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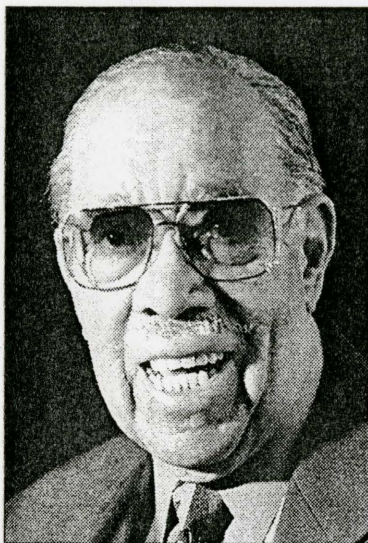
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Wallace Hagin

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The John F Kennedy Library at Eastern Washington University is displaying a collection of photographs portraying the evolution of Spokane and its black community.

Some of the photos date back to the 1930s. They are being shown in the Archives Room on the lower floor of the library.

The photographer is Wallace Hagin, 83, who focused his work on Spokane's black community. He has donated 13,000 negatives and 1,000 prints to the Cheney Cowles

Museum.

The EWU exhibit is a sample of some of his best work.

Hagin was born in Butte, Mont., and moved to Spokane at age 3. He worked as a musician, pilot and even a mortician. He once traveled around the country with a jazz orchestra.

His photographs are slices of everyday life, images such as parishioners singing on Sunday and families posing for portraits.

The photos are on display at EWU through the end of the month.