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## CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST HOLDS INSPIRING STATE CONVENTION

### Billy Webb Lodge No. 1050 Entertains Dehilia Temple No. 202 I.B.P.O.E.

by Anna Morrison

Wednesday evening, July 11, will be an evening long remembered by Elksdom in Portland, because on that evening Billy Webb Lodge No. 1050 held joint installation and social session with Dahilia Temple No. 202 as their guest, at the same time honoring Traveling Grand Deputy, Brother Jay Chavis of Puget Sound Lodge of Seattle, Washington, Daughter White, Grand Deputy of Hiawatha Temple of Los Angeles and Daughter McDuff of San Monica, California.

The installation service for Dehilia Temple was conducted by Daughter White, assisted by Sister W. McDuff as escort. The officers installed were: Door-keeper, Daughter Maxine Mosely; Escort, Daughter Loretta Martin; Chaplain, Daughter Clev Cooper; Treasurer, Daughter Minnie Turner; Fin. Secretary, Daughter W. Shine, (proxy) for Daughter Lula Lee; Recording Secretary, Daughter Ann Morrison; Asst. Daughter Ruler, Daughter Pauline Coutee; Vice-Daughter Ruler, Daughter Leota Fontaine; Daughter Ruler, Daughter Johnnie Mae Evans.

Daughters present, but who did not take part in the initiation were: Daughters, Lethia Peck, Irene Duke, Arnetta Morris and Mimms, a visitor from New York City.

At the close of the service corsages were presented to the men by the outgoing Daughter Ruler, Daughter Peck, and one from Daughter of Dahalia Temple; also a corsage to outgoing daughter Peck from daughter Mimms.

Following the Daughters' installation, the Grand Traveling Deputy, Brother Jay Chavis, was presented the gavel to conduct the installation service for Billy Webb Lodge No. 1050, with Brother Charles C. Morgan as Tyler.

The following brothers were installed: Exalted Ruler, Willie L. Shine; Leading Knight, George Washington; Loyal Knight, Lillard Evans; Esquire, Jason Fontaine; Tyler, John Thomas.

Brother Charles C. Morgan was elected delegate to the Grand Session which will meet in Philadelphia, Penn. Alternates were

brothers Oliver Smith and Jason Fontaine. Several brothers were present, but did not take part in the installation services.

After the business session the Master of Social Service took charge. A banquet of turkey and all that goes with it, topped off with home made ice cream and cake, cocktails and sodas, were served.

Pictures of the affair were taken by Mrs. Margret Robinson and Mr. Ralph H. Faulk of the Portland Inquirer.

### 700,304 Negroes In Army on May 1, 1945

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In the period between February 28 and May 1, 1945, the Army's Negro strength increased 10,022, offsetting a drop of 11,396 previously reported, the War Department announced today. Negro personnel numbered 700,304 on May 1, of which 4,003 were Wacs.

As of May 1, some 511,493 Negroes, including members of the Women's Army Corps, were serving overseas.

### Visitor



PORTLAND—Mr. John Palmer of Newton Texas, and Mrs. Willie Lee Shine, 1462 N. Wheeler Avenue, Portland. Mr. Palmer visiting his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lee Shine respectively, is a General Foreman for the Mercantile Stores in the Lone Star State. He plans to spend the entire Summer vacation period here. Mr. Shine is the owner of the Royal Palm Barber Shop and Exalted Ruler of the local Elk Lodge.

—photo by M. Robinson

### DELEGATES LOUD IN PRAISE OF BIG MEETING JUST CLOSED

By Rev. B. M. McSwain

The Honorable Reverend W.L. McKinney pictured has set his official land mark in Oregon as State General Supervisor of the "Church of God in Christ". Since being appointed to this State by Senior Bishop C. H. Mason during the early part of this year, Rev. McKinney has been kept quite busy and has just recently presided in what has been his first Holy Convocation in the State; however it was the third annual meeting of this kind to be observed here by this church.

The meeting opened on July 6, 1945 with both day and night sessions. The day sessions were given principally to Bible discussions which turned out to be very interesting; there were visiting ministers from various cities present, and representatives from all ten of the affiliated churches of the state. Each pastor was on hand and served in some part of the meeting. The night services were graced with music from the State Chorus, conducted by Mrs. Theda B. Wells, wife of the Rev. B. T. Wells of Portland. The Sunday mornings of this meeting found Rev. T. W. Russaw, State Supervisor of Sunday Schools, doing a very neat job of handling the Sunday Schools of Oregon's ten churches all in one. At six o'clock p. m. the Y. P. W. W. took over with Rev. B. M. McSwain in charge. The young people did very splendid in adding life to the services and deserve a lot of credit. We love our young folks.



ELDER W. L. MCKINNEY  
State Overseer for Oregon of  
the Church of God in Christ.  
—photo by M. Robinson

Among those who showed favor to the church were Mr. Ralph Faulk, manager of Portland's leading Negro weekly publication. We believe that the publication of the Portland Inquirer is one of the greatest accomplishments the race has made in the history of Portland. It is worthy of support.

We know there are many folks who enjoy special meetings as the one we have just closed; therefore we invite you to keep in touch with these pastors. They are Rev. J. S. Lomax, Rev. B. T. Wells, Rev. C. Lampkin, Rev. J. C. Lewis, Rev. J. Williams, Rev. L. C. Simms, Rev. T. W. Russaw, Rev. J. Jenkins, and Rev. B. M. McSwain whom you hear each Sunday morning at 8 o'clock over radio station KWJJ. You may contact any of these ministers by phone. You will receive a hearty welcome at any of their churches.

### Mississippi's Senator Bilbo Shows His Fangs in Reply to Telegram

Senator Bilbo, Mississippi's gift to intolerance and fascism, showed his poisonous fangs in a letter written to Miss Josephine Timms, secretary-treasurer of the American Communications Association (5 Beekman St.) in reply to a telegram sent by her demanding that he discontinue his filibuster against the FEPC amendment to the War Agencies Appropriations bill. Bilbo's letter, which speaks for itself, follows:

I received your telegram of June 29 today in which you say "we demand that you discontinue your filibuster on Fair Employment Practice Commission and permit the bill to come up on the floor for a vote in a true democratic fashion. We have had enough fascism in Europe. We do not want it here."

For audacity and assinity the above and foregoing telegram is the limit. You know nothing about the virtues of filibuster and if you know anything about the provisions of the Fair Employment Practice Commission legislation, then you care nothing about American freedom and American Constitutional rights.

Filibustering is a right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and when the people that I represent are ninety-nine per cent opposed to this fool communistic, un-American, undemocratic, legislativ monstrosity, then I have a right, that you have no right to question, to fight it until "hell freezes over."

While I am a libera', I had rather be a conservative than communistic and your telegram certainly indicates that your

mind has been poisoned by a lot of rot appearing in PM, the Daily Worker and other pink, off-brand, un-American publications in New York City. I suggest that you read the constitution of the United States.

You have a fair employment practice law for the State of New York that should serve your purpose and the purposes of your International, so please keep your proboscis out of the life and ways of living in the State of Mississippi. I wish you well with your Governor Dewey's monstrosity called the FEPC for the State of New York. (This letter is reprinted just as it was received.)

### To Hell With Bilbo—

Under the slogan, "To Hell with Bilbo," 3,000 Negroes, Catholics and Jews met Sunday afternoon at the Abyssinian Baptist Church to denounce Senators Bilbo and Eastland for slanderous attacks upon the record of Negro soldiers in the war. Bilbo was branded America's Number One fascist by a wired resolution to Senators Wagner, Mead and Bilbo demanding, under threat of withholding future political support, that they take the floor and refute racial insults. Speakers at the meeting were Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, jr., chairman; Councilmen Michael Quill and Ben Davis; Angelina Blocker of the Elks; and Leonard Goldit, National Committee to Combat Anti Semitism. Meeting was under the sponsorship of the Peoples Committee. Music was furnished by the Peoples Committee band.

A few of the highlights of the session were inspiring sermons delivered by the following ministers: Rev. Devers, Rev. J. Williams, Rev. Wells, Rev. Lampkin, Rev. Whitted, Rev. J. C. Lewis, Rev. V. Goodlow, Rev. J. S. Lomax, Rev. Douglas and the State Overseer, Rev. McKinney. These sermons were well handled and all received a blessing as these great preachers spoke from their hearts.

Thursday, July 13th, was Women's day. Mother Rita Douglas presided throughout the day and it was really a great day of enjoyment. You should see Mother Douglas operate and you should also see the beautiful manner in which the women support her. It was a very colorful affair to see the women of this movement all dressed in white and each one knew the part she was to play and executed her duties well.

On Sunday, July 15th, we observed the day as Overseer's day. This was the climax. A day full of activities. A day in which much prayer was offered and a day in which the whole congregation enjoyed extremely. The large hall at 101 W. Burnside St. was filled to capacity. Only standing room was available. Hundreds of people heard the Rev. McKinney and Superintendent Douglas preach that day, and the session lasted far into the night. Two ministers received their ordination that night, Rev. Stroud and Rev. Reeve. The financial records were read which showed a tremendous advancement in the financial status over the two pre-

### Paris Denies Report On Senegalese Troops

By United Press

PARIS—A denial of the charge made by Sen. James O. Eastland (D., Miss.) on the floor of the Senate last week that French Senegalese troops raped between 2,000 and 5,000 German women was made by the Allied Supreme Headquarters here after a week-long investigation, it was reported by the United Press, Sunday.

The Senator had charged during the filibuster against the FEPC amendment to the War (Continued on page 8)

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