

What's Happening In Westchester

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It may be pure coincidence but since the Westchester Guardians came into being about four years ago and started organizing our black bluecoats, the number of promotions the Brother has gotten in the various cities and towns has grown considerably.

In fact, it looks like our fellas have Officer Charlie all mixed up. Take good ol' Police Sgt. Steve Zastenchik. He's filed a complaint with the State Human Rights Commission in White Plains claiming that he has been denied a promotion to lieutenant, even tho' he's been performing a lozey's duties, because of his color and national original.

Get this! Ol' Sarge is white, 21 but apparently not completely free — free from suspicion, that is. He said he's been on the Tarrytown police force for 19 years, a sergeant since 1963 and placed third in a civil service exam for lieutenant.

Top Guys

The top two guys were subsequently appointed and worried that he would be left out in the cold, Sgt. Z asked Mayor Anthony Veteran for consideration of his upgrading. "Mayor Veteran informed me that there would be no promotions," the sergeant claims, "However, he added that if I were a black man, I would probably get the job." Talk about adding insult to injury. Incidentally, Zastenchik was born in Russia, so he

figures he has two strikes against him. . . C'mon, WG!! Can't you give the guy an honorary membership? . . .

Indirect Line

Somebody was all set to call up and ask County Exec Michaelian, Max Berking and John Fox, the Republican, Dem-Lib. and Conservative candidates for the county exec post, when they were on NBC's pre-election special "Direct Line," Sunday, "when or what are they going to do about Charlie Jackson's pay as Chief Criminal Investigator of the County Sheriff's office?" Unfortunately, phone calls were suspended during this series.

Organist Honored

Miss Catherine Brown, who was organist and soloist for the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church for over 20 years and is presently director of music at The New Hope Institutional Baptist Church in Tarrytown, saw a crowd of 200 of her friends come out to pay her tribute at a testimonial dinner at Mario's Terrace Room.

The affair, which was sponsored by Mt. Olivet where she is an active member, president of the Missionary Society and Birthmonth Clubs and church representative for the Central Hudson Baptist Association and the Empire Baptist Convention attracted people from all over New York State.

Took Over

Mrs. Vivien Penalver and Mrs. Hattie Nabors were mistresses of ceremonies, Rev. William D. Burton gave the invocation and Dr. Olivia P. Stokes director of Religious Education National Council of Churches of Christ, who was guest speaker, was introduced by Mrs. Reginald Amory. Miss Brown was showered with gifts, including a plaque and a miniature gold piano decorated with greenbacks. . .

Horace Mann H. S. has two veterans who really travel, Lewis Jones and Walter Harris. Both gridders just returned from a year abroad as exchange students, Jones was in Germany and Harris was in England. . . At Saunders, keep your eyes on Dave Barnes as quarterback. . . Running strong with Boston University is Billy Thomas, former Peekskill High star.

Getting raves at U. of Illinois is Dave Jackson from White Plains. . . Reserve your ticket for that Westchester Association for the Study of Negro Life and History trip to the home of Harriet Tubman this Sunday. . . Mrs. Edna Goldson of Mt. Vernon and Mrs. Dorothy Homer of New Rochelle or Mrs. Yvonne Jones of Elmsford are committee members you can contact.