

PORTLAND OBSERVER

world of women



Rachel Kimboko, second grader at Oregon Episcopal Schools, uses all of her might to blow up a balloon at a party recently given at the school. Rachel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andre Kimboko and lives in Beaverton. (Photo: Brian Sylvester)

Black teachers serve children

by Dave Loew

Jessie Mae Johnson first came to work for the Volunteers of America in 1942 as a part-time teacher, with 12 years of previous elementary teaching experience in Mississippi. In 1953 she was promoted from full-time teacher to supervisor of the entire Day Nursery and Kindergarten operation, heading a staff of 10 people. She is still there today, at 234 S.E. 7th, and as dedicated as ever to seeing to it that the children in her care (60 to 70 on the average) are given good meals, love, naps and outlets for their energies.

Daisy Mae Dickson was hired by Mrs. Johnson in 1945 and is going on her 27th year at the Day Nursery. Mrs. Dickson started as a teacher's aide, got more education, and then became a full-time accredited teacher. She is in charge of the program for the four-year-olds.

An interesting note on Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Dickson is that they knew each other in Meridian, Mississippi where they were raised -- and met again here in Portland at the same church they were each attending. Mrs. Dickson's love and dedication to children are illustrated in the three children she raised after a daughter died at an early age.

Mrs. Johnson has some strong feelings, after all these years of experience, on raising children. She says that "children must not feel that the world is against them alone. They must learn to give something of them-

selves."

Before putting your child to bed for the night, Mrs. Johnson recommends making sure the child has had a good dinner, some loving attention such as a bedtime story, and perhaps a nice bath. "Most important," Mrs. Johnson emphasizes, "is that children need to feel the special warmth that comes from knowing someone really cares about them."

The children at the VOA Day Nursery and Kindergarten (which includes eight full-time teachers, aides and a registered nurse on the staff) are fed a hot breakfast and lunch each day and are taught to take care of their personal appearance, tie shoes, etc. They are also taught table manners and learn creative things in class. Outside, behind the facility, is a large playground complete with slide, swings and other playground equipment. The children also have a merry-go-round there, while the staff is kept on its own merry-go-round supervising and instructing the children. The best part is the staff members love their work. And when working with children, Mrs. Johnson will tell you, there is nothing more important than love.

The VOA Day Nursery and Kindergarten operates from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. five days per week. Children from 2-1/2 to 6 years are grouped by both age and interests.

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Cure Guaranteed?

Gerald was a born skeptic. When a doctor suggested surgery for the stiffness in his left arm, Gerald demanded a flat guarantee of good results. The doctor, confident of success, gave the guarantee.

But the operation, through no one's fault, turned out to be a failure. Gerald duly sued the doctor on grounds of "breach of contract." And, even though the doctor had done nothing wrong medically, the court ruled that Gerald had a good case.

A doctor, like an engineer or a carpenter, can make a legally binding guarantee if he is so inclined.

Nevertheless, since medicine is not an exact science, this seldom happens. Courts point out that doctors often do—and should—give "therapeutic reassurance" to their patients without intending to make a positive guarantee.

"The doctor's reassurance that his patient will be all right," said one court, "must not be converted into a binding promise by the disappointed or the quarrelsome."

In another case, a doctor remarked to his patient that a certain treatment would "make a new man out of you." When the treatment was tried with less than complete success, this patient too claimed damages for breach of contract.

But the court found no basis for liability. The judge said no reasonable patient would read into the doctor's comment a positive assurance that he would indeed become a new man.

A special problem has arisen in connection with sterilization procedures that fail to prevent the later conception and birth of a child. Even assuming that the doctor has given a firm guarantee, has the patient actually suffered any harm by having a baby?

Some courts have simply recoiled at the idea that a baby is a liability—at least, if mother and child are healthy. Denying one such claim, a judge said:

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JOYCE MARIE ABRAHAM

Mothers credited

In a recent study, a group of 75 female lawyers, architects and physicians perceived their mothers as the parent who motivated their interest in pursuing careers as professionals.

Preliminary results of the study, conducted in the Washington, D. C. area, were reported by scientists from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development at a meeting of the American Psychological Association.

According to the investigators, the women felt that their mothers were every bit as bright, competent and ambitious as their fathers, but were unfulfilled in their expression of these qualities. They also felt that their parents had placed more value on their academic achievement than on moral, social and physical characteristics.

Portland girl flies

Miss Joyce Marie Abraham, daughter of Albert Abraham, Jr., 4203 N. Vancouver Avenue, and Mrs. Beulah M. Huntington, 2626 N. Willis Blvd., has become a United Airlines stewardess.

Following completion of her training at the company's stewardess school near Chicago, Illinois, she now flies

aboard aircraft out of Chicago.

In becoming a stewardess she has entered a profession pioneered by United in May, 1930.

Miss Abraham is a graduate of Grant High School and attended Portland State University prior to serving aloft.

When winter comes

Before the nights become uncomfortably cool in autumn you should consider lifting your favorite plants from the garden and repotting them to return to the house for winter. Caution is advised however, because U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists say if they are diseased or infested

with insects—do not return them to the house.

Some plants are difficult to lift and prepare for winter growth indoors. Don't bother to fix geraniums, lantana, and fuchsias — it's better to raise new plants from summer cuttings than to try to repot, in some cases.

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