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"Don't ask for rights. Take them. An don't let anny wan give them to ye. A right that is handed to ye fr nawthin' has somethin' the matter with it." - Mr. Dooley.

The Urban League

The Advocate is in receipt of the 18th annual report of the National Urban League, by Eugene Kinckle Jones, executive secretary, New York. This report, in booklet form, contains 28 pages and is chock full of interesting information concerning the progress the Negro has made in literature, art, music, the stage, etc., and shows how the National Urban League, through its economic and industrial program has contributed no small share to make this progress possible by improving working and living conditions, etc.

Conferences, new cities where branches of the league have been organized, the industrial relations department under the supervision of T. Arnold Hill, research and investigations, the Southern field, training workers and other subjects come in for their share of discussion. In closing the report, Mr. Jones states that the 1929 program contemplates, in addition to what it is already doing, an enlarged industrial program and a concentration throughout the movement on opening up new avenues of employment for the Negro.

The Advocate believes that the major problem of the Negro race will be solved in proportion as the Negro solves his economic problem. More power to the Urban League and its much needed program!

There are several churches in the City of Portland. Surely you can find one that interests you. You should interest yourself in one at least, and help promote the well-being of yourself, the church, and state. Start next Sunday!

Experts vs. Experts

In Portland, and in fact all over the country, the general charge is that the young people are rather wayward, and that the theatre, the rag-time ball, the automobile, and the public dance, are pulling the masses from the path of virtue and the church.

Now, let us view the cause. First—the theatrical business, from the story writer to the executives, is expert. Experts are in every department. The writer, the actor, the photographer, the critic or censor—all are experts. The mechanic who prepares the movie reels is an expert; the building in which the shows are staged is equipped with fans, heating and ventilating apparatus for the comfort of the people—all by experts. The music is written and played by experts; the advertising, which is one of the heaviest operating expenses in that class of business, is all planned and executed by experts.

If the church is to succeed in arresting and holding the attention of the young people, it must have experts in all of its departments. Men and women and young folk who know their work from A to Z. In other words, there must be experts put up against experts, if the church is to succeed with the young people.

Short Skirts

After reading Bishop Walls' sermon on "Short Skirts," it has somewhat aroused our curiosity in the matter and caused us to ask the question, "Is it true that short skirts are healthy?"

Some people claim that every time a woman shortens her skirts one inch, she prolongs her life a dozen years. Taking this literally, if the women went skirtless, they would live a hundred years more.

However healthy short skirts may be for the women folk, they have made the morals of the men looser and the practice has made the health of many a man, especially old men with money and "good spenders" dangerously weak. And every time the skirts go up an inch and one more piece is left off, the danger of health from bullets, poison or the proverbial razor, is increased. And surely that is not healthy.

Added to this, there is always the danger of running into an auto or the street car, or crashing into a building as one takes in an "eyeful." Surely this is not healthy.

Short skirts have their many good points. We do not deny that they are healthy for women (fearing the wrath of some of the fighting ones) but we do say, in our opinion, that they have not improved the health of the men folk.

The other day, we observed a good church brother seriously engaged in watching the women as they strolled by. We reminded the brother of St. Paul and his advice about women, and he answered by saying that if St. Paul were alive today and stood on the corner, he would have to pray a whole lot harder than he did in his day. You said it, brother!

Jobs Come First

There is no use denying the fact that the Colored people are losing out in the largest fields which afford them employment. The situation becomes more alarming year after year, and at the present rate the condition of alarm will develop into actual distress.

For the white race, the Japanese and the Chinese are fast grabbing up the jobs that were formerly considered as belonging exclusively to the Negro. For example: the job of porter, janitor, bootblack, maid, cook, waiter and bell-hop. These jobs are gradually but surely slipping away from us.

This change from our Race to others is not due altogether to race prejudice, and dislike, as some of us would think. But in too many cases it is largely the fault of the Colored employees. Instead of treating their jobs as they would treat their best friend, by sticking to them, and handling them with care, they do just the contrary—they grow careless and unconcerned—display a mean and sulky disposition with regard to it; they go out for a good time, keep late hours, and, of course, are in no physical condition to give the best there is in them to their work, which means their life. And so their jobs slip

News of the Churches

AT PORTLAND CHURCHES SUNDAY

If I knew you and you knew me, How little trouble there would be. We pass each other on the street, But just come out and let us meet AT CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

Each one intends to do what's fair, And treat his neighbor on the square, But he may not quite understand Why you don't take him by the hand AT CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

This world is sure a busy place, And we must hustle in the race. For social hours some are not free The six week days, but all should be AT CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

We have an interest in our town— The dear old place must not go down. We want to push good things along, And we can help some if we are strong AT CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

Don't knock and kick and slam and slap At everybody on the map; But push and pull and boost and boom, And use up all the room AT CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

FIRST A. M. E.

ZION CHURCH

W. R. LOVELL, Pastor "A Friendly Church with a Community Spirit" Established in 1862 Williams Avenue at San Rafael

The Sunday School will meet for study at 10 and the worship service at 10:45 will have several special features to which the church folk are invited.

Sunday morning the pastor will speak on "The Challenge of Our Far-Off Goal." The evening service will be featured by the Thanksgiving Service of Rose City Lodge No. 111 and Dahlia Temple No. 202. Daughter Elks. Special music will be furnished by an augmented choir.

Don't forget the special illustrated noted Japanese lecture, representing the Imperial Japanese Consulate Dr. Kawasaki will speak on "The Present Day Japan," and will show in pictures recent developments there. This lecture will be given on Sunday evening, April 21, 7:45 P. M. The choir will render a special program of Negro Spirituals.

To members and friends: We wish to announce that the Church is now well inclosed and perfectly comfortable at all times. New and remodeled pews have been installed, which provide additional comfort and seating capacity.

Stewardess Board No. 2 met at the church Tuesday evening and will meet again Sunday evening at 6 o'clock at the Church. All members of this board are urged to be present.

Class and Prayer meeting on Wednesday night was well attended and enjoyed by all present. The Gleaner's Art Club's olde tyme dinner and quilting party at the Church Thursday was a great success and much enjoyed by many who came during the afternoon and evening.

The choir is busy with rehearsals for several special programs in the near future.

Many expressions of pleasure have been regarding the improvements being made at First Church. The new front, new chancel, extra sanitary facilities and the excellent six-room

away one by one.

The Colored man must wake up and stick to his job. A dollar honestly earned is his best friend—and this he must learn.



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modern parsonage apartment will add a great deal to the appearance and utility of the Church plant. Plans for enlarged service are taking shape and will be inaugurated as the work is completed.

BETHEL CHURCH NOTES

Rev. D. G. Hill, Jr., Pastor (Mrs. Suzanne Flowers, Reporter)

Last Sabbath was the regular Sacrament Sunday. Reverend Hill preached a beautiful sermon on, "The Ascension." The choir rendered several well chosen numbers, assisted by the Junior choir.

The evening service was also well attended. Miss Myrtle Maxwell, Portland's Social Service Worker, and also a leader among the younger group gave a farewell address, the subject: "Cooperation of the Church with Social Agencies." I am sure all who had the pleasure of hearing Miss Maxwell derived a great benefit from her talk. Miss Maxwell is leaving this week to take up her work in St. Louis where she will be connected with the Provident Association. Portland will greatly miss her, but we do wish her all the success in the world. Regular prayer meeting services Wednesday evening.

This week the Loyal Knights of Bethel will meet with W. H. Rutherford. George Holliday will be host for the evening.

Don't forget the progressive dinner on the 19th of April. The Silver Tea given by the Christian Endeavor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Thomas was a great success both socially and financially. Meet the young people of Portland on Sunday evenings at Bethel. Mrs. Hooker makes you feel so welcome you just couldn't afford to miss one.

Next Sunday April 14, Bethel promises you a rare treat. Reverend Hill will preach on "The Religion of Jesus." The subject of the sermon alone would make you want to hear more about it. The choir is also making special plans for Sunday morning.

The Rosebud Study Club met Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. W. A. Glass, 473 Sumner Street. This being visitor's meeting, the club entertained the husbands of club members.

The Culture Club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Marcel Johnson of 787 Swanson Street as hostess.

Mr. Loyd Flowers, 416 Stanton Street will be host to the Kenwana Club Thursday evening April 18th.

Mrs. Evelyn Bollen Graveland two small children left Wednesday for Berkeley, California.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stanley of 538 Mall St. had as their dinner guest Wednesday, April 3, Mrs. Laura Lapsley, who recently left for Victoria B. C.

Mrs. Isadore Maney, 386 E. 1st St. N. and baby Constance Jean returned home Saturday from Helena, Montana where they have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Christian who has been very seriously ill, is much improved, and is at home from the hospital.

FOR RENT—Furnished lower flat. Also a 7-room house. 445 Williams Ave., N. Adv.

Mrs. B. J. Fuller, 839 Tihettes, is having some extensions remodelling done on her home.

The Funeral of J. D. Fort who died Monday will be held Saturday 2:30 o'clock from Miller and Traceys interment Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery.

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And Local News Items

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FOOTLIGHT REVUE

A GREAT SUCCESS

Famous "Broadway" hasn't got much on the Joymakers of Portland, the consensus of opinion of the hundreds who witnessed the "Footlight Revue" that fast-stepping, smart-looking, mirth-provoking, musical comedy given at Hibernia hall Monday evening by the Joymakers Club of which Mrs. Lula Gragg is president and general adviser. Pretty High-browns, chocolate browns, brown-browns and high-yallers were there in all their dark, deep, mysterious beauty. The brilliant gowns and clever costumes were designed and made by Miss Alfreda Franklin, who with her sister Kate wrote and helped direct the play.

The stage was very beautifully and artistically decorated for the occasion with an embankment of green stuffs and early spring flowers against latticed fence that gave the "spring" and "a call to love" atmosphere for the young "sweatearts and their beaux." The comedy opened, with this scene and the girls were very charming in the latest fashioned silk gowns and their "beaux" with their dark coats and light trousers were a fetching sight to behold. Then came the little tots in a fast-stepping, syncopated number led by little Maudie Booker in a brilliant costume and head-dress that rivalled Mlle. Peacock. This number as well as many others were compelled to respond to encore after encore. Pretty little Helen Dawson was there, too, in a singing number in which there was nobody "but you and me and the man in the moon." The little chocolate brown singer won much favor with her audience and had to sing her song all over again.

"Buddie" Hill, in a singing number inquired, "Ain't she sweet, coming down the street?" and was half way through their inquiry when his accompanist got to the piano to give "Buddie" the "pitch." "Buddie" went over big and applause upon applause brought nothing more from him that a bow of recognition, which he picked up at kindergarten. His little sisters, dressed like twins and as pretty as peaches elicited much applause in their vocal duet. Little Bernice Williams who has appeared on the regular stage, completely captivated her audience, as usual, with her songs and was compelled to respond to several encores before the audience would let her go.

"The two black crows" were to the "show" what the funny page is to the regular edition. Every one is of the opinion that Guy and Art ought to go on the stage for keeps. George Cannady got in the show at the last minute, but he made up for lost time with Lenora Henderson in their "spat and makeup song." Their voices blended well and the two chocolate Browns left the stage arm in arm amid great applause. Edward Bushnell will succeed at law, providing he can steer clear of the little "hook-agent," Englis, who not only won his admiration but "cleaned" his pockets.

Arthur Harris was especially good in "My Mothers Eyes" which he sang with great feeling. The chorus girls, sweethearts in their chick colored coats and whiteskirts were good and the same girls closed the performance with a very pretty number in which Lenora Henderson did the singing and the rest did the graceful "stepping." This number was a special display of the elaborate costumes fashioned by the young modiste, Alfreda Franklin and they were pretty to say the least and especially spectacular.

Mrs. Houston, of California, Grand Worthy Matron of Mt. Hood chapter will be visiting on fraternal business in Portland April 14th. She will be the house guest of Mrs. Kate Lewis while here.

tacular.

Ernest Clark was good in a whistling number with uke accompaniment which he played himself. Steven Wright was the clever announcer. Miss Alberta Mayo, assisted by Yancy Franklin and J. D. Jamison played the musical score.

The chorus girls, the sweethearts, were: LaVada Maxwell, Kate Franklin, Rosalie Bird, Dorothy Morton, Isador Morton, Vernell Rutherford, Lenora Henderson, Mary Ashford, and their beaux were: Eddie Watson, Steven Wright, Arthur Harris, Guy Rutherford, Roy Holmes, Edward Bushnell and Thessy Freeman.

Notice!

Dahlia Temple No. 202, I. B. P. O. D. E. of W. and Rose City Lodge No. 111, I. B. P. O. E. of W. will hold their annual Thanksgiving service at First A. M. E. Zion church, Sunday, April 14th at 8:15 P. M.

A Popular President

Mrs. Lula Gragg, popular president of the Joymakers Club whose long and sincere intensive work with the



young people of Bethel Church brought forth rich fruit in abundance on Monday night when the club presented the Footlight Revue to a large and appreciative audience.

James Madley of Salem, was in the City Monday night to attend the Footlight Revue and on Tuesday to see the opening of the baseball season.

Sam Smith's Restaurant on 6th St. is temporarily closed. His patrons are patiently awaiting its reopening.

Mrs. Mary Shackelford of San Francisco, California, daughter of J. D. Fort who died here Monday is in the city and is stopping at the Hotel Golden West.

Charles G. Lovell, nephew of Rev. W. R. Lovell of First A. M. E. Zion Church, will receive his Ph. D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in June, 1930 at the age of 23 years.

A Temple and business meeting of the local Bahai Assembly was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Latimer in Rose City Park.

A class in Esperanto meets regularly ever Tuesday night at the Multnomah Hotel.

Mrs. Zula Lowe has gone to Alaska for an indefinite period.

With the house beautifully decorated in baby pink and sky blue, the proverbial bird of the hour, the Stork, perched in a very conspicuous position, and a lovely bunch of matrons, the house of Mrs. Rachel L. Bellard, 649 Going St. was the scene surprise party in honor of Mrs. W. R. Lovell, wife of Rev. W. R. Lovell, pastor of the First A. M. E. Zion Church. Ice cream and cake were served by the hostess. Mrs. Jack Henderson sang "Trees" very beautifully, and the hours from 2:30 til 6 Tuesday afternoon were very pleasantly spent by all present. The following names were found on cards attached to gifts that Mr. Stork brought: Mesdurs Roy Gragg, Wm. E. Deig, Jerry B. Turner, Wm. Jas. Marshall, Roy Garnett, Phil. F. Reynolds, R. F. Foster, Elbert Booker, E. D. Cannady, G. W. Byrd, Luther Clemens, Lula Lee, Ira Hart, and Rachel L. Bellard.

Mr. H. Freeman and son Thess, are domiciled with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cage, on Williams Avenue.

The Literary Research Club meets with Mrs. Marie Smith, 239 E. 2nd, Friday April 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Love of 306 E. Broadway have as their house-guests, relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson came directly here from Paducah, Kentucky where they formerly lived.

In compliment to Mrs. Walter R. Lovell, Mrs. M. M. Bellard sponsored a delightful miscellaneous Stork Shower at her home, 649 Going street Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Lovell was greatly surprised and most pleasantly so. A large collection of pretty and serviceable gifts for the expected early arrival were presented to the honored one. Decorations were very pretty with a large stork occupying the center of the attractive table on which the gifts were placed.

Alberta Yvonne Mayo

announces the opening of a class in Private and Class Lessons

PIANO

Studio

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Mrs. Laura Lapsley left on Monday for Victoria, B. C., for an indefinite sojourn. She recently returned from California, where she went for a three weeks' rest.

Mrs. E. D. Cannady, associate editor of The Advocate will speak before the Salem District Epworth League Convention at Jason Lee Memorial Church, Salem Oregon Saturday morning, April 13th on the subject, "Adventures in Race Relations." The theme of the convention is "Adventure." The Convention opens on Friday morning and closes Sunday night. Governor Isaac L. Patterson will welcome the Convention to the capital city.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all who in any manner whatsoever contributed to the success of the Footlight Revue Monday night at Hibernia Hall. I wish especially to thank Miss Alfreda Franklin who designed and made all the costumes for the Revue without whose artistic assistance I do not know what we would have done. And to all the other of my co-workers, I extend my most hearty appreciation and deepest thanks. It was by all cooperating that we were enabled to make the grand success that it was. MRS. LULA GRAGG

Up-to-the-Minute Modes Prepared Especially for This Newspaper



THE COLLAR SMARTNESS

Collars have come into their own this season, and we have them forming the main trimming on almost every frock. This one is particularly smart with its tab-trimming, and the way it is cut very deep in front and tied in back in a tiny bow. The circular flounce goes all the way round the skirt and comes up in a graceful line to meet the belt at the side. Long close-fitting sleeves keep the dress simple. This frock will be attractive for summer nights in a very soft flowered chiffon with a white chiffon collar. Also good in crepes for the street. Excella Pattern No. 2948. Sizes 14 to 42, 25 cents.