

# BURTON HOMES NEWS

By HAZELL PRATT

## Church News

The Burton Homes Church's installation meetings was held Sunday, July 2, 1944. The new pastor, Rev. R. L. Johnson was installed by the Rev. M. M. Burnes. Service and prayer meeting was conducted by C. W. Neblins and O. Moore, Deacons. Following a song was rendered by the famous Kings of Harmony. A solo was given by Mrs. William and Rev. Davis gave a short talk. Then followed a reading by Miss Johanna Johnson, a song by the Alabama Israelite Quartet, and then Mrs. Ruth Burnes gave a reading: Subject, "Problems Which Confront the Pulpit of Today." At 3:00 P. M. a fine sermon was furnished by Rev. M. M. Burnes. Aquilla Reed, Secretary; Rev. R. L. Johnson, pastor.

**Resolutions**—We, the members of the Burton Homes Church cordially invite you to attend our church. We are proud of our Pastor. He is making our church a great success. We, the members and friends of Burton Homes Church are giving our loyal support.

**Tumbling and Wrestling Classes**  
Bill Edgar, wrestling and tumbling teacher at the center, is inviting all boys and girls to come to the tumbling classes on Mon., thru Fri., from 10:00 to 12:00.

## Sports

Bagley Downs softball team lost to the Burton Homes A. C.'s, 4 to 6. After the game the A. C.'s had a meeting in the club room of the recreation hall. Mr. Richard Allison, organizer and founder of the softball team, resigned his position as manager. Mr. Jim Bates was elected president of the team. Mr. Frank Pratt was reelected captain. Mr. Louis Wright, Secretary, Hubert Smith, Asst. Secretary, and Booker Mickle, Manager.

## Dancing Class

Burton Homes dancing class members are promising to equalize the famous Katherine Dunham troops. Margaret Routt is excelling in her tap class, also R. D. Adams. Amelia Lanier shows grace and precise rhythm in ballet, and plays the piano very well. In swimming Burton Homes will be represented at the final swimming tournament by Venneta Richardson, Margaret Routt, Amelia Lanier and Otis Gordon.

## Recreation News

As busy as little bees, the pupils in the Arts and Handicraft classes at Burton Homes, under the capable tutorage of Mrs. Martha Crockett, are getting ready for the Greater Vancouver Recreation Circus. The circus will be held August 25.

The circus, which will be the second annual circus, includes the arts and handicraft of many apt and talented little residents of Burton Homes. An exhibit will be held here at the Burton Homes Community Center on August 2nd so that the community can see what each individual has contributed toward the arts and handicraft class.

## Band

The rhythm band at Burtons will soon be playing on programs. Mrs. Josephine Hasbrook as the Musical Director for the Greater Vancouver Recreation Commission, is anxious that all children who would like to learn rhythm will come to the recreation hall Wed. and Fri., 10:30, for this class under the leadership of Mrs. Nellie Moe. It is good for the smaller children to acquaint themselves with an audience and also keep rhythm.

## Chorus Rehearsal

Many calls for colored choruses have been coming in from Vancouver to sing and offer special arrangements, thus Mrs. Hasbrooks is inviting all the community who is interested in the colored chorus at Burton Homes to attend rehearsals on Monday nights at 7:30 to 9:30

P. M. Spirituals, modern music or any kind of music desired will be sung. As a result of attending the rehearsals those who participate in the chorus will be asked to appear over the radio and at many public gatherings. Mrs. Nellie Moe is the accompanist.

## Social Notes

Mrs. and Mr. Aaron King were hosts to a group of friends who attended their third wedding anniversary party at 230-H Ft. George. A grand time was had by all.

Mr. Homer Hein, track and football coach at Benson Technical High School in Portland, who has a wide following and acquaintance in the Pacific Northwest, is handling athletics for the Burton Homes Recreation Center during the summer play ground period.

## Special Services At Burton Homes

The First Baptist Church of Burton Homes, Vancouver, Wash., temporarily located in the Old Community Activity Building, 5191B, unit 1205, Hathaway Drive, in the Burton Homes, pastored by the Rev. J. W. Brown, held special services on last Sunday. The program was as follows:

Sunday school, 1:00 P. M., Rev. J. W. Coleman, superintendent. Devotional, 2:15 P. M., led by Deacon Andrew Rollins. Missionary offering. End of devotional.

## PULPIT SERVICES

### Rev. Davis in Charge

Congregational song, led by Rev. Love. Scripture by Rev. Finney. Congregational song led by Rev. L. Brown. Prayer by Rev. Gilbert. Solo by Sis. Diggs.

Sermon by Pastor, Rev. J. W. Brown. Sermon subject, "Love to Christ Indispensable." Acceptance of Members. Offertory. Introduction of Visitors. Comments. Doxology.

## Evening Services

### Rev. Gilbert in Charge.

B. Y. P. U. 7:00 P. M. until 7:45 P. M. Deacon A. Rollins in charge. Devotionals led by Rev. Dickson and Rev. Steele. Solo and introduction of speaker by Rev. J. W. Brown. Speaker: Rev. Davis. Prayer, Rev. J. W. Coleman. Acceptance of members. Offertory. Introduction of visitors. Comments. Doxology.

A large crowd was present at all three services and went their way rejoicing after a very beautiful and soul lifting time. Rev. J. W. Brown, the pastor, announced that these services are held every Sunday and extended an invitation to all in the Clarke County as well as Portland area to come early and stay late. He also wants it known that "We appreciate our friends, you are welcome with us and if at any time you are in need of assistance, see me or any minister connected with the church. We are willing to serve."

## Burton Homes Has Late Dance

Burton Homes Recreation Center was the scene of a dance at an unusual hour last Monday morning. The dance having started at 1 a. m. and lasted until 4 a. m. Boogie-woogie, jitterbug and jive was the order of the day as Joe Crane and his band "sent" the crowd estimated at three hundred. Young and old alike indulged in a bit of rug-cutting that would have done your rugs a lot of no good if your rug had been on the floor. But no rug was on the floor as the dance was held in the gymnasium and though it was not McElroy's the crowd seemed to be doing alright. In fact, the dance was such a huge success and everybody had such a swell time, that it is going to be repeated on Monday, July 17, and may become a regular affair.

The dances are for the benefit of the baseball team, the money to be used to buy uniforms and equipment.

## "LEARN TO SWIM"

(This article taken from a recent editorial section of the "Oregonian") We reprint for the benefit of Inquirer readers.

If you have a chance to learn to swim, you will be wise to make the most of it. This year Portland's swimming instruction campaign is under the direction of the water safety department of the Red Cross, and the recreation department of the bureau of parks, and is scheduled for ten days, in twelve of our municipal pools, July 10 to 14, July 17 to 21. The lessons are not only for boys and girls, they are for adults, too. Knowing how to swim may one day save your life or that of another. Besides, swimming is the finest and most enjoyable of exercises. In this state, of many lakes and rivers, and fronting the ocean, it is the duty of everyone to know how to swim.

A grim reminder of this necessity comes home to us from foreign battle fronts. This is an amphibious war, yet many of the men of our armed forces do not know how to swim. We are told that nearly 50 per cent of our war casualties may be attributed to drowning. Many of these casualties never would have occurred if the victims had known at least the rudiments of caring for themselves in deep water. Indeed, to the swimmer, the capsizing of a boat in any ordinary water presents no personal peril whatever, and may even be regarded as an amusing adventure. Yet such a mishap, when it befalls one who cannot swim, often becomes stark tragedy. That is why the Red Cross and bureau of parks are sponsoring the summer swimming school for everyone.

## Farming at 76 Called

### 'Easy' by Montana Man

SWEET GRASS, MONT.—Operating a Montana farm these days is "the easiest job in the world," according to 76-year-old George Jeffries.

Jeffries, who can remember the hard toil of pioneer days in this unexplored and uncultivated state a half-century ago, explains that with all the modern equipment and conveniences, farming now is "a good way to retire."

"All you do," he says, "is ride around a field on a rubber-tired tractor all day. If you get tired, you can always go into the house and talk to your wife or listen to the radio."

As the season progresses, the work gets easier — especially in Montana, according to the aging farmer. "When the wheat comes up, all you have to do is sit and watch it grow up or burn up," he says with all the knowledge of 50 years spent on Montana's prairie land.

## Public Warned on Fund

### For Blinded Veterans

WASHINGTON.—Declaring that several hoaxes already have been detected, the war department recently warned the public to guard against fraudulent solicitation of funds supposedly for aid to blinded soldiers.

Although the army medical department has stated publicly that only 73 men have suffered total blindness in this war, the war department has discovered circulation of misinformation and rumors of "thousands" of blind casualties.

The army emphasized that it will give complete care and training to any blinded soldiers, and that it will even furnish them with guide dogs if the blinded veterans need or request them.

## Western Union Knows

### Gustav Line 'Secret'

NAPLES.—The Germans' Gustav line originally was known only as the "G" series of fortifications and, when telephoning, the Nazis referred to it as "G" for Gustav, an Allied staff officer said.

Eventually the line became designated as Gustav by both the enemy and the Allies.

## FLETCHER HENDERSON DANCE REPORTS

By M. Belle Dunn

High-lighting the happenings at the dance on Thursday night at McElroy's was the presentation of local celebrities and the special Elk's Table. It seems it is the custom in these parts to have a certain significance attached to every affair, a very good one, as it turns out, and one that never fails to draw attention. At the latest dance it was this Elk's Table.

Celebrities from the largest of Eastern states were present. Among them were none other than the songbird, Ivy Anderson, who was presented quite a few times here with Duke Ellington, and boy... was she hot, or wasn't she... She sang two numbers, the best was "Rocks In My Bed." And did the "hep-kats" jump... I'll say they did... She is now singing at the Cloud Room for one month. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Laverette, the host and hostess were a lovely dream in their outfits of latest creations. Mrs. Austin was here, and there were Mr. Wilbur, Mrs. Hall and Prince Spencer, and the Steppe Brothers, who are movie stars, and very unique in their work. I do mean they are "hot step-pers," or have you already heard...

Prince Spencer was married two weeks ago to Miss Myrtle McVeigh, daughter of Mrs. Catherine McVeigh, who resides at 117 N. Halsey. They are a very charming couple. I heard Miss Myrtle McVeigh had a screen test while in California. Remember though, I only heard, but with her looks, personality, and charms, she should succeed. What about it, Portlanders?... The couple spent their honeymoon in Yuma, Arizona.

One of our top celebrities, Louis Armstrong and his very talented wife were in as our honored guests of the evening. They will be home to the public at Mrs. Morgan's, 4105 N. Commercial Ave. He is still the same old "Louie," only he is a bit thinner, but good as ever, if not better. If you don't believe me, please take a little time off from your work, and cruise out to Jantzen Beach, where he has an engagement there every night for a while. YOU WON'T REGRET IT.

Another important table was the Elks, Billy Webb, 1050, Dahlia Temple, 202. Members present were W. L. Shine, Tobber Allen, Lillard Evans, Jason Fontaine, L. Countee, A. A. Jones, Charley Morgan, Thos. and Matthew Bills. Ladies present were Mrs. Letha Peck, L. Martin. The table was every inch a success. What with all members looking their best in the latest fashions, especially the ladies. They would be the envy of any wardrobe... but should I say as Ben Bernie's Rochester says, "Yousah, yousah." In English, brother that means, you're tops and can't be beat. I must pause to say that the Elks is a top Fraternal organization, and represents the leading men in our city. And

as the years go by I really and sincerely hope they'll grow stronger and stronger and stronger and stronger.

The U. S. O. Smiths were cruising around here and there. You should have seen them.

Miss Mary Steen, our own talented and beautiful local girl, gave a good rendition of "Getting Sentimental Over You." She gave it her all with Fletcher Henderson's Orchestra accompanying. She was a dream in a beautiful white formal and flowers-in-her-hair, looking more like a South Sea Islander than Dorothy Lamour. (That really says something.) Hats off to Mary "Ole Girl." If at first you don't succeed, try, try again, and remember you've got something there. Improve it, dear, and don't stop till you've reached the top.

Sammy Allston, another local, was his own self, as usual up there chiding that "Mike." He made every Portlander proud of him, and I know Joe Crane was thrilled. What about it Joe? Sammy's song was "Body and Soul."

Our very popular Pat Patterson and wife were having a fine time. She was as cute as could be in baby blue, and he as usual was the perfect host.

Mrs. M. B. Duan and Cpl. Perkins had a nice little table for two. She was in her traditional black and white. One of the boys in Fletcher Henderson's orchestra was one of Cpl. Perkins' former schoolmates.

Cpl. Perkins seemed to be enjoying herself as usual.

Mrs. Pauline Wilburson and party was the envy of any crowd.

Guests of Mrs. Lula Lee were Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Turner.

The dance was quite a success, what with such people present as Mrs. Anna Morrison, Mrs. Fontaine, Mrs. Cleo Cooper, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Nikke II, Mrs. Shire, and the Angus Joneses and their party. I think that about rounds up everyone, and if I missed you, please remember that even though I talk a lot, "Poor" Belle just can't see EVERYONE.



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