said, "and a new die must be cast to meet and compete with a streamlined age."

To better serve industry and to make Portland an even more livable place there is now on the planning boards post-war improvements covering many items and aggregating in cost many millions of dollars, Commissioner Bowes said. Some of these improvements must be paid for by bond issues, such a sewage disposal, but others will be financed by receipts from Federal and State gasoline taxes and funds for which provisions have already been made. Because street improvements and maintenance are in Commissioner Bowes department he gave special attention in his address to work now in progress and that which is contemplated for the immediate future, all of which is planned for the greater convenience of Portland residents and with thought to the future needs of a steadily expanding city.

"In tomorrow's Portland," the Commissioner concluded, "we must have a pattern for the uses of our land, and traffic systems must be replaced upon a realistic basis to serve air, water and land needs. We must give more attention to livable home neighborhoods — free from traffic dangers, noise and visual nuisances. We must centralize our planning in one local agency, and cannot expect municipal governments, county governments, school boards, park districts and subdivisions each to work out their own plans. This is a chaotic process. Planning must become a dynamic function of one division of local government."

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The Kaiser shipyards in this area are going to be penty busy, they have contracts for the rest of the year and most of 1945 is already signed up, according to Edgar F. Kaiser, who stated there will be no layoffs when the present emergency AP-5 invasion troop ship program is completed.

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STUDENTS—Be alert, too! Obey traffic signals, "play safe". Make it a rule to be home by 4 p. m. . . avoid the rush hours.

HERE ARE RULES THAT EVERYONE SHOULD FOLLOW!

1. LOOK FOR THE DESTINATION CARD, get on the right bus or trolley.
2. Have correct fare ready.
3. If you use a transfer, hand it in open. If a pass, show all of it.
4. After boarding a vehicle, move to the rear, make room for others.
5. Be ready to get off before reaching your corner.
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