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Religion in the News

International board name Seattle woman

Mrs. Jeraldine Bright was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Northwest International Conference on World Missions. The Conference holds and sponsors an annual institute on pertinent issues related to the World of Missions. It is sponsored by the Canadian Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches, U.S.A.

Jeraldine served a 2 year term as First Vice President of the Puget Sound Conference Missionary Society, A.M.E. Church (Incorporating states), is presently serving a 3 year term on the Board of Trustees for the Washington State Children's Home Society, is Chairman of Missionary Circle #3, a member of The Trustee Board, a Class Leader of First A.M.E. Church, is working in conjunction with the Totem Girl Scout Council.

Jeraldine is the wife of Mil-

ton Bright, a contractor and progresses.

Blacks create religion

Strikingly similar developments in Black African Christianity and Black American Christianity are leading to a new type of cultural religion, says the Rev. James H. Hargett, Secretary for Black Ministries in the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Hargett recently returned from a five-week round of tours and seminars in Ghana and Nigeria. Under a Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship from Rochester, N.Y. Center for Theological Studies, he is working on a three-year project to develop materials for Black Studies



Mrs. Jeraldine Bright

mother of a son, Marvin. Jeraldine says, "we are interested in more young adult, and black persons participating in the Mission Conference." Next year's conference will be held at Trinity College, Langley, Washington. You will hear more about this as the year's work

programs in theological schools. In west Afria, he noted the rapid growth of Spiritualist

churches which emphasize the "total Bible" in their teachings. Similar movements in the U.S. are leading to what he calls "creative accommodation" of Spirtualists within middle class black churches.

Most U.S. slaves were captured and sold in west Africa, Rev. Hargett explained, so most American Blacks have their social and religious origins in west African traditions.

Tongue language said learned

by Therion E. Cobbs

Cable TV

On Thursday, September

14th, the Center for Urban

Encounter of the Greater

Portland Council of Churches

will present "The Wired Re-

volution: A Cable Television

Workshop". The principal

speaker will be the Rev. W.

James Richards, Deputy Dir-

ector of the Office of Com-

munications of the United

Church of Christ. The work-

shop will be held at the First

United Methodist Church, 1838

S.W. Jefferson, at 7:30 p.m.

The general public is invited

to attend. There will be no

participants with an oppor-

potential impact of cable tele-

vision on the community.

The workshop will provide

admission charge.

subject

People who speak in tongues do not speak a real language --though they think they do -and they have definite personality patterns which lead them to this type of expression. However, they are no less and no more healthy mentally than others, and they come from all social and economic backgrounds. These are the conclusions

of John P. Kildahl, a clinical psychologist who did intensive research on glossolalia, or speaking in tongues, over a period of 10 years. Results of his findings are presented in a new book, "The Psychology of Speaking in Tongues," published by Harper & Row. His research was sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health because of the widespread upsurge of speaking in tongues in mainline Protestant and Roman Catholic churches beginning about 15 years ago. Dr. Kildahl's study was of mainline Protestant churches only, and included groups from coast to coast. Physchological testing was done of individuals and tapes were made of performances.

tunity to learn about the Tongue-speakers are overly potential of cable television, dependent in temperament. and how citizens and com-Dr. Kaldahl reports. They lean heavily on the approval munity groups can best utiof the authority figure, the lize the medium. Recently religious leader who teaches adopted rules of the Federal Communications Commission them glossolalia, and it is (FCC) will also be reviewed. this approval that gives them their sense of joy and well-The workshop is being held because Portland is currently being, rather than the speakat a major crossroads reing itself. If they lose the garding cable television. Five leader's approval or if they cable firms have made apcease to admire him, then plication to the office of they no longer feel any satisfaction from speaking in ton-City Commissioner Connie McCready for the franchise gues, though they still are to wire the major portion of able to do so, he found.

the Portland metropolitan Most glossolalists interviewed had gone through some area. Most Portland residents, however, are unaware anxiety crisis prior to beof these actions, or of the coming tongue-speakers, he says, and all had suffered a feeling that they were worthless before becoming glossolalists. This was not a guilt feeling, he points out, but a sense of being nothing. speaking leader succeeds with

eloped, Dr. Kildahl reports, does not. I have reached the the tongue-speakers always experiences exhilaration in being accepted by an in-group and approved by the leader. The new confidence resulting from glossolalia extends to all areas of life, making the speaker bolder in business dealings, marriage relationships, and all other interpersonal relations.

He feels that he is singled out by God to receive this gift, and that God is using his vocal chords in a mechanistic fashion to produce the sounds, making it possible for him to speak a language unknown to him. However, linguists all have told Dr. Kaldahl that the sounds uttered, though rhythmical do not meet the requirements of a true language. Exceptions are the cases where the tongue-speaker has in the past been exposed to a foreign language long enough to have picked up some of it, he states.

Confronted with this information, glossolalists say God is expressing a meaning in an unknown language and that the gift of interpretation is bestowed on a few. Those who do claim this rare ability may give interpretations as services progress. However. when Dr. Kaldahl submitted tapes to different interpreters individually and privately, each attributed a different meaning to the recorded utterances.

"I have observed" Dr. Kildahl writes, "the same routine everywhere I have been: (1) a meeting devoted to intense concentration on tongue speaking, followed by (2) an atmosphere of heightened suggestibility to the words of the tongue-speaking leader, after which (3) the initiate is able to make the sounds he is instructed to make. It is the same procedure that a competent hypnotist employs. Like the hypnotist, the tongue-

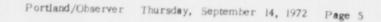
When the ability is dev- some subjects and with others conclusion that tongue-speaking is a learned phenomenon." It is common occurrence, he says, for tongue-speakers to take hold of the jaw of one wishing to learn and to

spend hours urging the person to repeat sounds until the individual starts producing sounds from his own unconscious, in a sort of regression to the sounds a child makes learning a language. Glossolalists band together as an in-group, are exceedingly kind to each other, but redirect former anger feelings toward those who do not wish to join them, he says. They exhibit "subtle disrespect for non-tongue-speakers," he points out, often resulting in disruption and friction in churches. Hefeels that some elements of practice should be discouraged, as there are more constructive ways of gaining a sense of well-being.

Dr. Kildahl is a member of the faculty of the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health and director of the program in Pastoral Physchology at New York Theological Seminary.

Praise in scheduled

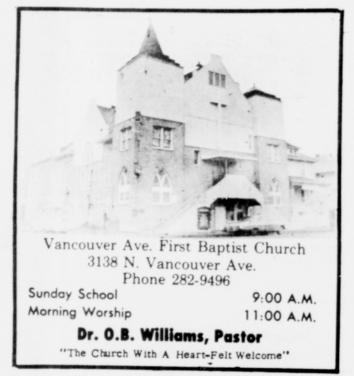
A Praise In will be held on Saturday, September 16th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Fern Hill Park (next to Adams High School). Among the participants are the Prince of Peace Band, the Beulah Lord Band and the New Christian Singers. The Praise In will be preceded by a dinner (bring your own lunch). The public is invited.







ALLEN TEMPLE CME CHURCH Corner of 8th Ave and Skidmore 5.5. 9:30 A.M. Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M. Christian Youth Fellowship 6:00 P.M. (2nd and Fourth Sundays) Rev. Thomas Strayhand, Minister





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CREATION OR EVOLU-TION? Which one is true? Some science minded Christians call themselves "Theisand intricate plan. tic evolutionists," a middle position which scarcely satis-

Dr. William Urey, a renowned scientist has pointed geologists and paleontologists mouse," without showing any out that the vast, elaborate. complex, intricate and interdependent Creation simply could not evolve anywhere. Garner Ted Armstrong, and the continuing researches being conducted by the Ambassador Colleges, of the Worldwide Church of God, demonstrate that evolution is not a fact, but a carefully conjured up myth--that the theory of evolution is just that -- a theory.

intermediate species), and this, perhaps is the most obvious and serious objection that can be urged against the theory.'

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tons of a mouse, a rat, a squirrel, a cat, a dog, a wolf, a leopard, a zebra, a hippopotamus and an elephant, and then say, "See, the ele-Darwin believed that as phant evolved from the

Zest of Life

By Carnegie "Happy" Pullen

out of nothing--than to believe that God always existed and that He created everything according to His own marvelous



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similarities and relationships which men see in creatures and which they call evolution is still the handiwork of God.

But because the skeletal structure of one creature is similar to another it does not follow that the one proceeded out of the other. God simply adapted a similarity of design to given environmental conditions upon the earth, to many of the different forms. He created.

To believe that all that exists in their elaborate, complex and intricate designs and function created themselves



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Even Darwin, considered to be the father of evolution, was puzzled by in inability to find fossil specimens of "transitional forms" of one species of creature becoming "evolved" into another spe-

He questioned about this in his writings: "As by this theory innumerable forms must have existed, why do we not find them embedded in countless numbers in the crust of the earth?"

"Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic chain (of

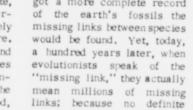
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sils existing. Echippus, a creature looking remotely like a horse is said to be the ancestor of the horse; yet Ambassador College has shown in "Plain Truth," that eohippus was a different animal entirely, and scientists mostly have treated it as such.

The Museum method of exhibiting skeletal fossils of a monkey somewhat like a chimpanzee, alongside of an orangutang, and that beside an ape and that of a man, is offered as "evidence," or "proof," to convince the mind that these graduations of similarity is proof of evolution. It is very much as if they were to exhibit skele-

"transitional stages" or species.

> Ivan T. Sanderson in "Mammals of the World," says, "so many intermediary forms are completely lacking."

Evolution cannot explain the origin of the universe, the origin of matter, the origin proof of any transitional fosof life. Life can exist upon the earth, or anywhere else. only when a planet such as the earth is held in position where it is kept at a "comfortable'' temperature -neither too hot nor too cold; it must have just the right thickness of atmosphere, which also protects life from being bombarded by small meteriorites, and other deadly debris. Chemical and photosynthesis conditions suitable for producing elementary foodstuffs for higher forms of life; and an interdependence of living species on various conditions and upon each other disclose a highly intelligent and intricate design to make living pleasant as well as possible to countless species which exist to serve each other. These things could not possibly have just happened, as is often said, no more than could have "an explosion in a print shop have produced the Encyclopaedia Brit-tanica."

Church School	9:45 am
Morning Worship	11:00 am
wed. Noon - The Hour of Power	12:09 noon
Wed. Prayer & Class Meeting	7:30 pm

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