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WHY IS A DEMOCRAT?

Many Negroes come to Oregon to find things different than at home. They find one thing the same in Oregon as elsewhere. Northern Democrats are just like Southern Democrats so far as their attitude towards the Negro is concerned.

Of course, they are nice to us now. They have to be. They want our votes—they have to have our votes if they succeed in keeping their gang in power. Yes, they are awfully nice to us around election time. But you can't change a polecat by bringing him up North. I mean by this that Democrats still have their old-fashioned ideas about Negroes although they are trying to be friendly to get our votes.

Democrats simply can't get it into their heads that Negroes have race pride. They can't get it into their heads that our boys fighting in the war have proved with their blood our right of equal treatment. They can't get into their heads that our men and women working in shipyards and defense plants have won for us the right to equal consideration with every other patriotic American.

The fact is that the Democrats still have the attitude of Civil War plantation owners. When they are friendly they are patronizing, just like a man when he deals with young folks. Because of old prejudices they look on the Negro more like cheerful foreigners rather than an adult fellow Americans. They are nice to us because they need our votes, but they do not demonstrate that they recognize our adult responsibility and dignity.

Just as an example of how their minds work, read the Democrat handout printed this week in the Oregonian. It tells about a colored Democrat meeting at Vanport to listen to a Democrat broadcast. The way they write about it, a person would think it was an old-fashioned showboat minstrel show. They say the Negroes will attend this political meeting in "formal evening clothes, others will be dressed in white. A Negro orchestra will swing hot and sweet . . ." They make it sound like a "New York Mammy Jazz show," more like a joke than a serious political meeting, as though Negroes can't discuss politics seriously.

Maybe that is the only way they can get certain Negroes to vote Democratic. But that certainly does not reflect the sober, adult, intelligent attitude of Portland's Negro population concerning the coming election.

One thing we can say about the Republicans is this: They treat the Negroes seriously. They don't have old-fashioned Southern prejudices sticking to them. They have never known Negroes before. They judge us by the wonderful war record of our boys in battle. They judge us by our contribution to the war effort in shipyards and war industries. They judge us by our conduct as men and women. They respect the Negro's natural dignity and pride in race. That is because their minds are not clouded by prejudice.

The only way the Negro will get what he is entitled to is by voting Republican on November 7th. And that means voting for Dewey.

DEPARTING WORKERS POSE PROBLEM

Living Costs, Poor Housing, Inhospitality, Jammed Busses Blamed for Mass Migration of Shipbuilders.

(Reprint from the Oregonian)

The alarming number of war workers departing from Oregon is causing officials of Kaiser company and other shipyards considerable concern and they are earnestly trying to do something about it. Chief complaints from workers seem to be high cost of living, insufficient housing, crowded transportation facilities, inability to change jobs due to "freezing" and inhospitality of native Portlanders. Another reason that doesn't seem to be considered generally is that a lot of war workers are also farmers and this is the time of year when they have to take care of the crops. They will probably be back again in the fall.

Kaiser company and union officials

have been having a series of meetings to discuss these conditions, with at least one important result. The Vancouver Bus company and Yacolt Stage Co. have reduced fares from 19 to 30 per cent and granted new transfer and stop-over privileges.

Officials are now studying housing problems with an eye to certain improvements. The first one will probably be a change over from coal to oil for heating and cooking.

Portlanders can cooperate with the committee by giving shipworkers a break. The yards represent a pretty good cross section of the population, including a great many native Portlanders, too. Because a few workers get out of line all the rest are made to suffer. These workers are pouring millions of dollars into the city merchants' pockets. From a business standpoint they should receive the hospitality for which Portland has always been famous.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

RICHARD WINSLOW, Editor

DAMN DIRTY SHAME

I know that too many of you retarding the heading of this particular paragraph, seems a little, shall we say out of the regular or ordinary. I hereby grant you your wish to think of me as anything you like, but what the heading expresses just how I, as a member of Jefferson Hi along with the other kids at Jeff feel about the issue at hand. As many of you know Jefferson has more kids, Negroes, than any other school in the city. Well recently at one of their after-school dances, to which all of the so-called alumni are invited, there was a huge sign hanging in the center of the gymnasium (where the dance was held) saying:

"No Jitterbugging, Please"

The students (mostly Negroes) were flabbergasted, cause as most of you jitter-bugging is the new up-and-coming dance of the entire nation. Getting back to the dance, we, as much as we hated to, decided that we would not jitterbug until we saw some of the white kids doing it which they started doing (a few of them only though). As you might imagine we thought it was all right since they were doing it so we started in, too. The student body president, Walt Kirch, asked yours truly and a couple others (Negro) to stop jitterbugging, so I answered I'd stop but he'll have to stop the white kids from doing it also. He went over in a round about way and informed them sort of bashfully that they'd have to stop jitterbugging, but one of the young white girls told him that she was going to continue, natcherly we got mad, so a few of the Negro kids went to see the Principal about the incident which had just occurred. He continually kept avoiding the question at hand and making excuses. After the colored kids pinned him down to the facts, he exclaimed:

"As long as I'm principal at Jefferson Hi, there will be no jitterbugging."

Do you see why I say it's a "DAMN DIRTY SHAME?" Richard Parker, a Negro student at Jeff, has written a little letter which he's going to try and put in the Jeffersonian, the school paper. To Whom It May Concern:

At last Friday's after school dance the students were confronted with this sign as they entered the gym: "No Jitter-bugging, Please." This caused some discussion among the Negro students present. "Jitterbugging" is the new modern dance of the day. If you were to go to a musical movie such as "Sensations of '45" you would see there the modern dance—'Jitterbugging.' Dancing is a form of rhythmic expression. There are various ways of expressing one's self rhythmically. For instance, the patting of the foot, snapping of the fingers, clapping the hands, etc. . . To express one's self rhythmically one has to follow a certain pattern of time. If anyone has ever noticed or watched a couple "Jitter-bug" you have no doubt seen how well they keep in time with the music. In contrast if you have noticed this other dancing that is done down in the gym, there is no rhythm present. All they do is walk across or around the floor or go around in a circle.

When you attend a big public dance I dare say you will not find everyone dancing alike. So I say, let everyone dance to his or her choosing. In that way it will be fair to everyone concerned. Because if you start telling people how to do this or that or that they must learn to dance your way or not at all, then you go against the very freedom for which your race and mine are fighting so diligently for today.

A sincere Jeffersonian,
Richard Paker, Jr.

SMILE

Ya, Ellen, she's kind of young but still . . .

Guess what young man recently looked down the barrel of the largest 45 automatic on this earth? (At least he thought it was.)

Ro, aren't you and Connie thrilled to death after "Starlight" last Friday.

To those of you who missed the "Delta Rhythm Boys" last Sunday at the U. S. O., certainly missed a great treat. Ask any one who was there if you have one doubt as to the truthfulness of my statement.

I told you dot, that you wouldn't stay down in L. A. and go to school, didn't I?

For those of you who have inquired, Art Winslow S2C, is now at Port Chicago. Here is his address: Art Winslow, S2C, U. S. Naval Magazine, Division 5, Port Chicago, Calif.

REGISTRATION DRIVE CLOSSES

(Continued from page 1)
new and old offered their help, but we needed a hundred workers. Supervisors were chosen for every 8 or 10 units, these supervisors in turn choose a worker or monitor for each of the 130 units in which Negroes lived. This Monitor was responsible for all the Apartments in his unit, usually 14 apartments. If you figure that correctly you will have counted close to 10,000 Negroes in Vanport alone.

After the final forms were reported, the Portland Inquirer chartered a bus and drove around Vanport taking anyone and everyone that would go—directly to the Registration Booth, FREE. As we go to press, the Bus is still running in the morning and the evening, taking any one who wants to go to register REPUBLICAN.

That is the reason we will have to give you the final figures in our next issue.

Inter-Denominational All Nations Church of God in Christ

Elder L. C. Sems, Pastor.
Order of Services:
Tues., Thurs., and Fri.: weekly service at 7:45.
Evangelical services 8:45 p.m.
Y. P. W. W., 6:30 p. m.
S. S. S.: 11:00 a. m.
Evening Service, 1 p. m.

We invite every one to come and be with us at 4312 N. W. 41st Court.

Household of Ruth Golden West 844, G.U.O.F.
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21 N. E. Broadway
Rev. Jerome M. Schmitz, Chapl.
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Sunday, Mass and Sermon:
9 o'clock A. M.
Wednesday, Novena Devotions:
8 o'clock P. M.

MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH
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Portland, Ore.
ORDER OF SERVICES:
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11:00 a. m. Morning Worship
6:30 p. m. B. Y. P. Fellowship
conducted by Lenworth Miner
8:00 p. m. Evening Worship

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Portland, Oregon

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Portland, Oregon
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10:00 a. m. Church School
11:00 a. m. Morning Prayer
Thursday 9:00 a. m. Communion Service.

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Portland, Oregon

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B. Y. P. U. Meeting 7:00 p. m.

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Elder James S. Lomax, Pastor.
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Wednesday: Prayer Meeting at 7:45.
Sunday: Sunday School 10:00, Morning Service 11:45, Y. P. W. W. 6:30. Evening Service 8:00.

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Elder Claud L. Lampkin, Pastor
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ORDER OF SERVICES
Monday and Friday: Evangelistic Services 7:30. Wednesday: Bible Band 8:00. Sunday: Sunday School 10:00, Morning Service 11:30, Y. P. W. W. 6:30. Evening Services 7:45.
COME ONE! COME ALL!
Mrs. Lampkin, Reporter.

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Vanport City
Sunday School: 9:45 A.M.
Worship: 11:00 A.M.
Worship: 8:00 P.M.
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12:00 Noon Morning Worship
6:30 p. m. Young People's Meet.
8:00 p. m. Evangelistic Services
Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 8:00 p. m., Evening Worship.