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Grand Master returns from conference



Elijah Graham

M.W. Grand Master Elijah Graham Grand Master of the most worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oregon. Have just return from Jackson, Mississippi. Where he attend the 52nd conference of Grand Masters the key note speaker at the convention was Dr. Leon Sullivan. Who is the founder of the (OIC) from Philadelphia Penna. The conference next year will be in St. Paul, Minnesota.

3 Promoted To General

Three Negro officers are among 80 colonels approved by President Nixon for promotion to brigadier general.

Roscoe C. Cartwright, 49, a native of Kansas City, Kas., is one of the three. The other two are Oliver Dillard, 44, who was born in Alabama and James F. Hamlet, a native of Alliance, Ohio. Their promotions were announced by Brigadier General Daniel James, the only Negro general in the Air Force. The Navy had announced that Captain Samuel Gravelly Jr., who was nominated last month to become the first black admiral, is being assigned to the Pentagon as chief of naval communications.

The promotions will give the Army four Negro generals on active duty. The black Army general, who now wears a star, is Major General Frederic Davison.

Contract To Black Firm

LOS ANGELES. — Congressman Augustus F. Hawkins (D-Cal.) announced from his Los Angeles office the granting of a Navy Department contract to the Southern California Manufacturing company. The contract was first given to SBA who in turn gave it to Southern California Manufacturing company. Thirty-nine oscillators are to be manufactured for the Navy.

Jerry E. Johnson of 5917 South Main Street is the president of Southern California Manufacturing company. "The contract is in excess of \$5,000. There is a continuing need for granting of contracts to the black manufacturers if blacks are truly going to be absorbed into the overall business economy. The negotiated bids as well as the competitive bids should take blacks into serious consideration," stated Congressman Hawkins.

San Francisco covers 44.6 square miles.

Blacks 'Tested Out' of employment

LOS ANGELES.—One of the major instruments used to discriminate racially in employment is testing. Blacks are "tested out" of job programs in a range extending from the apprenticeship trades through the teaching profession.

The California State Commission on Fair Employment Practices initiated a study on testing for employment in the San Francisco Bay area in 1967 in which it was stated that knowledge and achievement tests yield employment information subject to biased use.

However, it is also recognized that persons from poverty and black communities tend to perform poorly on these tests, and are frequently rejected for employment due to low scores. In many instances tests are used deliberately to exclude blacks. Other than color itself, tests constitute a barrier that is an accessory to unfair employment practices.

Contractors sometimes use tests to regulate and control their work forces. Tests are sometimes used to blatantly deny blacks equal opportunity for hiring, transfer, training, promotion, or retention.

The validity of tests is highly questionable, for in the main they attempt to determine, not true intelligence and ability to perform a particular job, but academic training in schools which is often not job related and hence not relevant. Actual cases can be cited to substantiate this.

Prominent among these was the Court case of Duke vs. Briggs, where the Duke Power company of North Carolina refused to promote black laborers to be coal handlers because they flunked a test full of verbal and mathematical puzzles that had nothing to do with the jobs involved.

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Another flagrant instance was cited by Time magazine of Mar. 1, 1971, where in New York, to become an apprentice steam fitter, applicants had to pass a test which asked about Shakespeare's work, Dante's Brachs, and Whitman. They had to know that Dali is a painter, and the meaning of fancy words such as "debutante" and "modiste." This test weeded out 66 per cent.

With the increase of welfare clients and with some people who are hungry, Mrs. Viviane Barnett says, "Why don't you plant a garden for the hungry?"

This is the fourth season for Green Fingers. The project originated by Viviane Barnett reports that they still have packets containing 10 kinds of vegetable seeds they would like to give away... for you to

grow for yourself or to grow vegetables for the hungry. "People march for the hungry, protest for the hungry, and beg for the hungry," says Mrs. Barnett. "Why not plant a garden for the hungry?" Indeed, why not? If you are interested in picking up a free packet of seeds, they are available at 27N, Killingsworth Street, but it might be well to call 289-7354.



MRS. VIVIANE BARNETT

Why don't you plant garden for the hungry?

against miscegenation dating back to 1622, the Sepia article by Ted Stewart notes that legal sanctions against

Tracing the history of laws

Yok Sepia quotes famed sociologist Ralph Linton as predicting that mixed marriage will become so common in the future that in 200 years "there will not be enough recognizable Negroes left in this country to constitute a problem."

Even the most zealous of race leaders retreat gingerly from the issue of intermarriage, never willing to become its proponents and always seeking to turn to other racial issues where the odds against losing are more favorable. Their reasoning is that interracial marriage is not and never can be a cause, an aspiration, an end in itself.

So contends writer Ted Stewart in a highly controversial article, "Why Interracial Marriage Is Increasing" in the May issue of Sepia magazine. Names of 48 leading black notables who have wed whites are listed by Ted Stewart in Sepia, a leading black monthly magazine which reports that the total number of mixed marriages in the U. S. now exceed 1,000,000.

The reason often is that "a mate of another race is an unspoken status symbol, an escape from the bonds of color and a mark of success no less than a mink or Cadillac." So contends writer Ted Stewart in a highly controversial article, "Why Interracial Marriage Is Increasing" in the May issue of Sepia magazine. Names of 48 leading black notables who have wed whites are listed by Ted Stewart in Sepia, a leading black monthly magazine which reports that the total number of mixed marriages in the U. S. now exceed 1,000,000.

Why do large numbers of successful Negroes in business and entertainment have white wives and husbands?

The answer could be "racial revenge", a way to hit back at white America.

Why do many racial militants marry white rather than black wives?

intermarriage failed long before the U. S. Supreme Court declared them unconstitutional. But the writer notes: "It remains to be seen whether life that nobody—and that goes for both whites and blacks—openly advocates in intermarriage... nobody except those who marry across the color line... not particularly advocates or champions as an object or goal."

SPINGARN MEDALIST. — The Rev. Leon H. Sullivan, founder and chairman of the board of the Opportunities Industrial Center, Philadelphia, has been named the 56th Spingarn medalist. Presentation of the award will be made July 6 at the 62nd annual N.A.A.C.P. convention in Minneapolis, Minn.



NEW YORK.—The Rev. Dr. Leon H. Sullivan, spiritual leader, social activist and business pioneer, has been named to receive the 56th Spingarn Medal, Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, announced here Tuesday, May 11.

'Why Interracial Marriage Is Increasing' Discussed in Sepia

Dr. Sullivan is cited for "the inspiration and resourcefulness with which he has transmuted the social gospel into economic progress for his people... his role in preparing his constituents to take advantage of the opportunities won by mobilizing their economic power for group advancement... and for the singular steadfastness with which he has molded religious leadership and social vision for the advancement of black folk."

Last year the medal was awarded to Jacob Lawrence, the distinguished artist. Earlier recipients include Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall, Senator Edward W. Brooke, Jackie Robinson, Duke Ellington, Roy Wilkins and Clarence Mitchell.

The award was instituted in 1914 by the late J. E. Spingarn, then chairman of the N.A.A.C.P. board of directors, who, annually until his death in 1939, gave a gold medal to be awarded to a Negro American for distinguished achievement during the preceding year or years. Mr. Spingarn left a fund sufficient to continue the award "to perpetuate the lifelong interest of my brother, Arthur B. Spingarn, of my wife, Amy E. Spingarn, and of myself in the achievement of the American Negro."

"Inside the Vietnam Black World" off press named PSU speaker

The Institute of the Black World, which separated from the Martin Luther King Memorial Center in Atlanta last summer, has published the first issue of its newsletter, "Inside the Black World." Last fall, the Institute signed an agreement with Fisk and Howard universities for the establishment of a Research Consortium on the Black Experience. IBW also has worked out joint publication arrangements with poet Don L. Lee and his Third World Press for the Institute's Black Paper Series. The Institute, which is headed by Dr. Vincent Harding, is attempting to raise a budget of approximately \$200,000 a year through contributions and contracts. ("Inside the Black World," Institute of the Black World, 87 Chestnut St., S. W., Atlanta Ga. 30314)

John Forbes Kerry, holder of the Bronze and Silver Stars and leader of the April veterans protest in Washington against the Indochina war, has been selected as Portland State University's June commencement speaker.

The 27-year-old Yale graduate and former commander of a Mekong delta river boat describes himself as "still a moderate" and adds, "I'm not a radical in any sense of the word. I guess I'm just an angry young man."

Kerry spent three and a half years in the Navy. He was wounded three times during his tour of duty in Vietnam. He recalls: "I began thinking about the war when I was a skipper of a swift boat on rivers over there, and I got into serious arguments about our shooting at targets we did not see, at the free-fire zone, at sampans. You might see a person in a boat, or representatives of agencies working in the Model Cities area. If they were VC, what was the morality of that?"

Kerry left Vietnam in March, 1969, and took a job as an admiral's aide in New York City. He obtained an early release from the Navy so he could run for Congress on an anti-war platform in his home district of Waltham Mass. After campaigning for a month, he withdrew and threw his support to the Rev. Robert F. Drinan, the Jesuit who was elected to Congress last November.

Kerry, married to a former Navy nurse who also saw duty in Vietnam, says the Vietnam Veterans against the war organization is "determined to work within the system; we are totally nonviolent and non-aggressive."

Mr. Bill Mack, Citizens Participation Information Specialist for Model Cities extended an invitation to representatives of all agencies of Model Cities area. Call Mrs. Lillie Walker 288-8261, Ext. 38 or Bill Mack at Ext. 30 to confirm attendance.

MODEL CITIES LUNCHEON SET AT MANAGERS 27th

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Mr. Charles Jordan, Director of Model Cities program was the speaker at the first meeting of series which was held on April 22.

The purpose of the meeting is to exchange ideas and learn what others are doing in the field. It is a time to share ideals and experiences.

The speaker for the luncheon to be held May 27, 12:00 noon at the Managers Restaurant NE Alberta and 10th Avenue is Mr. David Nero, Director of Operation Step-Up.

NAACP INSURANCE AVAILABLE

The Portland NAACP Federal Credit Union of 2752 N. Williams Ave., Portland, Ore., has qualified for federal insurance of members' share accounts (up to \$20,000 each), Mr. James Lee, President, announced.

Similar to insurance available to banks and savings and loans organizations, the credit union share insurance program is administered by the National Credit Union Administration, an independent agency of the Federal Government. It is authorized by legislation approved by President Nixon in October 1970, and effective for the first time in January 1971.

The Portland NAACP Federal Credit Union here was chartered in 1957. With a membership of 605 among the Portland

Branch NAACP, and with assets of \$178,768.24, it will pay a premium for its insurance this year 1/12 of one percent of its share accounts, the same fee paid by all credit unions, state-chartered or federal. By law the insurance is mandatory for the latter, optional for the former.

Officers of the Portland NAACP Federal Credit Union are: Mr. James Lee, President; Mrs. Gertrude Crowe, Vice-President; Mr. Chauncey Hays Secretary; Mrs. Sylvia N. Thompson, Treasurer; Mr. David M. Andrews, Assistant Treasurer. Board members are: Mr. C. C. McCorvey, Mr. E. W. Smith, Mr. William Kinney, Mr. Samuel Redditt, Mr. L.C. Ellison, Mrs. Mildred Spicer, Mr. C. A. White and Mrs. Alice Butler.

The beginning of Black Enterprise Week was celebrated by a Soul Food Dinner held at the Sheraton Hotel on May 23rd. The affair was sponsored by the Albina Waiters, Waitresses and Bartenders Association.

Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Banquet



DR. JAMES A. GOODMAN

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Also Vice Provost for Special Programs and Acting Chairman U.W., Dr. Goodman is expected to focus his remarks on "The Relevance of Education."

His previous teaching experience has been in the fields of Human Growth and Behavior and Social Environment at the University of Minnesota, the University of Southern California and the California College of Medicine.

An Associate Professor of Sociology, Dr. Goodman was



CLARA MAE WALKER PEOPLES

Assistance To Needy

Community Care Seeks help

Community Care, a program whose aim is to see that no adult or child shall go hungry in the Portland Metropolitan area, is now busily working in permanent quarters at 2022 NE Alberta.

Mrs. Clara Peoples reports that the operation seeks to acquire, store and distribute food products, clothing and other necessities in order to supplement the needs of families in the community.

"People can keep their dignity and not be insulted in their time of need," Mrs. Peoples said. She explained that the program came into being to make maximum use of existing sources of fresh produce, other food-stuffs, clothing and items required to maintain the minimum health and well being of recipients.

There is great need for volunteers to collect, harvest and distribute, store and preserve food stuffs, Mrs. Peoples reported. The number to call to receive help and to volunteer is 288-8321.

Besides food, the program offers all kinds of discount services and items such as drug store items, fuel oil, attorney services, moving trailer, carpenters, plumbers, painters, hairdressing, cleaners, automotive fuel and printing services.

"These services will help the low-income families to stretch their money, food-stamps and requisitions," Mrs. Peoples said.

Chief Social Worker at the Alcoholic Clinic of the Los Angeles City Health Department from 1960-1963 and spent the following year as director of Social Services for the Health Department.

Proceeds from the Martin Luther King banquet will be used toward providing scholarship money for students attending Portland State University in the fall.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10. per person and may be obtained at the PSU Martin Luther King Jr. Office or the Box Office, both in Smith Memorial Center; Stevens and Son; House of Sound and the Gazebo in the lone Plaza.

The reception begins at 6:30; dinner is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Youth election held

Youth of the Model Cities area elected 8 youth members and 8 alternate members to the newly formed Youth Affairs Council in a moderate turnout Friday afternoon from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. balloting took place at the 8 model neighborhood elementary schools, Woodlawn, Vernon, King, Sahin, Irvington, Boise, Humboldt, and Eliot.

Those elected to the Council are: Brenda Jackson, Beverly Warren, and Shelly Croom of 7th and 8th grade age; Gerald Delaney, Sherry Taylor, and Ricky Coxoff of high school age; and Jackie Strong and Donald Lincoln of college age.

Alternates with the next highest votes in each age category are: Diane Jordan, Brenda White, and Gary Lewis of 7th and 8th grade age; Regina Warren, Nadine Jordan, and a four-way tie for third alternate between Floyd Young, Adam Mashia, Bobbie Davis, and Ricky Eaton of high school age; and James Tims and Pamela Boyer of college age.

Over 190 ballots were cast for over 80 candidates. Persons voting and running for the Council had to be between the ages of 13 and 22 and reside within the Model Cities area. Eight adults elected earlier from among representatives of Model Cities area youth agencies will join with the new youth members to constitute the Council.

CAUCUS REPORT

by Archie Easter, Jr.

The National Conference on Social Welfare held in Dallas, Texas from May 15-21 was a success. It was attended by people from all over the U.S. Oregon was represented by Mrs. T. T. Jernamy, Cynthia Thomas, Phyllis Benton and Archie Easter, Jr., all working and attending school in the field of Social Work. The most outstanding session in the conference was the Black Caucus chaired by Jay Chunn from Chicago, Ill.

We as a people formed our strategy within the conference setting forward that the Black Man's strength lies within the frame work of togetherness and laid down goals and ways to combat institutional racism which is going full steam ahead in this country.

Minority Business Week Gets Underway;

Black enterprise week

See pages 5 and 7 for pictures and story of Black Enterprise Week Displays.

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