

## Loaves & Fishes promotes romance

For the past two years Mabel Nelson and Belmont Fletcher have been regular participants in the meal services and programs of the Columbia Park Center of Loaves & Fishes. Unknown until recently was the romance building between them. On Friday, June 15th, at the Columbia Villa Center, their elderly companions there honored them as the newly wedded Mr. & Mrs. Belmont Fletcher with a special program.

Together they cut the wedding cake supplied by


the Loaves & Fishes Center and shared it with their many friends. The program in their honor, which followed, featured drama presentations by nine Calaroga Players from the Theater Feast at Calaroga Terrace, a Northeast Portland retirement home.

These lively Golden Age ladies, from 64 to 88, demonstrated that age was no bar to the development of dramatic talents. Their presentations ranged from readings from notable dramas to poetry and skits of their own

creation, even to a tap dance topped with a sing-along finale by the players. Costumes for the presentation were made by the players themselves.

The Calaroga Players, now 15 in number, have been coached for the past three years by drama professor Alberto Cereghino, who is Director of Special Projects of the School of Communications and Fine Arts at the University of Portland. The work of Professor Cereghino and his aides with the Calaroga Players is one of the community projects carried on by the School.

Columbia Villa Center is one of 25 Loaves & Fishes Neighborhood Centers in the Greater Portland areas. At this Center more than 25 older persons enjoy hot nutritious noon meals, 5 days a week, on a "pay as you can" basis. The Center volunteers also deliver another 25 meals, on the same days, to elderly shut-ins unable to shop for food or prepare meals for themselves. The overall program of Loaves & Fishes is now providing such meal services at its Centers and through its related Meals-on-Wheels delivers for nearly 4000 older persons who can benefit from such services. Also, all Centers have regular recreation and information programs tailored to the needs of the participants.



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## Church asks US support Rhodesian boycott

The top leaders of two national boards of the United Methodist Church have called for support of pending legislation in Congress which would have the effect of returning the U.S. to adherence to United Nations economic sanctions against Rhodesia.

Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Chicago, president of the Board of Global Ministries, and Bishop James Armstrong, Aberdeen, South Dakota, president of the Board of Church and Society, said: "Let us strengthen the forces of justice and law in the world and put human rights above personal and corporate profit." Though the UN voted Sanctions against Rhodesia in 1967 (two years after its unilateral declaration of independence from Britain), the U.S. under the Byrd amendment, has not complied with the sanctions as far as the importation of chromium and other strategic materials is concerned.

Meanwhile in Rhodesia, another United Methodist leader, Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa, told the National Affairs Association that white Rhodesians cannot "under any circumstances stop the eventuality of majority rule in Rhodesia."

Speaking as president of the African National Council (ANC), he asserted that both Africans and Europeans must stop talking about "white

solidarity" and "African idarity" — a slogan which, he said, "encourages a division into two communities rather than encourages us to be one nation as we should."

The public statement by Bishops Armstrong and Washburn said they wished to "direct public attention to the importance of supporting the current effort in Congress, sponsored by 24 members of the Senate and 59 Representatives in the House, to remove chromium from the strategic materials list (a large stockpile already has accumulated)."

This would result in the reinstatement of the previous U.S. ban on the purchase of chromium from Rhodesia in accordance with the UN Security Council vote which the U.S. supported, the bishops said, adding: "All citizens of the United States concerned about basic human rights and devoted to freedom from oppression should encourage members of Congress to act promptly and effectively in support of House Resolution 8005 and Senate Bill 1868."

The African National Council is considered by many as perhaps the most representative African organization in Rhodesia. It took the lead in opposing a proposed British-Rhodesian Settlement of differences in 1971, because the ANC felt progress toward majority rule was too slow as provided in the document. The white minority government of Prime Minister Ian Smith rules in a country where there are about 250,000 whites and 5,500,000 Blacks.

Bishop Muzorewa quoted from the ANC Manifesto:

## Canadians entertain Oregon musicians

Reverend Malinda Thorne of God's Rescue Mission of Vancouver, British Columbia, will present Reverend Mrs. Ethel Christian in recital.

The recital will be held at St. Andrews Wesley United Church, 1012 Nelson Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Also appearing on the program are "talented forces from far away places." Among those from Oregon who will participate are Reverend and Mrs. J. Parker,

"We shall strive to create a nation where Black and white can live as children of One Almighty God... we should try to find a mutually agreeable formula for achieving racial harmony."

He said that "in terms of method, we (the ANC) have pledged ourselves to work for the attainment of democratic rule by non-violent means."

However, Bishop Muzorewa declared, "if we should go forward, it is you (an apparent reference to whites) who must change." He proceeded to outline some changes that he sees as necessary for progress:

"You have to change your attitude that you should be the only ones who should run the country and that responsibility comes only through white hands. You must start to accept the fact that Rhodesia is now full of intelligent, well educated

Africans of good character and ability who should run the country together with you, working side by side as citizens of one country."

"You must stop being builders of fear — the demon of fear which has forced many whites to be silent in the face of discriminatory legislation which has crippled this country."

"... you cannot under any circumstances stop the eventuality of majority rule. Africans should not think that whites should now leave the country."

Declaring that the African National Council champions the rights of all peoples — Africans, Asians, Europeans, Coloreds, Bishop Muzorewa appealed: "Let us lay aside our destructive pride and our sick prejudice while we diligently lay the foundation for a new and prosperous society in Rhodesia."

## Car wash aids trip

The Bethel AME Youth Choir will hold a car wash Saturday, June 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Shell Service Station at Weidner and Union Avenue.

Proceeds will be used for a trip through Southern Oregon and California. The trip is called "Project Culture" and is an opportunity to acquaint ghetto youths of the Model Cities area with the University system of Oregon and California.

Bethel Church plans to take 66 youngsters from the Model Cities area who do not have to be members of Bethel. The total cost is

\$7,000, and the public is invited to assist in funding.

After touring the Universities of Oregon, the first stop scheduled is a visit with Mayor Warren Widener, first Black Mayor of Berkeley, California. Other stops will include the Universities of Northern and Southern California, Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum, IT (a detergent soap factory), Disneyland, Magic Mountain, Art Museums, Hollywood, Watts, Compton, Dodger Stadium, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Lion Country Safari, etc. A highlight of the trip will be a visit with Mayor Bradley of Los Angeles.

## Masons hold Service

The P.H. Grand Lodge of Oregon F. & A.M. and the P.H. Grand Chapter, O.E.S. will hold their Annual Thanksgiving Service at Bethel AME Church, Sunday, June

24th, at 3:00 p.m. Reverend A. Lee Henderson will speak on "Thanksgiving." Music will be rendered by the Bailey Family Trio.

## Black doctor

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about 2½ inches wide. Looking through the hole, he saw that the left internal mammary artery was damaged, and tied it up. The pericardium, the sac enclosing the heart, had a cut in it about 1¼ inches long; the edges fluttered as the heart pulsed 130 times a minute. In the heart muscle itself, there was only a cut about a tenth of an inch deep. The knife had just missed a coronary artery; had it not, Cornish would have been dead.

Dr. Williams decided the heart wound needed no suture, but the pericardium was another story. It had to be repaired.

The physician irrigated the wound with a salt solution of 100 degrees, which was just about the temperature in the operating room. Then he sewed up the torn heart sac and closed the chest incision. Nobody bothered to keep track of the time, but agreed later that the operation seemed short. The fascinated onlookers filed out, and Cornish was taken to a ward.

During the ensuing 24 hours he had a 103-degree temperature but slept without the aid of drugs. Later there was some coughing and hiccups, but by the fourth day his temperature was almost normal.

On August 2, Dr. Williams operated again to remove some fluid from the chest cavity. On August 30, James Cornish walked out of the hospital. He was known to be alive and well 20 years later.

Word naturally got around

about the operation, and Dr. Williams was interviewed by the press, talking mostly about the hospital and his "wonderful nurses."

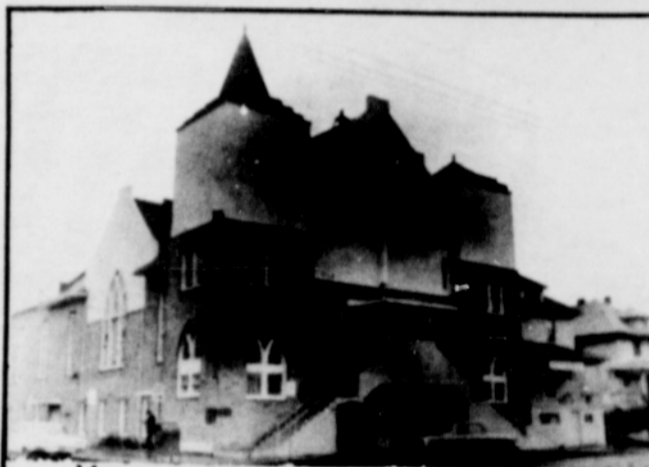
"Sewed up his heart!" said one headline. "Dr. Williams performs an astonishing feat!"

However, Dr. Williams waited several years before publishing an account of the surgery in a scientific journal. It appeared in March, 1897, in the Medical Record of New York.

Some disputed that he had indeed been the first to perform open heart surgery. But after various investigations — including one as late as 1935 — Dr. Williams was generally credited with being the pioneer.

He went on to a long and distinguished career in medicine: Surgeon-in-Chief at the Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, D.C., where he performed difficult and innovative operations; visiting professor at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., then as now a Black school; member of the Illinois State Board of Health; a founder of the National Medical Association in 1905 and a charter member, in 1913, of the new American College of Surgeons. He served on the surgical staff at Cook County Hospital in Chicago in the early 1900s and was on the staff at St. Luke's Hospital from 1907 until his death in 1931.

Ironically, this brilliant, dedicated physician was buried in an unmarked grave in Chicago's Graceland Cemetery.



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