

PORTLAND OBSERVER

Religion in the News

Highland United Church of Christ honors pastor

Highland United Church of Christ held an appreciation service for its pastor, Reverend Samuel Johnson, on Sunday, May 7th. Reverend Johnson is the Social Action Director for the Albina Ministerial Alliance and the former director of Highland Community Center.

Among the community programs initiated by Reverend Johnson, or on which he worked in their early stages of development, are: C-CAP; Albina Youth Opportunity School; Highland Community Center; Highland Enterprises (training and employment for the unskilled); Highland Adult Literacy Project; Highland Improvement Corporation (low cost housing); Yarn Youth Care Centers; Sea Scout Ship #626; the Albina Citizens War on Poverty and LIFE Center.

The pastor of an integrated church, Reverend Johnson has been active in forming interracial discussion groups and exchanges.

Perhaps the most difficult and rewarding endeavors Reverend Johnson has had is counseling young people. Reverend Johnson has interceded for



Pictured together are (left) Reverend T.N. Noffa and (right) Reverend Samuel Johnson. Reverend Noffa, along with Ira Mumford, served as Master of Ceremonies.



Highland United Church of Christ overflowed with well-wishers who came to express their appreciation to Reverend Johnson. Above, The Golden Eagles provide a musical selection.

young men and had them committed to him on parole from the juvenile court and the jails. He has found them employment, training and housing. It was their involvement that led to the founding of Alfred Yarn Youth Care Centers, which are residential centers for delinquent and pre-delinquent young people.

Among the participants in the program, which was attended by approximately 250

persons, were: Reverend A. Wilson, Mrs. Ella Powell, Mrs. E. Elliott, Mrs. M. West, Reverend E. Rand, Reverend John Jackson, Mrs. Betty Thompson, Joe Wilson, Mrs. E.L. James and L. Perrygood. Music was provided by The Golden Eagles, the Williams Temple Choir and Norman Woodridge and Lorraine Wilder. The Masters of Ceremony were Ira Mumford and Reverend T.N. Noffa.

Obituary



Mrs. Jessie Henson
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Funeral services were held Monday for Mrs. Merline J. Stringer of 116 N.E. Morris. She passed away of cancer, May 2, 1972, at Bess Kaiser Hospital.

Born in Oleta, Kansas, June 19, 1935, Mrs. Stringer moved to Portland the same year and has been a resident ever since. Prior to July, 1971, Mrs. Stringer worked for many years as a supervisor in the dietary department of Good Samaritan Hospital of Portland. She was forced to retire because of ill health. She was a member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

Mrs. Stringer is survived by her husband, Willie L. Stringer of Portland; two children, Jaquetter and Antonio of Portland; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Smith of Port-

land; five brothers, Floyd E. Smith, Jr., Irvin Dale Smith, William O. Smith, Gary L. Smith, all of Portland, and Albert H. Smith of Norfolk, Virginia; three sisters, Nicene Tillery, Maxine Slaughter, Priscilla Gregory, all of Portland; and several nieces and nephews.

The service was officiated by Reverend Jackson at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. Burial took place at Willamette National Cemetery.

Banquet scheduled

The Rose City Ministers Wives Council cordially invites you to their first scholarship banquet to be held at the A. M. E. Zion Church, Vancouver at Skidmore, Friday, May 12, 7:30 p.m. Donation, \$2.50.

ALADDIN'S LAMP IN YOUR LIVING ROOM! Television is more like a genie in a bottle (picture-tube); it is a mixed blessing. It creates and destroys.

God inspired the mind of Edison to invent the electric bulb. Stubbiefield in Kentucky, Marconi in Italy invented the radio as a spin-off from Edison's invention. Lee De Forest and others contrived a new creation, Television, with inspiration from God. These were invented primarily to do the work of God in the world, but men quickly perverted radio and television for entertainment and pleasure.

These inventions also are utilized to some small degree to teach science, language and other educational subjects. Television has cast off the moorings of man's imagination as nothing else in the world's history has done. Television provides us with instant replays of decisive plays in great sports events seen by millions. More millions of people in all parts of the world saw via television the first man to step out onto the moon than had seen any one man-made event in the history of the world. Today we con-

stantly view the instant replay of crucial events of history as it is being made.

One man, standing at virtually any place upon the globe can speak and he can be seen clearly, and every inflection of his voice is heard in all other parts of the sphere. Great spiritual dramas can be, and sometimes are seen which help to wake up the consciences and consciousness of men to their divine spiritual duties in the world. One day Christ will speak to mankind via Television and command nations that will not hear Him in their hearts.

Television commercials, while serving useful purposes in arousing public conscience over vital issues such as high prices, pollution, and charitable causes often serve evil passions. It serves a great purpose in educating the public on vital issues. Yet television is a mind-boggling time-waster.

Commercials also made people conscious and sensitive about matters of which our forefathers knew nothing. They made people conscious of aches and pains, or queasy stomachs, hair on the legs, and bad breath which seldom bothered former generations.

Commercials cause people to anticipate, and thus become susceptible to headaches and arthritic pains for which they have the instant remedy in Excedrin, Vaginal or some other magical name. Some of the gruesome things they show and their noise sometimes cause upset stomachs for which they readily supply Rollaks or Alka-Seltzer.

Aladdin steps in sometimes and gives a shrewd contestant sixty-four thousand dollars; or a twenty thousand dollar home; or a hundred dollars a week for life. New automobiles, refrigerators, modern ranges and washer-dryers are given away by the dozens.

Says Robert MacNeil, "Sooner or later, a major office" (does he mean president?) "is going to be filled by some computer-primed and wealthy nonentity put over by television commercials as a national savior."

Learn Yoga

You can learn more about Yoga at a special evening workshop Thursday, May 18th at the Beaverton High School Gym. Members of the Ananda Marga Yoga Society will present a lecture/demonstration to illustrate basic yoga principles. It's free and open to the public... come and bring a friend! Sponsored by Portland Community College, call 244-6111 for more information.

ALLEN TEMPLE CME CHURCH

Corner of 8th Ave and Skidmore
S.S. 9:30 A.M. Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M.
Christian Youth Fellowship 6:00 P.M.
(2nd and Fourth Sundays)
Rev. Thomas Strayhand, Minister



The Mount Olivet Baptist Church

Rev. John H. Jackson
Minister
N.E. First and Schuyler
Portland, Ore.
Phone 284-1954
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Vesper 5 p.m.

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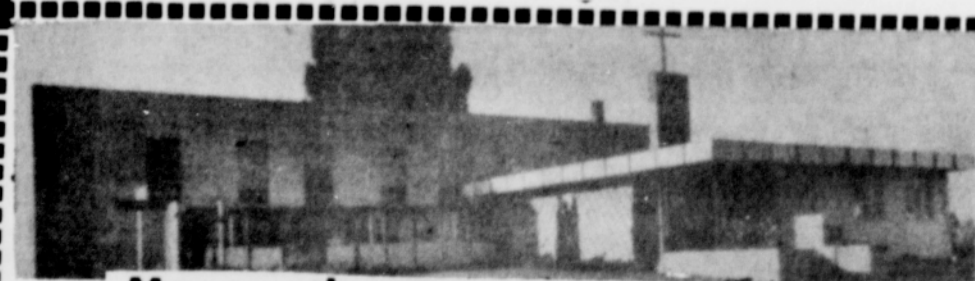


5828 N.E. 8th
A. Lee Henderson, Minister 288-5429

Ellis Casson, Associate Minister

Church School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Wed. Noon - One Hour of Power 12:00 noon
Wed. Prayer & Class Meeting 7:30 pm
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1222 N. E. SKIDMORE

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