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## Negro Workers Face Layoffs

Williams Ave.  
USO Has Busiest  
Months in History

The months of June and July were the busiest and most eventful since the opening of the Williams Avenue YMCA-USO, 35,804 servicemen and women made use of its services and facilities. The attendance and the cooperation of the volunteers and the community at large made it possible to present special weekly program events as well as the carrying out of regularly scheduled activities.

The activities for the week-end of June 9 and June 10 were given in honor of the 555th Infantry Battalion Paratroopers stationed at the Pendleton Army Air Base. A picnic was given at Columbia Park on the afternoon of June 9 and a party was given at the USO in the evening. A huge breakfast was served at the USO on Sunday morning June 10. In the afternoon a Variety Show was presented by many of Portland's outstanding professional entertainers. June 24 the Young People of Community Building No. 5, Vanport City, presented an interesting hour's program. June 30 the USO queen for 1945-46 was crowned during the Coronation ball. July 8 a Magician Show, long to be remembered, was presented by two of Portland's outstanding artists. July 10 was Puerto Rican night in honor of three companies of Puerto Rican soldiers stationed at Vancouver barracks. These men delightfully played and sang their native songs and exhibited their native dances. July 14 the USO sponsored a picnic and special party for Company "A" of the 555th Infantry Battalion Paratroopers, Pendleton Army Air Base, and also carried out its regularly scheduled Saturday evening party at the USO. July 15 the USO held its annual picnic at Peninsula Park. Approximately 350 servicemen and civilians participated in the picnic festivities. July 25 the USO GSO Club sponsored a Carnival Dance with all the energy and noise to be found on the regular carnival lots. Birthday parties given in June and July, in honor of servicemen born during those months, had an unusually large attendance.

The Williams Avenue YMCA-USO services predominately the Portland Army Air Base, Portland Naval Recruiting Station, Camp Adair, Pasco, Vancouver Barracks including Camp Kilpak

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Death Takes  
Former Showman

By Doris M. Reynolds

Mr. Bethel Gibson Sr. of 23 N. E. San Rafael St. passed away on August 24 after a three month's illness. Mr. Gibson who had been a resident of Portland for twenty-five years had gained reputation as an entertainer of high attainments. He leaves a daughter Dixie, and two sons, Albert and Bethel Jr. in the armed forces.

Father McDermott O. P. of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, received Mr. Gibson into the Church a short time before his death and in his funeral remarks, pointed out the great joy experienced by Mr. Gibson at the time of his baptism. Burial was in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

Hymns at the funeral services were sung by a choir under the direction of Anna Marie McCormick Grey. Friends who visited Mr. Gibson in his last illness were Mrs. J. Harris and Miss Doris M. Reynolds, home visitor, for the Blessed Martin League, and Mr. Oliver Smith of Billy Webb Lodge No. 1050 of which "Gib" was once a member. "Gib" as he was affectionately called by those who knew him will best be remembered by the public as the "Comic" at the V.B.A. Club.

Russelville District  
Conference  
To Have Session

The Church of God in Christ will observe the first annual district meeting of the Russelville district beginning Sept. 7 at 8 o'clock. This will be a three-day affair lasting through Saturday and Sunday nights.

Rev. J. C. Lewis who is Superintendent of this district is requesting the co-operation of every church in Portland and the various pastors. Come let us reason together out of God's word. The associated pastors and their congregations are sponsoring lively activities during this meeting to make it a colorful event. You will enjoy spiritual singing and good preaching of the Old Time Gospel by inspired speakers each evening.

The women of the district will operate on Saturday the 8th under the supervision of District Missionary Sister Foster. The young people will operate at various intervals throughout the meeting under direction of Elder Stevens. The Sunday School will take its setting at 9:45 Sunday morning with Elder Reeves as S. S. Superintendent for the district.

Rev. Lewis will deliver his first district message at 12 o'clock noon on September 9th. This will be a real treat that you will enjoy. Sunday night there will be another service of the evangelistic style with one of Portland's best speakers on hand. Everyone is invited to all of these services regardless of creed or color.

This will be held in the church of which Rev. Lewis is pastor. 338 N. W. Fifth Avenue, on the corner of Fifth and Flanders.

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Women's Leader To  
Confer on State FEPC

LOS ANGELES—A conference at which the Governor of the State and the leader of one of California's strongest Republican organizations are to discuss fair employment legislation is planned for the near future, it was revealed last week.

In view of the urgent need for fair employment legislation in the State of California and the inevitable censure of the voters if the Republican Administration allows the Democrats to take the lead in enactment of a State FEPC law at the coming special session of the Legislature, Mrs. Betty Hill, executive secretary of the Woman's Political Study Club, said last week that she and the Governor were going "to talk FEPC."

The Woman's Political Study Club is one of the strongest Republican organizations in the State.

Date for the conference had not been set last week, but the Governor was in the Southland conferring with government, labor and business leaders on post-war problems.

At the WPCS scholarship tea Sunday, August 19, Beach Vasey, legislative secretary for Governor Warren, told over 800 persons that the Governor was "thoroughly in accord" with FEPC legislation and was "very much disappointed" when it failed of passage at the last session of the legislature.

To strengthen and put "teeth" in Assembly Bill 1399, Mrs. Hill has organized a committee composed of judges and lawyers which is patterning the bill after the New York FEPC law. Her women's group is one of the originators of AB 1399. One of the fair employment bills which was not passed last session.

Its function also to see that FEPC is included in "must" legislation at the special session, the committee's membership includes Superior Court Judges Goodwin Knight, chairman; Walter S. Gates, Thurmond Clarke, Municipal Judge Rodger Marchetti, Attorneys McIntyre Faries and Leo Anderson, and Wm. Nickerson Jr., Insurance Company executive.

"The Republicans are in the saddle," Mrs. Hill said, "and it would be a 'slap in the face' if we allowed the Democrats to take the lead in the campaign to enact a FEPC law."

Red Cross Prepares  
For Peace Problems  
On Labor Day 1945

Washington, D. C.—Labor Day 1945 finds the American Red Cross making plans for readjusted services to aid in the national and international problems of civilian life. Blood donations for civilians will take the place of the Blood Donor Service for the wounded overseas. Industrial first aid will be emphasized and disaster relief will continue to be given when catastrophes occur

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Portland Included in Cities to Face  
Serious Temporary Unemployment

WASHINGTON—Nine of the nation's 166 principal labor market areas where Negro workers have found extensive war production employment face the prospect of extremely serious temporary unemployment by Oct. 15, 1945, Paul V. McNutt, WMC chairman, revealed this week on the basis of a post-war survey by the War Manpower Commission.

Mr. McNutt said it was estimated that between 20 and 25 per cent of the work force of these areas will be job-hunting by mid-October. The survey was made by WMC labor analysts on the basis of preliminary studies of all factors expected to influence the manpower situation.

The area that, it is indicated, will be at least temporarily distressed by October 15 are the following: Portland, Maine; Buffalo-Niagra Falls, N. Y.; Detroit and Flint, Mich.; Talladega, Ala.; Panama City, Fla.; Wichita, Kan.; Los Angeles, Calif., and Portland, Ore. Areas are regarded as "distressed" when on the average from 20 to 25 per cent of the work force is unemployed.

The survey indicates that by October 15, 69 areas will work force jobless; that 77 areas will be "in balance" with be "labor surplus areas" with 12 to 20 per cent of the from five to 12 per cent unemployed, and that nine areas will be classified as "stringent", that is with unemployment important jobs. The nine "stringent" areas are: District of Columbia; Asheville, N. C.; Richmond, Va.; Columbus, Ga.; Butte, Mont.; Ogden, Utah; Tooele, Utah; Cheyenne, Wyo., and Ventura-Oxnard, Calif.

WMC Seeks  
Medicos Among  
Negro Veterans

WASHINGTON—Qualified Negro veterans now leaving the services will be urged to enroll in medical, dental, pre-medical and pre-dental school courses to help prevent a serious shortage of doctors and dentists in the post-war period, Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission revealed this week.

Under a recently announced plan, the WMC, in cooperation with the Army, Navy, Veterans Administration and the medical and dental professions, is seeking to enroll 12,000 medical and dental students this fall from among veterans now being discharged from the armed services.

Mr. McNutt said surveys show that even if medical school enrollments, admissions and graduations had been maintained at levels prevailing before the recent changes in Selective Service policies there still would have been a post-war shortage of thousands of doctors and an even severer shortage of dentists.

"Unless we move quickly and successfully to wipe out the gaps torn in the ranks of the medical and dental professions by the exigencies of war, America will be denied essential security in terms of national health," Mr. McNutt said.

The situation is so severe that some medical schools will not fill any substantial part of their first-year classes beginning next month, he added.

With a goal of 8,000 students for medical and pre-medical schools and 4,000 for dental and pre-dental schools, the War Manpower Commission, with the cooperation of the Army, the Navy,

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Mr. McNutt emphasized that the predictions made are based upon the national pattern of munitions cutbacks expected to be made during the next two months, the expected rate of military demobilization and estimates of the expected evaporation from the labor force caused by the retirement of women going back into the home, outmigration from industrial sections, retirement of older and marginal workers and return of youths to school.

The areas in which a surplus of labor is expected by October 15, 1945, but where actual unemployment distress is not expected are: Mobile, Ala.; Little Rock and Pine Bluff, Ark.; San Bernardino-Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco Bay, San Jose, and Stockton, Calif.; Bridgeport, Hartford, Meriden, New Haven, New London, Conn.; Jacksonville and Tampa, Fla.; Atlanta, Brunswick, Macon and Savannah, Ga.

Chicago, Joliet, and Springfield-Decatur, Ill.; Anderson, Evansville, Indianapolis and South Bend, Ind.; Des Moines, Iowa; Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans and Shreveport, La.; Bath, Maine; Baltimore and Hagerstown, Md.; Boston, Lynn-Salem, Springfield-Holyoke-Northampton, Mass.; Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Saginaw-Bay City, Mich.; Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.; Pascagoula, Miss.; Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo.; Omaha, Neb.; and Portsmouth, N. H.

Newark, N. J.; Elmira, N. Y. Wilmington, N. C.; Akron, Cincinnati, Dayton-Springfield, Lima, Sandusky and Toledo, Ohio; Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla.; Lancaster, Pa.; Providence, R. I.; Kingsport-Bristol, Memphis and Nashville, Tenn.; Beaumont, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and Texarkana, Texas; Seattle, Tacoma, Wash., and Manitowac, Wis.

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