

Religion in the News



Passion of Christ portrayed at Grotto

An artistic portrayal of the Passion of Christ will be presented on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday in The Grotto Auditorium of The Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother, N.E. 85th and Sandy Blvd.

Designed by artist, Donald E. Dutter, the portrayal combines artwork, lighting, sound effects, and a dramatic narration to present a panorama of events in the Life of Christ. Mr. Dutter is a professional artist and has spent over a year in preparing The Passion of Christ. He tours throughout the year in the northwest area, performing for schools, civic organizations, and churches.

A noted feature of the portrayal is the combination of color and lighting to give an illusion of three-dimension to the many familiar scenes from The Mount of Temptation to The Mount of the Ascension.

The portrayal also vividly depicts, The Raising of Lazarus, The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Christ in the Temple, Sorrow in Gethse-

mane, Judas Betrays Christ, Judgment before Pilate, The Purple Robe and the Crown of Thorns, Procession to Calvary, The Crucifixion, and The Resurrection.

The forty minute performance is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 26th, and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 2nd.

YPD rummage sale set

The Young People's Department of Bethel AME Church is planning their first annual rummage sale on March 24 and 25. The young people are asking for donations. The kick-off event will start with a moonlight sale on March 24 from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. The sale will continue on Saturday, March 25 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Young People's Department. Useable donations can be taken to Mrs. Perlene White, 133 N.E. Wygant, 287-3150.



Dan Van Brocklin, custodian for the Highland United Church of Christ, prepares for spring. The church, pastored by Reverend Samuel Johnson, is located on N.E. 9th and Going.

Zest of Life

By Carnegie "Happy" Pullen

A Prophet Bus containing a dozen "Children of God," rolled into Portland, Oregon a few months ago. They have set up a Mission, or a sort of home from which they go out witnessing in the city and bringing home any new converts who will come. They concentrate on witnessing, Bible study, prayer and praising the Lord. They are practical too, doing essential needed things, such as making improvements on their home at 3950 N. Michigan Avenue. They are serious about their religion and doing

the Lord's work. Most of them are energetic young men with zeal. There is one married couple among them. The active witnesses depend on God and the few who do work to supply their needs.

They have a large board containing a "Prayer List" of things they need; and another board showing results of their witnessing activities. They call themselves "The Family," and Elder Naaman Antioch is acting head of the household. "Praise the Lord."

QUOTE: "There is more to life than growing old! So live that if every man lived as you do this world would be a Heaven." Phillips Brooks.

God did not create this world that men and women should grow old, become diseased, grow senile, suffer accidents, disasters, deprivation and death.

Christians may consider it a strange thing that Jesus said in John 10:9-10, "I am the Door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." He uses the Sheepfold as a parable of the Kingdom of God. The thief being the false prophets who deceived the Elect and mislead them with false or easy, permissive and contradictory doctrines, which say in effect: "How to enter the Kingdom of Heaven without trying." Death is not the door. Death is the wages paid for sinning. Full obedience to Christ's Commandments and sayings is the door.

I Recommend Books for young people

By Lenwood G. Davis

FORWARD MARCH TO FREEDOM: The story of A. Philip Randolph, by Barbara Kaye Greenleaf. This is a biography of a man whose eyes have always been directed toward the attainment of goals that would enrich the lives of working men and women. There are also illustrations on every page that add a graphic portrayal of a forceful leader. Grosset and Dunlap Publishers. \$2.95

THE VOICE OF CHILDREN, edited by June Jordan and Terri Bush. This is an anthology of poems by young Black and Puerto Rican children. Holt & Co., \$1.95

CALL THEM HEROES. A series of paperbacks developed by the Board of Education of the City of New York dealing with Black and white individuals who have achieved despite barriers. These are not famous people but everyday men and women who have overcome great odds and made substantial contributions to their communities.

BLACK SOLDIER, by John Clarke. This is the story about a Black soldier, George Buntz, who wanted to do his part in World War II, but it seems as if the United States Army, not the Germans, was his enemy. The book also has illustrations. Doubleday and Co., \$1.75

TALES AND STORIES FOR BLACK FOLKS, edited by Toni Cade Bambara. This is an anthology of essays by African and Black American writers as well as by young people themselves. Doubleday Zenith. \$1.75

GOLDEN LEGACY: ILLUSTRATED HISTORY MAGAZINE (distributed FREE by Market Development, the Coca-Cola Co., Box 1734, Atlanta, Ga.) Each of these magazines presents in comic-book style and format, incidents from the lives of famous Black Americans, such as Harriet Tubman, Crispus Attuck and Marcus Garvey. Youngsters will find their stories exciting, especially the reluctant readers.

PSU offers free classes to senior citizens

Portland State University will open 26 classes of the spring term without charge to limited numbers of men and women 65 years and older who wish to enroll without receiving credits. Those accepted will attend 10 or 11 weeks of classes.

Among the selected courses in the special non-credit series to be conducted Wednesday nights is one by Professor Morris Webb to study China, the Communist Nations, the Far East and the President's visits to China and Russia. Webb, a member of the PSU faculty for 17 years is a widely recognized authority on the subject.

All the other senior citizen classes are in the regular evening schedules of the colleges of Arts and Letters and Social Science. The curriculum includes Peoples and Cultures of the World, Western Religious Thought and the Life of Jesus, together with four classes in literature, five in philosophy, two in political science and other history courses in West-

Christian Jew to speak

The Rev. Michael Esses, noted Herbraist and Old Testament expositor and scholar, will speak at The Passover and Last Supper in the Erb Memorial Ball Room on the University of Oregon campus, according to Rev. Murray McLees of Willamette Christian Center.

Son and grandson of Rabbis, Rev. Esses attended the Hebrew school for rabbinical training for 14 years and 12 years at the Hebrew Yeshiva University at New York.

He is an expositor of the Talmud which encompasses all 613 of the Jewish laws. These 613 laws cover every phase of man's life. Included in the laws are the ordinances and commandments given by God and all the rabbinical laws. Rev. Esses was ordained a Rabbi in 1950.

But in 1963 he became a complete Jew in Jesus Christ, by a divine encounter with the Lord which changed his life. He attended the Presbyterian Lay Academy immersed in New Testament studies for the next four years.

In 1968 Rev. Esses became associated with Melodyland Christian Center, Anaheim,

where he is an evangelist at large and teacher at International Charismatic Clinics.

He is an instructor at Melodyland School of the Bible and has been ordained at Melodyland Christian Center as a minister of the Gospel.

His genealogy goes back to 586 B.C. to the Tribe of Judah. His father's side is from the house of Judah, but the mother's side is from the royal house of David, King of Judah.

Rev. Esses will conduct the seminar and Passover Supper, Friday, March 24, at the Erb Memorial Ball Room on the University of Oregon campus, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Cost of the Seminar and Meal is \$3.50 per person. This training will include instruction in the Old and New Testament symbols of each of the foods and the appropriate comments from the Rabbi and from the congregation.

Rev. Esses will explain how this Passover Supper relates to the New Testament Communion Supper. Advance reservations are required. They may be made by contacting Willamette Christian Center. The public is welcome, according to Pastor McLees.

Vestal students visit elderly

Students at Vestal Elementary School in Portland are spending time after school at nearby Baptist Manor in fun and games with elderly citizens who live in the home.

A game committee has been appointed at the school and a number of students pay regular visits and play such games as chess, dominos, chinese checkers and a variety of card games.

Students participating in these activities also hope to provide chess and checker boards to donate to the home. These will be made in the industrial arts shop at the school and presented to the Manor for the use of residents.

COOKIES, CUPCAKES AND GREETING CARDS

Cookies, cupcakes and greeting cards may sound like strange combinations, but they have proved a winning mixture at Vestal. They are all part of the charity bake-off conducted at the school. Students baked the cookies and cupcakes and then conducted a food sale after school. Proceeds from the sale are to be used to subscribe to newspapers for elderly citizens in the school area who cannot afford them and to purchase greeting cards to send to them on appropriate occasions.

TEA PARTIES, SOFTBALL GAMES AND ART

Dennis Richey, art coordinator at the school, and his students plan to display student art at the Manor and arrangements are being made for both students and teachers to spend some time working at the home. Exhibition softball contests between faculty and students are also scheduled with the advent of spring weather. Manor residents will be participating in special contests at these events. Teas for residents and a spec-

ial bachelor cooking exhibition are also planned. Home economics teacher Jean Johnson and her students are planning the teas and the "bachelor boys" under leadership of Mrs. Dorothea Scott will host a breakfast for all senior citizens in the area.

SONGS AND READINGS FOR OLDSTERS

Students at Vestal are working hard to provide some musical highlights for senior citizens living in the area surrounding the school. In music classes students are learning some of the traditional musical favorites - such as Battle Hymn of the Republic and choral readings on the Declaration of Independence. Recently students visited nearby Baptist Manor, a home for the elderly, and conducted a sing-along.

Corvallis NAACP books Diez

Calvin O. Henry, President of the Corvallis Branch of the NAACP, announced the branch's Second Annual Freedom Fund Banquet to be held April 8, 7:30 p.m., at the Oregon State University Memorial Union.

Judge Mercedes Diez, District Court Judge for Multnomah County, will speak on "Is There Equality Under The Law?" Master of Ceremonies will be Rolie Smith.

The branch plans for 500 guests. Tickets may be obtained by writing, Box 495, Corvallis, at \$5.00.

The Freedom Fund Banquet is an annual event to raise funds for local and national NAACP work.

the rules for special students in Continuing Education. Further information is available at the PSU Department of Continuing Education, 1633 S.W. Park Ave., or P.O. Box 1491, Portland, 97207. Phone: 229-4800.

Under PSU rules, a senior citizen is any person of 65 years or older. Proof of age may be required at time of registration, which will be held in the lobby of Neuberger Hall, March 28-31 and April 3, from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Because of classroom space limitations enrollment will be held within a range of 10 to 20 senior citizens, who will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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