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AMERICAN BISHOP LEADS PRAYER FOR PEACE

SUNBURY, N. C.—Bishop H. T. Bedford, presiding prelate of the Virginia conference of the AME Zion church, told the 84th conference that war is a curse to all mankind.

He also stated that all men should strive to dwell on the earth in peace and harmony.

He called on all Christians to continue to pray that we would not become engulfed in another world war.

The progress that Negroes have made in America is a record that every true American should be proud of and that voting privilege should be exchanged for full citizenship. He called upon members of the conference to use their ballots wisely. He warned them to be aware of discriminatory practices.

CORBETT RE-ELECTED ELKS’ HEAD

An effort to unseat Chesley E. Corbett, Exalted Ruler of Billy Webb Lodge 1050 was unsuccessful at the December election of the lodge December 3 at Porters hall.

The only nominations were Attorney U. G. Plummer by Lillard Evans; seconded by Herman C. Plummer and Chesley E. Corbett, by L. C. Ellison and seconded by Wilbur Marshall, then the voting was in order. A very large percentage of the total membership turned out for this hotly contested election.

It was truly a Truman-Dewey race with many thinking that Corbett would be defeated; it was predicted that he would go down decisively. Five hours was consumed in the election. District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Robert D. Addison of Bremerton, conducted the election.

Before the election the roll was polled to ascertain the eligible voters. It was found that only one man present had no vote. Some members came only to vote for the exalted rulers position.

Other officers elected: J. R. Alexander, re-elected Leading Knight; James Watson, Loyal Knight; James Waldon, Lecturing Knight; Wilbur Marshall, Financial Secretary; L. C. Ellison, treasurer (re-elected); Alfred Rivers, Inner Guard; Joe Frazier, Tyler; Five Trustees were elected: Vernon Douglas, Matt. Dishman, Oliver E. Smith, Robert Lee Green and Herbert Lewis. The Esquire elected was John K. Taylor.

SAYS BALLOT IS NEGRO’S HOPE

DURHAM, N. C.—John H. McCray, militant editor of the Columbia (S. C.) Lighthouse and Informer, told an Achievement Week audience here that "the vote is the salvation of the Negro people."

McCray spoke in Duke auditorium at North Carolina college under the auspices of the Durham Tau Psi and Beta Phi chapters of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Speaking on the general theme, "Their Finest Hour," McCray urged his audience to push through to victory the present crusade "to extend first class citizenship to all Americans."

The fraternity’s theme for the national observance this year is "Strengthening and Safeguarding the Rights of all Americans."
IN MY OPINION . . .

Insurance Discrimination Ends in Oregon

By Mrs. Elaine Berry

About one week before the recent general election, a Negro Committee for the Reelection of Governor Douglas McKay, headed by Ulysses G. Plummer, announced in The Oregonian that discrimination in writing of auto liability insurance policies in the state of Oregon was to be a thing of the past. It was said that the major insurance companies had made written agreements with the Insurance Commissioner, Robert Taylor, to discontinue this form of inequity.

Although the announcement smacked of appeal to the Negro vote and it is contrary to most people's ideas of integration to set up committees of members of a minority group as such in political parties, it is an important gain here and for the whole country.

The announcement has particular importance because it came about without special legislation. It is the result of the insurance commissioner using the powers of his office to enforce existing law without prejudice. In 1944, Congress waived its right to regulate this commodity under the Interstate Commerce Act to the individual states; and in setting a precedent for enforcement of equal protection under state law regardless of race. Oregon has made a forward step in eliminating bias should other communities attempt a similar method of solving the problem.

How was this accomplished? To be facetious, one might say it was a product of bi-partisan political activity. In December, 1949 a Democratic news magazine carried an article criticizing the Republican state administration for allowing the practice of upgrading Negro insurance to continue. In January of this year, the same publication proposed the now accepted solution.

These articles coupled with comment from the local press, Wayne Morse and others during an election year gave Mr. Plummer the leverage to dicker with his parties' officials in behalf of his favorite project. Last year at this time, he was advocating enactment of a law outlawing discrimination by the legislature. Now before the legislature has convened, Mr. Plummer has accomplished a major gain in race relations for the state.

Others working in race relations can benefit from Oregon's example of competition between the political parties to make good in the field of Civil Rights. Real vitality could be infused into the national struggle for FEP and other legislation that failed to pass the 81st Congress by using the same technique.

IS THERE ANYONE FINER?

Dinah Washington had nothing to do with the song, "Dinah." Is there anyone finer? We hardly think so.

Here's to a modest girl who has met with plenty of success and it hasn't changed her one bit.

She is one of the unique entertainers in show business and the unchallenged "Queen of the Juke Boxes."

Dinah Washington has lead more Hit Parades than any artist in show business. She has been the top recording blues and ballad singer since the first part of 1949 and there are some who will tell you that Miss Washington will reign queen for the next ten years. She's really great!

Dinah is the darling of the recording industry and disc jockeys from coast to coast. Newspapermen hail her as their choice when it comes to 'that pleasant interview.'

So thrilled was Dinah with the way folks in every walk of life had treated her that on her last birthday she hired a hall in Philadelphia—where she was appearing when her natal fell—and had the city's leading caterers provide for a crowd of five hundred. Only three hundred actually showed up because when the whispering campaign spread that "Dinah was giving a free-bie" they couldn't just believe it. Things like that just don't happen in real life, they assumed. Of course they were wrong. It actually happened. The affair was definitely not a publicity stunt. Dinah was provoked when a newspaperman put out the story that it was intended as such. In fact she insisted upon a retraction—and got it.

Is there anyone finer? You answer that.
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS
By A. Morrison

Miss Gloria Roberts of Los Angeles, was presented in a piano recital Friday, December 1st. She played the music of the Masters, Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and others. She was introduced by Mrs. Mary Duncan, and sponsored by the Board of the church. A reception in the church lecture room followed. Mrs. C. Ingersoll was chairman of the reception.

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Bishop Brown and presiding Elder Rev. Lankford, both of California, were the house guests of Rev. J. F. Smith of AME Zion church the past weekend. Bishop Brown preached Sunday morning and Rev. Lankford preached the evening sermon, Dec. 3. Dr. J. J. Clow was guest also.

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Leaving soon to spend the holidays season in Texas, is Mr. Richardson of 1437 N. Ross.

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Mrs. E. Davis left Saturday for an indefinite stay in Chicago to be at the bedside of her ailing father.

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Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jordan had as guest two members of the De Paur Infantry Chorus, who were friends of Mrs. Jordan's brother (Jerry Turner, Jr.), during World War II.

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Mrs. H. Hoy and her sister, Mrs. L. Harris, were co-hostesses Monday for the Bethelite club.

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The De Paur Infantry Chorus played to a packed house, there 34 voices. Songs were sung in French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and English; also Negro Spirituals and the popular army song “Sound Good Luck Off.” The applause was loud and long.

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The Gay Eddie “Cleanhead” Vinson Dance seen lots of the names that belong in the News out. Just to mention a few... that were having a good time: Helen Lawson, Mrs. Fred Baker, wife of the sponsor, their mother, Mrs. Lawson... Sylvia Newsome, Mrs. Pearlman, Mr. Boyd, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. D. Johnson... Mrs. Ellen Fouthew, Mrs. Brown, Miss Lewis... Miss Jerry Meldew, Miss Joyce Marshall, and Miss Betty Rutherford... Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Slaughter, and Mr. Longstreet, a popular musician.

Just dancing were Mrs. Opal Dixon, Mrs. E. Avritt, and Mrs. Betty Patton...

Looking around at the dance were E. Fuller, and Who?

Deputy Sheriff Matt Dishman.

As always, the dance stopped at 1 a.m.

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PLEA FOR BROTHERHOOD

Our need for brotherhood today is even greater than it was when the republic was founded. If we are to survive as a nation, to take our place in the world of nations, we must have brotherhood not merely a condescending charity toward those who are not as fortunate in wealth, faith or work different than ours, but a wholehearted kinship of all right-thinking men and women. America is made up of all races and creeds, but Americans, to be true Americans, must respect individuals for what they are individually, regardless of race, color or creed.

Strength of brotherhood is the strength of love. If we as individuals cannot get along with our neighbors how can we ever hope to live peaceably with other nations? Prejudice and bigotry are the subterfuge and foundation of all wars.

Full expression of brotherhood is the "THE GOLDEN RULE" which has never been surpassed as the most practical rule of life and the only basis of peace on earth. Among men and goodwill. Let this rule "I will do unto others as I would have done unto me" be the first New Year resolution and guide for future conduct toward each fellowman and brother.

Toleration Not Enough

To tolerate is to endure, to bear with because there is no other way out; this is not enough. Brotherhood calls for more; it calls for kinship through the Father of all mankind. It means to be color blind; race blind; creed blind. Brotherhood means that we see men as men and women as women to treat them as we would be treated, without any form of discrimination that might tend to set them as human beings apart. Toleration is merely the condescending attitude assumed by far too many. Brotherhood is to give allegiance to the credo which we accept as the cornerstone of the republic, the declaration that all men are created equal. Let us as a united people, as a nation, practise what we preach.

IS F. E. P. TIED?

There is no doubt in the minds of many people as to the working of Oregon's FEP law, a fine piece of legislation that is: The investigation method it not quite complete.

We think Mr. Van Meter is tied too closely to some well meaning social agencies that hamper his investigations.

There are no public hearings where the plaintiff and defendant may come together with their respective witnesses. Now that the electioin is over, we hope to see a fair investigation of all FEP cases.

FLASH! FLASH!

Mrs. A. L. Randolph was re-elected Daughter Ruler, Tuesday at the meeting of Dahlia Temple 202, Daughter Elks. The complete story will be in the next issue of the Advocate Register.

The Daughter Elks are also holding a Christmas Party, December 22, at the Prince Hall.

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YOUR PERSONAL ITEMS WELCOME

Vacationers and Visitors, the Advocate-Register welcomes and is glad to print without charge the "Personal Items" of its readers such as the following: Visits to town, entertainment of visitors in the home or elsewhere, Birthday recognitions, entertainment of friends at meals or on other occasions, anniversaries, celebrations, honors to the children or others in the family, sicknesses, deaths, births, marriages, special church activities of members of the family, hunting and fishing trips and other such items including good pictures of the above.