

GROUND BREAKING AT ST. PHILIP'S



ST. PHILIPS—Rev. L. O. Stone, vicar of Saint Philips Episcopal Church, at Knott and Rodney Avenue, lifts first shovel of dirt in Ground Breaking Ceremony for new parish house. Over half of the money necessary to build the parish house has been pledged. HOW MUCH DID YOU GIVE? It's not too late to help.

SOLDIERS IN BELGIUM OPERATE RAILHEAD NEAR REICH BORDER

WITH THE FIRST U. S. ARMY IN BELGIUM—Amid the huge mountains of supplies of all kinds intended for use by front line units of this Army, now across the German border, the all-Negro 3170th QM Service Company is one of the two companies of a QM Group assigned to the operation of a large railway yard, which was recently used by the Germans as a marshalling center. It now serves the First Army as one of its distribution points, receiving freight by rail from the French coast over routes opened by the Army's Transportation Corps.

In the distance can be seen the ridge which separates this part of Belgium from the present-day borders of Germany. Once this same station was actually in Germany, but the area was divorced from the Reich after the World War.

It is now a Class III depot.

The QM Group is under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth E. Keverin, white, of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Two Negro warrant officers operate in Group Headquarters. They are warrant officers, junior grade Robert E. Gayle, of 1418 Eagle Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, a Dillard University graduate, and who also studied business administration at Atlanta University, and Henry G. Crockett, of 1303 East 4th Street, Waterloo, Iowa.

First Sergeant of the 3170th is LaVerne Reed, 370 Lexington Ave., Columbus, Ohio; the supply sergeant is Staff Sergeant Curtis Watson, 48 North Garfield, Columbus, Ohio; the company clerk, and unit reporter is Corporal Earl Figgins, of Black Fork, O. S. Sergeant Preston Emory, 4132 Enright, St. Louis, Missouri, is the mess sergeant.

Dentist Holds Open House Next Sunday

Dr. Carle R. Vickers, Portland's only Negro Dentist, announced an "Open House" for this Sunday, December 17th. This will be the formal opening of his offices and gives the public a general idea of what to expect in the modern dental office.

However, the presence of Hostesses to serve refreshments will be only for Sunday and the good doctor wants it known that you cannot expect that even in a most modern office. There will also be attendants present to show the visitors around so as not to get lost in the maze of a Powder Room, Reclining Room, X-Ray Room and two Operating Rooms.

The offices will be open to the public from 12 until 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

The offices are located at N. E. Williams Court.

MORTGAGE BURNING

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hundred churches of this group throughout the United States. When the 3 branches of the Methodist church merged the church was materially benefitted from the standpoint of members and opportunities of Christian service. Bishop Brown emphasized the need of true leaders to go out into the field spreading the gospel to those still in darkness. Those who first preached the gospel were men truly moved by the Spirit. Now many missionaries go into the profession as an escape mechanism.

He expressed the sincere hope that the colored people coming in from the South would catch the feeling that they owe Portland something rather than having the attitude that they are here for monetary gains only. "If you do not add something, you are a liability, not an asset. When the white people find out we are here to add something to the section, we will be considered an asset. We do not want the white people to say that we are a liability and they are sorry we came."

Brother Wyatt Williams stressed the importance of saving the shipyard wages for the time when the employment problem will again be acute for the colored people. He related the importance of saving the money invested in war bonds in order that children may be educated, homes renovated and kept in repair, and the Albina district as a whole maintained as a credit to the city of Portland.

Hon. Mayor Riley used phrases from "Lift Every Voice and Sing" for his speech, emphasizing the fact that the districts where there are churches and schools have no need of jails. Albina can become such a district when the walls of the A. M. E. Zion Church are moved out and can compass the entire unbelieving group of the community. The burning of the mortgage is only one step forward toward victory, and by no means the final one. Without the sacrifices of Rev. Smith and his wife there could be no mortgage burning. During the five years that they have been with the church, not only has the debt been liquidated, but the membership has increased. People do not like to enter a church where there is a debt for fear that they may have to dig too deeply. Now that the debt has been freed a drive for new members can really begin. He closed with well wishes for future success of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

Rev. L. W. McCoy conducted the mortgage burning.

There was a sizable offering from the congregation. The trio of the Choral Society rendered two other numbers before the close of the program.

Every person who attended the services left with a feeling of renewed religious fervor and the courage to surmount all obstacles in the way of making A. M. E. Zion "the" colored community center spiritually and socially.

Elks Continue Plans For Teen-Agers Enjoyment

The Portland branch of the IBPOEW, both men and women, under the direction of Mrs. Letha Peck, daughter ruler and Mrs. Arthur A. Cox, chairman of the committee, report that their plans are going according to schedule. They are preparing the Club Rooms of the Elks Hall for use of the Teen-Agers of the community around the first of the New Year. A civic-minded project, it has the indorsement of the public and the Elks will accept any suggestion on the part of individuals or organizations to make the hall popular and successful.

Portland Now Has Thirty-Four Recreation Centers

Opening Dec. 1 of the recently acquired building at 1137 N. Benton avenue, brings to 34 the number of indoor recreational centers whose programs are under direction of the park bureau. These include the 21 community buildings in the federal housing areas, whose recreational activities and staffing are under direction of the park bureau. In addition a supplementary program is carried on in full-time scale in 14 school buildings in the afternoon hours.

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