



Saturday, Nov. 16, family and friends gathered for the 50th wedding anniversary of Joe and Cecil Frazier. They renewed their wedding vows and were given a special tribute by the Frazier children. The affair was held at the Matt Dishman Center. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Ethnic minority conference on mental health issues

by Jerry Garner

The third Northwest Regional Ethnic Minority Conference on the problems and practices related to ethnic minority issues and mental health will be held Nov. 21-23 at the Red Lion Motor Inn, Jantzen Beach. The keynote speakers will be Delores Parron, Ph.D., Associate Director for Special Populations, National Institute of Mental Health; and Bea Medicine, Ph.D., Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Native Center, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta.

Dr. Parron is widely published in professional journals. Honors include Who's Who in the East, Who's Who Among Black Americans, and Outstanding Young Women in America. She also develops, coordinates, and supports policies and programs to serve or address the needs of ethnic minorities and women. Dr. Parron actively promotes research, training, and other service activities aimed at promoting mental health and preventing mental illness among minorities and women.

Dr. Parron received her Ph.D. in 1977 from the Catholic University of America. From 1971 to 1978 she was Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Howard University College of Medicine, Washington, DC.

In 1977 and 1978, Parron served on the President's Commission on Mental Health as a Social Science Analyst. Dr. Parron was Associate Director of the Division of Mental Health and Behavioral Medicine, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC from 1978 to 1983. She assumed her present position in January 1983.

Dr. Medicine is currently on leave from California State University of Northridge, California. She has a doctorate in Cultural Anthropology. Dr. Medicine began her career as a Home Economics teacher at Haskell Indian Institute (B.I.A.), Lawrence, KS. After five years teaching at secondary level in Native American schools, she earned her Masters in 1951 and moved to the college and university level.

Dr. Medicine has presented more than 26 papers at professional meetings. She is currently doing

research in six areas related to Native American concerns. Dr. Medicine was selected this year by the American Educational Research Association to receive the Outstanding Scholar/Researcher Award, she is the first Native American person to receive this award.

Dr. Medicine has testified as an expert witness in five trials including Wounded Knee at Lincoln, NB, and the Greybull Grandchildren Custody Case here in Portland.

Dr. Medicine is also on the Governing Board of Common Cause. Dr. Medicine was chosen the 1984 Outstanding Woman of Color, National Institute of Women of Color, Washington DC, 1983, for anthropological contributions.

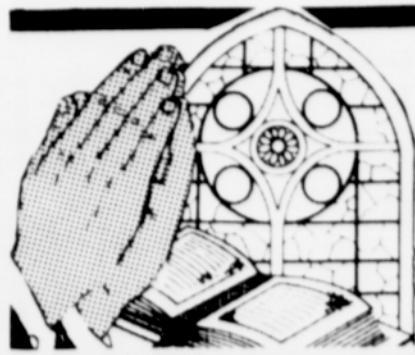
Besides Drs. Parron and Medicine, special guests will be Frank Bailey, Executive Director, National Council of Community Mental Health; Byron Neri-yoshi Kunisawa, National Multicultural Consultant; and Edwin J. Nichols, Ph.D., Chief, the Staff College, National Institute of Mental Health.

During the conference, top local and national trainers will present skill-building workshops and research findings on cultural difference, mental health factors, and ethnic minority issues in providing services to people of color.

The conference has been endorsed by the following governors: Bill Sheffield of Alaska; Booth Gardner of Washington; and Vic Atiyeh of Oregon. All three governors will send representatives to the conference. Oregon Senator Bob Packwood and Robert Smith, House of Representatives from Washington, DC also have endorsed the conference.

Mental health among ethnic minorities creates special problems for those in the mental health profession. The purpose of the conference is to increase the skills and understanding of mental health professionals in serving ethnic minority clients.

Those interested in attending the workshops must pay a fee of \$90 for pre-registration or \$110 for on-site registration. For further information contact the North/Northeast Community Mental Health Center at 239-8871.



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RELIGION UPDATE

by Dee Armstrong

"Let's Talk" is the subject of this week's "Update." There are times when I ponder over what to write and I continually pray for guidance. And then there are times when I simply would like to talk about Godly things; so let's talk.

Did you know that more women than men think that religion is important in their lives. According to a recent Gallup poll, 48 percent of men and 63 percent of women surveyed said religion was "very important," while another 34 percent of men and 27 percent of women said religion was "fairly important." (Research and publication by Princeton Religious Research Center.)

How difficult is it to overcome temptation? ... Becoming a Christian is like becoming a new person. But the "old us" doesn't give up the struggle easily. Our old habits and desires start to fight against our new loyalty to Jesus.

So how can Christians cope with temptation? It helps us to know how temptation works, and how Jesus faced it. Temptation isn't sinning. We needn't feel guilty just because we're tempted; after all, Jesus, too, went through temptation. It's only when we give in that temptation becomes sin.

Temptation shouldn't come as such a great surprise because we are presented with temptations that fit our own particular weaknesses. For some people it will be their pride; for others, hoarding wealth; and for others, criticizing people. We need to know our own weaknesses and be honest about them with God.

We can fight back against temptation by hitting its weakest point. When Jesus was tempted, he used the (word) Bible to resist the Devil and we can do the same thing today by knowing (word) the Bible inside out and living its message.

Jesus was tempted but he did not sin, therefore he knows how we feel when we are tempted. But he does more than we sometimes may understand. He has offered us real help by overcoming sin himself. We can rely on him to help us in trouble. And if we should sin, he will pick us up and give us the strength to fight again.

The Sounds of Thanksgiving Concert will be heard Friday, Nov. 29 at 10:30 p.m. at Williams Temple C.O.G.I.C., located at 241 N.E. Hancock. Come and celebrate the seventh year of a musical tradition with Missionary Charlotte Brandon and the Youth Choir of Williams Temple as they proclaim "to God be the Glory!"

Please send your comments and special requests to: Dee Armstrong, c/o Religion Update, P.O. Box 9331, Portland, OR 97212.

Salvation Army seeks Thanksgiving pies

Homemade pies are needed by The Salvation Army to serve to the Burnside community in its annual Thanksgiving dinner. A Capt. Ross Allemang, Commander of The Salvation Army's Harbor Light Center, 134 West Burnside, is inviting the public to bake and donate pies for this year's annual dinner, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 28, at 11:00 a.m.

More than 1,000 Burnside residents and street people are expected to attend the turkey and trimmings meal.

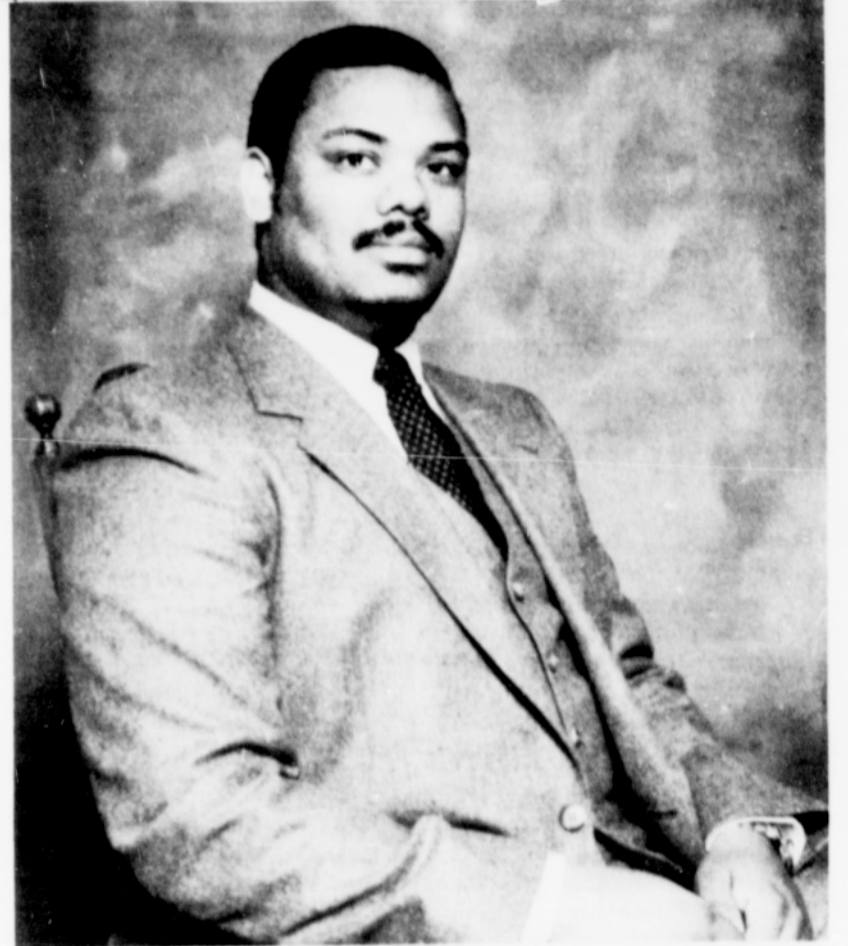
"When you have no home but the streets, it means something to be able to have a homemade meal on a holiday," Allemang said. He noted that hundreds of pies are needed. Those donated early in November will

be frozen and then thawed out on Thanksgiving Day.

Persons wishing to donate pies can bring them to the center. For more information contact Capt. Allemang at 223-2043.

Allen Temple event

Allen Temple C.M.E. Church, 4236 N.E. 8th Ave. is having a musical extravaganza Sunday, Nov. 24 at 3:30 p.m. to celebrate the culmination of the Conference Claims Drive. Guest soloist, Goldie Irby; special guest soloist, Peggy Houston Shriver.



REV. LESLIE R. WHITE

Rev. Leslie R. White returns for Bethel A.M.E. Revival Dec. 2

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will be holding a Revival Monday, Dec. 2 through Friday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

The theme for the 1985-86 Revival is "Renewal Through the Power of the Holy Spirit." We are challenged to become disciples who are positive. We all see the negative and need no one to point it out. What we need are persons to point a way out of the negative. People come to a Revival seeking a spiritual uplift. This is the gift we can give them through our own positive approach to life. The Bible is a positive statement about the love of

God. We invite each of you to come and be "Renewed Through the Power of the Holy Spirit."

Our Revivalist is the Reverend Leslie R. White, who began his ministry here at Bethel. Rev. White now serves as Pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Wichita, Kansas.

We need your support for the Revival through daily prayers, by contacting and bringing inactive members, unchurched persons, friends and relatives to share with us this "Renewal Through the Power of the Holy Spirit."

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