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The Fourth

Year by year the old-fashioned Fourth of July with spitting cannon and sizzling rocket against a blue-black sky is becoming more and more of a memory. The Fourth of July which small boys and girls awaited as eagerly as Christmas itself, a day of toy torpedoes, of celluloid-collared orators, and ice cream socials, has been transformed into an Independence Day of quiet and dignity.

est minds of his time. He addressed letters to the principal crowned heads of Europe—to the Pope, the Shah of Persia, the President of the United States—announcing his mission and calling on them to bend their energies forward peace. He wrote of the Universal Age, an age just now dawning. He pleaded for the unity of mankind, and prophesied a time when communication through the air and travel in boats driven through the air would make neighbors of peoples now separated by the width of an ocean.

Safe and sane Fourthers are pretty well established but the argument that some way should be found to make green the meaning of what those privileged builders of our nations did on July 4, 1776, is a worthy one. The great purpose of a Fourth of July observance is not only to pay respect to the early framers of this government but to measure the patriotism of this with that day, to determine whether this nation has kept true to the faith, whether it has kept aloft the torch, whether its willingness to sacrifice for the common good deserves a place with the sacrifices of the fathers of the nation. Such speculation is in order in these times and a quiet, dignified observance will be helpful.

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heir is no prison

By EDWARD ORLEANS Time was when a man with ideas in advance of his time was considered too dangerous to be at large. The powers that were in those days burned or imprisoned these men and tried to do the same for their ideas. They didn't realize that ideas cannot be burned or confined behind prison bars. Galileo, on his bened knees, was forced to recant. But now everybody knows that the earth revolves around the sun.

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Live Your Own Life

I have great sympathy for the many men and women who do not live their lives in their own way. A number are engaged in vocations which they dislike. They are chained by necessity to jobs they detest. A prisoner in his cell probably has more freedom than the so-called free man whose thoughts and inclinations soar elsewhere.

Referring to the matter of livelihood, I don't care how a man or woman earns a legitimate living as long as he or she loves it—that is everything. Self expression means, in my opinion, glorifying God. Money is not the most valuable thing in the world. Do you imagine Raphael painted those wonderful works for money; or Shakespeare figured on getting rich when he wrote his immortal plays? There are thousands of other noble men and women whose fame has gone down in history, and whose efforts to express themselves have remained an inspiration to all of us.

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Churches

- BAPTISTS: Mount Olivet Baptist Church, East First and Schuyler Sts. Rev. J. L. Caston, Minister; Shiloh Baptist Church, East 7th and Everett Sts.; EPISCOPALIAN: St. Phillips Mission, Knott and Rodney Sts. Blaine Coles, Lay Reader; HOUSE OF PRAYER: House of Prayer, East 10th and Grant Sts. Robert Searcie, Pastor; 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

ABROAD

It fills us with pride to read in all the Eastern newspapers of the large number of Colored students who went abroad this summer, some to pursue special courses at universities in Europe, others for pleasure. It is surely a sign of cultural progress of our race.

FIRST A.M.E. ZION CHURCH DOINGS

W. R. LOVELL, Pastor "A Friendly Church with a Community Spirit" Established in 1862

The Rev. T. Allen Harvey, of Sacramento, presiding elder of the Oregon-Washington conference, will preach at both morning and evening services Sunday. He will also administer the Holy Communion at both services. The services Sunday mark the sessions of the fourth quarterly conference, the business meeting of which will be held Monday, June 30, at 8 P. M.

The District Conference and Conventions will meet at McCloud, Cal., Wednesday, July 2.

Members and friends are urged to send their contributions to the Spring Financial campaign at once, as the drive will close on July 15. The total raised now stands at \$718.65.

The Fourth Members Banquet will be held immediately after the close of the campaign.

Children's Day last Sunday was very fittingly observed throughout the day. The pageant and program presented by the children in the evening was extremely beautiful and interesting. Mrs. C. F. Lovell was in charge of the program, assisted by Mrs. Corriane Collins.

The Annual Conference will convene the first of October.

BETHEL CHURCH NOTES

An interesting program has been planned this Sunday for Bethel church. At 11 A.M. Rev. Hill will preach on "Him Who is Without Sin."

The Allen Christian Endeavor league is called to meet promptly at 6:30 P. M. Miss Gwendolyn Hooker is president of the league. At 7:30 P. M. the Sunday School will present a children's program.

A special patriotic service will be held at 8:15 P. M. Mr. Wilbur Mercier is master of ceremonies for this service and has promised an excellent program. State Commander Sidney George, of the American Legion will speak of "Patriotism and Citizenship of the American People." Sgt. Mercier will speak on "The Participation of the American Soldier in America's Wars." Representatives from the Spanish American War Veterans and from the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps will be in attendance.

Our Conference Claims Committee which consists of Mr. Arthur Harris chairman, Mrs. W. B. Brown, treasurer; Miss Lepora Henderson, secretary and Mrs. Bebeina Martin has started its work. Please pay your conference claims now. Help Bethel to make a good report at the Annual Conference. DO YOUR PART!



A Good Place For Young Folks. ALLEN C. E. SOCIETY Bethel By The Bridge On Larrabee and McMillen Sts. EVERY SUNDAY—6:30 to 8 P. M.



Pollyann, Society Editor

Mrs. Elizabeth Higby left Tuesday for an extended trip East.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holliday were hosts to a meeting of the Bethel Knights Club last Wednesday evening at their home, 708 East 13th St. south. Several visitors were guests of the club. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Burroughs, mother of Mrs. Robena Martin is ill in the Good Samaritan hospital.

The Esperanto Breakfast Club was the guest of Mrs. Jenny Myles last Wednesday morning at her home, 290 Larrabee street. A very delicious fried chicken breakfast was served by the hostess with home baked hot rolls. Mrs. Myles delighted the ladies with the reading from memory of James Weldon Johnson's poem, "The Creation" from his "God's Trombones." For the history period Mrs. Beatrice Cannady read "The Lot of the Negro" their term report by Patricia Nelson and Mary Mayes, Lincoln High school seniors. It was very interesting and illuminating. The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Rachael Bellard 649 Going street next Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Clara Anderson entertained 8 couples at a dancing-card party at her residence 462 Williams Avenue last Saturday night in honor of her son, Dr. Hugh A. Bell and his wife and mother in law, Mrs. Thompson. A very enjoyable time was had by the guests. Dr. Bell and his party continued on their motor trip to Newark, N. J. Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock.

WILMORE DROPS DEAD

Joe (Old Folks) Wilmore, one of the best-known figures in boxing and at one time trainer for Jack Dempsey, has swung his last towel and has whispered hurried advice to his last battles.

Willmore, who came to Portland several weeks ago to share in the estate of his sister, died of a skull fracture suffered in a fall at Third and Clay streets Tuesday night.

According to the story told police Willmore left the Auditorium in company with Dutch Easter, a fighter from California whom he seconded to victory. Easter said while walking down Third street, he asked Willmore a question and when receiving no reply turned to find the veteran trainer falling to the pavement. He was rushed to the emergency hospital but was dead on arrival. Cursory examination revealed he had suffered skull fracture.

Willmore had the reputation of being one of the most expert trainers in the fight game. Besides watching over the condition of Jack Dempsey, he handled Tiger Flowers late middle-weight title holder, and was rubber for Herman Ratzlaff Tuesday night Funeral arrangements are held in abeyance until relatives could be notified.

According to reports, Willmore's sister, Mrs. Thos. Howard left a will in which all of her estate was bequeathed to her husband, Thos. Howard. Mr. Howard subsequently died in the state hospital for the insane at Salem. It is said that according to the will left by the late Thos. Howard Willmore is left out and that the estate will escheat to the state. However, friends of Mr. Willmore are making efforts to see what can be done in his favor. Mr. Willmore before his death told friends here that he had a wife in California and a daughter in New York.

NAACP GETS GUINZBERG GIFT

New York, June 20 — Harold K. Guinzberg, publisher of the Viking Press, and President of the Literary Guild, has sent to the N.A.A.C.P. his check for \$1,000 representing the first payment on his three-year pledge, meeting the conditions of Mr. William Rosenwald who offered \$1,000 a year for three years if four others could be found to do the same.

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DIGESTING THE NEWS -

By Clifford C. Mitchell

From the great mass of news and editorial columns, in both the white and colored press, digested by this writer, during the current week, there are two items that stand out as being the most worthy of digesting at this time.

By the time this column is being read the Negro press throughout the country will be heralding the victory of James O. West, Negro, of Richmond, Virginia. This man, a qualified voter, was refused his franchise rights in the Virginia Democratic Primary and he immediately brought civil suit against three white election-officers and was victorious. The decision was appealed and Judge Elliott Northcott of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals sitting at Ashville, affirmed, in no uncertain language, the rights of the Negro, under the constitution, to exercise his franchise rights.

This decision, however, is in line with many other court decisions, giving the Negro, in theory, the equal right of ballot. For the time being it will be recorded as another moral victory. It will be several years, at least in this writer's opinion, before any practical value will be realized. That is a matter requiring delicate and co-operative efforts between the races, not only in Virginia, but in a great many other southern states. The sooner the Negro learns to effectively divide his ballot, the quicker will successful results be accomplished.

Politically, the Negroes of Chicago and New York, have been in the forefront in all racial achievements at least during the last two decades. Another community is fast overtaking them and for actual results accomplished, in any one year, is far ahead of any other community in the country. We refer to Cleveland Ohio.

Next week I shall give a digest of the Cleveland Negro's political achievements.

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finding itself again. I'm beginning to suspect that the labor crowd is forsaking its old democratic (not politically defined) ideals and is allowing itself to be manipulated by the Chamber of Commerce group. Did you read the article in Thursday's paper on the Market Block controversy? If you did you found both the C of C group and the Labor Temple group in the same pew—supporting the giving away of public streets into private hands. Of course the City Commission is having a hard time doing it and just now with the recall laying over their heads what is the big five to do? How will it obey the C of C whip and keep the Municipal Ownership League's support at the same time? Twenty years is a day in the life of public utilities and this crowd of private property proposes the generous exchange of the street ends in perpetuity for a twenty year use of the street frontage. Magnanimous, isn't it? The must be rather sure of their success. As in times past this scheme of putting on the stage a lot of hearings at which the opponents may blow off steam so that our George can say "well we gave the public plenty of time to be heard," when the whole question had been settled as far as the commission was concerned months ago. If that is not true, prove that the commission has not held its usual private meetings. No. Mr. Baker your instructions that all public bodies hold open meetings are too thin a camouflage. Do you think the people are fools? Yes, I think you do—because mostly they are. Labor is furnishing the sob stuff for the story, the C of C the aristocratic ground and the City Commission the low down tool of the villain, the Public Market Company, and the poor public is the heroine. Will the story have a happy ending? Do you think it will? Wish I could tell you the name of the author—I have not been able to find out whose money is swinging the deal.

If you want some solid enjoyment spend 75 cents at J. K. Gil's for a copy of C. E. S. Wood's "Heavenly Discourse." It is the richest thing I have read for years. Partly because we all know the author and because the conversations say for us in so much better phraseology, just what we would like to say ourselves. His "Billy Sunday Visits God" will appeal to many who have condemned Sunday's antics for years. I will not attempt to even outline the chapters—get it and read it—and absorb the lessons of its philosophy.

It is a lovely thing to have your flowers given you while you are alive. That reception to Rev. and Mrs. Hill the other night was a delightful affair. If that sort of thing came to me, my head would have swelled right up and burst. Mr. Hill's tribute to his wife was the best thing of the evening. I must praise the speech of Dr. Lovell. It was so friendly, so brotherly, so altogether human and enjoyable that it brought a glow to the hearts of all of us. It was a rare evening.

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