

Kay's Notations

Kathryn H. Bogle, Social Editor

Professional Librarian Here

Mrs. Lois Tolbert has been appointed children's librarian for the Arleta branch of the Library Association of Portland. She assumed her new duties this week.

Mrs. Tolbert is a graduate of the University of Denver school of librarianship and has a degree in social science from Texas college. She is Oregon's first Negro professional librarian.

Before coming to Portland, Mrs. Tolbert had been school librarian since 1949 at the Emmet Scott junior high school in Tyler, Texas. She has also taught in grade and high schools in Tyler.

Lois Tolbert

A story hour and radio time are planned as a part of her schedule. She will work directly with pupils of four grade schools in the southeast area nearest the Arleta branch.

Mrs. Tolbert is making her home with Mrs. Marion McClear at 3128 SE Tibbetts street.

Up and out of doors again is Mrs. Charles R. Stanton. She has been confined to her home for several weeks because of illness.

OACW Plans

Negro History Week is always interesting and inspiring with clubs, churches and other organizations reviewing in one way or another the contributions the American Negro has made toward life in these United States.

This year marks the 90th year of progress since the beginning of the Civil War and, to point up the 90-year span, a special exhibit is being arranged by the 12 participating clubs of the Oregon Association of Colored Women.

The exhibit is to be displayed at a tea in the home of Mrs. D. N. Unthank on Sunday, February 15, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. A musical program is also planned as part of the afternoon.

Mrs. Eugene Carden is general chairman for the affair.

Nonagenarian Passes

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Colonial Mortuary for Alexander B. Curtis who died on Sunday, February 1, at a local hospital following an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Curtis, his 95th birthday just a few days past, was born in slavery on January 21, 1858, in Columbia, Missouri. He had many stories to tell, drawing on his memories of what he saw of the war between the states when his father and an elder brother were Union soldiers and of later on in his young manhood when he worked as a laborer on the farm of General Ulysses S. Grant.



Alexander B. Curtis

Mr. Curtis married Elizabeth Tyres in 1885 and in 1905 he moved his family to Portland. Here they bought two acres of land at what is now 39th avenue and Franklin street, where the family residence remains.

Mrs. Curtis died a few years after coming to Portland and Mr. Curtis remained a widower.

Surviving are a son, Allen Curtis of Portland, a niece, Mrs. Mairzell McCullough of Seattle, and a nephew, Archie Williams of Kansas City, Missouri. There are also several great nieces and nephews.

Elder Robert Searcie of the

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Vancouver Briefs

BERTHA BAUGH, EDITOR

Negro serves on Jury . . .

Mr. Lonnie Lee Johnson, of Vancouver, now serving on the Clark County Grand Jury, is the second Negro in the city to serve in that capacity.

Job Promotion . . .

Mr. Eldridge Box, employee of the Carborundum Company of America in Vancouver, has been upgraded from lead man of a furnace unloading crew to crane operator.

Vancouver NAACP . . .

The public is cordially invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Vancouver branch NAACP on Sunday, February 22, at 4 p.m. in the Vista Room of the Vancouver Housing Authority Administration Building on Devine Road. The branch will review books which are void stereotype ideas about Negroes and which are available in the school system.

Jordan Celebrate Tenth Birthday

Little Mike Jordan celebrated his tenth birthday with a party for twelve friends. Mike, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jordan, invited as his guests David and Donna Dawson, Mary Britten, Fred Froder, Stanley Gene Mitchell, Eric and Audrick Burnett, Edwina Hill, Patsy Burgess, Johnny Williams, Clifford Freeman and Sydira Glenn.

The party was given January 24th at his home. The guests were entertained with games and refreshments.

Baby Shower Surprises "Mom"

A surprise baby shower was given for Mrs. Betty Fuller at the home of Mrs. Doris Davis, 4 o'clock Sunday, February 4. Mrs. Fuller was surprised when a lovely blond chest of drawers for the baby's clothing was presented to her, along with many other gifts.

Among the guests were Mrs. Delno Taylor from Denver, Mrs. Viki Jackson, Mrs. Bernice Shepherd, Mrs. Kathleen Winslow, Mrs. Ruby Crosswhite, Mrs. Evelyn Allen, Mrs. Mae Harris, Mrs. Addie Jean Haynes, Mrs. Juanita Taylor, Mrs. Jesse Hinson, Mrs. Tracey Winslow, Mrs. Helne Strawter, Misses Rosemarie Brock, Delose Casaneres and Joy Brock.

Asa Brocks Host To Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Brock gave a dinner for twelve at their home Monday night, February 2. The honored guests were relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wilson. Related guests were Mrs. Myrtle Carrington from Los Angeles, California; Mr. Harry Polk of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Delno Taylor, Denver Colorado.

Other guests were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dancy, Danny Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wilson, Misses RoseMarie and Joy Brock.

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News In Brief

By William Wright
Challenger Staff Writer

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jacobs, 203 N. E. Monroe street, were hosts at a dinner party recently for Mr. and Mrs. Sonny (Globe Trotter) Smith and their baby Sparky. Guests at the dinner were Miss Rose Marie Brock and Benny Webb . . . According to Mrs. Maud Banks and Grover Jackson, president and secretary, respectively, the PastTime "12" club met Sunday at the home of Mrs. William Pertillo, 420 N. E. Thompson street.

Mr. and Mrs. James N. Cantrell, 3203 S. E. Tibbetts street, are back in Portland following a quick trip to Fort Ord, Calif., where they visited with their son Evans who is taking his basic training at that army camp. The Cantrells were guests of Evans during the base's open house.

Cantrell had to leave his accounting firm when inducted and his brother-in-law, Les May of New York, came West to take care of his Berkeley business.

May is the husband of the former Florence Cantrell. Their two daughters, Patricia Ann and Leslie Diana, are currently visiting with their grandparents on Tibbetts street.

Mrs. Hazel Lewis, mother of Claude Lewis, died recently in

Los Angeles, Calif. At the time of her death she was living with another son, Oliver Lewis. She was a former member of Bethel AME church.

John Minor Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Minor, 3105 S. E. 29th avenue, is working on his teaching credentials and Master's Degree. Minor lives in Alameda, Calif., and is a graduate of San Francisco State.

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Play Characters Relax At Party

After a successful two nights performance of "The Key," and "The Catalogue," the St. Philip's Players and their guests relaxed to an after party given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Long. The group dined and danced to music until the wee hours in the morning.

The guests were: Mrs. Cuma Clater, Mrs. Oteria Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Yancey Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. John Linear, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Owens, Clarence Pruitt, Miss Joy Brock and Major Pruitt.

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