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## HUGE CROWD ATTENDS LOCAL INTERRACIAL BANQUET

By Samuel G. Whitney

More than 200 people attended the good will banquet sponsored by the Vanport Interracial Council on Wednesday evening, Feb. 13, at the Marshall school auditorium. It was very interesting to note the good will spirit that existed among the group while several races and nationalities were represented. All lunched together like one happy family.

First a well prepared dinner was served which consisted of turkey and dressing, creamed potatoes, gravy, string beans, cranberry sauce, cucumber pickles, tomato relish, coffee, ice cream and cookies. Many of the guests were amazed at the amount of food that was served and praised the appetizing assortment.

The group was entertained by the singing of several solos and an interracial quartet from Rev. E. M. Whaley's church in Portland. There was also group singing by the entire audience.

Two very interesting lectures were given by the speakers of the evening in the person of Miss Laura Heist, who has had 20 years experience in Missionary work in the Far East in India and Mr. George L. Thomas, Director Race Relations for the Portland Council of Churches.

Miss Heist began by saying "that she wish we could think of ourselves as brothers, and that our greatest trouble is ill will and misunderstanding which incites suspicion simply on account

of differences."

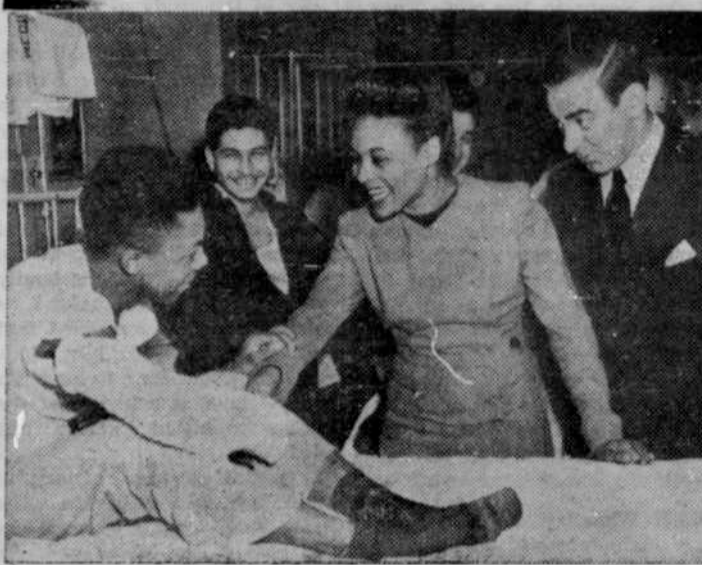
She spoke against name calling to people of other races and stated that it is just as easy to use the right names as it is to use the wrong ones. She referred to the finding of science that all people are basically the same and that one of the most difficult things is the speaking of different languages. She said "that people should be considered as individuals and not grouped together as an undesirable group because some of them do wrong; that we should respect the contributions that others have given to the world and practice the golden rule to do unto others as we would have them do unto us." Throughout her lecture she emphasized the importance of good will.

Mr. Thomas said "that the United States is the best laboratory in the world for working out race relations." He spoke against teaching children that other people are mean on account of their race or nationality. He urged women to practice good will. He said "that the United States cannot establish a good neighbor policy and mistreat and discriminate against Latin Americans when they come to our country. He pointed out how much it cost to overcome hate, by saying that the money used in this country to overcome hate would buy enough food to feed all of starving Europe. He also mentioned the importance of good will and said it should begin with the church. He pointed out that the church has been one of the main organizations that has fought against racial discrimination in the Portland area.

Mr. Thomas also emphasized the importance of good will.

## Youth Group to Meet Sunday

Mrs. Marie B. Smith, counselor for the Portland Youth group, of the N. A. A. C. P. states that there will be another meeting Sunday evening, Feb. 17, at 2 o'clock at A. M. Zion church, 2007 N. Williams ave. The meeting will be early so that the Youth group can



THELMA CARPENTER AND EDDIE CANTOR VISIT WOUNDED VETERANS—Sultry-singing Thelma Carpenter and her radio boss, Eddie Cantor, visit Halloran General hospital on Staten Is-

land, New York, to spread gifts and cheer among hospitalized servicemen. The happy lad on the coast is Cpl. Reuben Reid, of 745 Communipaw avenue, Jersey City, N. J.—(ANP Photo.)

## Old Clark Site Proposed for Vocational School

ATLANTA—(ANP)—The Atlanta Board of Education in special sessions last week approved the city's half of a purchase price of \$55,000 for the old Clark college campus to be used as a Negro vocational school to serve the metropolitan area.

The area constitutes 59.8 acres and includes Leete hall, the gymnasium and two resident structures.

Acts passed during the last session of the Georgia legislature gave the city and Fulton county the right to cooperate in the establishment of vocational schools for the Atlanta area. Fulton county is yet to act on assuming half the purchase price and operation.

Should the deal go through, renovation and reconditioning of attend the regular meeting of the N. A. A. C. P., which will be held at the U. S. O. at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Smith states that several new members were added to the group and that they are still soliciting memberships.

the buildings reportedly will be the first step toward establishing the plant for vocational instruction. The large administration building was formerly used with the program of the National Youth administration.

Clark college is now housed in buildings on Chestnut and Fair streets in the vicinity of other colleges and the university which comprise the Atlanta university system of schools.

## Urban League Sec'y to Speak

Mr. E. C. Berry, executive secretary of the Portland Urban League, will speak in Vanport on Sunday evening, February 24 at No. 2 Recreation Center at 7 o'clock during the program of the Northwest Quartet Union.

The Quartet Union is having their regular monthly program and for your listening pleasure you are cordially invited to hear the four quartets as follows: The Alabama Israelites, the Five Gospel Singers, the Spiritual Gospel Singers and the Harmonizing Five Radio Stars and some solos. Don't miss this. If you do, you will miss a treat. The public is invited.

## NEGRO FIRST CITIZEN IS A DARK HORSE

To the amazement of all present at Norse hall, 111, N. E. 11th St., last Wednesday night, at the 2nd Annual Award of the Negro First Citizen prize, the judges, Dr. D. N. Unthanks, prominent physician, Mrs. Rachel Green well known club lady and prominent in civic affairs, and Chesley E. Corbett, Editor of the Portland Inquirer, named Clifford Walker, President of the Progressive Democratic Club, as winner of the award, as

"NEGRO FIRST CITIZEN."

Mr. Walker's name had not been sent in, nor was he a candidate. The following were the names that had been submitted to the judges prior to Wednesday night.

Mr. E. Shelton Hill, formerly an athletic director at Portland air base and now active in federal housing authority work; Mrs. Mary Duncan, prominent in civic affairs, Mr. John C. Baker, inspector for Union Pacific railroad, Rev. J. J. Clow, of the Mt. Olivet Baptist church, and Mr. A. G. Garrets, business man and owner, with his wife, the Madrona Raido Shop.

The judges inquired if they were limited to the candidates who had been previously named, and when informed that they were not added others to the list to be considered.

After much deliberation, discussion and elimination, Mr. Walker, upon his record alone, was their selection.

Mr. Walker has worked untiringly and painstakingly, without pomp or show for the past several years in political, and civil work and has been quite beneficial to many.

His selection was accepted by those present wholeheartedly.

Prior to the award, the Progressive Democrat Club had rendered a program that is worthy of comment and for which they deserve much credit.

First, at 7:30 P. M. they served a most appetizing supper which was enjoyed by all; during the meal hour the guests were entertained by music which was enjoyed by all. First invocation by Mr. Will M. Crockerham.

Mr. Oliver Smith, Master of Ceremonies, then introduced the following persons, platform guest for the evening:

Mrs. Ralph Flowers, Messrs. Clifford T. Howell, President of The Young Democratic Club of Oregon; Edwin C. Berry, Secy. of Urban League of Portland. George Hill, Membership Chairman of Progressive Democratic Club; Hugh T. Pratt, President of Multnomah County Young Democratic Club, Robert Arnold, Public Relation Chairman, Progressive Democratic Club. Clifford Walker, President Young Democratic Club.

Mr. Smith introduced Mr. George Hill, of the membership five memberships, paid up had five membership, paid up had been secured.

The Master of Ceremonies then introduced or presented many guests all over the hall.

Then Mr. Clifford Walker, President of the Progressive Democratic Club, who gave an outline of what he and his organization have done and are doing.

Mr. Oliver E. Smith then introduced Mr. Edwin C. Berry, Executive Secretary of the Urban

League in Portland. Mr. Berry spoke from the subject "RACE RELATIONS AND POLITICAL ACTION."

Mr. Berry started out by saying "When this nation was conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal," the moral foundation was laid in soil treacherous with quicksands and slips; that we began by trying to build freedoms house on soil that was part free and party bond-part everlasting quicksand."

He said "we performed an unusual trick in semantics and gave new and lasting meanings to a couple old words—color and race. We made non-white and inferiority of person synonymous terms. Bluntly speaking, we have lied to ourselves from the beginning."

He went further to say that there has always been in America men and women who have believed in the Father-Hood of God and the Brotherhood of Men but these men and women have always been an infective minority, the majority will, North and South, has been dictated by race and color prejudice." He discussed in what proportions these groups work—the concerned and the unconcerned—he showed that all groups have about reached the conclusion, in too many cases and that it has gone on so long that it has finally come to be right to treat the Negro wrong, and wrong to treat him right. The inter-venturers have accepted this position without benefit of thought.

Under the Heading Inter-racial Teamwork, the speaker said, "I wish to emphasize that I speak not of the 'Negro problem, what ever that may be, but of the Number One American Problem, inter-group relation. Does it seem inconsistent that we so glibly speak of the 'Negro Problem' in America. When we refer to a similar problem in Germany, we did not call it the Jewish Problem. We referred to it as the Nazi problem, and thereby placed the responsibility squarely where it belonged."

He stated further that "it is imperative that all Americans ask themselves "what shall we do to be saved; and what shall we do together."

First: We must recognize problem and face the issue—race honestly, squarely and ageously."

Mr. Berry said "he question Lincoln's Gettys dress that we dedicated to the paradoxical p that some men are creep that we live in a we hundred million white ten hundred million people. What will happen fifteen million col learn to master the learn to produce n than we do?"

The speaker stressed as pointed out as important to the can as the white;

in the United States are can by birth, and culture; future and fortunes are tie with the future of America. threat to America is a th Negroes. In case of nation aster, the only reason would fare less badly th is because they have so int lose." He said "there were m approaches to help solve this dition, viz: Education-formal informal, job opportunity, d housing, adequate health and access to community ices."



INFANTILE PARALYSIS WORKER RECEIVES PROMOTION—Miss Warren A. Turpin of Clanton, Ala., registered nurse and 1938 Tuskegee Institute graduate of the School of Nursing was recently promoted to Supervisor of Orthopedics at the Infantile Paralysis Center located at Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Miss Turpin had previously been employed as Head Nurse of th Center and has been connected with the work since the Center was opened by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc. in 1941.—(ANP Photo.)



PLANNING FOR 1946 TUSKEGEE CLINIC—The Thirty-fourth Annual Clinic and meeting of the John A. Andrew Clinical Society will be resumed at Tuskegee Institute from April 7 through April 12 of this year. Since the clinic was not held in 1945, the local committee on arrangements, in cooperation with physicians and dentists in all parts of the country, is endeavoring to prepare a program of post-war significance. The local committee members left to right are: (front)—Lt. Col. George C. Brancho, Medical

Corps, U. S. Army, Veterans Hospital; Miss Eunice Rivers, R. N., Special Assistant, U. S. Public Health Service; Dr. John W. Chenuault, Medical Director of John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital; Miss Lillian Holland, Superintendent of Nurses, John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital; Dr. B. L. Jackson, Institute Dentist; (standing) Albon L. Holsey, Director of Public Relations, Tuskegee Institute; Lewis A. Jackson, Public Relations, Tuskegee Institute Center; Dr. E. E. Alexander, Pharmacist, John A. Andrew Me-

morial Hospital; Dr. Frank E. Steele; Dr. Cyril A. Walwyn; Major John R. Welch, Commandant, Tuskegee Institute. Committee members are shown on picture are Colonel E. H. Dibble Jr., Manager, U. S. Veterans Hospital, Tuskegee, Alabama; Luther H. Foster Jr., Treasurer, Tuskegee Institute; Louis A. Rabb, Business Officer, John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital; Captain LeRoy Weeks and Captain T. L. Pinkney, U. S. Army Medical Corps, Tuskegee Army Air Field.—(ANP Photo.)

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