Oregon Gets Civil Rights Law

Portland

House Approves Bill By Vote of 46 To 11

Oregon lawmakers put their stamp of approval on a state's civil rights bill when the house of representatives passed the so-called-approved bill by a vote of 46 to 11 in Salem, April 13.

It was a majority victory of more than 4 to 1 for the hotly debated measure. Earlier in March, the Senate had passed the bill by a vote of 21 to 9. The bill now goes to the governor.

The bill prohibits hotels, motels, restaurants and amusement places from discriminating against people because of race, religion or national origin, and all those who are discriminated against are to be given up to $500.

Portland residents were in the galleries with friends of the measure. The bill was argued largely on a minority report by the state and federal affairs committee that would have resulted in referral of the measure to the people.

The vote against the referral measure was 14 to 19. The Senate also voted against referral to the people.

Representative Mark O. Hatfield, Salem, led the argument against referral of the bill. He said he feared the "evil of the type of campaign we would have." He pointed out to the Republican house that the GOP platform calls for protection of minorities.

Referral Possible

There is a possibility that the measure may be referred by hotel and restaurant operators as was the Portland civil rights ordinance in November, 1958. Previ­ously, the Portland Civil Rights Ordinance had unanimously passed the ordi­nance for a city that was so well-organized that no further action was necessary.

Oregon already has a state-northern Fair Employment Practice Bill. And neighbors­-fostering states, Washington and California, have known to work for legislation with positive clauses.

Minorities Alive Now

He pointed out that groups which are minorities in this country from two-thirds of the world's population. "For the first time they feel that they can do something. The country which shows them how to realize their aims will gain a great place in history due to the pressure of the people," said Ogima.

Ogima declared that the people in the United States do not put enough emphasis on this problem, especially since many non-white people feel that their poverty, even though age-old, stems from white control.

A University of Portland student from Nigeria, Emmanuel Layegie, said, "Civil liberties must be observed everywhere, we are not always to be faced with the threat of war."

Race Prejudice Wrong

John Paul Jones, student body president at Lewis and Clark college, said that race discrimin­ation goes against nature, and that young people learn from their eyes, their brains and their reasoning powers that prejudice is wrong.

"We college students have an obligation to make our opinions known on this subject," said Rita Beckman, ex-president of the Marylhurst college student body, "We must be sure to eliminate our own prejudices before we try to influence others."

Other speakers on the panel were Donald Murray Clark, vice president of Portland State college's student body, and Gary Hing, president of the Benson high school student body.

Richard Bogle, part time stu­dent at Portland State extension, was moderator for the panel, which will be broadcast on the KGW Prominent Forum.

Rev. O. R. Williams, Elected

Rev. O. R. Williams was elect­ed to his third-year term on the board of directors. Re-elected were Mrs. Lancaster Pollard, Mrs. Lynne Follamy Reed, Carl Dein, James Goodsell, Lawson McCull andtl Harman Plummer.

Mark Smith, former Oregon league chairman, reported 400 new members carried in a campaign to last until April 28. A television ad is to be broadcast to the group and to the individual getting the best memberships.

Fritsch announced also that the membership fee for students was reduced to one double.

Fashions Take Over at NAACP Event

Three Portland women were among the models who paraded a fine array of beauty and clothing on the runway at the NAACP-sponsored event. The fashion show, at the NAACP's discretion, was that group of runway stars. Each Casey steps down in a gray flannel suit, scarf, porty hat and chic white gloves. On the right Harman C. Plummer adjusts the fur stole worn by Miss Rosemarie Brock. She wears tailored gray tweed (Oregon Journal Photo.)
Civil Rights Action Good

Oregon legislators are to be commended for the fine act of democracy they emphatically showed by overwhelmingly defeating the civil rights bill. While the approval of the civil rights measure is another step forward in the ever-conscious battle for true Americanism in a country that has so much to gain by democratic practices at home.

The passing of the bill by no means presents a new problem to restaurants, theaters, and places of amusements. It simply eliminates the problem that tended to prevent the individual from utilizing his own reason and power and choose his own acquaintances from his own mind, not that of race or creed. The racial and religious factors will not always enter into a refusal to serve an individual or group of individuals. The proprietor must be protected from disorderly people, regardless of creed or race.

There will always be elements of our population that cause trouble. These elements are composed of all races, creeds and religions. Stereotyped thinking regarding races will have to disappear. The American individual is composed of the individual and must be taught to stand aside from the conditioned prejudice thoughts of races and religious groups. Only with an open mind can we understand and solve for the good of all.

There is a possibility that the measure will be referred to the people. Such a move for a referendum would be useless and unwise. Representative Mark Hatfield hit the nail on the head when he said that a campaign in defense of discrimination would stir up racial and religious hatreds, tawdry and second-rate arguments. The people have the right to express their views in a more serious and useful manner. They have the right to express their views in a more honest and serious manner.

An editor of the Portland Oregonian summed up the passage of the bill as most appropriately.

We are convinced that a fair trial for the measure, so overwhelmingly approved by both houses of the legislature, will soon eliminate the conditions that made it necessary. On the one hand, it will demonstrate that the proprietors who have discriminated have nothing to lose but their prejudices. On the other, it will remove the basic reasons for minority resentment in which lie the seeds of ill will and violence. Indeed such action coming from a state governing body gives the minority the spiritual guidance needed. It swells their pride in the democratic process of government and gives them the feeling that their progress is being made to eliminate a "problem" that had no business in our society in the first place. Such action lessens racial tension nationwide. It is in this type of state legislation that many of America's citizens can be comforted. The citizens of this state are not alone in this, and we believe the legislators and the organizations that worked so fervently to see the civil rights measure passed.

Sorority Initiates New Pyramids

The Beta Phi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority initiated five members into their pledge club Monday night, April 13. The pledges were Misses Gwendolyn Meldone, Ernestine Palmer, Olivia Dinah Plummer, Ann Williams and Marlene Hardy.

The initiation took place at the home of Mrs. Bennett Grimmett.

Elks Give Gift for Interracial Progress

On hand at the Elk presentation of a $100 check to the Portland Branch of the NAACP were, left to right, E. Smoother, Edward Marshall, L. C. Elden, William Travis, Tom Vickers, Lillian Dunn, Ronald Walden, Louis Scott, Fred Golden, O. Smith, Mrs. Ruth Hazelwood, Edgar Williams, Otto Rutherford and U. G. Lavarett. Seated are Mrs. Otto Rutherford and Mrs. Lorna Marple.

News In Brief

By William Wright

Frank Hannibal was in town last week to be with his mother, Mrs. Jeannette Hannibal, 1804 SE Franklin street, who is ill. Hannibal is now with the army and stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo. He was attending McGill university in Montreal, Canada, where he was a member of the basketball team.

Hannibal's wife, Thelma, is in St. Louis, Mo., . . . Phil Nish, Portland social secretary, sponsored a Jim-lsem at Renalia's First Street Easter Sunday night. The sorority has been active for five years. President of the civic-minded sorors is Mrs. Allie Mae Tyle.

Little Carlton and Gary Allen Budde are recuperating from a case of measles. Mother, Mrs. Delores Budde, has been confined to Multnomah hospital with virus pneumonia, flu.

Outside playing on the sidewalk again after downing malarial cases are Gwen and Bobby Sarpy, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sarpy, 4414 N. Haigat avenue . . . Two of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown's children, Billy and Janice, 4228 N. Haight avenue recently recovered from the measles.

A letter from Herbie Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Belvin Willams, 2403 N. E. 7th avenue, requests plans for probable attendance this summer at Washington State College for graduate work.

Racial hatreds among the American people. was expressed by J. T. crore, in his capacity as rector of the NAACP, to name, Alaska, for another year's teaching experience in that far northern territory. He teaches only the eighth grade.

Lloyd Williams, a social club, gave their first informal dance March 28, at the American Legion Hall. The purpose of the group is not just social, it is also to do good whenever needed.

Members of the club include: Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Green, Elizabeth Taylor, Vernon Williams, Mrs. Walter, Mrs. Goff, Beatrice Washington, Etho Morgan, Marie Paterson, Norma Gainer, Dorothy Plomin, Reta Jones, Alice Grites, Bernice Albertine and Helene Demmons.

Sub debs of Lee Femmes were addressed by Miss Oswald Bowey on etiquette at the home of Mrs. Oteria Nicholson, recently. The home was the old home of the Portland Organizational. Thursday the group had table-setting exercises at the home of Mrs. Mercedes Harding.

Williams Elected To School Post

Wilf W. Williams, 2245 SE Tillamook street, became the first Negro to serve on the Portland Grade School Teachers' Association's Board of Directors, when he was appointed to the board last week. The board comprises 11 members.

A seventh grade teacher at Failing elementary school in northwest Portland, Williams is teaching his new duties on the state board. He served two years in this capacity.

Work Underway On New School

Grounds have been cleared and construction begun on the new Eliot school at N. Page street and Flin avenue. The $410,000 project is expected to be ready for occupancy by September, 1951. The two-story building will house 18 classrooms plus special rooms for home economics, industrial arts, kindergarten and a gymnasium. There will also be a combination auditorium-caffe

Accused Slayer Still in Custody

(Picture on page 3) Sion Knight, 27, 351 N. E. Moss street, was ordered held without bail for the grand jury Friday. He is in custody for the shotgun slaying of John W. Bailey, 25, of 11500 block of Pollywag Street, Louisville, Ky.

Daley was allegedly killed by Knight in a northeast apartment April 6 in what police call a domestic dispute.

The woman, Helen Ruth Chambers, 24, is being held as a material witness. She related under cross-examination at a preliminary hearing in municipal court how the airman left her side, clad only in an undershirt, to be shot at down town. Knight told detectives he fired one shot from a 13-gauge shotgun at the serviceman.

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Duncan-Holliday United At March Wedding Date

In the presence of the immediate families and a few close friends Mrs. Mary M. Duncan and Mr. George W. Holliday were united in holy wedlock Saturday morning March 28, 1953, at the Methodist Church. The bride was dressed in a floor length formal, white satin gown. Her mother, Mrs. Mary M. Duncan, and her husband also attended the wedding. The minister was Rev. Jesse L. Boyd of the Methodist Church. The bridesmaids were Mrs. E. Ivey and Misses Rachelle and Alcena Dariotis. The maid of honor was Mrs. John A. Leggroan.

The wedding party included the immediate families and a few close friends. Mrs. Mary M. Duncan and Mr. George W. Holliday were the bride and groom. The bridesmaids were Mrs. E. Ivey and Misses Rachelle and Alcena Dariotis. The maid of honor was Mrs. John A. Leggroan.

The bride, given in marriage by Rev. J. D. Lefftridge, wore a white satin gown. Her mother, Mrs. Mary M. Duncan, attended the wedding. The minister was Rev. Jesse L. Boyd of the Methodist Church. The bridesmaids were Mrs. E. Ivey and Misses Rachelle and Alcena Dariotis. The maid of honor was Mrs. John A. Leggroan.

Honor Guard

The bride's father, Mr. John A. Lefftridge, was the best man for his niece. A wedding breakfast followed at the Holliday home, 3384 NE 52nd Place. The couple returned to their home in time for the evening's activities. Several cookies and cakes were served at the wedding reception. The couple returned to their home in time for the evening's activities. Several cookies and cakes were served at the wedding reception.

New UL Officers Elected

In Seattle Local Branch

SEATTLE, WA, April 3 (Special)—The election of W. Virginia Sisler, president of the University of Oregon, to the presidency of the Seattle branch of the University of Oregon's student body, was announced at the league's 22nd annual meeting held last week at Seattle University. Julius A. Thomas, director of industrial relations for the National Urban League, told 400 members of the Seattle league at the meeting that job openings for trained Negro workers are increasing steadily.

Thomas said that non-whites must begin to qualify themselves for the growing reduction of discrimination in industry. Workers is now becoming our school mates with other school mates.

A luncheon party was held for David McDonald by one of her school mates with other school mates.

Friday, April 16, Mr. McDonald attended her first dance at the Masonic Temple. The dance was given by the Billings- ley Dance Studio. One of their pupils invited Miss McDonald. Guests at the home luncheon were: the Misses Rachelle and Alcena Dariotis, Ester Marie Fuller, Nathalie Williams, Alcena Caldwell and Gloria Smith.

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