

# RELIGION

## NPBC Building Update Workmen Builds Excitement

"All the plumbing and the gas' lines are finished. The inspector has been here and they have passed inspection!" The team gets excited at such news.

One by one the required tasks get finished, and the buildings get nearer to completion... soon the heat ducts, electric wiring, sheet rock will be finished, and it will be time to think about interior decorating. Planning is underway for that task, too. We are impressed with the way the Lord has provided.

More Contractors Send Men And Materials

"This old house" is beginning to look different, even outside. New roofing is installed, thanks to Roofers Union #49, Walt Medley, Coordinator. Three apprentice roofers, Richard Oaks, Dan Hudson and Brian Scoggins,

with their instructor, Howard Nabe, laid shingles on a roof previously stripped by trainees from Willamette Carpentry Training Center.

A new front porch is going to take the place of the broken-down, hazardous affair that formerly challenged any visitors. The new construction is being provided by JMC Construction, Inc. Clackamas.

What Does All This Good Help Mean?

What it does NOT mean:

It does not mean that all the building needs are taken care of. The college pays large bills for materials and fees that are not covered by any person or company. We are thankful that all bills are paid so far. "Hitherto has the Lord helped us."

It does not mean that we have

all the volunteers we need. Individuals and groups may call the school for information about how and when extra help is needed. The school number is 288-2919. The building superintendent can sometimes be reached directly at 284-9489. Be sure to let the phone ring SEVERAL times because he may be a long way from the telephone.

What it does mean:

It means that the vision for having a community-based Bible college in North Portland is catching on. God has given us friends who have recruited other associates to contribute so generously that we can realistically think about using the buildings this summer.

Join us in prayer and praise to God!

"This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."



A task for two good men: to get an extra-long gutter up to the second-story roof level. Ken and Bruce can handle it.

## Where Is The Love, Beauty And Truth "Ingredients For Suicide"

BY M. ISAACS

### Mary's Case Continues:

I know there are people in this city experiencing traumatic episodes involving careless, inept, loveless and often hateful people, working in service agencies; Agencies whose major source of funding comes from our government. A government without viable controls over these service groups whose main interest is to make a profit while giving the impression that they are serving people in need; agencies whose interest is focused on maintaining and increasing administrative casts; costs which can be easily siphoned off, rather than aiding those in need. Of course, all agencies receiving funding from Government, United Way and other sources supported by the public art guilty of misuse of funds. Thank God for those who meet the desperate

needs of most of the people who apply for assistance.

Following Mary's case has opened my eyes to a great many areas of need that most people, with high incomes and/or jobs, never consider. Mary, a widow, receiving Social Security Widow's Benefits, lives in an apartment, paying two-thirds of her fixed income for rent. She receives seventy-three dollars per month in food stamps, which supplements the two hundred dollars per month in food stamps, which supplements the two hundred dollars left to her after she pays her rent. (Note: Mary, for two months, received eighty-eight dollars in food stamps, but in January, she received a cost-of-living raise on her S.S. check, therefore, the food stamp dollar amount was reduced). Mary pays out of her remaining two hundred dollars, electricity and telephone bills,

which leaves her approximately one hundred twenty dollars for all her other expenses during the month. She frequently uses paper towels for toilet paper, because it is cheaper. Cost of transportation is a problem, but Mary manages to scrimp and save enough to purchase a monthly bus pass, which allows her to make the rounds applying for various jobs. Mary quickly became aware that equal employment opportunity does not apply to Senior Citizens. St. Vincent DePaul Senior Job Center, with short term temp. jobs, has helped to keep Mary afloat, supplying money necessary for those things she is unable to purchase with food stamps. Mary sought to enter the Senior Grandparents Program, but found her income was four dollars over the limit set by the government.

Mary can no longer afford life and health insurance and her medica-

tions are becoming more and more expensive. Depressed, lonely and isolated socially, but never a complainer or quitter, Mary contacts the Housing Authority of Portland regarding the low cost housing for which she applied over a year ago. Following her phone call, she received an update application for federal preference, which she promptly filled out and returned. She has heard nothing further, but assumes she is on a list somewhere for low cost housing.

Mary, desperate, lies on her application for Senior Companion with Metropolitan Family Services. She does not own a car, which is required, nor does she tell of the cost-of-living raise she is aware she will receive in January, 1995. Lying is against her up-bringing and religion, but....

On The Bright Side: Mary is

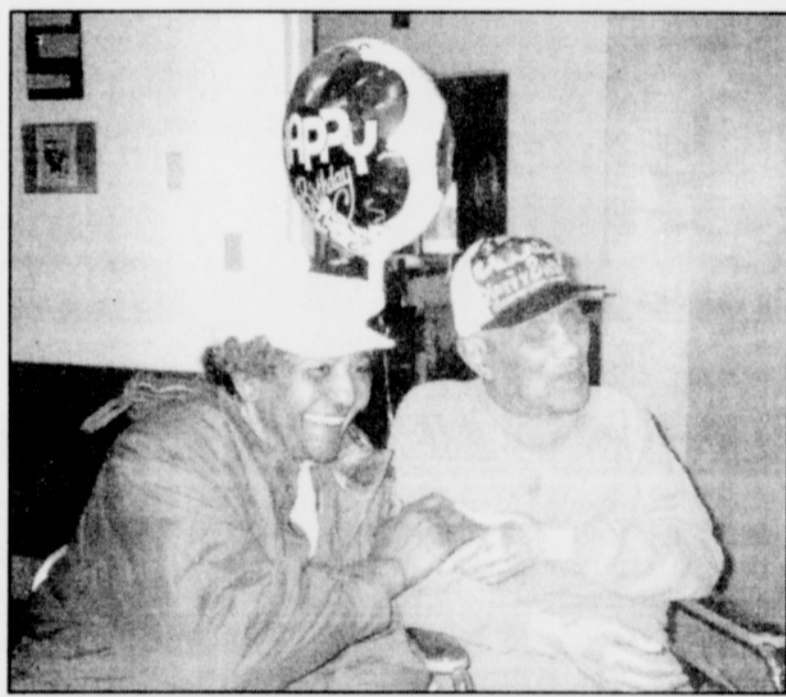
hired as a Senior Companion at \$2.45 per hour, but she needs a car to do the job. In a Bible Study Group, Mary mentions her need for a car, and a fireman who belongs to her Church (much to Mary's surprise) delivers to her a 1983 car he has refurbished along with the title. Mary must now "find" money for insurance, tags and title change charges and her drivers license must be renewed. A friend loans Mary the money for tags, and Mary uses the telephone bill money to renew her license. Mary drives, without insurance, to the Senior Center to apply for energy assistance. She receives one hundred ninety dollars, which will be paid to the her electric company. Mary promptly uses money set aside for electricity to purchase car insurance, setting her payments up on a monthly basis.

Yes, life now seems brighter to Mary, and never losing her faith in

God, Mary prepares to fulfill her job as Senior Companion to others less fortunate than she. Always one to see the bright side of any situation and never failing to thank God for his divine mercy, Mary finds herself useful again. A few of the ingredients for suicide are removed from Mary's life through the generosity of one man who is unaware of the life he has saved. God is good and His mercy endureth to all generations. Yes, You Can Make A Difference!

If ever there was a story that opts for God's Church to assume again the responsibility for the poor, the homeless, the naked, the hungry, this is one of them. Some people in Government have no compassion and are self serving. These attributes are against God's Commandments. It is only through God's people can mankind be served, for we are the hands, feet, mind and heart of God.

### Charlie Williams Turns 108!



Bea, a volunteer, and Charlie.

Charlie Williams celebrated his 108th birthday in January with his Del's family and community friends. Charlie continues to enjoy a good fried chicken meal, weekly Bingo games and good sermons from the visiting pastor.

Congratulations and happy birthday to Charlie

### Obituary

#### Curtis Lee Thompson

Date of Death: Feb. 19, 1995

Cause of Death: Stroke

Services were held Tuesday, February 28, 1995, at Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes-Portland, Oregon

### St. Mark Baptist Church

103 NE Morris St., Portland, OR 97212

- Sunday School - 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship Service - 11:00am
- Sunday School Teacher's Meeting Tues - 6:30pm
- Bible Study Wednesday 6:00pm
- Prayer Meeting Wednesday - 7:00pm

Church Phone Number  
287-7457

We Invite You To Come And Worship With Us.

The Church Where Everybody is Somebody And Christ Is All.  
Dr. Joe S. Hardie, Pastor

### Annual Musical

March 11, 1995 - 7:00 p.m.  
Maranatha Church of God  
4222 NE 12th Avenue

Rev. T. Allen Bethel, Host Pastor

For further information contact:

Lillian Jenkins, 285-0089  
College Office, 288-2919 or  
Beth Nance, 287-0885

### St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

8101 N. Fiske Avenue • Portland Oregon 97203  
Church Phone: 289-0147 • Study Phone: 289-1911

Sunday Service 10:45

Sunday School 9:30

Bible Study 6:00

Evening Service 7:00pm

Pastor, Re. James C.E. Faulkner



### Mt Olivet Baptist Church

8501 N. Chautauqua Blvd.,  
at Willis Blvd.

Worship Services 8:00am & 11:00am.

Church School 9:30 to 10:30am.

Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:30am & 7:00pm

Radio Ministry each Sunday, 8:00am on KBMS

A Teaching Church With A Reaching Ministry

Dr. James E. Martin, Senior Pastor

(503) 240-PRAY

### Birth Announcement

Baby's Name: Centory Artego Tillis

Date of Birth: 2/1/95 Sex M

Mother's Name: Lashonda Tillis

Weight: 6 lbs 14 oz Length 19 1/2 in

Grandparents/Paternal: Karen Polk & Irvin Tillis, Portland

Great Grandparents/ Paternal: Ms. Reba Roper & Mr. Roper

Great Grandparents/ Paternal: Roy Tillis & Pearla Mae Lee, Portland & Hobbs, New Mexico

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### FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH

4224 S.E. 62nd Avenue  
(between Powell & Foster)  
Portland, Oregon 97206

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:30am

Morning Worship 10:45am

Evangelistic Service 7:30pm

Tuesday Pastoral Teaching 7:00pm

FRIDAY

Evangelistic Service 7:00pm

DAILY

Prayer 12:00pm & 6:00pm

(503) 774-5470

PASTORS: Bishop Robert Simpson, Jr. • Dr. Ida M. Simpson



### Lighthouse Church Of God In Christ

8138 N Hudson  
Portland, OR 97203  
(503) 283-3558 • Church (503) 283-0169 • Home  
Elder Tom Moore, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship 11:45 A.M.

YPWW 6:30 P.M.

Sunday Evening Worship 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday Prayer/Bible Band 7:30 P.M.

Friday Worship Service 7:00 P.M.

"Come Unto Me All Ye That Labor And Are Heavy Laden,  
And I Will Give You Rest. Take My Yoke Upon You  
And Learn Of Me." Matt. 11:28-29

We have a place for you. Come fellowship with us!

A Welcome Is Awaiting You!