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ADVOCATE REGISTER

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BRIEFS

Thurgood Marshall looked the part of the winded world traveler as he arrived at San Francisco Airport last Thursday from Japan and Korea. Marshall flew to Tokyo a month ago, from there took off on a tour of the Korean front, interviewing GIs in connection with complaints that 39 of them had been railroaded in hasty front-line courts-martials. He returned to the U. S. with 21 of the 39 either cleared or having received reduced sentences.

Immediately upon his arrival, he flew to Los Angeles' NAACP report mass meeting, back to Frisco for a similar meeting; spoke in Kansas City, Chicago, and was to report at NAACP headquarters.

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Proposed fair employment practices ordinances are under consideration in Des Moines and Sioux City. Des Moines act would affect all types of employment, while Sioux City's would cover city workers and those employed by firms holding contracts with city.

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Regents of University of Maryland voted to admit the first Negro to an undergraduate school. They announced they had no alternative under the law since state Negro college lacked an engineering school, which Hiram T. Whittle wanted to attend. Whittle had obtained writ of mandamus in court.

MORE NEGRO ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLICS

DENVER, Col.—More than 10,000 adult Negroes have been converted to the Roman Catholic faith, "The Register," a church publication declared here last week.

In making the announcement, the paper cited the annual report issued by the Rev. J. B. Tenny, secretary of the Commission for Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians.

400,000 IN U. S.

This report, says The Register, shows that there are currently an estimated 400,000 Catholic Negroes in the United States. This figure represents a "net increase" of 20,000 for the past twelve month period.

"The Negro missions, says Father Ten-

Churches Have Musicals

Two very interesting musical programs were held Sunday, February 11, at Zion Ame church and Vancouver Avenue First Baptist church. At Zion, under the direction of Mrs. Ethel Turner, and Mrs. Mitchell, the Senior Choir and the Vespers were singing "In a Duel of Song." Miss C. Lamberth of Allen Temple, C.M.E., was guest soloist.

At Vancouver First Baptist church the entire chorus presented a three hour musical featuring a reading by Elijah Graham and songs by various groups, including such favorites as Mattie Alexander and Sister, Alice Hayden. Others appearing were Sunset Gospel singers, Warren Sisters, F. Weidler and Mrs. A. Bol-lion.

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.

ODD FELLOWS — New Northwest Lodge 2554, first Tuesday, 8 p.m., Prince Hall.

House hold Ruth 844, every second and fourth Tuesday, 2 p.m., Prince Hall.

nelly, are being carried on in 70 diocese and 27 states. The churches provide especially for service to Negroes now number 445, an increase of seventeen over the number reported last year," asserted The Register.

Other areas of activity among Negroes included the completion of two large hospitals for the race, making a "total of twelve hospitals and twice that number of medical clinics being conducted under Catholic auspices. There are also twenty-five Catholic welfare centers."

The report points out that there are 450 Negro nuns numbered among over 2,000 who hail from 100 different communities, staffing schools and other facilities for Negroes.

In addition to the adult baptisms, The Register says that there were 15,647 baptisms of infants during the year. Schols

OPEN LETTER

This letter should be written by Timmy or Sharon or any of their little pals at the Children's Hospital School or the more than 100 still waiting to be admitted. But they can't write as yet so I am doing it for them, hoping you will understand.

Tim, Sharon and the others might not even write if they were able since they are shy, unwordly little tykes who thrill to assistance but hesitate to ask for it.

But if you could see these youngsters and watch them in their fight to walk and talk and to learn: if you could watch and pull for them as they drag their little brace-laden legs and try to control wrapped arms and hands—this letter wouldn't be necessary.

Although you can't or haven't been able to see them, YOU CAN HELP. You can send a dollar or more, what ever your heart dictates, for Easter Seals. They are only Easter Seals to you, perhaps, but to these children they are the means by which they hope some day to attend regular school and be as much like other youngsters as possible. They mean new braces, crutches, expert therapy, instruction and guidance.

The Children's Hospital School in Eugene, serving youngsters of school and pre-school age from over the state, isn't the only Easter Seal project, but it's a mighty important one. Your purchase of Easter Seals also helps to (1) finance medical and surgical care, (2) operate special training programs for shut-ins, (3) buy special braces, wheelchairs and other needed equipment for the handicapped, (4) operate the Craft Shop in downtown Portland where articles made by the handicapped are sold for their benefit, (5) support the Portland Pre-School Unit for cerebral palsied children; recreational facilities for older handicapped youngsters; special clinics; Physician's training; research; summer camps—and many other services.

Buy Easter Seals and share the brave fight Timmy, Sharon and the others are making.

Thank you,
Edgar W. Smith
State Chairman
Mrs. Henry L. Corbett
County Chairman

P. S. Make checks payable to EASTER SEALS. Use the Seals because this will help too. If you know of a handicapped child or adult needing our help, please advise us.

for Negroes, numbering 321, contain 69,604 pupils or an increase of nine schools and approximately 2,000 pupils over the past year.

Representing most of the tribes there are 99,200 Catholics among Indians. The total number of Indians on reservations is now 240,000, claims The Register.

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Alice Franklin Bryant

Mr. Oliver E. Smith, Editor
Portland 1, Oregon

Dear Mr. Smith:

Calling attention to the availability of my Short Shorts.

Being mindful of how easily and unreasonably one gets smeared these days, I read your paper rightside up and upside down, and I couldn't find anything questionable in it. So I am acting on the suggestion, and I attach a short letter which you might publish if you see fit.

This is my own private project, and I am glad to send copies to anyone who will make good use of them. There is no charge, but if anyone cares to make any little contribution it is gratefully received.

I hope that you are doing and will always do all that you can for the most important cause of peace.

Sincerely Yours,
Alice Franklin Bryant

ON REARMING JAPAN

By Alice Franklin Bryant

(Published the middle of October in the Buffalo Courier-Express, Chicago Sun-Times and Seattle Post-Intelligencer.)

In my hands is a long letter just received from a member of the Japanese Diet or Parliament who is a friend of mine. This letter is given over to a strong protest against proposed plans for rearming Japan. It says that that country will be democratic only if it remains unarmed. Already our occupation officials have put into positions of authority a considerable number of the leaders who planned and executed the overrunning of Southeast Asia. If this tendency goes farther and an army is created, the country will swing right back into Fascism.

The oil military clique and former financial barons favor all of this because it would enhance their economic position and social prestige. On the other hand, the majority of the Japanese people feel strongly against any rearmament. But it is difficult for them to express themselves against the plans being made by our occupation authorities in cooperation with their old military leaders. The majority consider that their country is being made a target for Russia by being used as a U. S. and U. N. base. And they would feel far safer if the occupation were ended and all troops withdrawn.

Whether or not occupation forces remain—concludes the letter—the threat of a return to the old hated military regime might very probably push the Japanese people into Communism.

By Alice Franklin Bryant

Gallup polls reveal that the majority of us are not behind the Far Eastern policy of our government. If we could quickly increase this majority, clarify its ideas, and make it more vigorous and vocal, surely it could bring about a change in this policy, and we should have a chance to negotiate peace.

Since I have lived for 19 years in the Far East and have studied world problems, I have some ideas about our situation that I believe worth sharing. These I have put into an 8-page folder called "Short Shorts on U. S. Policy," which I have gotten out personally.

I will be happy to mail copies of this to any readers of the Advocate-Register who will send me stamped, addressed—preferably long—envelopes. No payment is required, but it is my earnest hope that recipients of the folder will read it at once and then promptly pass it on to others or lend it around. Should we not all feel a personal responsibility for doing all we can for the cause of peace?

Alice Franklin Bryant
2813 North Broadway
Seattle 2, Washington

360 N. 21st Street
Corvallis, Oregon
March 8, 1951

Dear Oliver Smith::

I have greatly enjoyed reading copies of your paper sent me by Ruth Haefner. Your handling of all material relating to human brotherhood is a big encouragement in these depressing days. And of course I like to keep up on all the news of my Portland friends, which I find in ever issue. So please accept my check for \$2.50 and mail The Advocate-Register to me regularly. Best wishes!

Sincerely Yours,
Alice B. Plympton

P. S. Did you know that the vice-president of the Student Body, Oregon State College this year is a Negro boy, William Maxwell? He's a wonderful chap. —A.B.P.

February 10, 1951

The book I told you about is a compilation entitled "States Laws on Race and Color." It is being published under the auspices of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions and Church Extension, The Methodist Church. The price is \$4.00 and the book can be ordered through Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

The reason for my delay in answering is that I just got the anticipated date of publication—March 5th, 1951. The book was originally scheduled for publication in November, then January, then February, and now it seems fairly definite it will be off the press on March 5th. So you are in time for an order of the first run.

I was particularly sorry to hear that the Civil Rights ordinance of Portland was defeated in the November, 1950 referendum. It was too late for me to note the defeat in my proof, but I did submit a footnote saying that the proposed ordinance was to be voted upon in November.

Thanks for sending me the Advocate-Register. Amazingly enough I get information in it that I miss in some of the other papers.

Life goes on—ups and downs—but I am beginning to think the trend is up.

Sincerely,
Pauli Murray
Counselor at Law
Six Maiden Lane
New York 7, N. Y.

CHEST REPORTS

The Portland and Multnomah county Community Chest has raised more than 25 million dollars for voluntary health, welfare and recreation services in this area and has grown from a subscriber membership of some 6 thousand to more than 100,000, according to the 1950 annual report just released.

The Red Feather agencies spent a total of \$3,147,083.69 in 1950 of which 60 per cent of the money came from fees, earnings, interest from endowments and tax sources. The chest, which finances operating deficits only, provided 39.6 per cent of the total agency funds or \$1,246,297.02 last year.

A printed annual report listing complete breakdown of chest allocations will be mailed widely in the community and copies are available on request.

The major share of chest monies went into support of youth citizenship training and character-building programs and to child care programs for dependent and homeless babies and children, rehabilitation of delinquents and care of unmarried mothers.

Frank E. McCaslin, president of the Oregon-Portland Cement company, was re-elected to a second term as president of the Portland and Multnomah county community chest at the annual meeting.

Other officers elected at the 40th annual meeting of the chest were Gorge Halling, general manager, J. K. Gill company, first vic chairman; Mrs. Joseph Minott, 2nd vice chairman; and Raymond R. Brown, president, Standard Insurance company, treasurer.

A few of the service figures listed in the report show 953 babies cared for in baby homes and foster homes; 226 children treated at the Child Guidance clinic; 24,600 Visiting Nurse visits; 30,368 Boy and Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girl 733 dependent children; and 4,087 members; 243 delinquent girls cared for; bers of community centers.

AID TO RURAL CHURCHES

One of the best ways for a large city congregation to aid our rural churches in the South is to help send Sunday school teachers to summer training institutes. Another way is to help those boards or agencies of our church that provides Sunday school lesson material.

The survey of 570 churches in 17 rural counties in the South shows that the Sunday school is almost entirely a layman's task. The minister does not usually supervise it, and very seldom attends.

This survey contains 104 pages giving descriptions of many churches and Sunday schools. The Rural Department, Drew

INERGROUP RELATIONS

Purpose: 1. To evaluate intergroup relations in Oregon. 2. To spotlight problems for attention. 3. To plan an attack on these problems. 4. To broaden public interest in human relations.

Program: 1. Discussion groups: Small discussion meetings will be held during the day of the Forum. Topics for discussion will be selected by the participants. Each group will have a discussion leader, and careful planning will be done in advance in order to delimit the problem to be considered and to permit any necessary preliminary fact-finding. Conclusions reached by each group will be recorded and reported to the entire Forum.

2. General meeting: In the evening a program will be planned for a large audience. In addition to the main speaker, who will be selected by a program committee, a report will be given to the public on the work of the Forum.

Participation: 1. The discussion groups are for: Educators, social agency personnel, employers, union leaders, students, parents, religious leaders, police, juvenile authorities, health authorities, placement experts, members of civic organizations, vocational training personnel, personnel officers.

2. The general meeting is for everyone.

1. List questions for consideration by the Forum discussion groups:

2. Other suggestions (concerning the evening program, persons or organizations who should be invited to participate in the Forum, etc.):

3. Let committee know if any important meetings held.

Four necessary committees are needed: Committee on daytime program, Committee on evening program, Publicity committee

If interested write to: Oregon Fair Employment Practices Advisory Committee, 502 Pacific Building, Portland 4, Oregon.

Seminary, Madison, New Jersey distributes it at cost (40 cents). The total number of teachers and officers who run the average Sunday school is 6.5.

One member gives a typical statement, "I attended that Sunday school for 40 years and most of the time one saintly woman taught the class. All the Bible I know, I learned in that Sunday school."

PORTLAND AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Dramatic Sea rescues, exciting mountain-scaling maneuvers and many other thrilling aspects of Scouting will be presented at the Boy Scout Craft Show and Circus on April 13 and 14. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are already preparing their stunts, acts and exhibits to present in Portland at the Pacific International Arena in this great annual Scouting event," according to Phil Frost, local Field Executive.

"This year," stated Frost, "the show will have two distinct parts. The Craft Show will demonstrate dramatically all the skills associated with Scouting. In many instances, the people who attend will have an opportunity to participate." There will be action demonstrations of such crafts as basketry, taxidermy, leathercraft, printing, signaling, marksmanship, seamanship, animal husbandry, sculpture, woodwork, and many other skills that Scouts learn.

The Circus part of the show will show how Explorer Scouts perform thrilling mountain rescues. Sea Scouts will show the dramatic activities of Scouting on the water. The Circus will present dramatic life-saving, knot-tying with huge, over size hawsers, rapid bridge and tower construction, and many other exciting and inspirational activities of Scouting.

Al Noble, Circus Chairman, stated that most of the local Troups, and Packs in the Portland area will participate in the Craft Show and the Circus Performance built around the theme "The Scouting Trail."

Many local Troups are already practicing their Acts for the Circus, and preparing their demonstrations and displays for the Craft Show. This promises to be of such an unusual nature that many local parents and friends of Scouting are planning to attend.

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Rabbi Julius Nodel of Temple Beth Israel will be the speaker of the day at the regular meeting of the N.A.A.C.P., Sunday, March 18, at 4 P.M., YWCA center, Williams ave. and Tillamook St.

Billy Webb, lodge No. 1050, Elks, will be host to the Past Exalted Rulers' council No. 29B, Saturday, April 14, when this migratory body meet in Portland. The Elks plan a big "initiation" on Sunday, April 15.

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