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FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATED **Message On Freedom Day**

> Juneteenth has come again, select in your choosing in life. with Bethel A.M.E. Church rade in our community with American.

Thanks go to Mrs. Brenda for holding a big celebration. pride. the Freedom Day Celebration. Davis and Ms. Emilyn Harris, Eight hundred people partici-We ask young people to get all of the community care vol- pated, and there's talk of next who have gone on before us for your education so you can be unteers and Clara Peoples year going for rides and a pa- the sake of freedom for the black

Thanks went out to those

In Portland The Tradition of **'Juneteenth'' Unites African Americans**

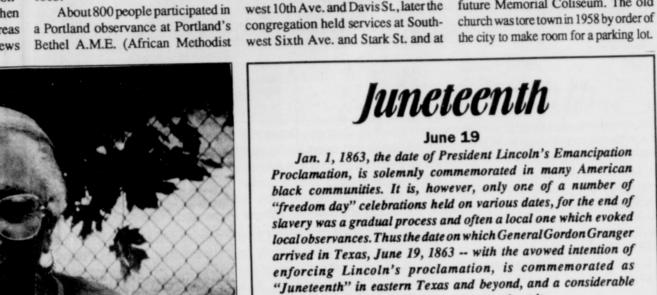
year anniversary of freedom from slavery June 19 during the annual observance of "Juneteenth Day." The holiday marks the time of the year when many black Americans in rural areas of the south and Texas, first got news

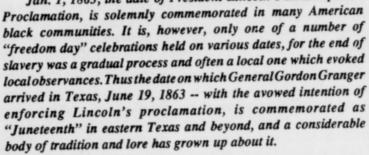
Area residents marked the 121- of the Emancipation Proclamation, Episcopal) Church. freeing the slaves, signed by Presi-1863.

The church has historic roots in dent Abraham Lincoln on Jan. 1, Portland, dating back to 1889. The church at North Larrabee Ave. and first church building was at Northwest 10th Ave. and Davis St., later the future Memorial Coliseum. The old

Northwest 13th Ave. and Everett St.

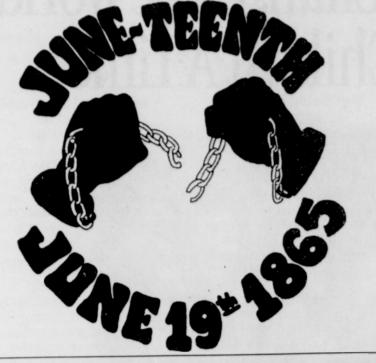
In 1915, Bethel A.M.E. built a McMillen St. in the vicinity of the





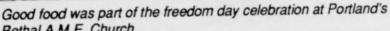






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Samuela A. Organ of Portland was one of the many people who helped stage "Juneteenth," a holiday marking the end of salvery in America.

Bethal A.M.E. Church

