

PORTLAND PATTTER

By M. SAWYER

By M. Belle Dunn

Talking about a classy restaurant, or have you already heard—Fraternal Hall—you guessed it. Watch out all eating places, you better take a tip from me and spruce up—now if you don't get it, please go to this restaurant and eat one of its delectable meals, and see the changes that have been made. Added to this great attraction is one of Portland's best waitresses (Irene McCoy), who gives service with a smile, and a grin with a big fat tip.

This restaurant is now under the supervision of Mesdames Coddie Mae Williams and Daisy M. Scruggs.

To all lovers of Bar-B-Q, there is a cozy little place on Ross Ave., where a lovely little lady namely, Mrs. D. M. Jones dishes up some too ready orders.

If any of you Portland people need energy, please call the editor of this paper. He never gets tired—Do you Mr. Faulk?

I'll tell you about another energetic fellow, Stanton Duke. Boy how he gets around! If there would ever be a contest to that effect, I wonder which one would win?

The answer to last weeks question about California's gift to Portland, is none other than Mr. Sidney White.

The heat wave seems to be here for the duration, why don't some local debutante give a cold shower party? Girls, that would be something new and enjoyable too.

When some of you girls are short of an escort for some social affair, don't forget the dear old U.S.O., where plenty lonesome soldiers are willing and ready. These boys are

very nice. Remember all are far from home and sweethearts.

They highly appreciate these favors from the bottom of their hearts. Now don't forget you are supposed to be the women, behind the men—behind the guns—so live up to it.

Jitter-bugs don't forget these dates, Thursday, September 14th—Sweethearts of Rhythm. Monday, September 18th—Tiny Bradshaw.

The Sunday evening Vesper services at the U.S.O. are really on these days. The soldiers and hostesses are really putting over good programs.

To all mothers of school children: Isn't it a grand and glorious feeling to be an early riser?—say 6 a.m.—that's it, be sure and set the alarm clock so little Johnny won't be late. Someday he may be a great man if he has the right start. Remember a good education is essential to his future.

Calling all wives, sweethearts and families of service men. October 15 is the dead line date on which you may send your loved ones their overseas Christmas gifts. Remember they must be in the mail by this date.

U. S. O. NEWS

Friday, Sept. 15—Portland Air Base Dance.

Saturday, Sept. 16—Dance Nite.

Sunday, Sept. 17—7 p. m. Vesper Service

Monday, Sept. 18—Style Show.

Tuesday, Sept 19—Game Nite.

Wednesday, Sept. 20—Meet Our Girls.

Thursday, Sept. 21—Bingo Party.

Friday, Sept. 22—Soldier Talent program.

Saturday, Sept. 23—Dance Nite.

Blue Ration Tokens Expire September 30

The following questions and answers were released by the Office of Price Administration today to explain how and why blue ration tokens will be retired on September 30, 1944.

Q. Why are blue ration tokens being retired?

A. Because, after September 16, they will not be needed as ration change.

Q. Why won't change be needed?

A. Because all processed food point values will be in multiples of ten, such as 10, 20, 30 etc., calling for one, two or three 10-point blue stamps.

Q. How is this possible when, in the past, point values seldom were in multiples of ten?

A. Because the number of processed foods with point values after September 16 will be relatively small, and because fewer container sizes are being used than before.

Q. What should I do with my blue tokens?

A. Use them as quickly as you can. You won't be able to get processed foods with them after September 30.

Q. If I have until September 30 to get rid of them, why should I use them right away?

A. Because between September 17 and September 30, you can use tokens only in multiples of ten. However, until September 16, you can use tokens in odd numbers.

Q. How may I use tokens between September 16 and September 30?

A. Only in units of ten.

Q. What if I don't have ten blue tokens. Will I lose the use of those I have?

A. No. OPA doesn't want anyone to lose points, so it has provided that you may pool fewer than ten tokens with a neighbor so as to make an even ten tokens.

Q. Suppose I buy an item worth 16 points on Saturday night, September 16, and give the grocer two 10-point stamps. Can I use the four blue tokens he gives me as change later?

A. Yes, if you pool them with someone else to make an even ten.

Q. Why can't red, meats-fats tokens be retired, too?

A. We still need red tokens because butchers can't cut meat in even pounds each time they serve you. Cuts of meat can't be standardized like cans of vegetables or fruit.

Q. Have tokens proved their worth?

A. Yes, many times. Grocers by their own estimates say ration tokens have saved them an average of three million dollars a month, chiefly by reducing the paper work required for rationing. Tokens speeded up shopping. In addition, had it not been for tokens, another ration book costing a million and a half dollars would probably have been needed by now. Volunteers



(Courtesy of The Oregonian)

VANPORT—Efforts of the Portland Inquirer aided by members of the Republican Party to register the Negroes of Multnomah County is drawing attention of prominent Oregonians.

Pictured are Mrs. John Y. Richardson, Judge of the District Court, instructing Mrs. Gwendolyn Davis and Mr. Wm. Oakley, both of Vanport, as Ralph H. Faulk, Editor of the Portland Inquirer, looks on.

Inquirer Drive Brings Success

REGISTRATION DRIVE SUCCESSFUL IN GUILDS LAKE LARGER RETURNS EXPECTED IN VANPORT.

The drive by the Portland INQUIRER to get the Negroes of Multnomah County registered is producing results. In the week just passed, over two hundred Negroes in the Guilds Lake area have been registered, with hopes to ten times that many to be directed to the booths before the next week is out.

Starting on Tuesday at Vanport, the supporters of this drive began giving lessons in how to register, which was very necessary. Among those who assisted in this work were Judge Rose Richardson of the District Court, Mrs. Gwendolyn Davis a resident of Vanport, Mr. B. M. Oakley, another interested resident of Vanport and Ralph H. Faulk, editor of the Portland Inquirer. The classes were held twice on last Tuesday and on Wednesday, several residents of Vanport went down to the County Court House and registered.

But the drive did not really get under way until last Friday when James Gleason, Chief Registrar, placed a Registration Trailer at the disposal of the workers when they went to Guilds Lake for an intensive drive (originally scheduled for classes). The workers were augmented on the morning shift by Mrs. Ruth English and Miss Helena Searcie, and Mrs. M. Belle Dunn, both old residents of Portland who went from door to door in Guilds Lake to get the people out to the registration booth. He stayed all Mr. John Huff also of Portland, drove his car to Guilds Lake and carried people from their homes to the booth and back.

Finding that the booth would still be there on Saturday, Mr. Arthur Cox offered the use of his car to assist in bringing people to the registration booth. He stayed all day long on the job and must have brought at least a hundred people to the booth.

All in all, the drive has been very successful and plans were made on Sunday to carry the drive into Vanport, the Guilds Lake drive just being a warm-up for the real drive where there are so many Negroes. Plans for Vanport call for a drive and organization such as has never been seen in these parts before. Mr. and Mrs. Braggs of N.E. 10th Ave. volunteered their time and the use of their car to this worthy cause. The consensus of opinion offered by all those who have volunteered their help is this: "IF THE

have been spared the additional work required to distribute new books and housewives have been spared the trouble of applying for them.

Q. What will become of blue tokens after September 30?

A. They will find their way thru ration banking channels to eight centers where they will be stored.

INQUIRER IS TRYING TO HELP OUR RACE, THEN WE ARE GOING TO HELP THE INQUIRER — "WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?"

The Portland Inquirer is trying to secure the use of a large hall for the first mass meeting of Negroes in Oregon in history; we are also trying to bring to Portland a Negro speaker for this mass meeting. By that time we hope to have over 10,000 registered Negroes so it will be necessary to hold the meeting in the Stadium.

WE ARE PROGRESSING.

CLERICAL EXAMINATIONS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 30.

Examinations for clerk-stenographers, senior clerk-stenographers, clerk-typists, intermediate clerks, senior clerks, telephone operators, statistical clerks, assistant statisticians and case workers are announced for September 30 by the state merit system council. Successful applicants will be eligible for permanent appointments in offices throughout the state for the unemployment compensation commission, public welfare commission, board of health, and in Portland for the crippled children's division of the University of Oregon Medical school.

Detailed information and application forms may be obtained from the merit system council, 616 Mead building, Portland. Forms must be returned by September 18. Examinations will be held in central locations throughout the state.

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Prominent Negro Women Quits Democratic Party

PHILADELPHIA — Mrs. Crystal Bird Fauset, who was Special Consultant on Negro Affairs with the Office of Civilian Defense in Washington under Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt as part of her nine years association with the Democratic Party, joined the Republicans in the drive to elect Governor Thomas E. Dewey as President of the United States.

Just before the Democratic National Convention, President Roosevelt invited Mrs. Fauset to the White House for a conference about the same time he invited Congressman William L. Dawson.

Without commenting on her visit with the President, Mrs. Fauset, a resident of this city, said: "I have always been interested in gaining recognition for Negroes in American life, and I shall always support men and women for public office who show by their action that they will give Negroes the recognition due them."

Mrs. Fauset was on the platform at Convention Hall Thursday night when Governor Dewey opened his campaign with a speech in which he branded the Democratic Party as one that is afraid to face the future, as one that has lost faith in itself and in America.

At the conclusion of the Governor's speech, Mrs. Fauset rushed up and congratulated him. She said she was delighted to find a man who could sit down and confer with the Negro leadership of this country on their problems. She grabbed his hand, and, shaking it firmly, pledged to work for his election.

The switch of Mrs. Fauset from the New Deal to the G. O. P. came as a complete surprise. In the early days of the Roosevelt Administration she was one of the "Black Cabinet," which started breaking up with the resignation of Judge William H. Hastie from his post as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War in protest against the failure of the War Department to take concrete steps to stop the mistreatment of Negro men and women in the armed services.

Mrs. Fauset is one of the best known, as well as one of the most influential Negro women in American Pennsylvania Legislature, being the first Negro woman to hold that office. She is a national leader in Negro affairs, and is widely known throughout the country as a liberal. During the time she was associated with the New Deal, she was State WPA Director for Negro activities in Pennsylvania.

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