

# Society News

By Ann Morrison and Helena Searcie

Portland was very highly honored last week by the presence of Marian Anderson, who appeared at the City Auditorium in a song recital. As usual, the Auditorium was filled with an attendance of 4,600. While in the city Miss Anderson was guest at Benson Hotel.

### U. S. Army Vets Return Home

Mr. Theodore Ingersoll and Mr. Lewis Fuller are home from overseas having served in the South Pacific over a year. Both young men received honorable discharges.

Mrs. Davis arrived home last Thursday from New Orleans, La., where she spent the past month visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Leola Mae Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, was among the graduates from elementary school and has enrolled in Washington High School.

Little Miss Carroll Austin enrolled in the first grade at Elliott school. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. N. Austin Jr.

Miss Helena Searcie is spending a fortnight visiting friends in Washington.

### Illness

Mrs. Otto Rutherford is confined in Vanport Hospital, but is much better and expects to return home soon.

Mr. A. H. Childs is confined in a local hospital suffering from a stroke.

Mrs. Haskins is confined in the Providence Hospital.

### Tea in Honor of Daughters-in-law

Sunday afternoon January 27 Mr. and Mrs. Phil Reynolds entertained with a tea-dinner at the Masonic Temple in honor of their two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Walter Reynolds and Mrs. Jack Reynolds.

The tea table was beautiful with a flower centerpiece and candlelight from which coffee, punch and other dainties were served. Two hundred and eighteen guests called during the tea hour.

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### Culture Club Celebrates Its

#### Twenty-second Anniversary

Thursday evening, January 31, the Masonic Temple was the scene of the culture club anniversary party. Miss Joyce Brook and Miss Bernice Banks had charge of the guest list. Guests were greeted at the door. Dancing and cards were enjoyed by the guest. About five hundred guests enjoyed the occasion.

Members of the club are: President, Maud Banks; Mesdames. Jennie Adams, Mary Alexander, Zepha Baker, Letitia Brock, Ella Dancy, Christina Elkins, Audrey Ellis, Melba Flowers, Ruth Flowers, Thelma Flowers, Lenora Gasikin, Estella Gragg, Lula Gragg, Mercedes Hardy, Cecil Hayes, Doris Joyner, Verdel Rutherford, Thelma Unthank, Emma Walker, Frances Williams, Della Williams, Ethel Williams, Jo Anne Watson and Gustavia Winslow.

### U. S. Army Position

Mr. and Mrs. John Leftridge of 52 N. E. Sacramento are the landlord and landlady of Miss Ruth Butts, who is the distinguished hostess at the Vancouver Barracks Service Club, Vancouver, Wash.

Miss Butts received her B. S. degree in Sociology from Atlanta State College, Ga., and has done further study at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.

The Fellowship Club of Mount Olivet Baptist Church will present Pearl Margaret Drew, Young Portland dramatic soprano, in a recital in the church auditorium, Wednesday, February 20, 1946, at 8:30 p. m.

Miss Drew's program includes songs in German, Italian, French and English.

Nida Theresa Bonnett has been teaching this young singer on a scholarship for approximately four years. Mrs. Bonnett is to be commended for her untiring efforts toward the development of Miss Drew's musical assets.

Louis Meubenger who has accompanied Miss Drew so ably in the past will be at the piano.

Mrs. Ophelia Clardy of 1623 N. E. 1st avenue, is ill in Good Samaritan hospital but expects to be home in a few days.

On Thursday evening January 31, 1946, the employees of the Oregon Fraternal Association surprised Mrs. Talmadge Coleman with a baby shower. The shower was given at the home of Mrs. Coddie Mae Williams and was arranged without Mrs. Coleman becoming the least bit suspicious of what was taking place. When she received the many useful and beautiful gifts all she could say was: "I am grateful to Mrs. Williams and the employees of the Oregon Fraternal Association," Mrs. Coleman being a lover of ice cream, the evening was climaxed with the serving of cake and ice cream. Those present were: Mrs. Henry Mae Etheridge, Mrs. Daisy Warrick, Mrs. Laura Saunders, Mrs. Gertrude Askey and Mrs. Coddie Williams. Little Miss Andrea Loyce Coleman and Richard and Robert Warrick shared in the refreshments.

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By Samuel G. Whitney

Mr. Linthaw James, formerly of Charlotte, N. C., and who has worked the past six months as an electrician in the Kaiser shipyard, Vancouver, Wash., was inducted into the army recently. Mr. James is a graduate of Laurinburg Institute, Laurinburg, N. C. he is now stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. Indications are that he will be leaving within the next three or four weeks for overseas duty, possibly the Pacific area.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Harris of Atlanta, Ga., are the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hayes, 2502 Cottonwood street, Apt. 524. They plan to spend several weeks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chili Ware, sister and brother-in-law of Mr. Benjamin Hayes and their daughter are also en route here to visit Mr. and Mrs. Hayes. Mr. Hayes served two years and twenty-six days in the navy. He was discharged on November 8, 1945. He has been in ill health ever since he returned from overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Harper of Chattanooga, Tenn., are visiting their daughters, sons and in-laws; Mr. and Mrs. James B. Story, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harper, and Mr. and Mrs. Cain B. Harper, all at 2406 Cototnwood St., Vanport. The Harpers will be here about 30 days and then will visit a niece in Indiana.

The following group of relatives will also stop in to see Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hayes to cheer up Mr. Hayes during his illness while they are touring the Northwest on a vacation trip. Mr. Gilbert Harper (father), Mrs. Josie Harper (mother), Mr. George W. Harper (baby brother), Mr. Enoch Harris (uncle), Mrs. Hary Harris (aunt), Mr. Chill Ware (brother-in-law), Mrs. Ruth A. Ware (sister), Miss Lucile Ware (niece), Mr. Van R. Harper (brother), Mr. Cain B. Harper (brother), Mrs. Martha Harper (sister-in-law), Mrs. Emma Harper (sister-in-law). They will also visit Mr. and Mrs. James B. Story.

The Vanport Community church was host to a large crowd on Sunday, Feb. 3, for their regular 11:30 services. Two members were added to the church in the person of Mrs. Hudson and Rev.

### DENTIST RETURNS MARRIED

Dr. C. R. Vickers returned to the city to resume his practice of dentistry in the Fraternal Hall bldg. January 28, Dr. Vickers motored to Florida, and while there married Miss Evelyn Gupton of Clarksville, Va. The newlyweds are now residing in their home 908 N. E. Occident, after a few weeks honeymoon en route.

Dr. Vickers also has a brother, Mr. Thomas E. Vickers, visiting him who has recently been discharged from the Army.

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### M. M. Burns Jr.

The Vanport Community Sunday school Teachers had their regular meeting on Tuesday evening Feb. 5, at the Recreation building School Center No. 2. Despite the downpour of rain which had lasted all day and late into the night a large group turned out and had a very interesting meeting. Rev. M. M. Burns was elected as regular teacher for the group. Rev. Burns is a very energetic young christian worker. He is a graduate of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. Having received his D. D. degree.

Miss Hazel B. Davis, secretary of the Vanport Community Sunday School was selected as temporary secretary of the Portland Youth Council of the Portland NAACP, until the membership is large enough to get a charter and elect its regular officers.

### N.A.A.C.P. Youth Council Has Get Together Meeting

Mrs. Marie B. Smith, Youth Counsellor for the Portland branch of the NAACP called a group of young people together on Sunday evening Feb. 3, at the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, 1007 N. Williams Ave., for the purpose of organizing a Youth Council in Portland.

The meeting was opened at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Smith stated the purpose of the meeting and made a short summary of the growth of the Youth Councils from their beginning up to 1945. She stated that the first Council was organized in Baltimore, Md., in 1936. In 1942 it had grown to 83 Youth Councils, in 1944—195, and in 1945, 200 Councils and 33 college chapters.

The councils objectives are namely, (1) to encourage participation of young people in activities pursuant to carrying out the aims of the NAACP; (2) to develop personal interest in the problems affecting the Negro in America; (3) to provide leadership training for those on whose shoulders will fall the responsibility of making democracy work; (4) to cooperate in carrying out the program of the branch.

She stated that it will take 25 members to be eligible to get a charter and that here cannot be a council until a charter is secured. She is asking that all youth join up so that the organization might be a success.

Eleven young people were present as follows: Mr. Herbert B. Dixon, Vanport; Mr. Willard King, Vanport; Miss Lela Mae Dixon, Vanport; Miss Hazel B. Davis, Vanport; Miss Earnest Cooper, Miss Jacqueline Holliday, Miss Molly Haynes, Miss Bertha Mann, Mr. Harold Haskin, Mr. Theodore Burgess and Mr. Lawrence Camel, all of Portland.

The whole group were very enthusiastic about their new organization and had high hopes for a successful future.

The meeting adjourned to meet again Sunday evening, Feb. 10, at the same place at 2 o'clock.

Adults present were Rev. J. F. Smith, pastor of Zion A. M. E. Church. He stated that he was glad that he could make the young people welcome to meet in his church and Samuel G. Whitney of Vanport who took the Vanport group down to Portland free of charge to help them get started in their youth work.

## THE VETERANS

Veterans' application forms for the purchase of surplus government property can now be obtained at any selective service board in Oregon, Hugh E. Rossen, department of veterans' affairs director, was informed today.

This arrangement was made between selective service headquarters and the Portland office of the smaller war plants corporation, which acts upon the veteran's application and determines his ability in the purchase of surplus property.

Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director of the selective service system, told Rossen that all local boards have now received the veterans' application forms, and that clerks have complete instructions for aiding the veteran in filling out the forms.

Local boards will authenticate the veteran's discharge papers and mail the application form to SWPC, Colonel Wooten explained, thus saving the veteran a trip to the Portland office or sparing him the need of mailing the application form and discharge papers himself.

In applying for surplus property the veteran must state that he needs the equipment either in his own business or professional or agricultural enterprise, or that he needs it as a condition of his re-employment. If he qualifies, SWPC will mail him a pink slip certifying that he has preference over other persons in the purchase of desired equipment.

A duplicate slip goes to the RFC disposal agency, which in turn notifies the veteran when and where the equipment he has applied for is available.

Surplus property officials in Portland advise veterans not to apply for cars, however, because they said none are available and there is little hope of supplying more than a few of the 2000 applicants already on file for surplus autos. They estimate that probably only one veteran in 10,000 will ever get a surplus car.

Up to Jan. 12, a total of 6884 veteran applications for surplus property was on file in the Portland SWPC office at 815 Bedell building. In December alone, 1536 veterans applied for surplus property. SWPC officials said about \$75,000 worth of equipment a week was going to veterans in Oregon, consisting largely of trucks, tractors, bulldozers and other construction materials.

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