

# Religion in the News

## Until then ...

My heart can sing when I pause to remember ...

by M.A. Sell

She remembers well standing on a precipice so high that only a void could be seen, and wondering what place in God's eternal plan a shy minister's wife could have. For all around this gentle lady, other members had their role - teaching, singing, etc. - but she had none. Then one night, while standing on the precipice, God came to her, transporting her from the cliff's edge to the church door. And there He gave her a song to sing: "Until Then". Thus was the inspiration of the dual role as choir leader and soloist for Minnie Coleman.

To be sure the transporting from precipice to church door, and the giving of a song to sing was God speaking to Minnie through a dream several years ago. She has since continuously served the Lord through the ministry of music, now as choir leader at the Community Church of God. Here he is also lead soloist, adapting her powerful soprano voice to a wide variety of songs. And there is an



MINNIE COLEMAN

incredible transformation from the shy Minnie to the sacred music singer. She is literally radiant! And listening to her perform, one cannot help but feel the Spirit of God from deep within, inspiring her to sing. Praise God!

A heartache here is but a stepping stone ... Though raised in a Christian home, it took a scare and literal heartache to bring the youthful Minnie to the Lord.

The scare came when, for some reason, this very sensitive young lady began reading the Book of Revelation. As she read its prophecies, the idea of beasts and terror on earth badly frightened her. And the last thing she wanted was to be around when all that happened!

Couple that feeling with

the fact that she was beginning to experience chest pains - a literal heartache! She knew the consequences of death without Christ - and she began attending Marantha Church. It was here she came to know her Lord; and subsequently, lost her fear. Thus her heartache was but a stepping stone to blessing.

Along a trail that's always winding upward ... A very quiet, unassuming person, Minnie has a type of magnetism that gently draws one to her. Such a one is the Reverend James Coleman, the man she met and married while attending Marantha. Together they have four delightful children, Anthony, Vincent, Valencia and Andrea. Both James and Minnie are currently employed at Emanuel Hospital, James as a chaplain and Minnie as a L.P.N.

This troubled world is not my final home ... But in this troubled world one finds pleasure in recreation and favorite pastimes. Minnie has two favorites: Rooting for the L.A. Lakers of the National Basketball Association, and playing scrabble. Here is where much of her reserve and shyness are dropped and replaced with a determined, happy animation that is a delight to behold!

But this world is not her final home and she is heaven-bound, and ...

"Until then my heart will go on singing ..."

And indeed she is! In addition to her church commitments, Minnie sings occasionally for weddings, hospital chapel services, and her husband's Sunday morning radio program on KGAR. She is a constant source of blessing to those around her daily, but a special blessing when she sings.

The Psalmist invites: O sing unto the Lord a new song; Sing unto the Lord all the Earth Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; Shew forth His salvation from day to day. Psalm 96:1 & 2

And so she will, "Until the day God calls me home."

### Scholarship Tea

The public is invited to attend the Union Ushers Scholarship Program Sunday, June 10, 1973, beginning at 6 p.m. at Highland Baptist Church, 607 N.E. Alberta Street. Reverend George Dick will pastor. Mr. J.L. Ganter is chairman of the scholarship committee, and James Lee is president.

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MERIDITH AND ESTHER GROVES

## Groves celebrate 50 years

Fifty years of marriage will be celebrated by Meredith and Esther Groves on Sunday, June 17, at the Lincoln Street Methodist Church, SE 52nd and Lincoln Streets in Portland.

Their three sons, Meredith, Vernon and Eugene, who are ministers, are planning the event, and will participate with Lincoln Street laypeople in leading Sunday morning worship at 10:00 a.m., which will conclude as the couple are asked to renew their vows.

A reception will be held in

the church parlor following the 10 a.m. service, with a second reception later in the day from 3 to 5 p.m. for their friends who might be unable to attend the morning reception. The couple has requested that there be no gifts, but for those who wish, donations may be made to the Esther and Meredith Groves, Alaska Methodist University Scholarship Fund in care of Watford Reed of the Lincoln Street Methodist Church.

The couple met while attending Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio. Four years later they were married in Gen. Kansas by Reverend Fred A. Groves, father of the groom, who was pastor of the Gem Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1925 they came to Oregon where they have served churches and in other places of leadership until his retirement in 1969, except for 5 years (1964-1969) when they were Superintendents of the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church. They are now serving as pastors of Lincoln Street Church.

## The Parson's Pen

### Pastors' implicit faith

Alfred L. "Rip" Henderson for Ministers of Albina

## Shriners worship

The members of Mina Temple #68 AEAONMS, worshipped Sunday, May 27, 1973 at Allen Temple CME Church, commemorating Jubilee Day, which is an annual event in Shrinedom. Accompanying the Ill. Potentate Eugene Bonner were the Ill. Commandress Clarice Shelby and members of Mina Court #142, PHA. After morning worship completion of the festivities ended with a buffet type refreshments at the Masonic Temple, 116 N.E. Russell Street.

## Moderator visits

The Reverend Clinton M. Marsh of Omaha, Nebraska, newly elected moderator of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, will be in the Portland area and speaking at the First Presbyterian Church of Vancouver, Washington on June 17. This appearance will be Mr. Marsh's only visit to this area in 1973-74 and will be at 7:30 p.m. He will speak and then conduct a question and answer program.

Many things have happened in the Church during the past year, which call forth from us our highest form of faith. Yes, faith in each other, faith in ourselves, and faith in "the ultimate triumph of that which is right". If this faith is misplaced, our hope is in vain.

Like all Christian Churches "we seek to serve Jesus Christ". We hope to really make our churches "A Servant Church to a Secular Community". We shall strive to "make our neighborhood a brotherhood". Knowing that Jesus was concerned about the total man, we must also be concerned about men coming to Christ concerned about war, ignorance, disease and poverty. We realize that we cannot love God and hate our fellow man.

We recognize that the Church is the "House of God" but, likewise, some people may never come to the church unless we bring them or that they come seeking our services or facilities. We must not turn them away. We can never explain a failure to serve people. One great churchman put it this way: "In the crucial moments of life, don't waste words on lengthy expositions

and explanations. Your friends don't require it, and your enemies won't believe it."

As pastors we serve many different denominations, but You are a great Church. Whether Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, etc., our ministry here in Portland is a rich ministry, the kind of ministry that matures and seasons one and prepares him to "Do Business in Great waters". We have known joy and sorrow, success and failure, the exhilaration of being "in" and the torment of being "out". We have lived by the ideals that have guided us. We have not vacillated, we have not equivocated, we have called them as we saw them. Sometimes our vision was clear; sometimes it was blurred; but our aim is always to be obedient to the heavenly vision.

May we thank your for your loyalty. Let us continue to press toward the work of Christ Jesus.

We are ready to make our dreams a living reality. We are determined to stand up for God. Buffeted by the winds of adversity, burdened by the Constant Cross, which is the badge of a Christian soldier, we listen to the beat

## OBITUARY

Dewey G. Lear, 1706 NE Emerson, died May 31 at St. Vincent's Hospital. Lear was born on January 22, 1920 in Shreveport, Louisiana. He had lived in Portland since 1946.

Mr. Lear was employed as a hyster driver for the Portland Terminal Railroad Company for the past 21 years. He was a member of Post #1, American Legion of Portland; Logan Lodge #5, F. & A.M.; Prince Hall Affiliation; Order of Railway Employees - International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers.

He is survived by his wife, Clarette; his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lear; a brother, Davis; two sisters, Mattie B. Humber and Oada Lear; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Caldwell's Colonial Mortuary with Dr. O.B. Williams officiating. Interment was in Willamette National Cemetery.



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## PSU holds class

An approach to religious teaching in which students and teachers alike apply the principles of their faith to everyday life situations will be offered this summer at Portland State University.

The two-week workshop is designed to enable ministers, rabbis, priests, Sunday school instructors and other teachers of religion to apply scriptural teachings to the realities of life, according to course director Dr. David E. Willis.

They will observe and participate in an inquiry approach to teaching "applied religion" to junior high school age youth from various churches. The teenagers will react to case studies on the basis of their religious beliefs. Every comment, no matter how "far out", is welcomed and freely discussed with the instructor and fellow students, Willis said.

The students form a circle around the instructor, who

uses "Christ's approach to teaching". "Jesus taught by being in the midst of them," Willis said. "He talked with them, not to them."

Teachers sit outside the arc but eventually join in the discussions and later analyze the effectiveness of this teaching method.

A similar course, included last winter in the Greater Portland Council of Churches "School of Christian Learning", received enthusiastic acceptance from students and teachers alike, according to an evaluation by the Council.

Students welcomed the opportunity to voice their opinions without fear of a put-down, and the challenge to think and discover God for themselves. Teachers were impressed with the down-to-earth tenor of the course, the manner in which it fostered communication between young people and adults, and the potential of this method of teaching.

The course "Teaching Religion Through Enquiry" will meet Monday through Friday, June 18 through 29, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Koinonia House, 633 S.W. Montgomery Street. Cost to teachers is \$15. Tuition for students taking the course for three hours credit is \$59.95 for undergraduates and \$97.50 for graduates.

Teachers who wish to enroll should contact PSU Summer Session, P.O. Box 751, Portland 97207, telephone 229-4081. Pastors who have young people wishing to participate should contact Dr. Willis at 229-4745.

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