

## Prominent "Frat" Bartendress In Mysterious Love Triangle

### PORTLANDERS ARE BAFFLED AS THE EVENTS UNFOLD

By Chesley E. Corbett

As a clap of thunder from a clear sky came the news last week that the lady-bartendress at the Oregon Fraternal Association was wedded to one, Mr. Willie Fitzgerald, in Vancouver, Washington.

Soon this news began to spread as "prairie fires". . . Tongues began to wag, telephones were busy, friends gathered in circles to talk, each asking the question, "Is this authentic? Can it be true? How can it? No! It can't be true! Because lady, Mrs. Anna Edwards is already married to Mr. Henry (Hank) Edwards and they live at 1362 N. Benton Ave., where they purchased and furnished a beautiful home last December," however, after the excitement all was found out that it was true, so far as a form of wedding ceremony is concerned, that the parties, aforesaid, entered into a wedding ceremony in Vancouver, Washington, over a week before the news was circulated, however, the strange and most peculiar thing about it all was that even after the supposed marriage, Mrs. Fitzgerald didn't leave her home and remained in the same house with Mr. Edwards, who didn't know anything about the details outlined above.

Almost two weeks after the alleged marriage Mr. Edwards at last discovered or heard about it and after an investigation found out that it was true; at that time the "bride and groom" had gone to Seattle, Washington, leaving two girls, the children of another marriage of Mrs. Edwards, with Mr. Edwards, the girls are of "teen ages" ranging somewhere from 9 to 14.

Mr. Edwards was frantic. He was almost insane and raced about the street in a dazed manner.

Trusting and hoping that he was wrongly informed he would accost friend after friend and relate his tale of woe, only to find out that they already knew, and had known for over a week the facts.

Mr. Edwards then got in touch with Mrs. Edwards' mother, in Chicago, Ill., by phone and broke the news to her; later she wrote to him and sent a very sweet, consoling and sad epistle expressing her view of the affairs.

From the contents of her letter and the information given to Edwards, Mrs. Edward was not and is not now, divorced from her former husband, Mr. Steward, the father of the two children, who still lives in Chicago, Ill.

Her mother got in touch with him and he, like her mother, couldn't understand why she would do such a thing; they expressed the opinion that she must be in a daze or under some hallucination, that would cause her to leave her home, children and to bring reproach upon all.

From what we have been reliably informed Mr. Edwards has been striving to ascertain if Mrs. Edwards had secured her divorce and has been trying to have her legally wed him since she came here from Chicago. They purchased the property as husband and wife, and have held themselves out to the public as such; however common law marriages are not recognized in Portland.

There is still another angle to this triangle—there is a lady who lives on N. Ross Ave., who is, so we are reliably informed, about to be confined, and who is supposed to be the wife, or sweetheart, of Mr. Fitzgerald. When approached by a reporter she like Mr. Edward, didn't know about this affair and was putting all her hopes and trust in Fitzgerald, who recently returned from overseas where he is a member of the Merchant marines.

Friends of all parties concerned tried to comfort and console Mr. Edwards and the lady on Ross St. as best they could.

Then, behold, Sunday last Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are seen together, seemingly happy and enjoying themselves at "The Fraternal Hall." He was at the jute book and for several times he played this number "THAT'S WHEN HEART ACHES BEGIN" and particularly this line "When you find your sweetheart in the arms of some one else." Yes, that is where heart aches begin.

Mrs. Edwards turned in her keys to Mr. Baker of the Fraternal hall without comment. As we go to press we do not know the final outcome, we understand that Mrs. Edwards was last seen with her children on Benton, we do not know where Mr. Fitzgerald is, nor what attitude the former husband of Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Steward, of Chicago, or the lady on Ross Ave., expectant mother, will take, everything is in a quandry.

Your editor regrets that the affairs are so complicated, he personally knows the Edwards and Mr. Fitzgerald and has the highest regard for all. This much is known, and from a legal standpoint, that without a divorce from the husband in Chicago, neither of the marriages, whether by



Frank Boyd, newly elected Chairman of the Twin Cities District OPA Labor Advisory Committee, is shown between Daniel Thomas Cruse, OPA Regional Labor Adviser and Dr. Carel C. Koch, OPA District Director for St. Paul, Minn.

### A Correction Please

In last week's issue, page one we stated that Dr. Robert N. Joyner was president of the Portland and Vancouver Branches of the N. A. A. C. P. This is a mistake; he is only president of the Portland Branch.

Mr. Mark Smith is the efficient and capable president of the Vancouver Branch and is doing a swell job and getting results.

Court or common law, are legal; that there cannot be any prosecution of the lady, unless it is by the husband in Chicago and, we are reliably informed, he will not do this.

We feel especially sorry for the children, whom, we are informed, have been subjected to quite a bit of embarrassment by inquisitive schoolmates at school asking pointed questions after listening to adult gossip.

Yes, there is a triangle, more than a triangle, because with the lady on Ross Ave., who soon is expected to be a mother, the fate of four people hang in the balance.

The question is, is Mrs. Edwards' mother correct? Was she in a daze when swept off her feet by young Fitzgerald that caused her to forsake Edwards, children and sacrifice her honor and taint her name to go through the form or ceremony? Or was she under some unknown intoxicating influences? What possessed Fitzgerald to forget the little lady on Ross Ave., and his expectant heir and do such a foolish and rash act? What are the subtle or governing influences that prompt and urge Mr. Edwards, after all the comment, notoriety, and gossip, to again be with Mrs. Edwards at Fraternal hall and welcome and receive her back home, after all that has passed? These, and similar questions baffle and puzzle the citizen Portland. Mrs. Edwards has certainly given the people of the City of Ross, a Real Triangle and much to gossip about.

### Young Society Miss Weds

Miss Dolly Young, 2017 N. E. Rodney Ave., announces the marriage of her daughter, Joe Anna Young, in Vancouver, Wash., Thursday, March 7th by Rev. J. F. Smith of the First A. M. E. Zion church, Portland, to Mr. Arthur Bradford, of Seattle, Wash. It was a quiet, but beautiful ceremony and witnessed by her grandmother, Mrs. Joe Anna Page, her uncle, A. G. (Charlie) Garrett, and a personal friend of the family, Mr. S. A. Kiser.

They are residing in Seattle, Washington.

The many friends of the bride and groom wish them happiness and success. The Portland Inquirer's staff join in congratulating the happy couple and bid them luck.

### Vanport Community Church Baby Blessing

It is requested by the pastor and members of the church that all babies of Vanport up to ten months old be brought to the church and blessed in an annual affair that will be held in Van-



GOOD GOODS—Anthony Federoff of CIO; Bennett S. Chapple, Jr., chairman Employee's Contribution Division; Harry A. Tevis of AFL; and John P. Busarello of the United Mine Workers, who work together as leaders of the Pittsburgh Chapter American Red Cross 1946 Fund Campaign, are shown examining some of the cloth used by Red Cross workers at the production center to make warm, comforting garments for those in need. Contributions during this one month of March will help the Red Cross to continue its services to servicemen and civilians throughout the year and around the globe.

### CHURCHILL GETS "NO!" TO NEXT WAR BUILD-UP

From People's Voice

Winston Churchill's "let's gang up on Russia" speech at Fulton, Missouri, March 5th—if anything further were necessary—was the final stroke that labelled him in the eyes of the Negro public as Warmonger No. 1 and the A-1 oppressor of the colonial peoples of the world, judging by the violently unfavorable reactions of Negro leaders everywhere. Everywhere, there was resentment and shame that the oppressor of hundreds of millions in the British colonial empire, flatly repudiated by his own countrymen in the British electoral landslide to the Labor Party, should have found a platform in the United States to express ideas that World War II had been fought to wipe out.

Everywhere there was indignation that President Truman should have been his silent and evidently acquiescing partner in this speech. The accusation that Truman was a collaborator in the Churchill speech was given foundation in reports that Secretary of State Byrnes and Bernard Baruch, Truman adviser, flew to Miami for conferences with the former prime minister, two days before the speech, and the common knowledge that a foreign politician would hardly make a revolutionary political proposal in the presence of a head of a state without prior consultation with him.

Channing Tobias, national secretary of the YMCA, briefly summarized the reaction of all to Churchill's proposal for a US-British alliance against the Soviet Union. Quoting the *Atlanta Constitution*, he said: "Mr. Churchill, the answer is NO!"

port, March 31, 11:30 a. m. Sunday at Recreation Center No. 2. Rev. B. T. Carey, Pastor.

Colonial Oppressors

Britain's role as a colonial oppressor and respect for the Soviet Union as an ally in the war against fascism was reiterated in almost every statement. The joint letter from Paul Robeson and Dr. Max Yergan, in the name of the Council on African Affairs, to President Truman said:

"Mr. Churchill proposed an alliance which is aimed at preserving the British imperialist system with the help of American troops. He castigated an ally, which only yesterday played a leading role in saving both great Britain and our country from defeat by the forces of fascism. He deliberately omitted any reference to the widespread suppression by Great Britain of the struggle for freedom among the colonial and semi-colonial peoples of Africa, India, Indo-

nesia and elsewhere. In these respects, we regard Mr. Churchill's speech as a call to war upon the Soviet Union, and continued oppression of colonial peoples. We do not believe the American people will stand for that.

"That the President of the United States introduced Mr. Churchill and sat upon the platform while his speech was being delivered, adds to the affront and makes Americans question whether Mr. Churchill was speaking not only for himself and the Brit-

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### Grand Exalted Ruler Postpones Portland Visit

Officers of the Billy Webb Lodge of I. B. P. O. E., in Portland, received word that Hon. J. Finley Wilson, the Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks will not be able to come to Portland at the present time, or before the Grand Lodge, which is held in August.

Prior to receiving this information Mr. Wilson had planned to come to Portland and deliver an address to the public and tour other parts of the Northwest; however important national problems and affairs within the confines of his Order demanded his time.

We all regret this as the Exalted Ruler is a "FINE BILL," a Courageous Leader, and an eloquent speaker.

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