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Portland Challenger-January 9, 1953
The Portland branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People presented ex-Mayor Dorothy M. Lee with a bouquet of red roses and a gold NAACP membership pin at brief ceremonies in the city hall last week.

Members of NAACP voted to present the ex-mayor with the roses and pin at their December meeting in recognition of the cooperation given their organization by Mrs. Lee.

In a letter to Mrs. Lee, Otto Rutherford, president of the Portland branch of NAACP, expressed gratitude for her efforts, before and after during her term as mayor, in the field of intergroup relations.

In his letter to the mayor, Rutherford noted the Mayor's Committee for Intergroup Relations, the resulting passage of a civil rights ordinance by the Council and marked improvement in the attitude of the police department towards minorities during the mayor's four years in office.

Mrs. Lee has been a member of the NAACP for 15 years. In 1939, while she was serving as a state senator, her name appeared on a civil rights measure sponsored by the NAACP and passed by the Senate.

Rutherford's letter to Mrs. Lee was written in behalf of the Portland branch of the NAACP.

Herndon Receives NAACP Position
Robert Herndon Jr., 1404 N.E. 1st avenue, was appointed Portland youth chairman of the NAACP by Otto G. Rutherford, president of the Portland branch, December 24.

It will be Herndon's responsibility to organize high school students participating in interracial projects of the NAACP youth council.

A graduate of University of Portland, Herndon is now an engineer at the Bonneville power project of the Oregon Power Company.

Holiday Pictures In Next Edition
The January 23 issue of the Portland Challenger will carry a full page of pictures depicting the holiday spirit of Christmas and New Year's Day. There were many parties and just plain old-time festivities and the Challenger was there to record the celebrations with the readers for your enjoyment. Keep your eye open for the January 23 issue of the Portland Challenger.

Red Portland Roses Go to Mrs. Dorothy Lee
Mrs. Marie Smith, former president of Portland's NAACP branch, and Otto H. Leverett, second vice president, present ex-Mayor Dorothy Lee with a bouquet of red roses as Mrs. Warren Marple, secretary, and Mrs. Verdell Rutherford, first vice president, look on. (Oregon Journal Photo)

School Plans Ready; Berry Post Discussed
New Eliot School Construction Expected to Begin in March

Reports in two national Negro publications that Edwin C. Berry of the Portland Urban League would get an office from Governor Douglas McKay, new Secretary of Interior, for a Negro advisory post to that Department seemed to be unfounded, according to sources checked by the Challenger.

Recent editions of the Portland Courier newspaper and Jet magazine predicted that Berry would get the advisory post. McKay, one of the national weekly news magazines, forecast that McKay would name a Negro as one of his top advisers and predicted Berry to get the call.

Berry, who heads the Urban League, has been a Negro advisor to President Roosevelt, and received a presidential appointment as a part-time assistant to the president in 1938.

Urban league officials here couldn't confirm the possibility of such a position going to Berry and knew nothing of the proposed position until confronted with the stories in the Courier and Jet.

McKay wired the Challenger that he had "high regards for E. C. Berry but at present does not know of any position for him in Washington organization."

Chairman Holly, executive, of the Portland Urban League, said that the Portland Courier had asked Berry to write them information on McKay and thought that their prediction stemmed from the fact that Berry and McKay have worked together in the past four years in improving race relations in Oregon.

It is Holly's belief that Jet based its forecast on the Courier's rewrite of Berry's McKay story and the familiarity existing between the two men.

Most observers here felt it logical to assume that if McKay's advisory post was made available in Washington under the Secretary of Interior that Berry was the man for the job.

MAN ROBBED OF $6
Bodily sweated and robbed of $6 Christmas afternoon was Valentine Getha, 65, of 381 N. Fargo street. The incident occurred at N. Williams avenue and Monroe street.
Confidence in Peterson

Mrs. Dorothy M. Lee leaves the political scenes of Portland and a new mayor, former city commissioner Fred Peterson, takes over the reigns of city government. It will be an interesting four years to watch under Mr. Peterson.

His past experiences in city government certainly qualify him as an able and efficient administrator and prosperous outlook seems evident in the future under his leadership.

Ex-Mayor Dorothy Lee will certainly be missed by a large segment of minority peoples. This principle-minded lady did a good job and her effort to retain the mayorship was a disappointment to all Portlanders.

Good city government can flourish only if the administrators fight graft and corruption at every available opportunity. Mrs. Lee did this, put her moral convictions to good use and showed no favoritism.

Negroes should well bear in mind that racial segregation has restricted them to "low and direct" and the direct cause of this segregation has been the so-called "black ghettos" where low moral standards rule rampant and crime rates are high.

Mrs. Lee sought to put an end to the "joints" and "dives," to get the restless off the streets, give them job opportunities and get them off the hard boat when it was-at the city's voice proved sound and just.

Graft and corruption do nothing for a city but give continued favoritism to a few unscrupulous characters who maintain low standards for the minority by providing false satisfaction with the pseudo-recreational parts which bring much grief to the home.

There will always be gambling and other crimes a plague to the decent-living, God-fearing citizen. However, it is the hope of the public that the people will recognize the job that in order for society to advance, morals and strong principles must be adhered to. If any group needs to have a more decent standard of living in America, it is the Negro.

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The question may be asked, what forces have been at work to intensify this struggle of the Africans for self-determination? A quotation from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, "Africa has the right to self-determination."

Doctor Nnamdi Azikwe, himself a Nigerian, said, "Africa should be known. We do not hate the white man. But our nationalist thoughts and pursuits were denial of freedom, this means an equal chance for every man, to think, plan and execute for himself, with apology to those \"enlightened\" people who feel now that the time has come. The people of Africa do not merely have a value as producers and consumers, but as human beings."

Africa is impatient with present conditions.

Towards Political Autonomy

In most of the African colonies, belonging to foreign powers, the people believe that democracy as an ideal and political philosophy is the goal of progressive humanity. It appears that the Negro should be known as a political philosophy is the goal of the people in their quest for freedom. They have been called "rebel nation", that is, in world society and reaps its just reward.

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Family Argument Causes Injuries

A family argument Monday December 29, 1963 in the 2100 block of North Williams Avenue resulted in three shots at a female's husband.

Mrs. Marcella McFarland, 43, N. E. 2nd Avenue, was charged with assault and battery on Sunday she shot her husband, following a domestic argument.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony McFarland are Portlanders, according to police.

Mrs. McFarland told police she had argued with her husband and then shot him in the chest. Mr. McFarland was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover.

Family Disputes

Mrs. McFarland is visiting in the city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude B. Benson, 151 N. Williams Avenue, Portland.

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Co-op Club Gives Christmas Party

Business reports for the year 1953 were good and the Coop Women's Business Club looked forward to a greater year and more work together at the home of Mrs. Richard Thomas and her mother, Mrs. Iva Pope, 112 N. McMillen street, recently to entertain their husbands and friends during Christmas Friday.

The Thomas-Pope residence was decorated with American Beauty and Poinsettia flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mitchell in Vancouver, B.C. A surprise to members were caramels, little coffee urns, given to them by Mrs. Ruth Fawkes. She had purchased the gifts in Los Angeles during the club's national convention.

Mrs. William Graves won first prize in a game competition and Mrs. Rachel Barno was third prize in a game of chance. At a quartette of three girls was Clifford, program chairman. Guests at the party included James and Ethel Barno, Ralpth Fawkes, and Misses Lulu and Mary.

After the Christmas party Mrs. R. S. Dillard entertained some friends-May 20, 1953.

New Year's party at Norman High School

The New Year's party at Norman High School was well attended. Mrs. Margaret E. Nelson, president, entertained several hundred guests. The entertainment included dancing and the use of a variety of refreshments. The party was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves.

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The Friendly Store is located at 1313 N. Williams Ave. in Portland, Oregon. They offer a wide variety of products including clothing, home decor, and gifts. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

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