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MT. SINAI CHURCH SANCTIONED; RENT RULING OUSTS FAMILIES

Church Closes Deal With Tifereth Israel

Despite neighborhood opposition to the purchase of a church site on N. E. 20th avenue and Going street, Mt. Sinai Inter-racial Community church has gone ahead and completed the purchase and plans to have its dedication service the first Sunday in November, according to Mrs. M. C. Cheek, wife of the church's pastor, Rev. M. C. Cheek.

The Sinai congregation had to deal directly with officials of Tifereth Israel, a Jewish congregation, when the real estate firm handling the deal backed down due to strong opposition from residents in the neighborhood.

A Negro lady living close to the church failed to say whether she had signed the petition against the Sinai congregation. She did say that the property is run-down and that the noise from the church would be too much for the neighbors. (According to Mrs. Cheek, Mt. Sinai is a church made up of all demon-inations.)

This same lady admitted that the Caucasian people in the district could be prejudiced, but she felt it played a lesser part in their protests. However, she ran into opposition 15 years ago when she purchased her home there, but the "people are nice now since their ears have been pinned back."

The Sinai congregation paid a purchase price of \$4250 for the property.

Rev. Cheek is a graduate of Benedict college in Columbus, S. C., and also attended Morris Brown college in Atlanta, Ga., where he studied voice.

The church was formerly located in the Guilds Lake housing project, but has been holding services in the University Home area since the closure of the former project.

The real estate firm handling the deal, Frank L. McGuire withdrew with McGuire stating: "I'm neutral in this transaction. I have no feeling either way and am withdrawing from it."

The Jewish congregation took a vote on the issue and voted unanimously to go through with the transaction, basing their decision on "moral right."

Shirley McClure, a property owner in the district and a leader in opposition to the purchase, based the neighborhood's objections to the Negro-pastored church on grounds that it would definitely lower property values. She admitted, however, that she is prejudiced against "colored (Negro) people" and wouldn't want any living next door to her.

Time for People To Live Right

Democratic presidential nominee Adlai Stevenson toured the southern states recently, spoke on the ticklish civil rights issue and managed to get a "mild applause" from a mixed audience.

Just this: "As you know," stated Stevenson, "I stand on the Democratic party platform with respect to minority rights. I have only one observation; one that must sadden you as it saddens me. It is that after 2000 years of Christianity, we need discuss it at all."

Families Must Find New Home Facilities

An estimated 100 Negro families now living in low income housing projects in Portland are going to be affected by a ruling which will put into effect a new rent schedule. The Oregon Housing Act, nearly four years old, is now being enacted because of a decision that has shifted Oregon housing from federal to state jurisdiction.

It is reasonably expected that some of these families will have trouble finding housing. Floyd Ratchford, Portland housing authority, said that about 35 per cent of the white families now in these projects would be affected but estimated that only about 20 per cent of the Negro families would be affected because a larger percentage of them are in the low income brackets.

Need Adequate Housing

The most serious problem will be to find adequate housing for these families before the deadline, January 1, when the new schedule will go into effect.

"All we're trying to do," said Ratchford, "is get these people relocated and we'll do anything within reason." He explained that the housing authority was open for suggestions.

To help solve the problem, three local real estate agencies will supply the housing authority with lists which will furnish them with leads to available houses, apartments and building sites. The agencies are: Portland Realty Board, Apartment House Association and Portland Home Builders.

Rent on Sliding Scale

Formerly, government jurisdiction provided that all families, regardless of their individual sizes, were eligible for low income housing if their incomes were below 4,000 dollars.

The newly enacted law has devised a sliding scale rent schedule which determines housing eligibility on the basis of the number of members in the family and its income.

Partially, the new rent scale runs like this:

For families of two adults the maximum income providing for eligibility would be 2,900. For families of two adults and one child the income limit would be 3,400; for two adults and two children, 3,500; and for two adults and 3 children, 3,600.

There are now approximately 500 Negro families living in Portland housing projects.

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Tavern Owner Refuses to Serve Men On Bases 'That It's Bad for Business'

United States merchant seaman Alex Smith of Washington, D. C. was a bit surprised this week when he left his ship, the SS Marine Snapper, to quench his thirst only to find that the first tavern he entered refused him service because of his color.

After being refused service, he returned to his ship and told his shipmate Roger Tolin of Columbus, Ohio, of the outright refusal. Tolin became so indignant that he called the city hall to find out what the city law had to offer in the form of an ordinance to protect citizens from such embarrassment.

He was told by a clerk at the city hall that there was no law to prohibit such actions on the part of an entrepreneur, but if he was a Negro — the clerk said — he would simply refuse to go in places where he was not wanted.

This didn't satisfy Tolin any and as one contact led to another, he was finally seeking advice from the Portland Challenger.

Return to Tavern
Two Challenger staff men accompanied Smith and Tolin to the tavern, Interstate tavern operated by W. J. Jones at 949 N. Interstate avenue.

On entering the tavern they noticed a young Negro lady leaving, apparently after cashing a pay check.

Jones readily greeted the four-

some and admitted that he did not cater to Negroes, but did not object to them buying goods to take out or cashing their pay checks there—for this service he charges a fee. According to him it was "just one of those things . . . just a rule we have."

A sign above the counter prominently displays the words, "Only packaged goods to go sold to colored people."

In Business 5 Years

Jones said that he has been in business for five years and had to employ this discriminatory practice after he took over the business because of the complaints of his white customers. However, he wouldn't allow a Challenger reporter to question any of the customers present as to their stand on the question. "You will just have to take my word for it," he mumbled.

"I don't approve of my policy but to drop it would put my investment in this business in jeopardy," said Jones. He recalled that the previous owner had no discriminatory policy but that things changed since then.

According to Jones, the Negroes in the vicinity—the neighborhood is predominately Negro—don't complain of his practice and continue to trade in the tavern. "The apartment upstairs is all Negro and they don't complain."

A check by the Challenger fail-

ed to verify his statement, however. The upstairs apartments—Powell apartments—are managed by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Byrd who have resided in Portland for 18 years. "Everybody mixed down there before and the fellow got rich off the Negro," Byrd protested. "I certainly don't approve of his policy."

A tenant, Mrs. Naomi Owens echoed his protests.

Jones insisted that Negro taverns in the district—there isn't a Negro-owned tavern within about ten blocks of Jones' place—use a similar policy to check white traffic. (A check by the Challenger proved this accusation absolutely false.)

Tolin is the nephew of trackman Eddie Tolin of the 1936 Olympic team and served in the coast guard during the last war as a lieutenant.

Henry Jackson Weds Miss Dixon

Married Wednesday, October 1, were Henry Jackson and Clara Dixon. The quiet, simple ceremony took place in Kelso, Wash. Other wedding principals were Mrs. Ernestine Thurman, maid of honor; and Henry Edwards, best man.

A reception party was held the following evening at Benny's Frat house. Ten guests were in attendance.

Future plans of the newly call for a honeymoon trip to Francisco. They now live at 2325 NE Rodney Ave.

Mrs. Dixon is a long time resident of Portland, where she and her husband band hails from Chicago.

Law School Graduate Gets New Post With PODCW; Union Shop in Effect

For the first time local 465 of the Protective Order of Dining Car Waiters has elected a full-time, salaried vice president not simultaneously employed with a railroad.

Alton Page, formerly of Oakland, was selected for the post at the regular meeting of the local Saturday, October 6. Other elected officers were: William Gordon, assistant vice-president; Lonnie Wilson, treasurer; and James Sullivan, secretary. Formal installation will take place within the next two weeks.

Page is a graduate of Lincoln university school of law in San Francisco. He has resided in Portland for one year during which time he was employed as a dining car waiter for the Union Pacific. This experience, he explained, makes him more qualified for



ALTON PAGE

the new position.

Having already officiated in one hearing the outcome of which is not yet known, Page tentatively plans to attend labor negotiation meetings in Omaha during the latter part of the year. In July he will take the Oregon bar examination.

Membership of this union local comprises most of the waiters of the Union Pacific and Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroads. The PODCW owns a union shop contract and has as its bargaining agent the AF of L. Its organization is composed of five districts with headquarters in Omaha. Other district seats are Portland, Denver, Ogden and Los Angeles.

The PODCW was founded in 1934 in Omaha under the leadership of Solin C. Bell.

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United Fund Leaders Get Briefing for Campaign



Ben Medofsky (left), chairman of central neighborhoods division in the United Fund campaign organization, discusses district director appointments with Mrs.

Sylvia Newsom and Reuben Lindley, associate chairmen and chairman of area No. 5 which includes the territory from Burnside street to Fremont street west of Union

avenue to the river. The campaign for heart, cancer, arthritis and rheumatism, Red Cross and the Community Chest will be held October 19-31.

The appointments of Reuben Lindley, 103 N. McMillen street as chairman, and Mrs. Sylvia Newsom, 2014 N. Vancouver avenue, as associate chairmen of the United Fund campaign in this area were announced last week by Ben Medofsky, chairman of the central neighborhoods division.

The territory included extends from Burnside street to Fremont

street and from the river to Union avenue. It is estimated that approximately 500 volunteers will be needed in this area to call at every home and place of business during the campaign period from October 19-31.

This year for the first time five major charitable appeals have been united in a single campaign. They are heart, cancer, arthritis and rheumatism, the Red Cross and the 62 Feather services of the Community Chest—such as the Salvation Army, Volunteers of America, Scouts, Y's etc. The campaign goal is \$2,385,472.

This area has been divided into five districts headed by Edwin C. Berry, John S. Holly, Mrs. A. Johnson, C. B. Maxey and E. J. Cash as district directors.

Each district director will enroll captains who in turn will enroll block workers to call at every home and business within a small geographic section. Captains enrolled to date are: Mmes. B. Leverett, J. Maxey, M. Jacobs and M. B. Johnson.

Block workers enrolled to date are Lou Gress, D. C. Dancy, Mrs. R. M. Neal and Mrs. R. L. Thornton.

Need Adequate Housing

The fact that a new rent schedule for local low income housing will go into effect January 1, may or may not present a problem for approximately 100 Negro families who now live in Portland's housing projects but we feel that the situation does deserve a little discussion.

It is well known that the Negro has always had trouble getting adequate and unrestricted housing. This practical situation has existed throughout American history.

Of the three agencies cooperating with the housing authority in an attempt to find adequate housing for these displaced families, only one, the Apartment House Association, has actually compiled a list of available housing space.

The other two agencies, Portland Realty Board and Portland Home Builders, are simply presenting the housing authority with lists of their memberships.

Racial Restriction Policies

In the case of the Apartment House Association it seems reasonable to expect that there may be trouble when some Negro families, as prospective tenants, attempt to get housing from apartment house owners advertising empty space but having a policy of racial restriction.

Even if some apartment house owners do not employ a racially discriminatory renting policy, there is still the bugaboo Gresham law circulating that says property values decrease when colored folks move into a neighborhood. There is every reason to believe, also, that there are still a good many Gresham law exponents guilty of its fallacious and prejudiced reasoning.

One Heartening Note

There is one heartening note to this situation, however; and that is that Portland housing authorities will not employ a discriminatory policy themselves when informing these families of the available housing spots. Floyd Ratchford, housing authority, said that it will not be his job to screen applicants on the basis of their skin colors and for this we can all be thankful.

No Excuse for Bigotry

The stand taken by property owners living in the vicinity of N. E. 20th avenue and Going street in respect to the imminent possibility of a "Negro congregation" in their neighborhood is certainly a disheartening one as well as appalling.

We can take no sympathy with their reasoning nor that of Frank L. McGuire real estate firm.

Events behind the hassle is the purchase of Tifereth Israel by a cooperation of Mt. Sinai Community Interracial church, pastored by Rev. M. C. Cheek, a Negro.

McGuire withdrew from the deal when an issue was made of the transaction by surrounding neighbors.

Strong point of the dissenting neighbors is the much kicked-around reason that property values will fall sharply.

Radios, newspapers, civic leaders and government information bulletins have repeatedly exposed the falsity of this reasoning. Only the bigoted-thinking of conditioned race-baiters continue in this path of un-American thought and practice.

It is high time more Americans realize that we are no longer a country of white men, but a country of free men. A predominately Christian country, today's America can find no room for race pride or race subjection.

Book Honors Him



JAMES HARRISON

A book, entitled "The Old Man of the Sea," written by Ernest Hemingway, has been dedicated to the Central library in memory of James Harrison, former prizefighter who recently died in New York. Donor is Miss Nell A. Unger, librarian of the Library Association of Portland.

As a professional light-weight boxer Harrison was never knocked out, retiring in 1940. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, he was a naval veteran of World War II and resided in Portland from 1943 to 1950. He died September 15 and was buried September 22 at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Local survivors include: James Harrison Jr., son; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Powell, stepfather and mother; Mrs. Wilbur Marshall, sister; and Ulysses H. Leverett, brother.

Republican Field Worker Solicits Ike-Nixon Votes

In Portland on Saturday, October 11, to Friday, Oct. 17, was Virgil C. Heathcock, official from the minorities division headquarters of the Republican National committee in Washington D. C.

Working with all available agencies and individuals, it was Heathcock's assignment to enlist all those registered minority voters to vote on the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket. He reported, as of Tuesday evening, that results had been "very very good."

He predicted that of the approximately 6,000 registered Negro voters in Portland, at least 4,500 will vote the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket.

"This hullabaloo about Negroes always voting a Democratic ticket," said Heathcock, "is all a myth." He found that a good many Negroes register Democratic and then vote a Republican ticket at least nationally if not locally too.

For 18 months during 1950 and 1951, Heathcock worked with the Displaced Persons committee in Munich, Germany, as an occupational analyst and documentation officer. While there he adopted a Negro war baby, a boy,

now six years old. There were, at the time of this adoption, 14,



VIRGIL C. HEATHCOCK

000 of these unfortunate war babies in Germany, he related.

Heathcock reported also, that besides 6 million Jews, some Negro Germans were also exterminated by Hitler. Some also, the Republican said, fought in the German army.

Friendship House Delegates Return

Portland's delegates to the National Friendship House held in Chicago last week returned recently and reported that Miss Florence Hassing of St. Helens had been appointed new director of Portland's Friendship House.

She replaces Miss Ellen Rehkopf who is taking a leave of absence to enter the hospital for surgery, seriousness not determined. She is now a staff worker for the House.

Others attending the conference were: the Misses Estelle Bogner, Ellen Rehkopf and Pat Delehanty.

Williams Avenue YWCA Offers Activity Program

The Y-Teen fall and winter program at the Williams Avenue YWCA, 6 N. Tillamook St., has begun, it was announced by Mrs. Carmen Walker, assistant program director. Group activities are planned for 7th and 8th grade girls and for high school boys and girls. Not a part of the Y-Teen program but also scheduled are activities for adults as well.

All registrants are required to join the YWCA.

Participants in the 7th and 8th grade group activities are required to take a free health examination which will be given Thursday, October 23, at 4:30 p.m.

Advisors for the high-school group are Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bowman. The activity schedule follows:

7th and 8th Grade Girls:

These activities are held every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. There will be instruction in ping pong, badminton, volleyball, shuffleboard and group games. There will also be classes in crafts, charm and dramatics if there is a demand.

High School Co-ed Activities:

These activities are scheduled for every Thursday from 7:30 to

10:00 p.m. There will be quiet and active games, dramatics, talent night programs, quiz programs, movies, community sings, tournaments and folk and social dancing.

Adult Program Also

Another activity afforded for all people between the ages of 18 to 35, is the Williams Avenue Canteen. In operation since last January, the canteen program schedules dancing, games and refreshments every Wednesday from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is 15 cents.

Also, for women interested in an opportunity to relax and meet

new friends the "Y" is offering a Ladies Day program every Tuesday from 2:30 to 3:30 p. m. starting Tuesday, October 21. Activities will include exercises, volleyball, badminton, shuffleboard and ping pong.

Registration starts October 21 from 2:00 to 2:30 p. m. and will cost participants 3.00 for 7 weeks. Also required of each participant will be YWCA membership at \$1.50 and a health examination. For further information those interested may call BEacon 6281.

The YWCA is a Community Chest Agency operating under the New United Fund.

Kay's Notations

Kathryn H. Bogle, Social Editor

To be expected home this week to visit family and friends are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Smith of San Francisco, according to word received from them by Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Williams.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith were active in the civic and social life of Portland before they moved to California a half-dozen years ago.

The James E. Smiths were hosts Saturday evening at their home for a dancing party for about a score of their friends. The guests are still talking about the fabulous array of food, gourmet items all, which was served during the evening.

Dr. J. J. Clow of Mt. Olivet Baptist church was speaker at the first fall church night service at Pilgrim Congregational church last Friday.

Dr. Clow, a member of the Lott-Carey missionary convention pilgrimage to Liberia last fall, is much in demand as a speaker, and guest of the Women's Fellowship of the church.

Mrs. Willie Cherry of Crockett, Texas, is making an indefinite visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Holley.

Miss Doris Fry, nurse at the Veterans' hospital, is vacationing in Detroit, Michigan. She expects to be gone a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Williams were hosts for a few friends at their home on Sherrett street last Saturday evening.

Aboard the Eisenhower train when it came from Vancouver to Portland was Mrs. Herman C. Baker, staunch Republican. Mrs. Baker, as one of the welcoming delegation, met the general and Mrs. Eisenhower, too.

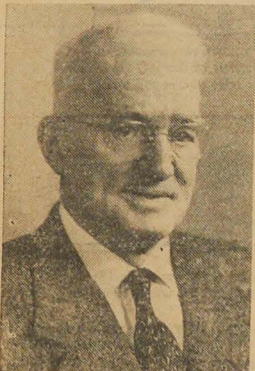
"Pictures don't do Mrs. Ike justice; she's lovely," says Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. William (Bill) Badger is seriously ill at his home in Gearhart. LeRoy Blackburn and Albert Morton, long-time friends of Mr. and Mrs. Badger, drove down this week to visit the couple.

Mrs. Aldridge Johnson, serving for the second year as president of the Intercultural Fellowship, presided at the first fall meeting of the group. They met Monday for luncheon at the home of Mrs. Cora Minor.

Program chairman for the club is Miss Carrie Wood, a retired missionary from India.

Vacationing in Hawaii is Mrs. Inez Duke Mayberry.



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Shades of the Past Return In Colorful Delta's Annual Jabberwock Program

Ladies and gentlemen attired in the fashions of the gaslight era stepped from the pages of the family album on to the stage of the Woman's club building last Friday evening. The occasion was the third annual Jabberwock presented by Beta Psi chapter of

Delta Sigma Theta sorority to build their scholarship fund.

A large audience in a jolly mood was quick with applause for the several skits presented by participating clubs and for curtain numbers by individual entrants.

Theme this year was "I Remember When" and competition was keen.

The Bridgeteers club won the judges' nod for first prize of \$25, and the audience gave hearty approval. The bridgeteers sketch was a satire on "Frankie and Johnny."

Romance Relived

Those two lovers of beer-bald fame relived their romance with Frankie flirting and rustling her silken skirts and with Johnny in tight jacket and bowler hat making love on the side to cute little Nellie Bly. A baritone soloist, eloquent over make-believe beer, rendered his sad tale while the actors pantomimed the story.

Hilarious moment, not on the program, came when Johnny's dead body discovered itself to be on the outside when the curtains closed and frantically wriggled to get back under while the audience roared.

Second prize went to the Kwanzans for their "Old Fashioned Sewing Bee," depicting a World War I Red Cross sewing unit. Costuming was complete to the last detail and their interesting shoe wardrobe drew much comment.

Culture Club Third

The Culture club was awarded third prize for its presentation of "Daguerrotype," a laugh provoking view of mother and

father posing with the children for their picture.

Other clubs with skits entered in the show were Iota Phi Lambda sorority with "Tales of Grandma," Los Novias who presented "Wild Nell, The Pet of the Plains" and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity with their "Ye Old Barber Shoppe."

Judges were Kay West, Jean King and Mark Smith.

Non-competitive individual entrants were: Elinor Davis, soprano soloist; Edwina Hill and Jacqueline Jackson, dancers; Harriet Brock, accordionist; and Fannie Chatman and Bernadette Plummer, pantomimists.

The Delta Steppers, who put on a lively Charleston number and later did the Can-Can, were also non-competitive.

Narrator for the Jabberwock was Cyviria Woods.

Scholarship Given

During the intermission a queen Delores Harris, was crowned "Miss Jabberwock of 1952." Her princesses were Barbara McDaniels and Olga Ann Plummer.

Recipient of the chapter's 1951 scholarship derived from Jabberwock proceeds was announced as Mary Alice Lee who is now attending Linfield college.

President of Beta Psi chapter is Lena Hillsman. Co-chairmen for this year's Jabberwock were Berniece Shepherd and Addie Jean Haynes.

Jabberwock Queen Delores I



It's Queen Delores I and the queen shows a happy smile as Richard Bogle, advertising manager of the Portland Challenger, places the crown upon her majesty's head. She is Miss Delores Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Harris, 27 N. E. Ivy street. (Photo by Lou Krohn)

'Frankie and Johnnie' Relived



It was action like this that won first place for the Bridgeteers in the annual Delta Sigma Theta Jabberwock held at the Women's club recently. Embraced here are Mr. and Mrs. Yancey Franklin. (Photo by Lou Krohn)

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Urban League Sponsors New Educational Group

By Joy Brock

A newly formed educational committee was organized under the leadership of Nathan Burkham and sponsored by the Urban League of Portland, Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the YWCA. The Board of Directors of the Urban League authorized this committee with the purpose of representing the League in all matters pertaining to education.

The meeting proved highly stimulating on matters regarding techniques of teaching race relations in the classroom and the pros and cons of stereotyped books.

As a result of a successful meeting, the committee has charged itself with the following responsibilities: Concerning itself with programs which will assist and stimulate youth to avail themselves to the maximum of educational opportunities; working to improve our schools and the school curriculum; keeping a balance-sheet inventory of school happenings pertaining to race relations; working for improved relationships between home and school; examining problems related to textbooks, school districts, the quality and amount of real intergroup education; reporting and making recommendations to the Urban League Board of Directors, to school officials and to the community for the achievement of equal opportunity and treatment for all students, democratic teaching and counseling and the careful choice of teaching materials to strengthen the democratic concept.

Other leaders of the organization were John Holley, neighborhood secretary, who will staff this committee and Edwin C. Berry, executive secretary of the Urban League. Representatives from various fields of education, sociology, psychology and community interest make up the educational committee.

The organization meets the second Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is to be held at Holladay school, November 12th at 8 p.m.

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Contrary to an earlier report that Winters was scheduled for the army and McGillivray's grades were too low, the two will be eligible for conference play in February '53 at the beginning of the new semester.

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He Pledges Constant, Not Spasmodic, Law Enforcement

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TAXES **PROPERTY OWNERS**

THIS **OR** **THIS**

\$1 million higher TAXES to support county fairs. Pari-mutuel revenues now support 36 county fairs.

THIS **OR** **THIS**

IF pari-mutuel revenues are abolished, fairs will go begging to the legislature, hat in hand. Now pari-mutuel revenues take the financial burden of the P-I, State Fair and 8 other fairs and round-ups.

THIS **OR** **THIS**

Prohibit racing here and it will simply move across the river to Washington. Allowing your neighbor to decide for himself what sport he wants to enjoy.

DON'T KILL OREGON'S RACING REVENUES

VOTE NO! (327 X NO)

Pari-Mutuel contributions form the cornerstone of the American Legion Youth Athletic Commission's program. Gunner Gunderson, Chairman, American Legion Youth Athletic Commission.

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