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BRIEFS

Former sponsors of project asked the Advocate-Register to continue Negro First Citizen selection, and we accepted graciously.

Now we ask all interested persons, organizations, clubs, and groups, large or small to send in their choice, now. Name and picture of person receiving honor will be published in the January 5th issue.

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Roland Hayes is coming to town.

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Buy NAACP Christmas Seals. Call GA. 2761 for further information.

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The Red Cross moved a few weeks ago to stop the practice of labeling “Negro” and “White” blood given by donors. That was sure an admirable decision since it was Dr. Charles Drew, as the foremost authority on preservation and the use of plasma, pioneered the way for Red Cross participation in that field.

Many Negroes who did not talk against the donor idea, was never a donor because of Red Cross’s segregation labeling, may “give” more to the Red Cross. This question lost many a needed dollar and time that could have been donated.

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Tuesday morning, last week, Levi Jackson’s home suffered a $300 fire. The residence at 1776 Ross. Mr. Jackson said as long as no lives were lost he was happy.

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A plea from several NAACP members who could not attend the annual election meeting for a complete list of Executive Board members elected is hereby granted.


SEES EARLY END TO D. C. JIM CROW

WASHINGTON — A complete end of segregation in Washington might come before the next five years have passed, thinks Dr. Walter E. Hager, president of Wilson Teachers College here.

These thoughts were expressed before the Home Rule Chapter of the American Veterans Committee at a dinner-meeting held at the clubhouse last week.

CHURCH HAS PROGRAM

Beginning December 14 St. Philips Episcopal church starts a program of interest for the holiday church goer. Regular attenders as well as people who go to church only at the Christmas tide or Easter time, have in store a program they will long remember at St. Philips, December 14 at 8 p.m. Dr. D. N. Unthank will speak on the Med-Century White House Conference of Children and Youth. Dr. Unthank attended this conference.

December 24, the Christmas Service begins at 11:15 p.m. On December 31 a radio program on station KGW at 8 a.m., and on January 7, 1951, at the church will be The Feast of the Lights, with Rev. L. E. Kempton of Trinity church, guest speaker. Rev. L. O. Stone is Vicar.

RECORD NUMBER OF WOMEN JOIN MARINE CORPS

SAN FRANCISCO—The largest number of women enlisting in the Marines in a single day was recorded here last Tuesday Lt. Col. Pauline E. Burnett, staff adviser to the commanding general, Marine Corps Department of the Pacific, administered the oath to eight women.

At Fort Ord, situated down the Peninsula toward Monterey there are a number of Negro WACs whose status is considered "permanent." Officers from that group come periodically into the Bay area, to enlist Negro women for army service. The quota for that division has never been more than 35 per cent filled, according to a recent statement of an enlistment officer.

Church People Withdraw Plea . . . Intent Disrupted

"We wish to express our appreciation to you who co-operated in our attempt last Sunday to register Christian opinion against the use of the Atom Bomb.

"A wire was sent to President Truman apprising him of the action and number of signatures obtained. The actual signatures will be sent in one package to the Oregon delegation in Washington, D. C.

"Truly this is Democracy at work in our churches and Christianity at work in the world.

"We have had some requests for this petition to be used in other groups but this experiment was designed for use only through the channels of church organizations, and the committee will make no effort to continue it.

"In order to prevent any possible use of this petition by so-called subversive organizations we are asking that you dispose at once of any unused petitions that may still be in public places. If any pastor should desire to use them at another service we will appreciate your safeguarding against any possible use in other groups."

For the committee

MABEL DOWNES
Secretary of Committee

"We are alarmed at the prospect that the atomic bomb may be used in Asia. We gather the impression that many other people feel likewise. Because of this impression and because of the opposition from abroad to use the bomb, we feel that now is a critical hour for Christians who oppose using the bomb to stand up and be counted.

"Accordingly we are enclosing copies of an open letter to President Truman opposing use of the bomb. To it we should like to procure as many signatures as possible. Could you help us with this project this Sunday, December 3?"

A letter similar to the church peoples’ appeal was dropped in the lower Williams Avenue section of the city which stated it was from the communist party, giving a P. O. box number in Portland as the address. Some Negroes were interviewed about the letter by press Mt. Olivet and Bethel M. E. churches participated with the church group.

Very few, if any, Negroes of the “Grass-roots” level were disturbed by the Communist letter. It was found that some believe that the bomb should be dropped, others are simply against any horrors of war. The ratio is not far removed from any other particular group.
IN MY OPINION  .  .  . By

Mrs. E. W. Smith, Retiring President of Portland Branch NAACP

My observation of the Portland Branch of the NAACP. The Portland Branch, as I see it, in the number of years that I have been working closely with it as a member, board member, and president, is like most other Portland organizations—it is on the conservative side. In everything the Association has attempted to do, it has been cautious and slow to take or go into whole heartedly everything that appeared to show discrimination to Negroes without careful planning and considerate thinking. These methods of procedure have caused much criticism and comment from the progressive and aggressive people. We have been called “Moss-backs” and “a do-nothing organization,” but whenever a major issue of race discrimination or problem has been evident, the NAACP has taken the lead or been in the fight; not always in a spectacular way, but got as much results in Portland as the trend, place purpose or circumstances could be expected.

For 36 years, the Portland Branch has been up and down, but from the National Offices record, charter revocation has never been threatened nor has the National officers been called to Portland to get the Branch out of a difficulty. I feel that this slow, cautious manner of the organization in not accepting everything presented to us as a probable discriminatory issue to be attacked have proven an advantage to the stability of the organization.

Although we have not been before the public constantly, some very worthwhile objectives relative to our program, which have probably been forgotten by the public, have been accomplished.

Because of our democratic procedure of membership and election of officers, we could have been swept into hazardous situations many times, but thanks to the few level-headed members who have worked in the organization for many years, this has not been the case.

We have not had a spectacular growth in membership, but have kept pace with other organizations of the same age in Portland. According to the National and Regional offices, our membership quota and other financial obligations have been met in such and excellent way, we are considered the prize Branch on the West Coast notwithstanding San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle and other larger cities on the coast.

MRS. E. W. SMITH

The Annual Meeting of the Past Exalted Ruler’s Council, No. 29 I. B. P. O. E. of W., will be held on Thursday, December 14th, 1950, at 1474 21st Avenue, Seattle, Washington. This is a very important meeting, as the reports of your year’s work will be submitted, imparting the information to members in detail of all financial transactions from December 1, 1949 to December 1, 1950.

All members are requested to send a card to one Brother F. D. Wright, 1722 22nd Ave., Seattle, Washington, who has been ill for a long time. Brother Wright was a faithful member of the Council and an untiring worker before his health failed. Please comply with this request.

Arnett Cobb’s Playing Again After Serious Illness

The long missed but well-remembered tones from the saxophone of Arnett Cobb, “the Wild Man of the Sax” once again are ringing through the nite clubs, theatres and ballrooms, as the popular tenor saxman hit the comeback trail after a three-year fight against a fatal illness.

Cobb, playing with four of the original five men with whom he skyrocketed to fame during World War I, recently played his initial ‘come-back’ engagement at Philadelphia’s Club 421.

KEPT FIGHTING

Here’s the story of a man who went down fighting to death’s door.

It’s the story of a game guy who fought until he rose to his feet again. It’s the story with a romantic touch as human as life itself.

Yes, here’s the true love story of a charming wife—Elizabeth Cobb—who stuck with her beloved husband in his fight to regain his health “A Man May Be Down, But He’s Never Out,” Elizabeth believed in God. She knew her husband would recover.

This is the Arnett Cobb story . . . it’s the BIG story . . .

It begins back in Houston, Texas:

At the Phyllis Wheatley High School there’s 14-year-old boy playing the violin in the school band. He has just complained to the school bandmaster—“Nobody can hear my violin because all the other instruments drown out the chords from my fiddle.” He is not sulking. He stands stern, upright. He is sincere. What he said was true. And the sympathetic bandmaster knew that this boy, Arnett Cobb, was right. He took Arnett’s saxophone that he had been holding “as a surprise” for Arnett from a nearby shelf and handed it to Cobb. The youth brightened up and let out with a “Whoopee!” then he settled back, amazed, “But how did you know—? Hok did you know, professor that I wanted a saxophone? How did you know I could play one?

“For a long time I’ve watched you, Cobb. I’m interested in the welfare of all the students. I try to help them as best I can. It’s wonderful to give—always remember that, Arnett. More wonderful than to receive.”

Cobb was very grateful. He became an honor student, moreover he was bright, very bright in fact with his music.

Several years passed.

Arnett began to play long and loud. Before long a professional bandleader, Chester Doone, heard Cobb and signed him with his band.

After a two year stint with Boone, Arnett joined Milton Larkins’ orchestra. It was with this musical aggregation that Cobb began to develop the style that was to make him famous. Inspired by he playing of tenor man Joe Thomas—and who was then with Jimmy Lanceford’s orchestra—Cobb began to put everything into his playing. Larkins gave him all the leeway he wanted.

As the years rolled by Cobb began to develop what he now terms “a soulful style.” It is best described, according to Arnett Cobb himself, that the musician “preaches” with his instrument—putting all his feelings into it.

And “The Wild Man of the Sax” to this day insists, “Brother if you haven’t got rhythm—if your feet don’t pat, and you can’t feel it—take it from me, that its no good.
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By Anna Morrison

Mrs. Maxey of California is visiting her brother-in-law, C. B. Maxey and family. She was dinner guest a few days ago of Mr. and Mrs. Cash.

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Mrs. Birdie Johnson, District Deputy of the Daughter Elks, was a guest of Dahlia Temple 202 Tuesday, Dec. 5, at which time she conducted the annual election. While here she was the house guest of Dr. A. L. Randolph, Dr. Ruler and Dr. Minnie Payne of the education dept.

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Mrs. Bertha Johnson home from the hospital, after an operation.

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Mrs. Lulu Hubbard and her daughter, Mrs. Earla Williams, returned home last Sunday after spending a month in the East. They were snowbound in Pittsburgh, Pa., during the record storm last week.

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Mr. Singleton, president of NAACP Branch of Bremerton, Wash., was the honored guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lilard Evans, 125 N. Shaver, at a Gumbo supper Saturday. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. Downing, the E. Love's and Mrs. Logan.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Daniels of San Francisco, are the proud parents of a 9 pound baby girl. Mrs. Daniels is the sister of Mrs. Schropshire. Mrs. Woods is the proud grandmother.

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A reception for Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fuller (nee Jurieta Oliver) was an event of December 3 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson, 623 N. Moris. A large number of friends were present to wish the newly weds good luck. In the receiving line were parents of both of the young couple.

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Mr. Tommy Johnson of 3226 N. E. Rodney, is asking all men interested in the formation or reactivation of a Knights of Pythian lodge in Portland to write the Advocate-Register or call WE. 9795.

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Oliver E. Smith, editor of the Advocate-Register, met Congressman Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., son of the late president, who was champion to Mr. Smith. Mr. Roosevelt is vice chairman of President Truman's committee on Civil Rights.

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Two issues of the Advocate-Register are out and the comment is very favorable for a long life for the publication.

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Any Church not listed need only to send their program to the Editor with the Church name, address, and pastor's name. (Editor's Note).
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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