

Religion in the News

Mt. Olivet honors pastor

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church will celebrate the ninth anniversary of its pastor, Reverend John H. Jackson, during the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 19th. The Reverend Ellis H. Casson will deliver the anniversary address.

Co-chairmen for the anniversary are Mrs. Essie Lee Evans and Mr. Norman King. Four choirs will sing.

Reverend Jackson came to Portland in 1964. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Pittsburgh in 1940 and his Master of Education in 1957. He earned a Bachelor of Divinity at Union Theological Seminary in 1944 and did graduate work at Columbia University, the University of Oregon and the University of Pittsburgh. He attended the Urban Training Center for Christian Mission in Chicago in 1967 on a Ford Fellowship.

Reverend Jackson is active in community affairs. He is currently serving his second term as President of the Albina Ministerial Alliance. He is a Past-president of the Greater Portland Council of Churches.



Rev. John Jackson

He has served on the Albina Citizens War on Poverty, Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee, and Tri-County Community Council Board of Directors, NAACP Executive Board.

In 1966 he became the first black to be appointed to a state commission when he was appointed to Oregon State Public Welfare Commission by Mark Hatfield former Governor of Oregon.

Williams builds again

Dr. O. B. Williams, pastor of Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church for the past 28 years, told reporters this week that conditions for black people are much better today than they were 28 years ago when he first came to Portland.

"I have seen progress made and yet we have a long way to go," Dr. Williams said.

"When I first came to Portland, Blacks could only have jobs as Red Caps, but it is different now."

Dr. Williams pastors the largest black congregation in Portland with 2,200 members. He has been President of the General Baptist Convention of the Northwest for the past 20 years. The conference includes Washington, Idaho and Oregon. Dr. Williams started the convention 20 years ago with 25 members in the basement of his church.



Dr. O. B. Williams

Enroute to Yakima, Washington, Dr. Williams told reporters how the convention purchased 8 acres at a cost of \$20,000 to build a religious retreat. "I am going now to see about building some suitable buildings on the site," Williams said.

With the retirement of Dr. Paul Wright from the First Presbyterian Church, Dr. Williams now becomes the oldest pastor . . . that is in tenure of service, in Portland. Bishop W.L. McKinney is the next in tenure of service among Blacks and perhaps in Portland.

"In today's world, we face a fundamental spiritual problem. 'Let him deny himself' and serve others. The profit motive and personal satisfaction have so engrossed us that doctor, lawyer, worker, chief have forgotten that they are part of a whole and that it is better to serve than profit." . . . Frank A. Sharp, Director, American Baptist News Service.

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Bethel honors 1st Lady

The members of Bethel AME Church will honor Ms. Verna L. Henderson, first lady of Bethel, Sunday November 19, at 5:00 p.m.

It has been the custom for churches to give an appreciation service jointly for the Pastor and wife; however, the members thought that a minister is always in the spotlight and the wife is really left out of so many things.

A minister's wife must be a gracious hostess at all times. She must realize that her husband is married first to God and the church. She is called upon to be more understanding than an attorney's wife, a teacher or a doctor.

Ms. Henderson is a graduate of Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas, majoring in Elementary Education and



Business Administration. She has taught school in Texas and in California. Ms. Henderson also worked as a social worker in Stockton, California.

Ms. Henderson is married to The Reverend A. Lee Henderson and they have two

daughters, Alisha Cheri 9 and Roslyn Letitia 7 years of age.

Ms. Henderson says that people are wonderful to work with and that she would not exchange roles for this place for anything in this world.

Students dig religion survey indicates

by Juanity Hollingsworth

Religion on the campus has long been an occupant of the back seat, but in recent months it has almost taken over its old position, the driver's seat.

A recent survey on the A&T State University campus showed there is no longer a ghostly fear of expression and this expression has found deep roots in religion; it has created within the students a great urge to communicate their true feelings, their true beliefs.

The art of expression has eroded from the students' minds the idea that they must conceal their means of vocal intonation because some persons think a showing of joy or emotion is somewhat derogatory. It is the circumstances of time, not because there is a new revival of religion, that there is a religious upsurge on campus.

"There is not a great difference in the number of people believing in God now as before. It is expression, absent of inhibitions," stated Reverend Cleo McCoy, director of religious activities at A&T. He added that most people who are expressing themselves now were actually religious already before they entered A&T.

Reasons for such a gradual increase in religious expression may be found within the students. Edna Warren, a freshman stated, "Religion is a basic need for man."

Another freshman, Trudy Hawkins, added, "It plays an important role in one's life."

"Students are basically religious. They must have

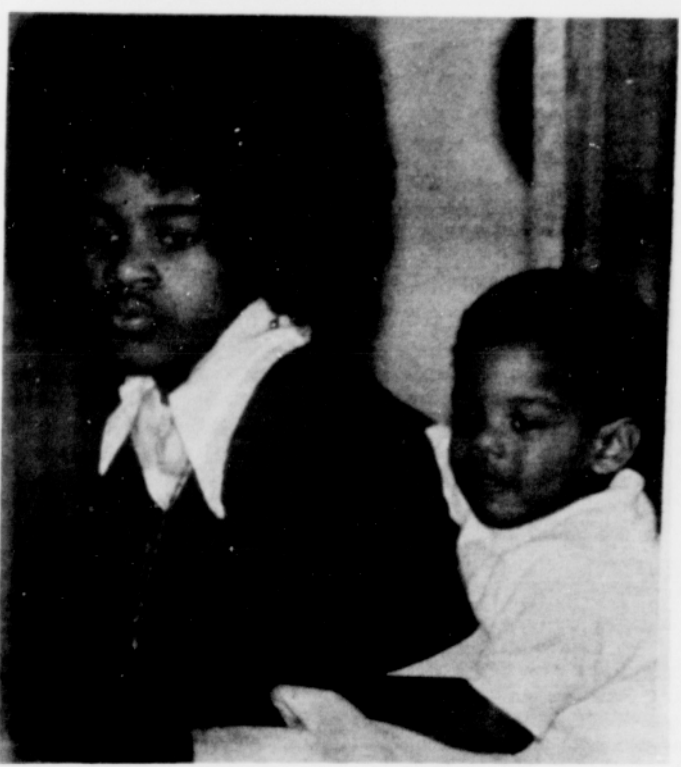
some type of god, some type of religion, even if it's only their different social clubs, cars, clothes, etc. The only problem is which one is the true, the real god," asserted Reverend William T. Brown, Methodist campus minister.

Even though an immense feeling of religion has begun its course on campus, there still remains the fact that it is yet a small whirlpool. Although influencing in many ways, religious expression has not engulfed the entire campus, or even half of it.

There are still those students who feel that religion possesses no relevance to the Black cause. Also, some students feel that religion will interfere with their sleep on Sunday mornings, therefore they tend to display indifference toward religion. "Students have based their opinions of religion as a result of their impressions of their prospective churches," claimed Reverend Brown.

"I think they (students) don't have any motivation; you know, at home, there is your mother and father there to push you along," expressed Malinda Newsome, a senior sociology major.

According to Reverend McCoy, much of the indifference on the part of the students is due to the era, the era of youth leaders criticizing the church ministry. Also, he stated that many, especially during their freshmen and sophomore years, are somewhat rebellious toward rules and regulations.



Small Darren Burton displays a contented smile as he rides the back of volunteer worker Yolanda Martin at the Maranatha Emergency Child Care Center. The center, located at the Albina Multi-Service Center, provides emergency child care for Model Cities children.

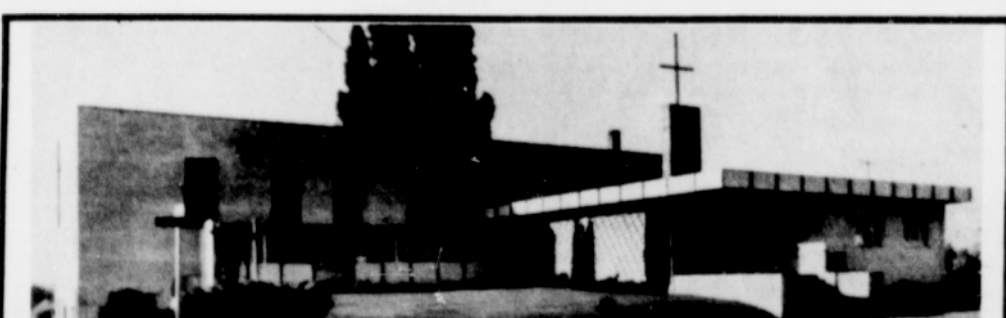
Allen Temple holds homecoming Sunday

Allen Temple C.M.E. Church will celebrate Homecoming Day on the 4th Sunday in November. The celebration begins with the Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. when the youth classes and newly expanded men and women's classes meet for Sunday School instruction. All former members of the Sunday School are invited back

for this special day. The 11:00 a.m. Worship Service will be highlighted with all Class Leaders and members of the classes sitting together in specially marked areas for each class. The adult and youth choirs will render special music. After the morning service the congregation will assemble in the lower level of the church and share in an old fashioned Homecoming dinner from baskets prepared and brought by the congregation for this occasion.

The climax of the Homecoming celebration will be on the 4th Sunday night when the Musical Pageant, "The Great White Throne" will be presented in the church at 7:45 p.m. This pageant is under the direction of Mrs. Trula Kendricks. It will feature many Biblical Characters and characters of Christian experience such as Hope, Humility, Prayer, Peace, etc. There is no admission charge, a free will offering will be asked of those present or who wish to send a donation.

The public is cordially invited to come and witness this great homecoming event at Allen Temple C.M.E. Church, 4236 NE 8th Avenue. The call has gone out to all church members to Come Home to Allen Temple on Homecoming Day.



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Zest of Life

By Carnegie "Happy" Pullen

AFFIRMATIONS ALONE CANNOT SAVE A MAN; but he is saved by full obedience to every precept that proceedeth out of the mouth of Christ.

Some Churches which believe strongly in, and practice, the Power of Positive Thinking recognize that the universe is governed by Divine Law; but they do not recognize fully that the commandments and sayings of Jesus is the specific statement of this Divine Law and to attain salvation and the Kingdom of Heaven total obedience to Christ's whole instruction is required. In this they are in the same boat as all the other Churches of Christendom.

The late Dr. Ernest Holmes, founder of the Church of Divine Science, and the Science of Mind Magazine, which continues to publish articles on subjects such as "How to Stay Young," "How to Renew Your Life," "I Am A Part of God," and the like; yet Dr. Holmes did not attain physical immortality. Their creed might better be stated as "How to Stay Young." Until it is Time to Die. They do not believe and practice the whole doctrine of Christ. The Church of Truth, Church of Christ Universal, and others which stress the Positive Power of Dynamic Thought, (sometimes called New Thought Churches) do not ask you to give up your sins, but merely our concept of sin. What Christian Churches call sin they usually call, "missing the mark."

Their creeds are taken from the beautiful philosophical statements of inspired writers of the ancient and recent past, and from the present. Here are some of those statements: "A thought--good or evil--an act, in time a habit,--so runs life's law: what you live in your thought-world, that, sooner or later, you will find objectified in your life," Ralph Waldo Trine

"The best that is in us is better than we can understand; for it is grounded beyond experience, and guides us, blindfolded but safe from one age to another," R. L. Stevenson.

"To bring the largeness of God into the thought of each small moment, to bring the love of God into every relation with our neighbor, to have that constructive trust in God which means mastery over circumstances and peace at the center whatever storms may rock us, this would be the millennium of the soul. Such an ideal means life and health and happiness more abundantly," Samuel Fellows.

"It is the mind that maketh good or ill. That maketh wretch or happy, rich or poor," Spencer.

"Where all hearts to one purpose run And all men lift as one; Where each one, self-forgetting, gladly bends To serve the All, the wondrous world of friends. This is the dream to which all ages trod-- The faith of prophet and the prayer of God," Edwin Markham.

"Man is his own star; and the soul that can Render an honest and a perfect man Commands all light, all influence, all fate. Nothing to him falls early, or too late. Our acts our angels are, or good or ill, Our fatal shadows that walk by us still," John Fletcher.

"The important question about the Christ is not how far the New Testament story of Jesus is accurate, but how far we may now actualize these principles in individual and social experience," Benjamin F. Mills.

"Law, not confusion, is the dominating principle of the universe; Justice, not injustice, is the soul and substance of life; and righteousness, not corruption, is the moulding and moving force in the Spiritual government of the world," James Allen.

"It becomes, therefore, the most important of all considerations with what character we invest the Universal Mind; for, since our relation to it is purely subjective, it will infallibly bear to us exactly the character which we impress upon it; in other words, it will be to us exactly what we believe it to be," Troward.

"Man is what he thinks about all day," Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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