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# Two Negro Teachers Enter Portland Public School System



**SID WOODBURY**  
 Campaign Manager  
 1945 War Chest Campaign

## Guilds Lake Killing To Be Thoroughly Aired

The brutal killing of a Negro, Erwin Jones, 36, in his Guilds Lake home by a Portland detective is to be thoroughly investigated in a Coroner's Inquest according to Thomas B. Handley, District Attorney. Jones was killed on the night of August 21st when detectives investigating the murder of a woman sought to search his house. The detective, Bard Purcell, who says he fired when Jones made an attempt to use a pistol on two other detectives who were at Jones door was exonerated of any blame by his superior officer Captain James Fleming. According to investigations carried out by different organizations in the city including the Inter-racial Committee and Rev. George W. Brown of Guilds Lake this is not true.

The Coroner's Inquest will be delayed until Mrs. Jones, wife of the murdered man and his two children return from their home in Shreveport, La. Jones family left for their home immediately following the shooting to return his body to his home and. Efforts were made to have the city of Portland bear the expense of the return trip as Mrs. Jones and the children were present at the shooting and are material wit-

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## CIO Delegate Pledges Support To Chest Drive

Jerry H. Turner, delegate to the CIO Portland Council from the Portland local of United Transport Service Employees of America, last week pledged full support of his union in the 1946 Portland-Multnomah County United War Chest campaign, October 1-19. Turner also announced that Robert Dancy, president of the local UTSEA, Frank Britton, secretary, and John Nichols, treasurer, will serve as a committee to solicit among the union's 43 Portland members.

Turner served as secretary of the local UTSEA union from its organization in 1938 until last year, when he was appointed a member of the grievance committee and delegate to the CIO council. He also is a Mason, member of the Urban League, and treasurer of the Negro Citizens and Taxpayers League. He attended Northwestern University as a literature major.

A son, Cpl. Jerry R. Turner, is assigned as counselor at Ft. Sheridan, Ill. He has been in the army since 1942, and graduated from the University of Oregon as a sociology major. Geneva Turner, a daughter, graduated from the University of Oregon in 1934. She is now a social worker with the Multnomah Family Relief Unit.

In announcing his union's pledge of cooperation, Turner said: "The union will be willing to cooperate in every way possible to put over the United War Chest campaign. We, as a union, have always taken an active part in civic events of all kinds. Every man became a member of the Urban League, contributed to the national fund for Negro colleges and joined the Negro Citizens and Taxpayers League. The coming United War Chest campaign will have the full and sincere support of the UTSEA (CIO).

Sid Woodbury, campaign chairman, recently announced that the goal for the 1946 United War Chest campaign has been fixed at \$1,398,742. This figure represents a reduction of more than \$215,000 from last year's total. More than half the War Chest quota will be assigned for needs of the 52 member agencies of the Portland Community Chest, Woodbury said. Chest needs have increased over last year because of Portland's growth and increases in service, Woodbury explained.

Emblem of the campaign will be the Red Feather, badge of courage since earliest history, and the theme will be "Give Because You Care." Woodbury pointed out that people will be asked to give because they care for our servicemen, our children and adults on the home front, and for the sick, hungry, homeless people of Europe, China, and the Philippines.



**ELD. J. C. LEWIS**

## Pastor Closes First District Conference

Rev. J. C. Lewis . . . pastor of the "Church of God in Christ" 338 N. W. Fifth Avenue, and Superintendent of the Russellville district; has just closed a beautiful setting of what has been the first district conference of this church to be held in Portland.

The ministers of Portland gave excellent support and Rev. Lewis was highly honored to have as his guests, State Overseer Rev. W. L. McKinney and State Mother Ritta Douglas as well as Supt. Douglas of California, who is the husband of the above mentioned Oregon State Mother of the Church of God in Christ.

Rev. T. W. Russaw, B. T. Wells, S. W. Whitted, J. C. Foster and Rev. B. M. McSwain, leading ministers of the district were on hand each day and the meeting closed in a lovely manner.

Rev. Lewis will leave shortly on an evangelistic trip which will last approximately five weeks.

## Night School Term to Begin September 24th

The fall term night classes of the Portland Extension Center of the Oregon State System of Higher Education will begin on Monday, September 24. From Monday to Thursday inclusive, the classes will meet in Incoln high school, with the Friday night and Saturday morning classes scheduled for the central library.

A total of 133 courses will be offered during the year and the subjects will include classes in art, business, drama, economics, engineering, education, written English and literature, history, home economics, landscape architecture, mathematics, home gardening, music, nutrition, public health, physical education, psychology, public speaking, journalism, sociology, science, geography, Russian, French, German,

## Former Vanport Teacher First in Portland Public Schools

For the first time in the history of the city of Roses, Negro teachers were present and taught classes in the Public Schools. Two teachers, Mrs. L. O. Stone and Mr. Robert G. Ford, chosen by the Board of Education a few weeks ago took their places in the classrooms of the George Eliot grade school at the corner of N. E. Rodney Avenue and Knott Street at the opening session of schools on Tuesday, September 11th.

Mrs. Stone is the wife of Rev. L. O. Stone, rector of St. Philips Episcopal church across the street from Eliot school. She formerly taught in the public school system of Vanport, a Federal Housing Project on the outskirts of Portland. Before coming to Portland she taught in the public schools of Kansas City, Kansas. She did graduate work at the Columbia University, New York City. In 1936 Mrs. Stone visited Portland, Oregon as a delegate from Kansas to the National Education Association.

## Gospel Trio Gives Unusual Program At Zion A. M. E.

The Gospel Trio of Vanport City rendered a very unusual and soul stirring program at Zion A. M. E. Church last Sunday afternoon. The entire program was carried out in gospel songs. The trio consisted of Mrs. Alice Hayden, who is sponsor, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Miggs the accompanist. Numbers were sung both by Mrs. Hayden and Mrs. Thomas. Mrs. Hayden comes to Portland from New York and Mrs. Thomas comes from St. Louis, Mo. To hear these two ladies sing together you would think that they had been trained to sing together. They really make your soul rejoice to sit and hear them sing. Miss Martin formerly of Louisiana and has been making her home in Vanport rendered two solos and also gave two unique Readings, one entitled "I ain't Looking For Much Crowd". The audience applauded to the extent that Miss Martin had to return and give another.

Solos were also rendered by Mrs. Alma Smith and Miss Alice Drew both members of the senior choir by whom this program was sponsored. Closing remarks were made by Bishop W. C. Brown of Los Angeles, Cal., and Elder L. M. McCoy of Oakland, Cal., who are visiting here.

Miss Martin is returning to Louisiana to resume her work as school teacher there. After the program a delicious chicken dinner with all the trimmings was served to all who wanted to stay for supper. This dinner had been served all day in the church dining room by the senior Missionary Club. All departed with memories that will last a long time. Rev. J. F. Smith pastor of the church also gave remarks at the closing of the program.

and Spanish.

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Mrs. Stone's entrance into the work of a teacher in Portland was a volunteer worker in the Kindergarten Department of the Office of Civilian Defense. Her capabilities attracted attention and she was offered a position in the Public School system of Vanport. She accepted and taught in Vanport for some time. Her present position is the result of the enviable record she made while teaching in Vanport.

Mr. Robert G. Ford, the other teacher, is a former resident of Oklahoma and taught in the public school systems of both Shawnee and Enid, Oklahoma, eight years in the former and three years in the latter. He is a graduate of Morgan State college, Baltimore, Maryland and Phi Beta Sigma. Mr. Ford came to Portland in 1943 to work in one of the War Industries where he was employed until recently.

Mr. Ford is married and has a daughter 19 years of age and is at present a resident of Vanport. A Methodist, Mr. Ford attends the Bethel A.M.E. church. He has a dramatic flare that he expresses in the form of one-act plays which he writes as a hobby.

The appointment of these teachers is of course on a probationary basis as it is the law of the state of Oregon that all newly elected teachers be employed on a probationary basis for a period of three years. The training and experience of both Mr. Ford and Mrs. Stone argue well for a successful probationary period, and we expect they will eventually be placed on a permanent basis.

## Mother of 10 Cited For Arsenal Work

WASHINGTON — The Army Service Forces of the War Department has cited Mrs. Annie Mathews of New York City for maintaining perfect attendance and exceptional efficiency record over a period of more than two years as an employe at Picatinny Arsenal, N. J.

Mrs. Mathews travels 60 miles per day by bus to perform her work and at the same time main-

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