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TRUMAN EXPECTED TO ORDER F. E. P. C.

WASHINGTON—President Truman is expected to issue an executive order creating and emergency Fair Employment Practices Commission shortly.

Sources close to the president said this week that top government officials have ironed out all kinks in the document and it is on its way to the White House for review and signature.

It was learned that the FEPC order has been delayed because of a general reorganization of Congress and especially the

John Binns, a Tacoma attorney, and for a number of years a member of the Washington State Board of Higher Education, will be the chief speaker at the Negro First Citizen banquet, at the Nortonia hotel Tuesday, February 20, honoring Mrs. E. W. Smith and Raleigh Washington.

Last year Mr. Binns spoke at the seventh annual meeting of the Washington State Conference of NAACP Branches in Tacoma. His subject of Civil Liberties was so impressive that the meeting stands out as one of the best of its kind in the state. He praised the editorial policy in the Advocate-Register as well as the practical reporting.

BILLY WEBB'S EXALTED RULER HONORED

Dr. J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the I. B. P. O. Elks of W., this week sent Commission to Chesley E. Corbett, Exalted Ruler of Billy Webb Lodge, 1050 designating Corbett as Grand Organizer of the Order for the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

This is a signal honor and both to Corbett and also to Billy Webb and Portland. The Grand and Corbett have been friends for over 40 years and were associated in Elk work when Corbett lived in D. C.

Congratulations "Exalted Ruler". You are on your way up. Keep up the good work.

The Mid-Winter Conference of The Northwest States Association will meet at the Elks' Home, 662 1/2 Jackson St., Seattle, Washington, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, February 17, 1951.

All officers and members of the association and all Elks in good standing in their respective lodges and temples are eligible and invited to attend this meeting. Elks holding local, State or Grand Commissions are specially urged to attend.

We have invited some of the North-west's outstanding Elks to speak at our Mid-Winter Conference. Among those invited to speak at the supper session will be Dgt. Anna Morison of Dahlia Temple, No. 202, our Director of Education for the state of Oregon and Bro. Attorney Chas. M. Stokes of Puget Sound Lodge, No. 109, State Representative 37th District, Seattle, Washington.

Registration will begin at 7:00 p.m. Business session will begin at 8:00 p.m.

There will be a registration fee of One Dollar and Twenty-Five cents ($1.25). Everyone is required to pay this fee upon registration. This fee is to offset the expense of entertaining the Mid-Winter Conference and to assure you a pleasant time.

The entertainment committee headed by Exalted Ruler Oscar Johnson and Daughter Ruler, Geneva Ward, are making special arrangements to serve all registered members in attendance a full course supper, hot and delicious with all the trimmings.

If you plan to spend the night or weekend in Seattle and wish hotel or housing accommodations, please write at once to Dgt. District Deputy, Birdie Johnson, 505 Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

We are planning a constructive and enjoyable meeting. Don't fail to be present and lend your bit toward success.

Also at this meeting invitations will be accepted for a place to hold the Annual Meeting of the Association, to be held the last weekend in May, 1951.

impending selection of a Senate Majority Committee.

Roscoe Conklin Simmons, Nationally Known Orator, Coming Here

Special to the Advocate Register: Just as we go to press we received word from Mr. Chesley E. Corbett, Exalted Ruler of Billy Webb Lodge No. 1050, I.B.P.O. Elks of W., that he had a wire from Grand Exalted Ruler, J. Finley Wilson, Washington, D. C., that satisfactory arrangements had been completed and that on February 11, at 2 p.m. the Honorable Roscoe Conklin Simmons, nephew of Booker T. Washington, founder and former president of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., would speak to the public, under auspices of the Elks at The Benson High School Auditorium.

This is indeed a rare treat as Mr. or Colonel Simmons, as he is known, is of great demand as a speaker all over the United States and when he is announced there is always packed houses.

Mr. Simmons comes directly from Washington, D. C., to fulfill this speaking engagement; he will arrive here Saturday morning and that night he will have a press conference with the various reporters; Saturday night he will attend the Past Officer's meeting and meet the brothers, Daughters and their friends at a place to be designated in the next issue.

At the present time Col. Simmons is the contributing Editor of The New York Times, Chicago Tribune and the Washington Eagle; he has been associated with Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson in the newspaper business for over 40 years and is the Grand Traveling Deputy of the I.B.P.O.E.W.

There will be no charge for admission. It's free.

So be sure and come out—bring your friends and come early if you want a seat—State, County and City Officials will be invited as well as all Civic, religious and fraternal organizations and the public in general.

Dr. D. N. Unthank will be Master of Ceremony. More details of this meeting will appear in our next issue in the mean time listen to announcements over KVN in Vancouver, Sunday, Jan. 28, Feb. 4th at 9:30 a.m.

The Advocate-Register Present The Negro First Citizen Banquet

Honoring Mrs. E. W. Smith FIRST CITIZEN Raleigh Washington JR. FIRST CITIZEN TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1951 7:30 p.m. Nortonia Hotel, Paradise Room S. W. 11th and Stark St., Downtown For Reservations call ATwater 2551 $2.50 PER PLATE
IN MY OPINION . . .

RACE LEADERSHIP JEALOUS, FEARFUL, INCOMPETENT—CRITIC

Negro leadership suffers from fear, jealousy, incompetence and selfishness, says Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse college, in an article in a recent Negro Digest.

Pointing out that human nature is the same the world over, Dr. Mays emphasizes that what is wrong with Negro leaders is "wrong with the leaders of the other so-called racial groups."

He goes on, however, to state that fear seems an especial handicap to many Negro leaders, "particularly fear that they will not be well thought of by their white friends and by white people in general. This makes them cautious and the sad thing is that this fear is imaginary and has no basis in fact. It has been demonstrated again and again that leadership can be both courageous and sane. It can take high ground when a principle is at stake and lose non prestige, but, rather, gain prestige."

Jealousy has cut into the ranks of Negro leaders, continues Dr. Mays. "All one leader has to do to gain the enmity of another leader is to succeed and gain public acclaim," he writes. "It has happened among lawyers, physicians, businessmen and educators—and at its worst, among ministers. The lesson is yet to be learned that there is enough light in the sun for all."

According to Dr. Mays, Negro leaders who have become socially and economically secure have tended to become complacent and conservative.

"Too, some of our leadership is not well enough informed, and we must be honest and admit that great effort needs to be made to improve (its) intellectual competence."

By Fred Shorter
Minister of The Church of the People, Seattle, Wash. Editor of The New Religious Frontier

HAPENINGS IN SALEM
ON OBSERVING POLITICIANS
By Harley Phelps
January 9, 1950

Most of us are familiar with the general attitude or Republican officials toward their constituents and toward the public at large. Be he judge, legislator or executive the demeanor is the same when a wealthy individual puts in an appearance. Nothing is too good for a tycoon. Or even if he is not so oppulent but is known to control a sizeable block of votes in a precinct or district the official will invariably overdo the handshaking, hang around and make small talk, crack jokes and laugh loudly. If the visitor wants anything he has but to drop a hint and Mr. Official will break a leg if necessary to help him get it. But let one of the lesser lights in his bailiwick show up and the officeholder figures at once that he wants something and proceeds to make himself scarce. Just hang around the legislative galleries, the city or county court rooms or police headquarters for a while and if you don’t get a belly full of the fruits of Republicanism then you have got the kind of stomach and guts to be a politician and should immediately get yourself on the ballot somewhere for the next election. If you can stand this sort of thing without gagging, you are a man, my son.

Worse yet is a Democrat who by association with Republican bigwigs gets some of their corruption rubbed off on him. This is tragic to the nth degree. In a Republican it is bad enough but when you begin to observe the same thing in a Democrat whom you know to have sprung from a party with and honest, liberal foundation, where then can you turn?

It is unfortunate that so few of us have the time, the means and the inclination to frequent the halls of government. The complexities of society and the frailties of genius homo are too much for most politicians. We cannot depend upon casting a vote only. We have to follow through by keeping our fingers on the officials we elect. It brings us back to the main weakness of the system of representative government illustrated best by the old saying that if you want a thing done well, do it yourself.
BRIEFS

"In My Opinion" column is a column for the thoughts of people with opinions of their own. They are not opinionated by the Editor and are not necessarily the views of this paper, or Editor.

If you want to write and think for yourself, we will be glad to express in print YOUR OPINION. It is interesting and we all may learn something from one another. This is a blanket invitation although we must confess that limited space will not permit all editorials to be printed the same time, but send in when you write it and we will file it for some date.

If we have asked you to write, it was made in good faith.
No material will be returned, unless accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.—Editors Note.

The average grade completed in school by white young people (20 to 24 years of age) is 11.7. In other words the high school graduate is almost an average for white youth.

The average grade completed in school for Negro youth (20 to 24 years of age) is 7.4. In other words the 8th grade graduate is a high school from the average Negro youth.

Near rural home. These facts are true in most Negro rural homes. These facts are true in most Negro rural homes.

In the recent survey entitled THESE MY BRETHREN which is being distributed for 40 cents a copy by the Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, it was shown that the distance to a high school from a Negro home was 12.7 miles. This is a long road if school buses are not provided.

The juke joint is only four miles away. A tavern is only 7.6 miles from the average Negro rural home. These facts are a challenge to our churches and to our country.

MORGANS DIVORCED

In a recent divorce case of Morgan vs. Morgan, through the advice of their respective attorneys it was agreed with Charles and Hazel that the decree would be granted by default. Mr. Morgan appeared in court represented by U. G. Plummer. He is traveling supervisor for Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters for Pullman Co.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By Ann Morrison

The birthday party for Horton Davis was a very beautiful affair for men only, January 18th. Refreshments and Virginia baked ham, with all the trimmings was served buffet style. Songs of cheer for the occasion was offered by Bob Hayward and Earl Wright, with others helping in songs they knew. Attending party were Louis Johnson, Sam Blanchard, Mack Murphy, T. S. Harris and Oliver E. Smith.

It is with profound regret that this page report the passing of Mrs. Darnita Atkins, wife of V. W. Atkins, and expresses the sympathy of their friends.

Mr. William Davis arrived home from Chicago with a new bride. Mrs. Davis was here last summer as a house guest of Mrs. Ella Smith of S. E. Frances Street.

The Plummers (both families) have returned home after spending the holidays in Kansas City with friends and relatives. Herman said they had a wonderful trip, and reminds us that the Portland Branch NAACP meets every third Sunday in each month. We pass that on to you. Please mark your calendars.

New Northwest Lodge 2554 Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, meets every first Tuesday at Prince Hall at 8 p.m.

The Stewardess Board No. 2 of Zion AME church met at the home of Mrs. Lillard Evans Monday, Jan. 8th. The topic of discussion was "Women of the Bible" and the subject was Esther, lead by Mrs. Irene Burgess.

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at 2043 N. E. Rodney Ave.

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Archie Goldman is the proud papa of a brand new set of twins. Congratulations
to the Goldmans from the Advocate-Register.

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The Phi Nu Phi Sorority, gave one of their members, June Linton a Baby Shower
Friday Jan. 19, 1951. Lovely gifts were received for the baby. The baby was born
New Years Eve Dec. 31, 1950, a beautiful baby girl. They are both doing fine.

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Send your news typewritten on one side of a sheet of paper. Please don’t use
both sides.

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, anniversary 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.

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