

Portland Debutantes to Make Initial Bow

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Referendum Movement Faces Setback

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MISS REBECCA CALDWELL
Interested in sports



MISS MILDRED ROBINSON
Young debutante



MISS RODELLA MILLER
Likes tennis, archery



MISS ROMETTA ROBINSON
A music lover



MISS CHARLENE MOLDEN
Drawing her hobby.

Young Girls Await Debut

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The breath-taking event is just about to happen to five debutantes who will be presented to society at the Coronation Ball Tuesday night, June 16.

The outdoor life beckons attractive debutante Rodella Miller. She likes gardening, tennis and archery, which is revealed in her shapely figure. Rodella, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller is a graduate of Gresham high school. She was active in her Girls' Athletic association where she was a member of the volleyball all-star team of Gresham high.

College in Mind

The eighteen-year-old beauty has a business college in mind for her tentative future plans. Rodella is excitedly looking forward to the dance and is being escorted by Charles Williams.

Petite Charlene Molden is an artist at heart. At present, drawing is her hobby, but her future plans center around a dream of becoming a commercial artist. This 17-year-old vivacious deb is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Molden.

She is leaning towards Lewis and Clark college with the hope of completing her four years there. Charlene was a member of Philo, a social club of Jefferson high school.

Hopes to Get Trip

Eighteen-year-old debutante Rometta Robinson, is hoping for a trip to Detroit after her debut. Rometta, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Andrew Robinson, is a music lover and enjoys playing for her own entertainment. The sweet deb also enjoys cooking, reading and dancing. Her variety of interests is revealed in her well rounded personality.

Rometta is a graduate of Grant high school where she was a member of the music club. If her trip to Detroit does not come through, Rometta plans to attend Portland State and major in liberal arts. Leodis McDaniel will escort this lovely deb to the dance.

Likes Music, Sports

Lewis and Clark also beckons 18-year-old Rebecca Caldwell of Washington high school. This deb with a personality smile, has interests in music and sports.

Rebecca is quite enthusiastic about her future plans in elemen-

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Woman of Year



MRS. LETITIA BROCK
Culture club honors her.

Mrs. Asa Brock Receives Award

Mrs. Letitia Brock was a surprised but happy person when she was recently awarded a cup for the "Woman of the Year." The award was presented to her by the Culture club at the climax of the Association of Colored Women's Clubs convention in the auditorium of Holladay school.

Mrs. Brock is the first woman to receive a cup of this kind from the organization. She received this honor because of her outstanding contributions to the club as well as to the community, according to the committee.

She was resident of the OACW for two consecutive terms, secretary and scholarship chairman. The first scholarship ever to be awarded was done under her leadership.

She has educated all four of her daughters, two of which are teachers. One is a secretary and a fourth is still in college. Because of her fine work, the organization felt her worthy of the cup as an example of excellent leadership. The following words were inscribed on the cup, "Woman of the Year—Mrs. Letitia Brock—1953."

Ruling Sought On Bill Wording From Attorney

A possible setback faced the referendum movement against Oregon's civil rights bill if the attorney general or the state supreme court "corrects an error" in the petition's ballot title.

It has been pointed out to Attorney General Robert Thornton by the Oregon Committee for Equal Rights that his staff made a serious error in writing the ballot title, George Dysart, head of the committee's legal staff, said Wednesday.

Dysart said the committee realizes the mistake is unintentional, but fears that if it is not corrected, prospective signers of the referendum petition will be misled.

Signatures Invalidated

Dysart believes that the "error" will be corrected and that signatures collected up to that point by the referendum movement will have to be invalidated.

The bill, says Dysart, is described as forbidding discrimination "in any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement." Dysart maintains that the bill is specific and that discrimination is not forbidden just "any place."

He quoted from section No. 2 of the bill and said it refers specifically to "... hotel, motel or motor court, or any place offering to the public food or drink for consumption on the premises, or any place offering to the public entertainment, recreation or amusement."

He pointed out that this does not include apartment houses, real estate, barber shops, beauty shops and the like.

Ruling Sought

Dysart said he asked Thornton for a ruling and that Thornton admitted his request presented a serious problem. He added that it may not be in Thornton's power to change the wording of the referendum.

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Action Rewarded



TERRY D. SCHRUNK
"Urban Leaguer of Month"

UL Citation Goes To County Sheriff

Multnomah county Sheriff Terry D. Schrunk was cited "Urban Leaguer of the Month" by the Urban League of Portland's public relations committee in its bi-monthly bulletin, Interracial Progress.

The citation came as a result of Schrunk's quick actions in preventing violence in the Parkrose Heights district recently because of a home purchase in that area by Charles Gragg Portland Negro.

Schrunk instructed plainclothes sheriff's deputies to attend a protest meeting in a downtown real estate office April 29 and kept a group of men under surveillance who had threatened physical action against Gragg and kept watch over the home.

Edwin C. Berry, executive secretary of the Urban league, had this to say of Schrunk: "The Urban league and its 2500 members salute Sheriff Schrunk for his alertness, courage and integrity. This is the type of enlightened law enforcement required in a progressive community. We need enforcement agents who are "color blind," know the law and make no compromise with bigotry. Terry Schrunk fills the bill."

Petitions Hit Civil Rights

Petitions are now out against the Oregon civil rights ordinance passed by the state's 1953 legislators, according to Rev. Elbert D. Riddick, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd and president and chairman of the "Civil Freedom Committee." The Rev. Mr. Riddick and the Civil Rights Committee object to the civil rights bill because it tramples on the "freedom of the individual."

The petitions, about one thousand of them with three signature sheets to each one, were put into circulation Monday. Most of the petitions will be mailed to points throughout the state of Oregon.

According to John F. Reynolds, attorney for the group, the mailing list is composed largely of people holding liquor licenses. Petitions will also be placed in hotels, restaurants and apartment houses.

One Report In

Reynolds said one report had already come in on the petitions. The attorney couldn't remember whether the petition had been placed in a tavern or not, but reported signatures coming in rapidly.

Reynolds feels that the petitions will be filled quickly. He bases this belief on the prompt return of petitions during the drive against the 1950 Portland civil rights ordinance.

The Rev. Mr. Riddick states that none of the letters he has received thus far favoring his move, contain any "rancor or bitterness" against the Negro. "I am sur-

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