

Kirkpatrick sings for FOR

The Reverend Frederick Douglass Kirkpatrick, civil rights leader and songwriter, will be featured at Westminster Presbyterian Church (N.E. 16th and Hancock) at a Meal of Reconciliation and Concert to be held on Saturday, April 19th. The Meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the Concert starting at 7:30 p.m. The gathering is sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Brother Kirkpatrick exudes a magnetism which has attracted young and old alike ever since he started to use his guitar and powerful baritone voice as weapons against hatred and injustices. "Everybody's Gotta Right to Live," he sings. And he means it.

Ossie Davis has commented: "An old spiritual of ours says, 'the trumpet sounds with-in my soul.' That's Reverend Kirkpatrick. If you want Black honesty set to music, sweet enough to make you laugh, bitter enough to make you cry, and angry enough to make you get up off your behind and do something about it... That's Reverend Kirkpatrick."

Yet another great American folk singer, Pete Seeger, says: "It is hard to say in words why I wish all America (and all the world) could get to hear and see Brother Fred Kirkpatrick. Here is the strength and honesty of a people stolen from their ancient home treated like dirt for 300 years, but standing tall now and refusing to be silent, saying, 'Listen to us; we are showing you how the human race can be redeemed; everybody's got a right to live!'"

In his early years, Brother Kirkpatrick fought for the rights and dignity of his brothers and sisters in



Frederick Douglass Kirkpatrick

the only way he knew - with violence. It was Martin Luther King, Jr. who persuaded him that violence was useless in the long run. In 1968, under King's direction, he helped organize the Poor People's March in Washington and he has been bringing people together ever since.

An ordained Baptist minister, Frederick Douglass Kirkpatrick was born into a sharecropper's family in Louisiana, forty-two years ago. His huge frame and natural talent won him a football scholarship to Grambling College. Later he played pro ball for the Kansas City Chiefs, then went on to become a public school teacher and professor of anatomy at Grambling. But all that is past. Now this many-faceted man devotes his life to others, giving them new

hope and determination. Kirkpatrick is travelling for the Fellowship of Reconciliation, a sixty year old pacifist organization. The Fellowship is composed of men and women who recognize the essential unity of all humanity and have joined together to explore the power of love and truth for resolving human conflict. The vision of the Fellowship is "That all may live in peace together." In searching out this vision the Fellowship seeks the company of those of whatever faith who wish to confront human differences, with nonviolent, reconciling, and compassionate love.

Tickets for the Meal and Concert are \$3.50 (low income \$1.50). For information, reservations, and tickets contact the Oregon F.O.R.'s office at 235-9839. Tickets also available at the door.

Linfield College offers engineering

Business wants to employ individuals, not statistics. That's the contention of Bob Jones, coordinator of the Cooperative Engineering Program at Linfield College, McMinnville.

The college is now offering a special 3-2 Engineering Program, designed to produce Engineers with versatile backgrounds.

Students attend Linfield College for three years, pursuing courses in addition to pre-Engineering a solid Liberal Arts schedule. At the end of this time frame, they enter a major Engineering school as a junior. In two more years they complete all requirements for both a Bachelor of Arts degree from Linfield and a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering.

"What we like about the 3-2 program," Jones says, "is that it not only produces good Engineers, but Engineers who are not shut off from the rest of the world. Often a narrow educational background makes it diffi-

cult to communicate with fellow employees. In other words, fit in."

"Also, because of a Liberal Arts background, should a student decide to switch career goals mid-stream, the change is easier."

Jones says the five-year plan although longer than the traditional four year, is "worth it in the long run."

"When you consider the

enrichment a Liberal Arts program will add to a career path," Jones says, "the effort will prove worth it over and over again. The time to get a Liberal Arts background is during career preparation. The time will never seem to be available again."

Linfield offers the 3-2 Program with the cooperation of several highly respected Engineering

schools, including those at Oregon State University, University of Washington and University of Southern California.

"The program is designed primarily for careers in Electrical, Mechanical and Civil engineering," Jones says, "but it can be directed towards degrees in Chemical Engineering, Bioengineering and others."

Linfield College is a

four-year independent school of the arts and sciences. It offers year round study-employment programs, certain financial advantages and more than 100 academic scholarships to qualified students regardless of financial need.

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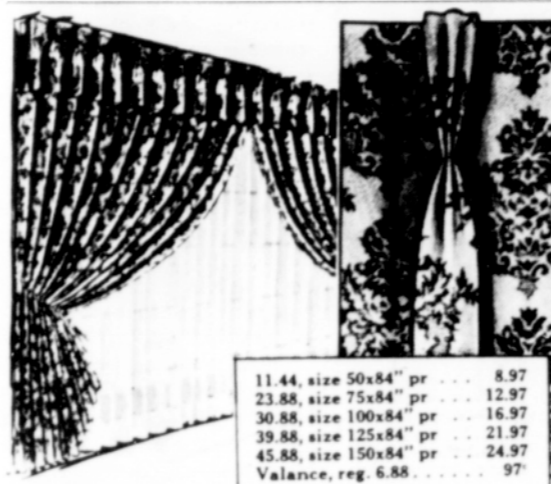
NAACP meets

The NAACP, Portland Branch, will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, April 20th at 4:00 p.m. at Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church, 111 N.E. Failing.

Speakers are Representative Mary Rieke and Senator Bill McCoy, who will speak on pending legislation of interest to the community.

President Ellis Casson announced that he will appoint Lucius Hicks, IV to a vacancy on the Board of Directors.

The public is invited to the meeting.



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The Portland Section of "The National Council of Negro Women" will present Fashions "Sew and Show" on Sunday April 27th, 1975 at Cascade Center 5506 N. Borthwick Avenue, 5:00 p.m., donations; adults \$3 children \$1.50.

Observing "International Women's Year", we will focus on women from all races and ethnic groups. Fashions vary from petite to queen size.

Highlights from youth of today will be presented. The President is Mrs. Willie M. Hart.

Volunteer Week begins

As part of Volunteer Week, April 20th thru the 26th, Portland Mayor Neil Goldschmidt and Police Chief Bruce Baker will honor the eighty volunteers who are helping with Crime Prevention Bureau activities.

Goldschmidt and Baker will speak at a coffee for the volunteers to be held April 25th at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Jim and Skip Borges-Silva, 5440 N.E. 35th.

The volunteers range in age from elementary school students who spent their time helping in the Crime Prevention Bureau office during spring vacation to senior citizens.

Most of the volunteers are participating in a special Crime Prevention Bureau project designed to reach Portland's older residents and handicapped persons.

Volunteers contribute at least eight hours a month helping these people mark their property with identifying numbers. The volunteer then puts up door and window stickers which say the valuables inside have been marked.

Anyone interested in doing volunteer work with the Crime Prevention Bureau is urged to call the Bureau's Volunteer Co-ordinator, Linda Wohl, at 248-4126.

Older workers needed for jobs

The Older Workers Unit at the downtown office of the State Employment Division is having a problem. It seems the senior citizen volunteers who man the office can't keep themselves busy. According to Gerry Johnson, the lady who supervises the unit, the problem isn't jobs. They have plenty of those available. The real problem, believe it or not, is finding enough retired citizens to fill them. Most of the openings, she says, are part time positions. Just enough

hours to supplement retirees incomes, or to keep them from becoming bored, or both.

She sees the situation as a result of the reports of the "depressed job market" that we've been hearing so much about lately. She says she thinks the reports are scaring people away. They've just stopped looking for work because someone told them...or they read somewhere...that there are no jobs. "Well," she says, "we don't have that problem. We have employers

needing part-time help, and we get new job orders every day."

So, it seems, that the harbingers of doom have had their effect in the Older Workers Unit of the Portland Job Service Office. At least that's the consensus of the situation by the lady who runs it, Gerry Johnson.

She says she wishes somebody would drop by even if it's just to get warm. But the hunch is that she would probably try to talk you into taking a part-time job.

Albina Women present awards

For three years now, a small group of women in the Albina area have been diligently working toward bettering the social conditions of the residents of the Portland and Albina area. These women have addressed concerns ranging from youth to aging, as well as dealing with specific concerns brought to their attention by members and community people.

In 1975, the Albina Women's League Foundation unanimously voted to focus their energies and attention toward addressing a too long overlooked, too long ignored problem in the City of Portland and the State of Oregon - aging. The Albina Women's League Foundation feels that care facilities for the elderly are severely lacking and dangerously inadequate.

Therefore, the League is attempting to build a Senior Citizens Retirement Home, housing four-plex with a nursing home, senior citizens retirement facilities, a day care facility - which provides night, day, overnight, weekend and vacation care, as well as therapeutic, ambulatory, rehabilitation, and recreational facilities. The League feels that we owe the elderly for the contributions they have made and should provide them with more than just custodial care.

Fund raising has begun for the Senior Citizens Retirement Home. Foundation President Bettie Lou Overton states: "We don't quit until we have some avenue open and working to provide care and most of all, a life after age sixty-five for our seniors. It's time

people stopped ignoring the problem, because it won't go away." Sunday, April 27th, 1975 is the date set for the Albina Women's League Foundation fund raising project. This date is slated for their Annual Awards Benefit, to be held at the Hilton Hotel, 8:00 p.m., at which time noteworthy citizens who have made a contribution to bettering the lives of people in their community and/or state will be honored. Some of the persons to be recognized for their contributions are: Dr. Lee P. Brown, Ms. Hazel Hays, Mr. Richard Weholt, Commissioner Frank Ivarie, Ms. Susie LaBord, Ms. Viviane Barnett, Reverend John Jackson, Mr. Herman Plummer, Reverend Ellis Casson, Mr. Henry Scott, Mr. Raymond Kell, Mr. Ira Keller, KQIV, Cedar Mills Lions Club and Portland Observer.

Entertainers will include: Marion Roberts, Danny Osborne, G.M. Incorporated, Ed Mitchell, Linda Brown, The Flavors, George Lawson (of course), Billy Larkins; and fashions by Darlene Easley and Foxes and Hares.

Keynote speakers will be Judge Mercedes Deiz and Master of Ceremonies, Jetic Wilds.

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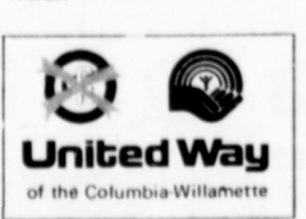
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