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FIRST LADY GREETES WOUNDED SERVICE MEN

HON. MAYOR EARL RILEY
 TO SPEAK AT SERVICE

Rev. J. F. Smith Clears Church of Largest Debt in Five
 Years of Service. All Day Program Scheduled
 in Honor of Great Event.



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Guests at an annual Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by The Equestriennes, a group of Government Girls, more than 100 wounded soldiers, sailors, marines and Coast Guardsmen were greeted by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at Lucy D. Slowe Hall in Washington, D.C., Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26. Shown with Mrs. Roosevelt during her address are (left to right) Col. Campbell C. Johnson, Assistant to the Director of Selective Service; Mrs. M. H. Patton, manager of the Washington Post; Truman K. Gibson, Jr., Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War; Dr. Marshall Shepard, Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia; and Mrs. Ellen Beckwith, a member of the club. Spurgeon Burke, manager of Lucy D. Slowe Hall, is shown in the background. (Official OWI Photo by Levitt)

The Pastor, Officers and Members of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, 2007 N. Williams Avenue, are planning to celebrate the burning of the mortgage on their edifice on Sunday, December 10th. In honor of this great event an all day program has been arranged. Notables of the church and of the city government are scheduled to take part in what is always a milestone in the life of any church—release from debt.

The program will start with a Banquet in the basement of the church, beginning at 5 p. m. and lasting until 7 p. m. Mrs. Catherine Gray will give a reading on the "History of the Church." Mrs. Gray is director of the Choir and an Annual Conference Missionary Worker. Mrs. L. M. Bird, a Trustee and President of the Stewardess will give the story of the various locations of the church up to the present location. Mrs. C. Harris will give a short resume of the leadership of A. M. E. Zion from the establishment of the church. There will also be remarks by Mr. I. H. Payne, a member of the Trustee Board, and Mr. S. Scruggs, Chairman of the Trustee Board.

at 8 o'clock.

The program is under the direction of Mrs. Rachel Greer, Mrs. Brown, Rev. W. N. Smith, Mrs. Lena Bowels, Mrs. Lillian Smith, the pastor's wife, Mr. S. Scruggs, Mrs. Amando Redo, and Mr. and Mrs. Coins for the Turkey banquet.

This year represents five years of service at this charge for the present pastor, Rev. J. F. Smith. It is his sixth appointment here, having served a part of one appointment that was not a full year. His record is one of achievement. Having his heart and soul in his work, he has brought about improvements and advancements since being in charge here. His accomplishments place him head and shoulders above the rank and file and his members are justly proud of him and sincerely hope that he is continued in his present position.

Channing H. Tobias To Be Here Sunday

Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Senior Secretary of the National Council Young Men's Christian Association, will be in Portland on Sunday, Dec. 10th. While here Dr. Tobias will be guest speaker at the morning service of Bethel A. M. E. Church at McMillen and Larabee streets, will visit the Vanport Housing Project in the afternoon where he is scheduled to speak at Community Center No. 6.

In the evening he will speak at the Piedmont Methodist Church under the sponsorship of the N. E. YMCA.

Dr. Tobias is also to be the guest at several social affairs to be conducted throughout the city in his honor.

At the evening service the actual "Burning of the Mortgage" will take place. The Hon. Earl Riley, Mayor of Portland, will speak as will Dr. H. J. Maulbetsch of the Portland Council of Churches. The Rt. Rev. W. C. Brown, Bishop of the Northwest Conference of the A. M. E. Zion church, will give the response to the mayors speech. Mr. Kirk Randall is also scheduled to speak.

The Presiding Elder, L. W. McCoy will conduct the actual mortgage burning. The service will start

First Portland Open Here Soon Legion Post To

Proof that Portland is definitely on the upgrade and really becoming wide awake was given this week in the announcement that an American Legion Post is to be established here. One of Portland's oldest residents and very prominent in the community made the announcement following a meeting which had been held on Tuesday at the Voters Benefit Association. Members of an American Legion Post in the downtown section came out to give instruction in how to set up the post. Only a few were present at that time and another meeting was scheduled. The next meeting is to be held on Friday, December 22nd at the Elks Hall, 2504 N. Williams Avenue. All veterans of World War I and of the present war are invited to become members.

Colored Baby Hit of Bond Posters

The hit of the Sixth War Loan Drive is destined to be the brown-eyed, brown-skinned, smiling baby whose likeness graces a poster being used throughout the country by Negro groups. He is robust, 23-lb. Charles Owens, of Baltimore, Md., born June 20, 1943.

Already hanging in more than 200,000 locations from Maryland to California, young Charles exudes all his personality toward the promotion of the idea of economic security through the purchase of War Bonds as a nest egg for tomorrow.

It started this way. The child's youthful parents, Jerome and Thelma Owens, of 1513 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, brought the tot to the Provident Hospital last December 7, suffering with pneumonia. He was discharged, hale and hearty on December 22, but not before a Negro welfare group had spotted him and had him photographed.

The picture was shown to the Baltimore War Finance Committee, which, impressed ordered a large set of posters made for state-wide use with the "Bonds for Baby" appeal and used it in the Fifth War Loan Drive.

Willard W. Allen, of Baltimore, member of the Interracial Section of the National War Finance Division, brought the poster to the attention of the poster committee which unanimously adopted it for official use. Requests from as far as California have been received for posters. These posters are being used during the current drive.

According to W. Emerson Brown, treasurer and trustee of Provident Hospital, the 100 Negro employees are all buying War Bonds on the payroll savings plan—but they miss their little friend, Charlie.

DR. H. THURMAN SPEAKS IN CITY

Dr. Howard Thurman, dean of the chapel of Howard University and co-pastor of the Fellowship Church of All People's of San Francisco, visited Portland on Wednesday of this week to attend one of sixty one-day conferences sponsored by the Presbyterian church. The conferences are being held over the country on post war problems. The Portland Conference was

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PORTLAND ARMY AIR BASE—Screen star Alan Ladd stops at the bedside of Pvt. James Nettles, Squadron C, for a brief chat during his visit at the base hospital last Sunday and Monday.

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