

Religion in the News



The AME Zion Church was organized in 1862 by a small group of Oregon blacks. The first church building was occupied in 1869 and was located on 3rd Avenue. A new church was built in 1883, located on S.W. 13th and Main. Pictured above is the church building located on Williams Avenue and San Rafael, which was occupied in 1917.

Portland Early Black Churches

The first black church in Portland was the People's Church which was established in 1862. In 1874 it became the First A.M.E. Zion Church and was located on Third Street between Burnside and Couch. In 1883 it moved to Williams Avenue.

The People's A. M. E. Church was located at 126 13th Street in 1894. In 1897 it moved to 68 Tenth Street.

Bethel A.M.E. Church was established in 1889 by a small group of Portland Christians who met in the home of Brother Philip Jenkins. Bishop B. F. Lee admitted this group and appointed Rev. S. S. Freeman of Pasadena, California, to be pastor. The church has several locations over a period of time: S.W. Sixth Avenue and Stark Street; N. W. 13th and Everett; N. W. 10th Avenue and Davis; and in 1915 at N. Larrabee and McMillin.

Mt. Olivet Church was the first black Baptist Church in Oregon. It was established in 1876 and moved to 85 Seventh Street in 1900. In 1907 it moved to 1st and Schuyler. Shiloh Baptist was organized in 1915 to serve the growing numbers of black people in the Montavilla area. It was located at 76th and N.E. Everett.

St. Philip's Episcopal Mission was organized in 1907 and became a mission to blacks in 1912, with a white minister. Before 1912 black Episcopalians attended Cathedral. The mission moved to 242 Russell in May of 1919.



Rev. Lee Owen Stone

"The Evergreen Memories

of Rev. Lee O. Stone"

On February 20, 1972, the Parish Hall will be the setting for the 35th "Green Tea" sponsored by St. Philip's Episcopal Church, located at N. E. Knott and Rodney. The theme this year is "The Evergreen Memories of the Rev. Lee O. Stone" to commemorate 35 years of continuous service to his church and community. A few of the events Rev. Stone will recall with us are, in 1949 he was a delegate for the Episcopal Church to the Biennial Meeting of the Federal Council of Churches. He was elected four times by the Diocese of Oregon to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. He has been a member of the Diocesan Council and several Diocesan Departments.

Rev. Stone has been equally as active in the community. He is a member of the Boys and Girls Aid Trustee Board. He is a former board member of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross and served as chairman of the Chapter's Service to Military Families Committee. In 1969 he served as a member of the Organization Committee for the National Convention of the American Red Cross. He is a former board member of the Multnomah County U.S.O., North Branch YMCA, Portland Urban League, Portland NAACP, and the Council of Social Agencies.

Rev. Stone can be especially proud of St. Philip's Preschool for children, three and four years of age. Eight years ago he organized the program financed by the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. At the end of the second year, the Portland School System began its Head Start program for preschoolers from low income families. Rather than discontinue the school, Rev. Stone offered the facilities to middle income families to set up a cooperative pre-school. The parents pay tuition and each mother must take her turn as teacher-helper. Rev. Stone indicated that "no child has been turned away because his parents could not pay."

"We have received gifts from churches and individuals which enable us to give scholarships. We do, however, ask all parents to pay at least \$1.00 per month, as we feel this gives both the parents and the child a sense of pride."

It is the pre-school's policy to seek out three and four-year old youngsters from the several racial, religious, economic and cultural backgrounds of the northeast Portland area.

We are extending an invitation to friends and the public to join us from 1 to 5 p.m. to celebrate this occasion. The general chairman is Mrs. Margaret Young.

Grand Emancipation Celebration.

The Colored People of Oregon will celebrate the SIXTH ANNIVERSARY of the emancipation of Four Millions of Bondsmen in the United States of America.

— IN THE —
CITY OF PORTLAND,

— AT THE —
COUNTY COURT HOUSE,

JANUARY 1st, 1860, AT 10 O'CLOCK P. M.,

— BY —
ORATION, POEM, MUSIC, Vocal and Instrumental,

AND OTHER LITERARY EXERCISES.

— BY THE —
Right Reverend BISHOP WARD,

Of the African Methodist Episcopal Mission.

THE PUBLIC ARE RESPECTFULLY INVITED.

SA receives gifts

A gift of 30 new school-type stacking chairs was presented to The Salvation Army last week for use in its Youth Center at 711 N.E. Dekum and the Community Center at 932 N. Shaver. They were given by the Northeast Portland Optimists Club.

Captain Ralph Hood, division youth officer for The Salvation Army and in charge of the two facilities, commented: "This is a very important kind of help for these two centers. Both are trying to do a monumental work in their communities with limited resources."

The chairs, in bright blue, orange and gold colors, are of hard fiber plastic with reinforced backs. Lightweight and easily stacked, they can be moved readily and serve many purposes. Half will be used at the Dekum Street Center, where John Newmaster is director, and half at the Shaver Center, where Leon Smith is the supervisor.

Representing the Northeast Portland Optimists Club at the presentation were Ed Clark, vice president, and Henry Dines, secretary. Lt. Colonel Minnie Belle Shennan, who was in Portland for a youth visitation from San Francisco, also was present. She is Territorial Youth Secretary for The Salvation Army.

V of A builds center

The Volunteers of America broke ground February 8 for a new family care center at S.E. 7th and Ash St., Portland.

The \$250,000 two story structure will house VOA's programs in marital counseling, child care training and home making. The facility will also replace the home for mothers and children, one of the VOA's original programs to strengthen families threatened with disintegration.

Helping kick off construction was General John F. McMahon, VOA national commander in chief. He was in Portland to attend VOA's western regional conference and 75th anniversary celebration.

"We receive referrals for our family care facility from throughout Oregon," said the Portland post's executive director, Adjutant Velma Joy Burnie. "Our new building will allow us to consolidate services for families at one site adjacent to our day nursery, the Ballington home and our Portland post headquarters."

Frost interviews Irish

The disparate views of Catholics and Protestants in strife-torn Northern Ireland (Ulster) will be heard during equal-time portions of "The David Frost Show", Monday, February 21st at 9:00 p.m. over KPTV. For the program David Frost went to Londonderry to speak with Catholics and to Belfast to talk with Protestants.

In discussion with Catholic members of the Ulster population, David talks about their support of the IRA (Irish Republican Army), the effect that the recent actions of the British Army have had on Catholic support for the IRA and the idea that the current Irish troubles is related more to British imperialism in Ireland than to religious conflicts.

Talking with Protestants in Belfast, David is told that communists are using the IRA organization to stir up trouble between the Irish and the English. They add that they are opposed to a unification of Northern and Southern Ireland, because they do not want their country ruled from Rome. Importantly, they com-

ment on the fact that they are not opposed to Catholics, but only to the IRA and its supporters. Unlike the Catholics David speaks with, the Protestants want the British Army (which they call their own forces) to remain in Ulster and are vigorously opposed to a United Nations peace keeping mission in their country.



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Dirty water prophecy comes true

As a result of their minister's prophecy, (Bishop L.W. Osborne, Sr.) members of Faith Tabernacle Church, (Jesus Name Church) located at 7015 N.E. 23rd Street, have been storing water for several years. Some in small containers and others in large 5 gallon bottles. Bishop Osborne predicted over 5 years ago, that Portland's water was going to become scarce and contaminated. He didn't state the cause, but cautioned his parishioners to change the water every six months, as the time was not at hand but would surely come.

Praise the Lord for pure clear water in the midst of muddy reservoirs in Portland.



Bishop L.W. Osborne

Obituary

EVA LENA STONE

Eva Lena Stone, of 6920 NE 27th Ave., died February 13, 1972 at Providence Hospital. She was born in Clarksville, Tennessee and lived in Kansas City, Kansas and Spokane, Washington before moving to Portland 11 years ago.

Mrs. Stone was a graduate of Kansas State Teachers College and taught grade school and junior high. She became the third black teacher in Spokane at McKinley Grade School and also attended Gonzaga University and Holy Names College to further her own education.

Wife of Rev. Lee O. Stone, she was active in St. Philip's Episcopal Church, the Port-

land Council of Churches and its Anthro - Cultural Club, and the St. Philip's Women's Guild.

Mrs. Stone is survived by her husband, Rev. Lee O. Stone and one son, Charles Le Roy Wilson of Seattle, Washington.

Services will be held today, Thursday, 1:00 p.m. at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 120 N.E. Knott. Interment will follow at Rose City Cemetery.

The family asks that any remembrance be a contribution to St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Eva Lena Stone's name or The Oregon Cancer Society.



Pastor Coleman of Community Church of God

Introducing Brother George Hawkins, formerly pastor of Church of God, Rockport, Texas.

Evangelistic Service-Guest Choirs

February 20, 3:30 p.m.

202 N.E. Skidmore

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Church and School for Community
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1:00 pm Park Mass

ALLEN TEMPLE CME CHURCH
Corner of 8th Ave and Skidmore
S.S. 9:30 A.M. Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M.
Christian Youth Fellowship 6:00 P.M.
(2nd and 4th Sundays)
Rev. Thomas Strayhand, Minister

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
SERVANT CHURCH TO SECULAR COMMUNITY
5828 N.E. 8th
A. Lee Henderson, Minister 288-5429
Ellis Casson, Associate Minister
Church School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Wed. Noon - The Hour of Power 12:00 noon
Wed. Prayer & Class Meeting 7:30 pm
Nursery Care Provided
"We are making our Neighborhood A Brotherhood"

The Mount Olivet Baptist Church
Rev. John H. Jackson
Minister
N.E. First and Schuyler
Portland, Ore.
Phone 284-1954
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Vesper 5 p.m.
Let us enter to worship and depart to serve.

Vancouver Ave. First Baptist Church
3138 N. Vancouver Ave.
Phone 282-9496
Sunday School 9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Dr. O.B. Williams, Pastor
"The Church With A Heart-Felt Welcome"

Maranatha Evangelistic Center
1222 N. E. SKIDMORE
Pastor Bible Class 9:15 am
Bible Training School 9:15 am
Sunday morning worship 11 am
Evening Worship 7 pm
Church Office 288-7241
Youth Office 288-7243
Bible Study Hour Tue. 7 pm
Hour of Prayer Power
Wed 7 pm to 8 pm
Youth Meeting Fri 7:30 pm
Reverend Wendell Wallace Pastor
All things new in 1972