

Minister of the Year Award

The Portland Observer Minister of the Year award will be presented at a banquet tentatively set for February 20th at St. Andrews Parish Hall. The minister of the year was chosen by observer readers who voted for the minister they believed had done the most for his congregation and the community.

Awards will also be presented to additional outstanding ministers of the community.

The proceeds from the banquet will be given to the Albina Ministerial Alliance to be divided between the AMA Family Day and Night Care Program and the AMA Summer Youth Program.

The AMA Family Day and Night Care Program which is partially funded by Model Cities and the Metropolitan Area 4-C Council, provides care for 165 children in license Day Care Homes. The AMA Summer Program provides recreation, educational experiences, and field trips the summer vacation.



Zodiac Tea Committee

Emma Williams, Katie Haynes, Minnie Johnson and Gladys Darly, members of the Zodiac Tea Committee of Bethel AME Church, invite the public to a Smorgasbord on Saturday, January 8th at noon.

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She became a permanent Oregon resident in 1948 and married a Portlander, Carl Henry Deiz, business manager of the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory. Following her admission to the Oregon State Bar in 1960, she served on the Youth Commission of Portland and served on its executive committee.

Her community service work currently includes:

Chairman of the Oregon Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission; Board of Trustees of Lewis and Clark College, of Good Samaritan Hospital and of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry Counseling Service. Judge Deiz was recently appointed by Governor McCall to serve as one of four judicial representatives of the Commission on Judicial Reform.

Furrier enters race for Mayor of Portland



Ed Hamilton

Furrier Ed Hamilton has announced he will be a candidate for mayor of Portland in this year's election.

Taxes, which he says are "rampantly out of line," will be one of his main campaign issues. He is calling for economy in city government to reduce them.

Hamilton said he is opposed to a city income tax.

He said he would work to clean up what he called physical and moral pollution in the city. He described drugs and vandalism as examples of moral pollution.

The mayoral candidate said he favors the consolidation of city and county governments.

Hamilton, 70, has been in the fur business for half a century. He has owned and

operated a fur and leather business in Portland since 1947.

He said that if he is elected mayor, his fur shop at 922 SW Morrison St. would continue to be operated by his wife and two sons, Joseph and David.

Hamilton has been active in civic activities.

In 1956, he was chairman of a March of Dimes campaign that raised \$250,477. In 1969-70, he was chairman of the state Cancer Crusade. He is a member of the executive committee of the Oregon Cancer Society.

He served as president of

the Portland Council of the Navy League of America from 1965 to 1967.

Hamilton is a past member of the Zoo Commission and is a member of Multnomah Athletic Club, International Club, Portland Chamber of Commerce, Retail Trade Bureau and Better Business Bureau.

An issue that serves great importance in his campaign is that which states "Equal chances for equal ability regardless of color, creed or sex." This issue, along with many others, shall serve the City of Portland greatly in the future.

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Corvallis NAACP makes impact

Nearly one year ago the Corvallis Branch, NAACP was organized. The branch has made great progress during its first year, under the able leadership of President Calvin O. Henry.

Corvallis has for years been an "all white" town and the small black community that is located there now is made up almost entirely of students of Oregon State University and their families. Although few in number they are making an impact in the Corvallis area and have brought racial injustices to

light in a conservative, rural area of Oregon that thought it had no problem.

The NAACP branch, which has quadrupled its membership in less than a year, has also enlisted white support for its programs.

Highlights of the first year's operation include the following:

February 7 - The Corvallis Branch was born at a Sunday afternoon organization meeting at the Corvallis First United Methodist Church.

April - The first annual Corvallis Branch Freedom Fund Banquet drew more than 200 guests to the Towne House

to hear an inspiring and informative talk by Belton Hamilton, former chief counsel of the Civil Rights Division of the Oregon State Bureau of Labor. The Branch Charter was presented at the banquet.

March - Barbara Watson's Community Coordination Committee sent out 316 letters to Corvallis area organizations indicating the availability of speakers to tell about the NAACP. The Education Committee, headed by Dr. Wilbert Gamble, prepared a survey of the Corvallis School System to determine where the system stood in regard to civil rights and attitudes toward racial minorities. The Labor and Industries Committee, ascertain the needs of black people in the Corvallis area in employment. The branch sent letters to community organizations criticizing the plans for holding a party for Corvallis High School Seniors at the Elks Club because of the "whites only" policy of the Elks.

April - The Labor and Industry Committee launched a survey of employers in the Corvallis - Albany-Philomath area to identify man-power needs and racial attitudes.

May - The Corvallis Branch protested the plans for holding

the Corvallis/Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at the Elks Club.

The breakfast was held there anyway but liberal coverage of both city administration and NAACP positions helped bring the issue to the attention of the community. The Church Work Committee, co-chaired by Bob Kingsbury and Willie Banks asked all churches to participate in an NAACP sponsored "Freedom Sunday" on May 10th.

July - A garage sale, sponsored by the Freedom Fund Committee, raised funds to send delegates to the NAACP National Convention and for the Mississippi Relief Fund.

July - The Corvallis NAACP Youth Council held its first meeting with Steve Warnath as president and Jim and Becky Marshall as advisors. President Henry and Youth Council President Warnath attended the National NAACP Convention in Minneapolis.

October - the Corvallis Branch hosted the Northwest Area Conference of Branches Conference. The Political Action Committee, headed by Harry Goheen, launched a voter registration drive.

November - The new office opened at 2305 Monroe Street.

Safety law takes effect

While the New Year will bring many bowlegged, it will also bring problems to many business firms. According to information received by the National Federation of Independent Business, full enforcement of the Williams-Steiger Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1970 will get underway.

And while the title of the new law may carry the connotation

of something applicable only to the big industrial complexes, the provisions of the regulations, down to the smallest enterprises.

The regulations that have been developed by the department were published in the Federal Register, an official government publication of limited circulation, but publication of regulations in their register immediately acquire

the force of law.

Since that publication, Labor Department officials say that a limited inspection has so far found only 21 percent of the inspected firms not in violation.

The regulations are so specifically spelled out that it is possible many proprietors will be found in violation of them without knowing such violations exist.

Portable sanding belts must be equipped with what is called "nip guards" which protect the operator's finger where the sanding belt goes around the pulley. Many of the regulations require features on replacement glass, motor vehicle lights and mountings, seat belts, motorcycle helmets and brake fluid have not been approved.

At the present time, Oregon requires all safety equipment manufacturers to submit a laboratory report indicating the item has been approved either by the Society of Automotive Engineers or the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators through its vehicle equipment safety commission.

Ott indicated he believes the program will help protect the consumer from unknowingly buying inferior or inadequate safety equipment and that he believes all responsible manufacturers, jobbers and others will be anxious to cooperate in the Division's effort to strengthen this law.

Further information can be obtained by writing or calling the Traffic Safety Programs Section of the Motor Vehicles Division.

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