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Memorial Day

Friday May 30, Decoration Day was fittingly observed by various organizations, particularly veterans units. Memorial Day has assumed a very large place in American life because in its simple lesson of devotion to the memory of those who died in defense of the country it calls attention to the fact that America has never yet engaged in a war for conquest.

Our Economic Failure

For a long time past it has been apparent to close observers of the situation that very radical changes affecting the economic life of our group were being enacted. The thing which makes possible for the people to carry on is its ability to fit into the economic scheme of the surrounding civilization. This we fear they are not doing.

Our Next Governor

The primary election is over and the victor for the much sought after nomination for governor for the republican party is George Joseph. All political anxiety should be at an end.

Rev. Daniel G. Hill, Jr., pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church is to be congratulated on completing the work of the School of Social Science of the University of Oregon. Rev. Hill has taken time from his very busy life as pastor the largest colored church in Portland to pursue and complete this work.

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BETHEL NEWS!

The Sacrament of our Lord's Supper will be observed at Bethel church at 11 A.M. and 8 P.M. At the morning service the pastor will preach on the subject "Standing on Holy Ground." The big program before the church is the entertainment of the district conference which meets with us June 11-13.

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HOUSE OF PRAYER

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METHODIST

Bethel A. M. E. Church Larrabee and McMillen Sts. Rev. Daniel G. Hill Jr., Minister First A. M. E. Zion Church 417 Williams Ave. Rev. W. R. Lovell, Minister

FIRST A.M.E. ZION CHURCH DOINGS

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Sunday School meets at 10 o'clock. The general theme of the lesson is "Contrast Between Faithfulness and Slothfulness."

"The Promise of the Father" will be the theme of the sermon at the morning worship. Holy Communion will be observed.

The Christian Endeavor meets at 6:30 P. M. A very full and interesting program has been arranged.

At the evening service the pastor will preach again on the subject of "Honesty in Giving." The Lord's Supper will be administered.

Services last Sunday were somewhat abbreviated owing to the illness of the pastor. But the attendance was good. The offerings for the day amounted to \$58.90. Grand total receipts since May 1 \$621.35. The campaign continues.

Incomplete reports from the Baby contest Sunday night showed Marguerite Ann Bird, first; Timothy Tillman, second; Ida Lightford Lovell, third. Final reports will be had later.

The Annual Barbecue on Memorial Day, presided over by J. Thornton, was a tremendous success. People from all parts of the city came to partake of the delicious repast.

The May Festival Concert given in the evening by The Merry Melodians was witnessed by a large and appreciative audience.

For quality of interest and faithfulness it would be hard to find a membership more loyal than that of First A. M. E. Zion Church.

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Pollyann, Society Editor

Miss Jenny Dora Grayson will leave tomorrow for Los Angeles to see her brother "Bud" graduate from the U. of S. C. He majored in pharmacy.

Miss Dolores Burdine of Yakima, received a great ovation last Sunday from the Portland C. E. Society.

Mrs. Lula Grag was hostess to the Culture Club Monday afternoon at her home in Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Percival Rountree are now domiciled at 539 1/2 Alberta Ave.

The Kenwana Bridge Club was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Flowers Thursday evening.

Mrs. Fred McClear will be hostess to the Literary Research Club Friday, June 6 at 2 p.m. at her home in Alberta 1059 East 14th St. N. Each member is especially urged to be present as there is business of vital importance.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ruby were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Reed Thursday evening.

Joe Thomas (Ukelele Joe) was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stanton Monday evening at their home in Alberta.

La Esperanto Matenango Klubo was entertained Wednesday morning by its instructor Mrs. Beatrice H. Cannady in the Annex of the Y.M.C.A. After reading and discussing "Go Down Death" Negro folk sermon by James Weldon Johnson Mrs. Rachael Bellard led in the lesson discussion. The business session was interesting. Two members were absent owing to illness. Mrs. Henrietta Marshall will be hostess to the Club's meeting next meeting.

HOTEL NOTES

L. A. Mouldon a waiter from Santiago, California is here and hopes to remain.

Wyatt Williams, head bell-hop at the Portland, is taking a ten-days lay-off.

The California News is a brand new paper received at our office. It is published at Los Angeles, California by the California News Publishing Company. Mrs. Corrine Betty Smith is circulation manager; Loren Miller is managing editor; Mrs. Booker T. Washington, Jr. is advertising manager and Dr. Eugene Taylor, Sr. is the editor and general manager. The Advocate welcomes the news and wishes it a long and prosperous life.

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DIGESTING THE NEWS

By Clifford C. Mitchell

Politically, the year of 1930 will be recorded in racial history as one of exceptional achievement.

To those who view the race political progress only by the number of Negroes appointed to responsible or flowery-titled positions exception will be taken to the above statement.

This column, this week, is not referring to appointments, however, but to elective positions, secured through competitive efforts and by the votes of all races.

At this time it can be definitely predicted that the Negro Press throughout the country in their issue of November 8, will be heralding the victory of two race men to positions never before held by them and at a salary greater than than now received by any elective colored official in the country.

Therefore it is fitting that this column should at this time digest the facts that brings this victory and honor within reach.

Harlem, the unofficial, but naturally known district in which some two hundred thousand of our race dwell, is to have two new municipal court judges.

For a generation our people have talked about having a colored judge in Harlem and for ten years OUR assemblymen have fought for the passage of a bill that would bring this about.

In 1920 our John Clifford Hawkins republican assemblyman from the 21st assembly district (1919-20-21) introduced a Municipal Court Bill that would create a new court district and make it possible for us to elect a race man, but this bill died in committee. Again in 1921 he introduced another bill but it too met the same fate thru political manouevring.

In 1925 we had a little better luck. Our Pope B. Billups, then republican assemblyman from the 21st assembly district, sponsored a bill to create the 10th Municipal Court District and it passed both houses only to be vetoed by the Governor.

Francis E. Rivers, one of our two colored assemblymen from Harlem, renewed the battle in the legislative halls at Albany, and last March was successful in having his bill pass both houses of the legislature. A few weeks ago Governor Roosevelt signed this bill, thus creating a law that will make the 10th Municipal Court District of New York, out of a portion of the old 7th district.

The legal boundaries of this new district are, on the north, 155th street; on the east, 5th avenue; on the south, 110th street, and on the west, St. Nicholas avenue from 155th to 125th st. thence easterly to 8th avenue south to 114th street, then east to 7th avenue, south to 110 street.

To those who know their Harlem and by that meaning the colored district of New York City no better description of its boundary could be given than that creating the new 10th Municipal Court District.

To secure the support of his fellow New York members of the Assembly, Mr. Rivers, sweetened his bill a bit which made it a good tonic for the other Assemblymen. Instead of sponsoring a bill that would obviously react only to the benefit of the Negro, he specified in his bill for the creation of eight new Municipal Court Justices only two of which, however, were to be in the new court district. Thus he not only made it possible for a colored man to be elected judge in Harlem, but for two of them to be so elected and at the same time the other assemblymen (white) were thankful for an opportunity creating six new judges for them. This very aptly proves that to reap a benefit we must also benefit or offer to benefit the whites with whom we must co-operate.

These elective judges will serve for a term of ten years and receive an annual salary of \$12,000. There are no elective offices at present held by us that carry a salary exceeding \$10,000 and that only to Oscar DePriest, Congressman from the first Illinois Congressional District and to Judge Albert B. George of the Municipal Court in Chicago.

In New York and Harlem especially our race receives equal courtesy and recognition from the two leading political parties and in the new 10th Municipal Court District the race will have suitable candidates on both tickets and two victories for us will be won on November 4 next.

J. A. Wisdom was an honor guest at the recent anniversary observance of Lipman Wolfe when Adolphe Wolfe senior member of the firm acted as host. Mr. Wisdom who has known Mr. Wolfe for many years, was accorded every courtesy.

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