URBAN LEAGUERS SPEAK AT CORVALLIS

The Urban League program for improving race relations and obtaining equal opportunities for all citizens was explained to student groups at Oregon State College, Corvallis, Thursday in talks by Evin C. Berry and John S. Holley, Executive and Neighborhood Secretaries, respectively, of the Urban League of Portland.

The Urban League officials visited the campus at the invitation of Round Table, a joint YMCA-YWCA student forum of which Paul Bock is Executive Secretary.

Speaking before a luncheon gathering of students and faculty members, Berry reviewed racial practices in colleges of the Northwest. He called attention to the rapid progress made in race relations at OSC as reflected in the achievements of several outstanding Negro students, but added that the notion generally persists that Negroes are still not accorded the same opportunity to participate in basketball at OSC as are the white students.

The principal event was an afternoon forum in Memorial Union, at which Berry listed reasons why the Portland civil rights ordinance did not gain a majority of favorable votes in November and analyzed the implications for the Portland community and its leaders. Berry also talked to two of the social science classes of Dr. Frank Parks and a criminology class under Dr. Robert Dann.

Holley spoke on race relations to two of Dr. Dann's morning sociology classes and Paul Bock's afternoon class in social ethics.

BRIEFS

Oliver E. Smith Jr. left Saturday, February 3, to spend a few weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Freeman in Longview, Wash. They celebrated grandmothers birthday Wednesday, February 7. ** *

Mrs. Elaine Berry celebrated her birthday on February 8. ** *

Special meeting of the Advisory Committee of NAACP met in San Francisco Jan. 27. Representatives of all west coast branches attended. Portland branch's new president, Herman Plummer and 1950 president Mrs. E. W. Smith attended.

Committee for Interracial Principles and Practices

Suppose that someone interested in joining this organization were to ask you: what does that group actually accomplish; or, just specifically, what are the functions of the Office for Vocational Opportunity, could you give a complete description of any phases of activities engaged in by both groups? We do more than just get jobs for people; in fact, that is the least of our efforts.

Every organization is effective in proportion to its sustained endeavors. We need the moral support of our members in our efforts.

NEW BOOK

A new book by the editor of Between The Lines, Charles A. Wells, will be off the press January 15th. The Great Alternative is a highly informative volume dealing with the most pressing unsolved problems of our day, "The Future of American Capitalism," "America Among the Racial Giants," "A Protestant Awakening — or A Catholic America," "The New Atomic World—Bombs or Abundance," "Will Labor Rule America?" "Why Should We Fight Russia?" A handsome, hard cover, permanent book, 144 pages packed with significant facts and inspiring hope.

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Democrat. Chairman Pierce County Central Committee, 1942-46.

SOUTHERN CHURCHES LOSE MEMBERS

Negro churches in the South are being organized now about one-third as fast as they were 20 years ago. Because of migration many churches are suffering losses.

Nearly two-thirds of our churches in the South are in the open country and 88 per cent are rural.

Although our Negro population in the South is showing a normal growth, yet 9.6 per cent more churches are decreasing in membership than are growing.

Facts regarding the growth or decline of our churches were revealed in the recent survey entitled "These My Brethren" which is being distributed at cost (40c) by the Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey.

This survey shows that 39.3 per cent of our churches are growing, 11.8 per cent are stationary, and 48.9 per cent are decreasing.

The membership of the average church is 149, but 28 of these are non-resident, leaving only 121 members living near their church now.

"The political machine wins because it is a united minority against a divided majority." — Will Durant.
IN MY OPINION...

By Charles A. Wells (Editor & Publisher, Between the Lines)

RACE PROGRESS

Americans can be proud of the intelligent, constructive progress being made in race relations in our time. When history gets into focus on our ear, it will record that probably at no period in American life has such a controversial issue (so often fought with violence and hatred) moved forward so rapidly and no nobly.

One of the most tense points of contention has been the Negro student's right to equal opportunity in education, as guaranteed by the constitution. An increasing list of American educational institutions in the South have met this issue in a Christian spirit. The University of Tennessee is the latest to admit the qualified Negro student to its dental and law colleges and graduate schools,—with the usual echoes from die-hards that such action would end in turmoil and violence. It didn't happen here,—nor at the Universities of Virginia, Texas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Delaware, Arkansas, all of which have taken similar action accompanied by the same wails that it would only end in greater hatreds and racial strife. Forward-looking leaders in the South, such as Governor Browning of Tennessee, said they had known the situation would work itself out quietly.

Dr. Charles Johnson, president of the famous Fisk University, said that all the dire forecasts have proved absurd, explaining that Negroes have no intention of flooding universities when they can get adequate training elsewhere. "Never more than three or four of our people have taken advantage of these opportunities when they have been open," said Dr. Johnson. "Negroes are more interested in the principle of equal opportunity and in proving that they can pass the same entrance examinations as others have to pass." When that fact has been established, Dr. Johnson indicated that the Negroes would prefer their own schools, but would want their facilities to be adequate and equal to standards maintained elsewhere.

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Introduction of Negro First Citizen Mrs. E. W. Smith
by Pollyanna Reed

Introduction of Raleigh Washington, Negro Jr. First Citizen
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MRS. E. W. SMITH
Negro First Citizen
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RALEIGH WASHINGTON
Junior Negro First Citizen
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You are cordially invited to attend the Negro First Citizen Banquet sponsored by The Advocate Register honoring Mrs. E. W. Smith and Raleigh Washington on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Paradise Room of the Nortonia Hotel.

Mrs. Smith was chosen First Citizen for 1950 because of her untiring and selfless efforts in the civic, religious and educational life of Portland for the last twenty years. Raleigh Washington will receive the Junior award for his heroic rescue of a young girl from the Willamette River last spring.

The banquet program will feature John Binns, Tacoma attorney and member of the Washington State Board of Education, who is a noted authority on Civil Liberties.
Your personal items welcome

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