

Religion in the News

Hengen appointed

Father Pat Hengen is the newly appointed associate pastor of St. Andrew's Catholic Church. Father will replace Gordon Dickey, who is presently attending the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Father Hengen attended Mt. Angel Seminary for his theological studies, where he attained wide acclaim as leader of the singing group "Hilltop Singers". This folk group published albums that contained several songs written by Father Hengen. He was ordained in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1968 and

has done extensive group work with married couples in Canada and throughout the Northwest, has conducted mission conferences (retreats) for young adults, "solomothers", senior citizens and married couples.

"Coming to Portland from the small university towns of Idaho means some change in perspective, but I am happy to accept the challenge of preaching the Gospel at St. Andrew's", Father Hengen explained in an interview for the Observer.

YMCA seminars bring information for aging

Legal information for the older citizen, the food stamp program, and new concepts in food and nutrition will be discussed in a two-part seminar, "Concerning the Aged", which will be scheduled by the YMCA Community Relations Committee.

The first session on October 20 will feature Larry Boyles of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, who will explain the food stamp program, how it works and how to fill out the necessary forms, etc. Bonnie Mentzer will be on hand to help those people needing legal and financial advice, perhaps enabling them to retain property that is presently theirs and remain self-sufficient. She is staff attorney for Legal Aid and has been assigned to Project ABLE. Discussing food and nutrition will be Carol Boos, instructor of consumer education and home economics at Portland Community College.

The second session on October 27 will also feature three speakers. Jessalee Mailleu of the Bureau of Parks and Public Recreation will suggest some ideas on making the most of leisure

time. Coordinator for Portland's Project Mobility, Rusty Blake, will tell about the efforts being made to ease the problems of the ability of the aged to be mobile. Trying the coordinate efforts of volunteer drivers from local agencies, Blake is encouraging better services to all who need transportation. Anne Rullman, a member of the board of directors and volunteer for Volunteer Services Bureau, will suggest ways for the aged to give needed help to public service agencies, while at the same time filling their own interests, needs and energies.

On both days, educational opportunity literature from many agencies, schools and projects throughout the Portland area will be distributed. Amy Goldstein will be moderator for the panel discussions. Patti Ericsson, a new member of the YWCA board of directors, will be chairman of the first session and Hallie Wiggins, chairman of the second session.

The informal presentations will be from 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the Social Hall of the Downtown YWCA, 1111 S.W. 10th Ave. Coffee will be served.

Council of Churches selects director

The Reverend Richard Hughes, Executive Director of the Greater Portland Council of Churches, announced today

the appointment of Stephen Schneider as Director of the Center for Urban Education (CUE) and as an associate

Director of the Greater Portland Council of Churches. "Mr. Schneider has been related to the Council as a program consultant and as Director of Portland New Communicators, a project providing training for community organizations in the use of the mass media. He now assumes responsibilities for CUE's activities in urban research, education and mass communications, as well as general program responsibilities with the Council of Churches at the metropolitan and state levels."

Mr. Schneider received his A.B. from Wheaton College (Illinois) and a M. Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary. He has been involved with urban education and community action programs in various parts of the United States. As a Lilly Foundation Intern he worked in 1966 with the Urban League of Greater New York to develop their Street Academy Program. In 1967 he coordinated OEO projects in Venice, California and later served as Interim Director of the Indian Welcome House in Los Angeles. Before his association with the Council of Churches, Mr. Schneider was involved with interfaith, a consulting group engaged in the design of urban learning experiences for youth and adults.

Mr. Schneider is married to Ann Lee Herzog, currently an Associate Director for the Columbia River Council of the Girl Scouts.

Notice

You are cordially invited to a Tea, 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday, October 22, 1972. Sponsored by the Katie Bowie Missionary Society of First A.M.E. Zion Church, corner of Vancouver Avenue and Skidmore St.

Soul Purpose

Philippians 2:2: "Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united spirit, intent on one purpose."

"I PLEDGE TO . . ."

It's quite a thrill to listen idealistically to the campaign promises of the public office seekers. I find the gap in the credibility when I try to figure out how a nation has survived for hundreds of years without the laws that will supposedly save the nation in 1972.

Some are seeking re-election and have the advantage of experience, but they have to answer to the public concerning why they haven't already done what they promised to do.

Others have no bad records and can promise a bright new day but the scrutinizing public criticizes their lack of experience.

As I think of politics the reminiscence of the New Year's resolutions I once made come to mind. The fact that we make resolutions indicates that we know the

difference between right and wrong.

It has been my own experience that my resolutions rarely came out as idealistically as I planned them. I'd try to turn over a new leaf only to discover that the leaf was as dirty on one side as it was on the other. Again and again I tried to turn over my new leaf until I found that it was not a matter of a "new leaf" it was a "new life."

Jesus said, "Ye must be born again". That is, born spiritually. Everyman having experienced the physical birth is in need of a spiritual birth.

The spiritual birth is a vitalization of the emotions, the intellect, the will. The surrender of one's whole being to Christ in a humble confession that one is not sufficient in himself but instead has a need for a higher spiritual power. My sinful insufficiency creates a gap between me and God. This gap is bridged by God Himself revealed in the flesh through Jesus Christ.

Atlantic Richfield denies investments

In response to a recent report released by the World Council of Churches, naming Atlantic Richfield Company along with other corporations who have investments in countries accused of double racial standards aimed specifically at Blacks, Atlantic Richfield has indicated in a letter to Ronald Phillips, Research Director of WCC, that the company has no investments in any of the countries listed by the council in its questionnaire.

Robert R. Royce, Manager of Public Relations for Atlantic Richfield stated in his reply to Phillips that the company not only has no interests in South Africa, but has no present intentions of establishing any activity in these countries. Royce made mention of Atlantic Richfield's Annual Report which lists all foreign countries where operations take place.

In Los Angeles, Ann Sanders, President of Public Relations International Inc., Minority Affairs Consultants to Atlantic Richfield indicated that major Black organizations in the United States are being provided with proof of Arco's non activity in South

Africa and other countries listed by the World Council of Churches.

Miss Sanders further stated that the story released by a Northern California paper is erroneous since the Council issued its list of organizations prior to Arco's reply.

Miss Sanders concluded that it is most important that the total minority community and most especially the Black Communities of our nation be alerted of the true facts.

Four little girls killed in a Birmingham church in 1963 would have voted this year for the first time. They won't. WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?



CHARLES JORDAN

Ebony drive starts

Charles Jordan, President of the Bethel A.M.E. Church, Usher's Board announced today that the Ushers are engaged in the Johnson Publications subscription campaign. He is urging all Portland to buy subscriptions through the Usher Board.

The Johnson Publications are: Ebony, Tan, Black Star and Jet. These are among the most informative Black

magazines in the world.

Jordan said, "This is the kind of literature that will help other ethnic groups to understand Black people."

If you already have subscriptions to these magazines you can renew them through the church.

For further information call Corine Winchester at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 288-5429.

YWCA flu shot clinic

Portland YWCA will sponsor a Flu Shot Clinic October 24 at 7 p.m. at the downtown building, 1111 S.W. 10th Ave., where shots will be offered at cost.

Shots by air gun will be with an improved serum for

protection from Asian, Hong Kong, and A and B domestic types of influenza.

A Flu Shot Clinic will also be sponsored at the St. Johns Center, 9010 N. Charleston, on November 2 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Zest of Life

By Carnegie "Happy" Pullen

WHERE IS HEAVEN? And who will enter into Heaven? Billy Graham admits in an article he wrote and published in the April 1972 issue of "Decision" that he doesn't know where Heaven is.

In an article entitled, "Heaven and Hell," Mr. Graham states:

"I personally believe the Bible teaches that Heaven is a literal place. Is it one of the stars, or one of the planets? I don't know. The Bible doesn't tell us. I can't even speculate. I'm not worried about where it's going to be." So says Mr. Graham.

Who is this great and honored leader of Christians who doesn't know where Heaven is? And apparently he doesn't seem to know how to tell people how to get there. "In Heaven," he says, "there will be no racial discrimination, no poverty, no war, no crime -- the policemen won't have anything to do. On what a glorious world it's going to be -- Heaven."

Jesus said, "Thy Kingdom come . . . on earth." "Go preach, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," Matt. 10:7; and, "Behold the Kingdom of God is within you."

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you," Matt 6:33.

Quite evidently Jesus is saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is to be sought and found upon this earth.

Heaven is more a condition than a place. Heaven is an interior or inner spiritual realm or dimension. Jesus

spoke of Himself in John 3:13 when He said, ". . . The Son of man which is in Heaven." He also said to the disciples, "The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given unto a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." Matt. 21:43. Again this indicates the Kingdom of God is upon the earth; but evidently Mr. Graham and a great many other very devout Christians have not found it.

Heaven is reached and entered by living the wholly obedient heavenly Christlife, which Christ lived as an example to show us the way.

Sometimes people ask me if great evangelists such as Dr. Graham, Oral Roberts and others will get to Heaven. I usually tell them, "Only if they turn and become truly converted, forsaking all to live the Christlife, obedient to Christ's whole instructions -- the 'jets and titles'."

Even Jesus said of the great Elijah, who had returned to earth as John the Baptist, "Among them that are born of women there hath not arisen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he." Matt. 11:11-14 as great as was the ansterity and righteousness of John it did not qualify him to enter into the Kingdom. Only by renouncing his own ministry and becoming a wholly obedient disciple would John the Baptist have saved his head and at the same time qualified to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Some argue that there is a difference between the terms,

"Kingdom of God," and "Kingdom of Heaven," but a careful study of Christ's words does not show that He made any such distinction.

It has been said that, "Heaven hath its center and circumference in God." Christians are agreed on the doctrine that God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. God being omnipresent then the circumference of Heaven is everywhere. Heaven is everywhere present, even as God. Men and Christians cannot see and experience Heaven because of their disobedience. "The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation." It cometh by living the heavenly life.

"But will God indeed dwell on earth? Behold, the Heaven and the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?" 1 Ki. 8:27.

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