

RELIGION

ALTERNATIVES

"Dealing With Death, No Problem"

BY MARGARET J. ISAACS

It is a long, long road that I have traveled, and longer still before I deign to appear; yet glimpses of glories and strong hearts and tears show through the veil of former years. I yearn for truth and love and joy and peace, and quietness and worth and absence of fear.

The gulfs I have crossed alone, opportunities won and lost, decisions made, good and bad, through sad and glad years. Cruel fates I have faced drawing from an extended family store of wisdom and godly grace. I cannot say that I have lived well without fault, nor can I credit success to wisdom or fate: I will gladly yield to life's swan song; passing the torch along to those who have just begun to travel, as my days unravel. Yes, I am here; blessed or not here I will be, for I have no better place yet to go, to be, to see. My children grace my life, and one of my parents remain for a little while, giving me duty and love and a reason to be wise. Yes, it is a long, long road I have traveled, up and down, and sometimes detouring for some undetermined Prize. I must go on, I have no choice, but to be strong

and steadfast and humble, aware that I will often stumble. Yet, the wind still blows and the green grass still grows, and wrinkled faces still smile for a little while. When this long, long road comes to an end, as end it must; for life is but a twinkling of an eye; we breathe, we live, we die; I will never regret the years gone by, nor will I cling to life, nor sigh for years more to travel, as my long, long days unravel. I will always cherish the memories God has given, for I fined myself looking behind more than before; but still I yearn for rest, for peace and for heaven's shore. I will gladly go forth when the angel visits, anxious to begin a better way. I smile as I dream of that bright new day; I lift my feet high, marching as I travel and my long, long days unravel. Goodby, I say to myself, this old body must go. Changed I will be and soon; avidly listening, looking heavenward, I can almost see and hear the veil lifting between God and me; as I listen for the clarion call of death's wings beating the air; goodby, self, I do not know when, but I do know where. And I am almost there.

Grace Covenant Fellowship

Grace Covenant Fellowship is the newest ministry of Faith Tabernacle Council of Churches (FTCC) founded by Bishop L.W. Osborne, Sr. which has over 8,000 members in Oregon, California, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, and Southern Africa.

Bishop Grace C. Osborne, CEO of FTCC and one of the few women bishops in the Apostolic faith is the pastor of Grace Covenant Fellowship which presently holds its Sunday services at Holiday Inn on Grand and Hassalo (1021 NE Grand, 6th Floor, Ballroom 4)

"Pastor Grace" as she is affectionately called, was recently honored with the Spiritual Community Leader Award at the "Keep Living the Dream" Martin Luther King celebration. She has been involved in the community for over 20 years; her

past and present involvement includes serving as President Emeritus of Oregon State Minister's Wives and Minister's Widows; treasurer of One Church, One Child; member of CSD Adoption Committee; instructor at North Portland Bible College; 1st vice-president of Albina Ministerial Alliance and board member for several organizations including PREP Portland Release time Education Program, Black United Fund, and S.O.S. Drummers and Dreamers.

God's covenant with his children through Abraham and the dispensation of grace is the focal point of this ministry and thus, the name Grace Covenant Fellowship.

Grace Covenant Fellowship boasts the talent of local musician Danny Osborne and record-producer Ricky Callier of Multi Music Studios.

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Muslims To Celebrate a Day for Jesus

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Portland is setting aside the 30th of this month to celebrate the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The celebration is scheduled at the Lutheran Community Center on NE Martin Luther King Blvd & Skidmore St. at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Azhar Hanif, a Chicago-based Muslim missionary, will be the keynote speaker. The event

which is open to the general public will provide an opportunity for non-Muslims to understand how Islam glorifies, and reveres Jesus. His teachings on racial harmony, forgiveness and love for all are moral remedy for our community. It is a religious obligation for all Muslims to have faith in Jesus. members of the Muslim community will be available to answer

to answer any questions. Free literature on this and many related subjects will be available. Dinner will be served.

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam is an embodiment of peace and real Islam. It seeks to unite mankind with its creator to establish religious harmony through out the world. It was founded in 1889 by Hazrat Mizra

Ghulam Ahmad, of Qadian, India. The movement is now established in more than 140 countries of the world.

The event is free. Reservation at 245-9041 or 246-0813 will be highly appreciated but not required.

Saturday, March 30, 1996; 2:00 p.m. at Lutheran Community Center, 4219 NE MLK Jr. Blvd, Portland, Oregon 97211.

Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt Rogers

Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt Rogers was the eldest of two sons born to Rev. Roosevelt and Millie E. Rogers. He was born on October 26, 1928 in Laurel, Mississippi. The family lived in Laurel, Memphis, Tennessee, Little Rock Arkansas, and St. Louis, Missouri, prior to moving permanently to Portland, Oregon in the early 1940s.

Teddy graduated from Shumway High school in Vancouver, Washington in 1945...Teddy also attended Portland community college. He served in the United States Army for two years.

Teddy was a dedicated family man. He had 8 children; Kenneth Rogers Adair, Donny Rogers Adair, Gail Robertson, Gerald Rogers, Joe Wayne Rogers, Charlotte Moore,

Johnny Moore and Jahad Moore. Those children gave him 24 loving grandchildren and grandchildren. Teddy leaves behind his long time companion Lorean Davis and her loving children; his cousin Thomas Eugene Miller and his sons; Mildred Wims; the Presley Family; William Anfield; Bessie Anfield and their children. He is also survived by his aunts Priscilla Ackerson and Ann Meadows; and many cousins, all of Southern California. Teddy will also be mourned by a host of friends and acquaintances.

Teddy was called to rest on Sunday evening March 3, 1996. He was preceded in his death by his beloved parents, his brother William, and his dear aunt Rebecca Miller.

Teddy held numerous jobs, includ-

ing letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service and Metals Worker for Reynolds aluminum in Troutdale, Oregon, and was a small businessman.

Teddy retired in 1980 due to illness. However, he remained active and over the last few years dedicated himself to volunteer work supporting the needs of senior citizens. He regularly served meals and provided jazz music and poetry to the patrons of the Urban League N.E. Multicultural Senior Center. Teddy served as a member of the Advisory Board for Multnomah county Aging Services Division.

Teddy was a religious person, baptized very early in life. He followed the spiritual guidance of his father who served as an Assistant Pastor at Vancouver Ave. Baptist

church for many years.

Teddy used his god given talents by singing in many church choirs, including Bethel A.M.E. and Vancouver Ave. 1st Baptist Church.

Teddy was always full of fun, kindness and a zest for life. He was an avid Bridge player. He entertained his family and friends with his music, poetry and stories. He made everyone he came in contact with feel as if they were his best friend. He respected the differences of others and honored the diversity life brought.

Our family would like to thank everyone who cared for Teddy during his last illness. We especially appreciate the loving and tender care extended to him by his son Donny, daughter in law Linda Faye, and grandsons Donnell and Kenny.

Archdiocese Celebration Holds Youth Concert

The celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Portland will include a concert for youth and young adults featuring Christian rock musician Tom Franzak. The concert will be held at the University of Portland Chiles Center on Saturday, April 13, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The concert is being sponsored by Oregon Catholic Press, the University of Portland and the Archdiocese of Port-

land Sesquicentennial committee.

There is no charge for the concert. The concert will be performed by the popular Christian rock musician Tom Franzak. Tom, formerly a secular rock musician, brings his own blend of music, ministry, and humor to teens and young adults. he was trained as a Youth Minister in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and has worked in youth and young adult ministry at the parish level. He has given concerts at several

national youth ministry conferences. He is a regular performer at the annual Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, and appeared at the 1987 Papal youth rally in New Orleans, as well as at the 1993 World Youth Day events in Denver. Tom will be accompanied by Peter Ramono, electric guitar, and By Larry Treadwell, acoustic guitar.

The concert provides an opportunity for the young adults and youth of

the Archdiocese to participate in the celebration of the Sesquicentennial celebration. The Archdiocese of Portland was founded as the Archdiocese of Oregon City on July 24, 1846. The name was changed in September, 1928 to the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon to reflect the change of the location of the Cathedral. The Archdiocese of Portland is the second oldest Catholic archdiocese in the United States.

Pastor Leon Emerson Of Denver To Preach Revival

Pastor Leon Emerson of Now Faith Christian Center in Denver, Colorado will be the guest speaker at the three-day revival on March 22-24, 1996 at 7:30PM that will be hosted by Grace Covenant Fellowship Church, 1021 NE Grand, 6th Floor, Ballroom 4.

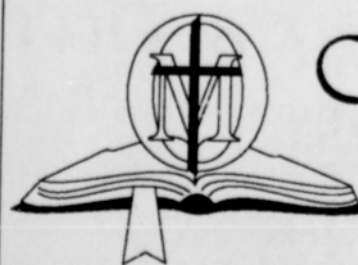
Emerson, former firefighter, is a full-time minister whose ability to reach young people has resulted in frequent requests to speak/preach from all across the United States. Unlike most ministers, Emerson's wife also shares the title and duties of pastorship.

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