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A Community's Greatest Asset

(By The Associate Editor)

By thoughtful, careful, prayerful and constant cultivation, over a period of many years, there has developed a beautiful spirit of friendship, fellowship, and good will between the colored and white people in Portland. This spirit manifests itself in too many ways for enumeration here. It is not too much to say that it has become general, although we are not unmindful of the fact that the ugly and inharmonious still are to be found interwoven throughout the whole pattern.

While it has taken years and great sacrifice on the part of the thoughtful and sincere in both races to rear this beautiful edifice of interracial friendship and fellowship here, paradoxical as it may seem, it can be levelled to the ground almost instantly by acts of the thoughtless and selfish.

Any movement or effort on the part of any people to emphasize the Negro group as such, in a community, is just as bad and fraught with as many possibilities of misinterpretation, misunderstanding and distrust as a like effort to emphasize the white racial group. Especially is this true in a community like Portland where the number of Negroes is negligible—less than one one-hundredth per cent of the total population. Such effort is likely to create a problem where none in reality exists. Many difficulties have been quietly and satisfactorily adjusted and will continue to be so adjusted by thoughtful leaders in both races who are desirous of accomplishing good and making for interracial peace without ostentation. Experience has taught that some things are best settled with the minimum of publicity. In some sections of the country race emphasis may now be necessary since the two races live in as many different worlds even in the same cities, but we doubt seriously the advisability of such here.

We admit, however, it affords places of leadership for a few individuals who no doubt have been thoughtless and have not looked far enough into the future to see that they are placing the whole group in jeopardy of ostracism and segregation which will undoubtedly follow in the wake of such effort. Some doors are closed to us, yes, but others will be locked if we are not very careful.

Let us, colored and white, who have our homes, our children, all of our interests, both material and spiritual, inextricably involved here, guard, carefully, this attainment of interracial friendship and fellowship; let us hold tenaciously to what we already have attained in this way, and build, multiply and expand this bond; let us solicit the support of those who are interested in building for peace. On the other hand let us hasten slowly to and regard very carefully any attempt that is likely to disintegrate this treasure which is the greatest asset any community can have.

Negroes and Their Church Relations

The question now being discussed, concerning a better relation between races and creeds is one of great importance. SEGREGATION HAD ITS BIRTH IN CHURCH.

Many years ago in a little church, in Pennsylvania, the white members compelled the colored to sit off in a little corner in the church. It was a splendid idea (to them) it spread like wildfire until it soon reached all the so-called slave states. This church whom we serve is only doing its

duty so far as Negroes are concerned to tear down a wrong made by their forefathers before the Civil or Revolutionary war was thought of.

Fact-Finding Conference

(By E. D. C.)

A Fact-Finding Conference in Portland 20 years ago would have discouraged a majority of our group. But if one had been called 10 years ago and if the things the recent conference advocated had been lived up to, we all would be greatly benefited along economic lines, stronger in political achievement, wiser educationally, religiously less superstitious and doing a greater human service.

The promoters of the conference, the Brotherhood, is a local organization of men who love their race and are desirous of seeing it prosper and grow in favor and achievement. Out of the conference there comes a well prepared, strong document of findings, formulated and passed on by a well-balanced committee. This document furnishes a wealth of information for seekers after race betterment and makers of these for new schemes of advancement. If the conference did not do all it should and desired, it has prospects of doing more. Its place is a field unoccupied. There will always be work to do. Empty speeches in race effort is dead.

Fine Tribute to Great Cause

On Friday, May 31, the Montgomery Advertiser, large white daily newspaper published in Montgomery, Ala., devoted an entire page to the exploitation of Tuskegee Institute and its commencement program. In the first column of the editorial page and the second editorial was one about Tuskegee and this is what it said:

Tuskegee Institute

Elsewhere in The Advertiser today is a report of the annual commencement exercises at Tuskegee Institute. This marks the end of another felicitous year for this constructive and highly useful agency which from a small beginning has become the greatest educational center for Negroes on earth.

Tuskegee Institute didn't just happen. A combination of circumstances made its great success inevitable. It was founded at the right time. It was founded in the right place, that is to say, here in the Black Belt of what Hergesheimer calls the Deep South. Above all, it was founded by the right man. The genius of Booker T. Washington met its opportunity at the right moment and made the most of it. Robert R. Moton has demonstrated his worthiness to succeed Booker Washington. He has shown that he is not only a capable administrator and leader, but that like his great predecessor he is a man

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Sunday morning the Sunday school session will open at 10 o'clock. All members of the school are asked to be present on time, as some time will be given to plans for Children's Day, which will be observed on Sunday, June 23.

"The Bystanders" will be the subject of the sermon at 11 a. m. Sunday, and in the evening the pastor will preach the first of a series of sermons on "The Supreme of the Christian Life." The theme of the first sermon will be "The Supreme Privilege."

The Varick Christian Endeavor Society meets at 6:30 p. m. A very interesting program has been arranged, and the Boys' club under the leadership of Ervin Flowers will lead. Mrs. Camp was our charming hostess last Sunday.

Prayer Class and Leaders' Meetings were all attended Wednesday night with manifestations of unusual interest. Members and friends are urged to attend the mid-week meetings.

The Gleaner's Art Club had a delightful meeting at the Church Thursday. Mrs. M. P. Crawford is an excellent and energetic executive, who takes unusual pride in the task at hand. The members of the club are supporting her loyalty in preparation for the annual bazaar which will be held June 19, 20 and 21.

The Board of Trustees meet in regular monthly session Thursday night. Attorney Wyatt W. Williams, president of the board very ably directed attention to the responsibilities of the board in looking after the many obligations which recent developments have brought to the fore. Mrs. Katherine Gray is secretary and Mrs. C. A. Jenkins the treasurer. Reports showed receipts of \$696.46 for the month of May.

Mrs. Agnes Camp, president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society reports a very interesting business and praise meeting Friday afternoon at the church. The meetings are largely attended and a fine spirit of cooperation exists between this and the other missionary societies of the city. Mrs. Lena Bowers is Secretary and Mrs. B. Clemens, treasurer.

Despite other activities a very splendid and appreciative assembly heard Raymond E. Andrews, boy pianist, in recital Friday evening at the church. Raymond proved to be a very adroit pupil of the piano and promises to make his mark in the musical world. This was the first of a series of musical and literary entertainments to be given in "The Lyceum Series of First Church during the summer months, all of which will be high class, but at popular prices.

of ideas and an authentic cultural sense.

Both Washington and Moton surrounded themselves with able men and the institution under such auspices inevitable pushed forward until today it is an immense establishment, the pride of its race and a source of satisfaction to all enlightened white people who are aware of what is going on at Tuskegee.

The Way to Succeed

We ponder the question why some of our men and women who have real ability will persistently use but a small portion of it and waste the remainder. We must admit that under the economic, industrial and political conditions which control our existence, the advantages are largely with the other group, and whatever comes to us is by a struggle on our part. And that in this struggle we are handicapped by ignorance and enmity among ourselves and prejudice from the outside. Daily these merit of ability may be observed playing their wits or ingenuity separately and singly against these fixed conditions. Therein is the waste. When will the men and women of admitted ability see the error of their way? When will they observe how weak and wasting it is to mistrust and fail to confide in each other while placing full trust in all others? When will we cease to strike down each other, thoughtlessly—for surely it cannot be otherwise—instead of using common sense and reason in meeting together to compare notes for the wisdom there is in it, in dealing with a common foe.

BETHEL CHURCH NOTES

Rev. D. G. Hull, Jr., Pastor
Miss Louise Randolph, Reporter

Very special efforts have been put forth to make tomorrow's services very outstanding. Being Children's Day the idea will be observed throughout the day. The pastor will deliver a sermonette to the church school at 10:30, and at 11 o'clock he will preach to the congregation from the subject "The Price of Victory."

At 6:30 the Allen League will meet and the Old Rose club will have charge. They present a fine program. Please be on time.

The evening services will be under the auspices of the Church school. A junior church service will be held. The pastor, assistant pastor, evangelists, and deacons are all juniors of the Church school. The junior pastor will preach from the subject "And Little Children shall Come Unto Me." Come out and hear the young folk pray, sing, and preach. They are on the job and will give you a good service. The time is 7:45. All captains of the rally are expected to make a full report tomorrow evening. The rally is going over fine and the pastor is well pleased with the results. Bethel Knights met Wednesday at the parsonage, with Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Hull, hosts.

The Missionary Society made its regular monthly religious meeting to Multnomah County Farm on last Monday. The president of the society, Mrs. Ella Young, invites all friends to attend their meetings, held the first and third Thursdays of each month at the church.

"The Big Ten" rally team is giving a garden party at Mrs. Lenora Henderson's June 13. Captain Wilber Mercier.

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By Edgar Williams
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday: 9:30 a. m., Sunday School; 11 a. m., preaching; 6:30 p. m., B.Y.P.U.; 7:45 p. m., Evening Service.
Monday: 8 p. m., Brotherhood Meets.

Tuesday: 8 p. m., Choir Rehearsal.
Wednesday: 8 p. m., Midweek Prayer Service.

Thursday (Second and Fourth): Missionary Circle, 4 p. m.
Friday (First and Third): Literary Society, time and place announced.

Testimonial service in the morning and Lord's Supper observance at the evening service featured the church program for the first Sunday of the month last week-end.

Many soul-stirring testimonials were given by members of the congregation who felt unusually inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ. The opportunity for expressing themselves regarding their feelings on religion and the great good that comes of it was seized with great enthusiasm by the congregation at large.

At the evening service, Dr. Caston preached eloquently "The Covenant with the Church of Jesus Christ."

"Do this in remembrance of me until I come again," was the quotation forming the keynote of the sermon.

Dr. Caston pointed out that as the Disciples followed Jesus and tried to emulate Him, so must we keep our covenant with the church.

Great improvement in the work of the choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Pearl Mitchell, was noted widely, according to numerous expressions of appreciation from members of the congregation. Our choir will join the other choirs of the city in opening the song fest of the Rose Festival Sunday, given at Multnomah stadium at 5 p. m.

B. Y. P. U. meeting was made unusually interesting by the primary class of the Sunday school, which gave a program consisting of singing and readings.

The program follows:
Piano solo by Arthur Love. Scripture reading by Victoria Caston. Recitation by Fanny Ivey. Vocal solo by Curtis Ivey. Paper by Martha Vernon. Piano solo by Frances Vernon. Reading by Bernice Williams. Piano solo by Riley Vernon.

The meeting was presided over by Miss Bernice Williams.

Considerable astonishment was expressed over the great improvement in the way that the young people handled the meeting. Parents are urged to encourage the children in attendance and activity in the B. Y. P. U. and to come with them

SOCIAL EVENTS POLLYANN



We inadvertently failed to notify our society editor of the holiday occurring on Thursday and although she sent in her news items on the regular day we could not get them in last week's issue, hence their publication this week.

Mrs. William Mayberry has come to the city to join her husband and is domiciled with her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. K. Baldwin, at 311½ Ross Street. Mrs. Mayberry has been visiting in Los Angeles, California.

Mesdames Wm. Mason and Wm. Pertillo were theatre and dinner guests of Mrs. Willis A. Reed Decoration day.

Mrs. Zephia Baker was hostess to the Culture club Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Cora Minor entertained the Rosebud Study club at her home in Irvington Wednesday afternoon.

Mesdames J. A. Merriman and Hattie Robinson have gone to Chicago for an indefinite stay.

A very pretty and enjoyable card party was given at the home of Mrs. Julia Strawder on Williams avenue, Wednesday night by St. Phillip's Guild.

For the benefit of Little Elizabeth Mitchell, an entrant in the King-Queen contest, being given by O. F. C. W. clubs, the Literary Research club sponsored an old fashioned box supper at the home of Mrs. Ila Fuller, Thursday night.

Mrs. Kate Lewis was hostess to a very pretty buffet supper and card party at her home in Waverley Heights Wednesday, May 22.

The Kenwana club was guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Mercier Thursday night at their home in Waverley Heights.

Mrs. Mabel Freeman and son have returned to the city after a visit with her mother. She is now living at 311 Ross street.

R. L. Hall and son Ross of Detroit, Michigan, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Reed Sunday. Mr. Hall and Mr. Reed were former school mates. Mrs. Hall, mother of Mr. Hall, of whom he is visiting, was also among the guests.

to see what they are doing.

Senior Missionary Society met at the residence of Mrs. Schweich, 1037 Division street, Thursday evening, May 23. A delicious luncheon was served by Mrs. Schweich to the 18 ladies present. Visitors present were Mesdames Camp, Massell and Logan. Because of the Rose Festival, the next meeting will be postponed until the third Thursday in June. It will be held at the home of Mrs. E. W. Rutherford, 48 East Eighth street. Subject for discussion will be Vision of Youth.

The "Every Member" campaign, which will "kick off" June 16 is being organized by the official church board. Church business for the entire year will be concerned in the campaign. Church members are asked to hold themselves in readiness to do their duty in order that the program will be carried through 100 per cent.

Church services next Sunday will be of greater interest than ever before, say those who know.

BROTHERHOOD MEETING
All members of the Brotherhood are urged to be present Monday night at the church. Business of importance to be transacted.

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Mrs. Albert Morton was hostess to the Rosebud Study club at the Williams avenue Y. W. C. A. Wednesday afternoon.

The Culture club met with Mrs. Irene Bragg at her home, 446 East 10th street north, Tuesday morning.

The Kenwana Bridge club will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Flowers Thursday, June 13, at their home on East First street north.

More details of the King-Queen contest being given by the O. F. C. W. clubs will be given in next week's news column. This contest terminated Friday night at the Hi-bernia hall.

Mildred Myers, Shirley Hine Reed, and James Edgar McArthur were participants in Holy Rosary parochial school closing exercises Friday evening in the school hall.

Miss Nellie Franklin is home from the U. of O.

Morrison Handsaker graduates from Reed College this year.

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