

Entertainment Guide

by Allen Jones

Entertainment Ratings
Fair*Good**Excellent***



James Lee receives special award from NAACP Northwest Area President Arlington Carter. Gloster B. Current (left) and Portland Branch President Ellis Casson.

NAACP leader visits Portland

Gloster B. Current, Director of Branches from New York City, spoke Sunday before a crowded meeting of the local branch NAACP.

Current said, "at the present time, racial relations in our country are at a standstill and, in fact, may be slipping in terms of what the presidential candidates are saying or not saying."

He criticized presidential candidate Jimmy Carter for stating that government should not interfere with the "ethnic purity" of neighborhoods and characterized President Ford and his Republican opponent, Ronald Reagan, as "Tweedledee and Tweedledum on economic issues."

The meeting was attended by Mayor Neil Goldschmidt, Keith Burns, executive assistant to Governor Bob Straub; and Northwest area President Arlington W. Carter, Jr., who presented a "special" plaque to James Lee for his faithfulness to the Area Conference by serving as Vice-President for fifteen years.

Lee was moved to tears when Carter said that Lee had personally helped retain a Portland place among the top three NAACP branches in the Region.



Gloster B. Current speaks to NAACP meeting.



HELL AND HIGH WATER ***

As I have mentioned before, Fred's Place is really picking up, as far as entertainment is concerned. For example: I went to Fred's the other night to check on ticket sales with Liz, one of the attractive barmaids employed there. As I walked in (around 9:15 p.m.) the band started to play. They got into tunes like: "Disco Lady," "Can We Pretend," (a Bill Withers composition) "Loving You Is Mellow," and many others. Frankly I haven't heard any local group who can compare to their polished performance.

They are originally from Las Vegas and stopped in at Fred's for a week. Then on to Frisco and L.A. These six gentlemen of soul seem to have it all together. The only regret is that they couldn't have stayed a couple more weeks, so more of you could have checked them out. Hell and High Water, is one of those groups you never get tired of listening to. Although Liz had only sold a few tickets, I still felt the two hours I was there were well spent. Hell and High Water was out-of-sight!!

ALBINA LIONS - "UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY" ***

When I presented the idea of an Annual Fashion Show and Dance to the Lion membership three years ago, it was extremely well received by the members, and as we later found out, also by the community. "Lions International" is around the world, our purpose is to "serve". We sponsored community causes that we deem necessary in strengthening our neighborhoods. We are the strongest supporters of: Sight Foundation of Oregon, Christmas Basket and a number of other community projects.

Our Third Annual Fashion Show and Dance this past Friday night at the Hilton Hotel was a social and monetary success.

The only reason we got a late start, was because we were waiting for more people to arrive. As far as I know, our club is the only club around to give "Community Service Awards". This year the recipients were: Neil Goldschmidt, Harry Glickman, Grayce Baldwin, Charles Jordan and Lion Charles "Chick" Rawlins, who received the First Walter Ricks Memorial Award for "Outstanding Support to his Community and Lionism."

"Reflections to Fashions" was the theme for the fashion show. Coordinator LaVerne E. Davis is to be applauded for the hours she spent in lining up some "nineteen" models for the show. LaVerne also coordinated our show last year at the Thunderbird. The clothes were beautiful and so were the people who were there. Some of the people thought the show was too long, but it only lasted one hour and ten minutes. Look at it this way, perhaps the shows you've seen in the past were - too short. If there was any disappointing thing about the entire evening it was the band. When I heard them a couple of months ago at the Town Hall, George Rankins and I agreed they would be ideal for our affair. Since that time, however, "three" members of the group were replaced and we did not know about it until the night of the show. They were alright, but the original band was better.

On behalf of the Albina Lions, I would like to thank everyone who came out to support our Third Annual Fashion Show and Dance. Until next year!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ENTERTAINMENT

May 8th - Paramount presents - George Benson and Ron Carter.
May 16th - Paramount presents - Count Basie (don't miss him).
May 26th - Paramount presents - Neil Sedaka.

CHECK IT OUT

This week's column is dedicated to the following people who gave unselfishly of their time and energy to the Lions Third Annual Fashion Show and Dance. LaVerne E. Davis, Lonnie Bates, George Tribble, Charles Rawlins and George Rankins. Thanks gang, you're the greatest!!!

OES offers summer school

A new summer program for children ages four through seven will be offered by Oregon Episcopal School beginning

June 9th and running through August 27th. The program will be organized in six two-week periods, and will provide full and half-day sessions. Full-day sessions will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Half-day sessions can be arranged for either morning or afternoon.

For further information, contact The Beginning School, Oregon Episcopal School, 6300 S.W. Nicol Road, Portland, 97223, 246-7775. To be sure of a place, applications must be in by May 21st.

China

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China and the U.S. are already moving in concert in the global arena. As the Russians leave Egypt, the Chinese and Americans are moving in. In Angola, both the Americans and Chinese were on the losing side, but one may expect more contests with the Russians to come elsewhere.

As hopes for the SALT talks and U.S.-Russia detente fade, the next big foreign policy move to watch may be the delivery of U.S. surface-to-air missiles to China, where they would be aimed at Soviet planes. Events puzzling to Westerners - such as Teng's purging and Nixon's invitation to Peking - may become clearer in that light.

[David Milton, who taught at Peking's First Foreign Language Institute from 1964-69, is one of a handful of American China scholars with the knowledge of Chinese political life to grasp the critical issues behind the current political turmoil there. Milton, who now teaches sociology at University of California-Berkeley, is the co-author of "People's China" (Random House, 1975), and co-author with Nancy Milton of "The Wind Will Not Subside: Years in Revolutionary China 1964-69." (Pantheon, 1976).

Club tea great success

More than 200 persons attended the Oregon Association of Colored Women's Clubs 64th Annual Scholarship and Benefit Tea, Sunday, April 25, 1976. The Tea, held at St. Andrews Community Center, 4940 N.E. 8th, had as its Theme: "Bicentennial Past - Present - Future." "The Past" was presented by Exhibits featuring 100 year old quilts and art pieces, club history displays, trophies, Annual Meeting Programs and items from National and Regional Meetings of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs. Mrs. Marie Smith and Mrs. Mable Neal co-chaired the displays.

"The Present," in form of the actual tea setting, featured three tables - red, white and blue, each bearing Bicentennial floral arrangements, silver appointments and especially decorated cakes and refreshments; arranged by Mrs. Gustavia Bonner, General Chairman.

"The Future" was the Program Presentation featuring youth and young adults as our leadership of tomorrow. Presenting an outstanding program were: "The Rosebuds" of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Mrs. Fannie Smith Youth Director; The "Jack and Jill Chamber Ensemble," Jack and Jill of America, Portland Chapter, Mr. Billy Dawson and Miss Renee Dawson; Poem, "Let America be America" by Miss Nina Lowe; Instrumental Solo - Cole Porter Medley, Mr. Scott Harris, Teacher Clackamas County Educational District; and musical renditions, "4-H Chorale Ensemble," Mr. Ira Mumford, Director. Incidental music during the afternoon was furnished by Ms. Kathi Harvey, Mr. John Paris and Mrs. Etoile Cox, Mistress of Ceremonies.

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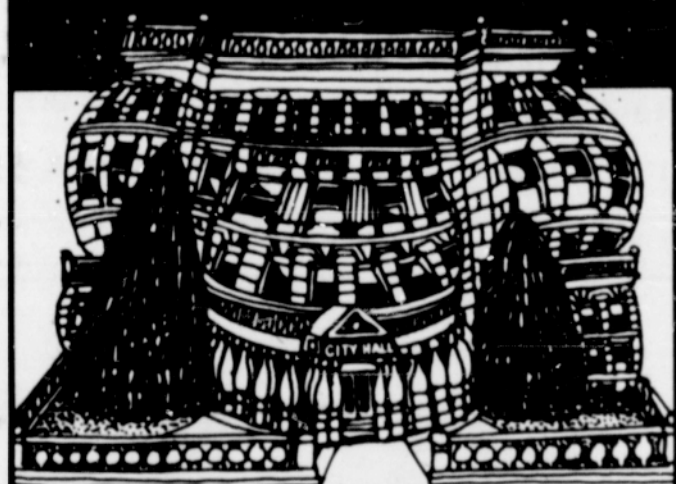
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