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NAACP WANTS 1/4 MILLION MEMBERS

NEW YORK—A quarter million members is the NAACP campaign goal for 1951, it was announced this week by Glos­ter B. Current, director of branches.

Spring campaigns will be conducted between April and June and fall campaigns between September and November. Current announced, an estimated 25,000 branch solicitors will seek memberships in a thousand cities.

FEPC BILL WITH TEETH FOR CALIFORNIA

California's two Negro legislators, Los Angeles Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins and Berkeley's W. Byron Rumford, returned to their homes recently, following the recess of the legislature and after having led the fight along the vital economic front, principally in the matter of the high cost of living and the need for a state FEPC, seen by both as paramount issues.

Rumford introduced a bill, which is backed by Hawkins, to set up a state Fair Employment Practices Commission, which would penalize violators.

Important Meeting Notices

NAACP Meetings—Every third Sunday on each month. YWCA Center, 6 N. Tillamook St., 4 p.m.

ELKS—Billy Webb Lodge 1050 every first and third Sunday. Porters Hall (unless otherwise specified) 1:30 p.m. Dahlia Temple 202, first and third Tues­days, 8 p.m.

ODD FELLOWS—New Northwest Lodge 2594, first Tuesday, 8 p.m., Prince Hall.

House hold Ruth 844, every second and fourth Tuesday, 8 p.m., Prince Hall.

Meeting Notices of Lodges and Service organizations printed free. Our only fee is the announcement of our Subscription Notice to your membership. Others not listed, welcome.

Left for the Army Air Corps: Ellis Casson, Robert Herndon, Jr., Loomis Harris, Jr.

Doctors Urged to Broaden Interest In Community

WASHINGTON — Negro doctors should face all the responsibilities inherent in their status in the community, President Alonzo G. Moron, of Hampton Institute, stated in the November issue of the Journal of the National Medical Association, which reproduced the full text of his address (see also the 55th annual convention of NMA to the Hampton campus last summer.

PULITZER WINNER PLANS LECTURE

NEW YORK (ANP) — Gwendolyn Brooks, the first Negro woman to be honored with the Pulitzer prize, continues to crash barriers. The Chicago author will be a guest consultant in the English Seminar at Barnard college.

Dr. William Boyd of Atlanta university was the most recent professor of color to hold sessions on the Morningside Heights campus.

SIMPSON CALLED UP BY INDIANS

CLEVELAND—Clouting Harry "Suitcase" Simpson, big-stick rookie outfielder of the San Diego Padres last season, has been called up by the foundering Cleveland Indians, it was announced.

He is the second Negro lifted by the Indians for the 1951 season. Orestes Minosa, up with the Tribe during Spring practice but shipped back to the Padres for the regular season, was called up sometime ago.

S. F. NEGRO MADE U. S. COURT CRIER

SA FRANCISCO—First Negro Federal Court Crier is Andrew H. Hatcher, local manager of the Jack Shelley and Helen Gabagan Douglas campaigns in the Negro community.

Hatcher, a veteran, plans to study law in addition to his duties in the court of Federal Judge Oliver Carter. His appointment makes the second local assignment of a Negro to the federal district; Charles Strathers has been a messenger in the 9th district court for over 30 years.

NEGRO FIRST CITIZEN BANQUET FEBRUARY 20

The Negro First Citizen Banquet is shaping up into the biggest interracial affair in Portland. Committees are getting the arrangements underway. Tickets are being sold. Reservations may be made by sending $2.50 to the Advocate-Register or calling ATwater 2551 for information.

John Binns, a very liberal speaking attorney from Tacoma, Washington, will be the chief speaker.

The Banquet in honor of Mrs. E. W. Smith and Raleigh Washington is to be held at the Nortonia Hotel, Paradise Room, Tuesday, February 20, at 7:30 p.m.

This is the seventh annual Negro First Citizen selection for Portland. Others named previously were: 1944, Dr. D. N. Unthank; 1945, Clifford C. Walker (deceased); 1946, Miss Doris Reynolds and a junior award to Nick J. Banks Jr.; 1947, Edwin C. Berry; 1948, Chelsey E. Corbett; 1949, Oliver E. Smith.

The naming of Portland's Negro First Citizen began as a program of The Negro Democratic Club by Clifford C. Walker and Oliver E. Smith. Earl M. Wright has promised entertainment for the evening. The Advocate-Register will carry program and full particulars in the February 16 issue.

BROtherhood Month Calendar

World Day of Prayer, First Baptist Church _______________ February 9

G. O. P. Lincoln Day Dinner, Cosmopolitan Club _______________ February 12

Americans for Democratic Action, Library Hall _______________ February 16

Francis Biddle

$25 Brotherhood Dinner, Multnomah Hotel _______________ February 17

Eric Johnson, Chief Speaker

Negro First Citizen Banquet, Nortonia Hotel _______________ February 20

Brotherhood Public Meeting, Central Lutheran Church _______________ February 23

Dinner for Mrs. Henry Roe Cloud, Multnomah Hotel _______________ February 24

An editor is a man who knows very little about a great many things and as time goes on he knows less and less about more and more things until eventually he knows practically nothing about nearly everything. Your Editor knows.
IN MY OPINION...

AN OPEN LETTER TO SENATOR MAHONEY
FROM ONE DEMOCRAT TO ANOTHER

Senator Thomas Mahoney, February 1, 1951
Senate Office, Salem, Oregon

Dear Tom:

Your vote on the marriage (miscegenation law) was not questioned, but your vote or comments on the bill unquestionably lost some votes (DEMOCRATICALLY). The intent implied is not personal but ethical in the inter-marriage question.

The implication of white and Negro marriages does not mean that the unborn child has security—as is, he has no security or the alternative. (Abortion). The 24th and 25th Infantry has been wiped out in Korea for the city having made the most progress in race relations. The resolution read as follows:

"WHEREAS the citizens of Portland on November 7 of the same year soundly defeated a civil rights measure which would have made it illegal for places of public accommodation to discriminate because of race, religion or national origin, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Young Democratic Club of Multnomah County ask the National Conference of Christians and Jews' President, Eric Johnston, speaking here February 17, to take back the award, since by the vote of the people it was amply demonstrated Portland's citizens are not ready to practice what some of their leaders preach: 'Brotherhood of Man.'"

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In the rural sections of the South a high percentage of our Negroes belong to the church.

The 17 teachers who recently visited in the homes of 7486 people found that nearly two-thirds of these people were church members.

The percentage who were church members was 61.7. But 29 per cent were children "too young to join." This only left 93 per cent of the adults and young people who were not members.

But their record of church attendance was not so good. Information was secured from 5333 people as to the number of times they attended church during "the last four Sundays." This is shown in the table below.

Number of times 5333 people attended their church during the last four Sundays:

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TOTAL 5333 100.0

The 104 Pages of this survey distributed by the Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey for 40 cents a copy shows the reasons these people give for not attending church.

"TAKE IT BACK"—SAY YOUNG DEMOCRATS

At the annual meeting of the Young Democratic Club of Multnomah County Monday evening, January 22, a resolution was passed to return to Eric Johnston, National head of the Conference of Christians and Jews, the plaque awarded Portland last year by his group for being the city showing most progress in race relations. The resolution read as follows:

"Whereas on February 22 of last year the City of Portland was awarded a plaque by the National Conference of Christians and Jews during annual 'Brotherhood Week' for the city having made the most progress in race relations, and

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NEGRO NURSES WELCOME

Oregon schools of nursing welcome applications from Negro students desiring to go into nurse training, it is indicated by a recent statewide survey conducted by the Urban League of Portland.

Only two Negro nursing students were found to be in training during the current school year, both in the University of Portland College of Nursing. In addition, however, two students are enrolled in the pre-nursing program at Vanport College.

John S. Holley, Neighborhood Secretary of the Urban League, states that the response from the various nursing schools shows a desire to enroll more students of good nursing potentiality, regardless of race. Also, there is no indication of discrimination in the placing of graduate nurses in Portland hospitals.

"Nursing is one of the professions in which Negro workers are rapidly gaining acceptance on a basis of equality", Holley points out, "and there is an acute shortage of trained nurses in Oregon, as elsewhere throughout the United States. The several trained Negro nurses in Portland have made outstanding records, and there is opportunity for many more.

Nurse training in Oregon is offered at Emanuel Hospital, St. Vincents, Good Samaritan Hospital, Providence Hospital, the University of Oregon Medical School and the University of Portland College of Nursing, in Portland, at Sacred Heart General Hospital in Eugene and St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. Degrees in nursing are obtained only through the University of Oregon and the University of Portland.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

North Central 'Y' Opens Drive

Edgar Lee, chairman of the North Central 'Y' (120 N. E. Russell St.) Annual Membership's Campaign, announces that this organization, last Monday, had their campaign Kick-Off meeting. The men and women working on this campaign are out to sign up 650 adult supporting members of the 'Y' before February 19. The memberships are considered "supporting" memberships in that all of the events at the North Central 'Y' are for boys. Funds collected go to the maintenance and supervision of the 'Y' center and boys' clubs.

Mr. Edgar Lee, Mr. Clarence Ivey, and Dr. Miner T. Patton are Division Guides. Squad Leaders are: Anthony Smith, U. G. Plummer, E. Shelton Hill, Robert Fritsch, Mrs. Otto Rutherford, Bennie Hamilton, Rev. L. O. Stone, Dr. DeNorval Unthank, George Reynolds, Mrs. E. Riley, Mrs. Alice Lee, Harold Gaskin, and Henry Nelson.

The workers are simulating a race to the top of Mt. Hood. The top man will be honored by a trip to Timberline Lodge on the new Skiway and Dinner at the Lodge.

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Headliners

William (Bill) McCoy has appeared on the front page of the Advocate-Register more times than any other person, in first ten issues, he nosed out Chesley E. Corbett by one and was two ahead of U. G. Plummer and Charles Maxey. Herman Plummer has already begun to edge up on the big 4 since assuming the NAACP presidency. The score so far: McCoy, 6; Corbett, 5; U. G. Plummer and C. Maxey, 4; Herman Plummer, 3.

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Radio and Stage Appearances

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BRIEFS

Its a month since Christmas and I wonder if I am the only father that has to go to bed amid cowboy pistols, fire truck, auto racer, a whole array of musical instruments, cut-outs, FBI badges and a million other small fry gadgets, but my assistant editor of the Advocate-Register says all that is necessary for the successful operation of a newspaper (Editor with a 4½ year old son.)

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American Negroes may expect the same support in their fight for racial equality from Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. and Philip Willkie as was given them by the famous fathers of the two fledgling statesmen.

This is the conclusion drawn by Ebony magazine in interviews with the two young men in the January issue.

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Mrs. Lillard Evans of 125 N. E. Shaver was rushed to Good Samaritan Hospital for an emergency operation, Wednesday, January 31. At the last report she was doing very well.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Due to weather conditions and railroad strike, the Elks meeting presenting Honorable Roscoe Simmons is POSTPONED!

Thanks to everyone for their cooperation . . . .

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