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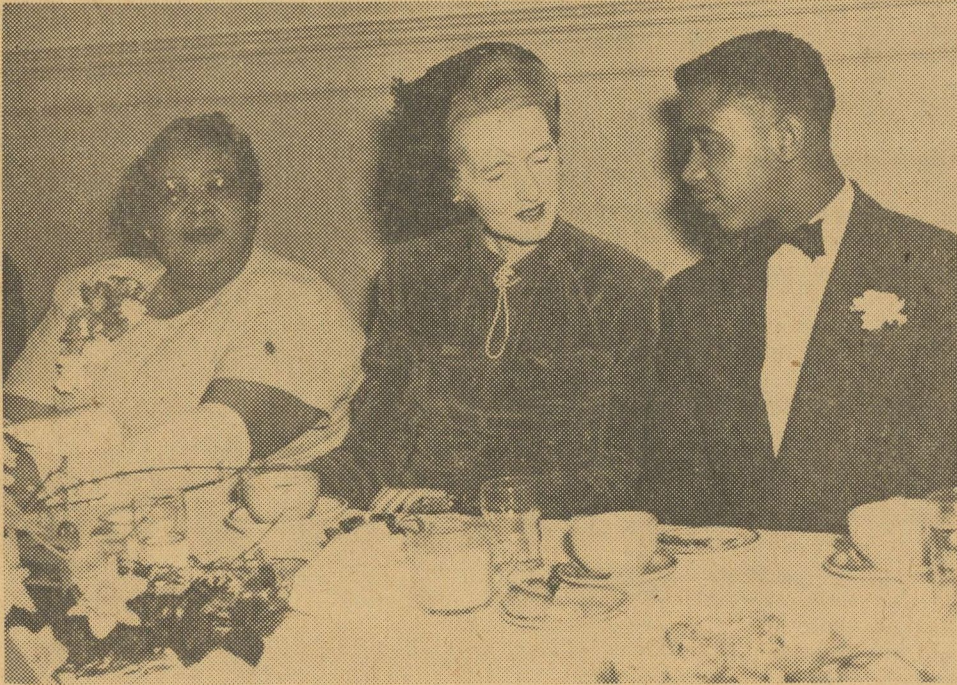
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FIRST CITIZEN BANQUET IS IMPRESSIVE AFFAIR; MAYOR DOROTHY McCULLOUGH LEE PRESENT



Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee congratulates Negro First Citizen, Mrs. E. W. Smith (left) and Raleigh Washington (right). (Baltzegar Photo)

The banquet honoring Mrs. E. W. Smith and Raleigh Washington held at the Nortonia Hotel, Tuesday, Feb. 20. Among the 100 or more guests present were Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee, who spoke saying Mrs. Smith and Raleigh Washington were "the type of citizens we wish all citizens to be."

Many of the friends of both were present to honor them. Many church, YWCA, NAACP, League of Women voters, Republican and Democratic party members, Oregon Association of Colored Women, and other organizations' members that we were not able to get all wished Mrs. Smith congratulations.

Mr. G. H. Oberteuffer, Portland Area Council Boy Scout executive praised Raleigh Washington saying, "as a tenderfoot scout, Raleigh didn't really want to learn to swim" and now he was an Eagle Scout, the second Negro to win such rank in Oregon. The knowledge of life-saving is required to attain this rank.

Mrs. Smith said "Three things give me the inner drive to keep working on so

many things at once even when they seem in vain . . . I LOVE GOD, I LOVE PEOPLE, I LOVE PORTLAND.

Mrs. Maggie Morrison was Toastmistress and presented the Advocate Register award to Mrs. Smith. Caley Cook, ex-Jefferson High School Student body president and classmate-friend introduced and presented Raleigh with the Junior Award. Mrs. U. G. Plummer presented for the Oregon Association of Colored women a separate award to Mrs. Smith.

Two out of town speakers brought messages of vital importance. William Tunstall, radio announcer from Seattle (who said, he too would like to live in the atmosphere of Portland if this assembly was representative, and that Negro loyalty to America was not questioned at any degree of length, until the Korean conflict.

The Chief Speaker of the Evening was John H. Binns, Tacoma attorney and Rhodes Scholar who said, "The battle for complete Negro suffrage is nearly won, even in the South."

Binns, a former regent of Washington

DR. HOWARD THURMAN, MURIEL LESTER COMING

March 12-16—Dr. Howard Thurman will be in the city. He will speak at eleven each morning at the First Methodist Church. Evening meetings will be announced later.

March 18 and 19—Miss Muriel Lester, Traveling Secretary for the International Fellowship of Reconciliation, will be here, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church, the Portland Council of Churches, the Council of Church Women, and the Portland F. O. R.

(1) Dr. Paul Wright has arranged for a retreat at Menucha, former Julius Meier Estate. Time, 3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 17 through Sunday, March 18. Dr. Wright will provide leadership for Saturday evening; Miss Lester will speak three times on Sunday, on the Topic "The Energy of the Spirit". Call Mrs. Asa Cutler, for reservations, BEacon 9251, \$5.25.

(2) Miss Lester will address a public meeting Monday, March 19, at the First Presbyterian Church on "Seven Visits to India".

Since both Dr. Thurman and Miss Lester are guests of the community, we hope to give them a good reception.

Photos Available

Many people have written the Advocate Register asking information about the pictures and where they can be secured. We contacted Mr. Baltzegar of Baltzegar Photos, who was official Photographer at the First Citizen Banquet" and he informs us that many of the persons attending were included in a few good "shots". The pictures are available at his studio, 9 N. E. Halsey. If you want one or more, write a penny post card, or go to the address above or call EMpire 0979.—(Editor).

State college, declared that with the realization of complete Negro suffrage, no other form of discrimination can last long because "the people who have votes and know how to use them won't allow it."

"With every election, more Negro votes are cast," the speaker said, "and the more progressive states in the South practically have given up the fight to maintain the exclusive white vote."

Discrimination in this country has harmful effects in foreign countries, Binns declared.

He warned that the time may come when the very existence of the United States may depend on "our ability to convince the world of the value of American democracy."

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IN MY OPINION . . .

My dear Oliver

I hereby submit with a great deal of pleasure and honor, my views for your publication.

"WHENCE EQUALITY"

By Owen J. Card

Now it is obvious to all that the poor paraletic and cripple are not equal in physical endurance to the athlete. Nor is the immoral man equal to the moral man. That is, the physical handicaps limit the cripple and the intellectual overwhelms the moron in the pursuit of knowledge, while the moral man is superior in his practice of virtue.

In one degree or another men are unequal . . . some are faster, more agile or talented than others, but there is one place where all men are equal and this is before the natural law; that is the law of God, the law that is necessary to follow to keep within the dignity of the individual as a creature of God.

This law is inherent in the soul of man and this soul is what makes a man a man. No color, creed, or nationality changes the spiritual essence of the human nature; that is the soul of man.

All men and I mean all men who inhabit this earth, are creatures of God, made to God's image and likeness, and are therefore God's highest creation on earth and are deserving of their proper dignity and respect as creatures of God.

At the same time men are held responsible for their actions. If any man breaks the natural law, he is held responsible before man and God. Thereby being subjected to justice and mercy.

To sum up: Equality exists in the nature of the human soul. Equality is spiritual and not material. Further to deny equality is to deny God.

Yours,
Owen J. Card.

February 9, 1951

Dear Oliver:

It was good to receive your card today. I had written you right after I received a copy of the Advocate Register but evidently the letter went astray. I like the paper very much and am more than glad that you are in the midst of things there in Portland again. I shall never forget the valuable counselling you so generously gave me when I first came there. I know that I would not have fared so well without it.

We have a very sound coordinated movement going here. It was tough at first. Only 11 agencies out of a possible 45 or 50 came in. Now we have 32 members. As a result we have been able to get a housing—or rather redevelopment ordinance passed by the city council prohibiting discrimination in public housing. Also we have been able to get the state commissioner of real estate to investigate the activity of realtors in the matter of arousing residents when Negroes move into the neighbor-

hood. The Calif. State Employment Service has undertaken to revamp its practice of accepting discriminatory orders and we are now in the process of working out a system whereby this can be achieved. We are working with the police and sheriff's offices in setting up a police training program. So you see with just a few items we are making progress.

I am mailing you some material on our set-up. About two months ago several put on a concentrated effort to scuttle the County Conference. Franklyn Williams, NAACP Regional Director, stepped in and knocked the props from under our adversaries. He told them that the LACCCR was the only organization of its kind in the country and that we were in a position to give invaluable assistance to agencies like the NAACP and the Urban League. He urged that we prepare to expand on a state-wide basis. That sort of hushed them—or maybe ran them "under cover".

Best wishes in your new venture. We'll keep stuff coming your way.

Sincerely,
George Thomas.

Out of 1388 families visited by the 17 Colored teachers in the recent survey in the Rural South it was found that nearly half of these families had not received a pastoral call in over 12 months.

There is no doubt that all pastors desire to bring help and comfort to their listeners during the Sunday sermon. A great opportunity is missed to bring help and comfort to these same families during the week. The table below shows the number of calls received.

PASTORAL CALLS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR BY 1388 FAMILIES

Number of Calls	Number of Families	Percentage of Total Families
No calls	656	47.3
One call	241	17.4
Two calls	273	19.3
Three calls	63	4.5
Four calls	63	4.5
Five calls	22	1.6
Six calls	23	1.7
Seven calls	8	.6
Eight calls	14	1.0
Nine calls	4	.3
Ten calls	14	1.0
Eleven calls	7	.5
TOTAL	1388	100.0

The report of this Survey is being distributed by the Rural Dept., Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey for 40 cents a copy.

The calls listed in the above table were usually made during the "revival week." One further explanation is needed regarding the above table. There were 43 families not listed above which received 12 or more "calls" during the year. These were the church treasurers where the pastor called to get his monthly check or the families which provided the pastor his meals at the time of his preaching appointment. The investigators could not agree as to whether or not these 43 families visited were pastoral calls.

John S. Holley, Neighborhood Secretary of the Portland Urban League will write the Editorial for next week's issue. We encourage others of Opinions to write for the column and send their news stories, written on one side of the paper double spaced, preferably typewritten. (Editor's Note).

FIRST CITIZENS BANQUETS HELPFUL

Chesley E. Corbett, Exalted Ruler of Billy Webb Lodge was discovered and destined to be the "Moses" of the local Elks at the Banquet for Oliver E. Smith, First Citizen for 1949, by Deputy grand Exalted Ruler Robert D. Addison, who was chief speaker at the affair.

Corbett was toastmaster and also Past First Citizen of 1948 himself. Billy Webb Lodge 1050 now is the largest in the Jurisdiction.

Dr. Bunche on Democracy

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize winner, speaking at a dinner given in his honor by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, spoke some unpleasant truths about the American system of democracy. There is, he reminded us, still an uncomfortably wide difference between ideals and actuality. He was referring, of course, to the racial problem. We hold to the theory of equality of opportunity and treatment for all Americans, and yet the fact is that 15 million Negroes provide a plaguing contradiction.

It is perfectly true that great progress has been made. The theory of gradualism is that time will bring adjustment, as indeed it will. But, as Dr. Bunche says, this is a comfortable piece of rationalization. In this critical time, he argues, "we must exert an extraordinary effort to put our interracial house in order."

Now perfection is a difficult thing. But the American people could do a lot better, and the challenge is now at hand. If there is any doubt about what is meant, listen to Dr. Bunche: "All that the American Negro asks is that he be treated like every other citizen—that he be accepted or rejected, not collectively, on the basis of his color, but individually, on the basis of whatever merit he may command." The fundamental justice of this statement is inescapable; yet, as everybody knows, it expresses an ideal rather than a fact. But is it too much to think that the ideal is unattainable? This country, after all, is dedicated to the proposition that "all men holds. Let us practice our democracy as are created equal." That principle still vigorously as we profess it. There is no better way to prove the American cause around the world. — New York Herald Tribune (Sunday, January 28, 1951).

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BRIEFS

The Wedding of Miss Catherine Creal and Mr. Olden Harden was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Reed, 40 N. E. Ivy St. Sunday February 25 at 4 p.m. by Rev. O. B. Williams officiating. Many friends attended the ceremony. The bride was very pretty. Photograph of the wedding were taken by Baltzegar Photos.

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The new book by Father John La Farge S. J. "No Postponement" is being reviewed at Blessed Martin Center by members and guests of the Committee on Inter-racial practices and principals. Dr. D. N. Unthank ably lead the discussion of the first chapter Monday night Feb. 19. The following chapter will be reviewed on each Monday night, all welcome.

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Mrs. Beatrice Reed will have as her guest at an open house for Beta Iota sorority Easter Sunday, Mrs. Reed is an assistant at Colonial Mortuary.

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The First Citizens Says Thank You.

Mrs. E. W. Smith and Raleigh Washington wish to take this opportunity to say Thank You to the many friends for making the banquet a success.

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The chairman of the Minorities of the Multnomah County Democrat Central Committee arranged for each precinct committeeman and woman to receive a copy of the Advocate Register for December 22 and Feb. 16, and March 2. The banquet for Mrs. E. W. Smith and Raleigh Washington is an occasion long to be remembered by those in attendance.

The Democrats were well represented. National, State and County officials of the party and many county officials, also officials of City and County of the Republican, the Governor and President of the Senate and many legislators sent greetings. We know that those who could not attend would appreciate this report. The Advocate Register contains items that are not real elsewhere.

Important Meeting Notices

NAACP Meetings—Every third Sunday of 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, first and third Tuesdays, 8 p.m.

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Wednesday—Prayer & Bible Band 8:00 p. m.
Thursday—Junior Church 8:00 p. m.
Saturday—Prayer Meeting 6:00 p. m.
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Sunday—Brotherhood Union 3:30 p. m.
Evening Service 7:45 p. m.
Wednesday—Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.
Sunday—2-4 3:30 p. m.
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Thursday—Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.
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