

Rose Festival Memories

by Kathryn H. Bogle

"Booker T. Washington's First School" was the title of the first "Colored" float ever to be entered in the early days of the floral parades of the Portland Rose Festival.

The children of Bethel A.M.E. Church portrayed the students of the school and Bethel's Sunday School teachers just added parade responsibilities to their accustomed roles. The little frame building depicting the school was constructed on a flat bed truck by the men of Bethel under the direction of our minister, Reverend J. Logan Crow.

Whole families of the general congregation worked all through the night covering the little schoolhouse with thousands of roses they had gathered from gardens throughout the city. Friends brought sandwiches and cake and coffee with fresh supplies arriving to cheer and delight the workers all through the night until daylight came and the work was finished.

At parade time the float and participants were ready. Teachers assigned places to sit and we children climbed on and were given little pink and blue scrim umbrellas (from Meier and Frank) to ward off the hot rays of the sun. Excitement was high. A parade courier signaled expectantly for the float to move into its assigned position. Nothing happened. We didn't move. The truck was obstinate. Silent tension gripped us all. All of us watched the man cranking the truck as he cranked again and again. Still no movement from the motor. Then the cranking grew frantic as three or four men in turn nudged each other aside to try a hand at the crank. Finally with much coughing and shuddering the motor began to work and the float, and we, moved into position. And we all breathed again. Periodically, during the length of the parade, the motor floundered, but someone walked beside us to crank when necessary and we were never stilled very long.

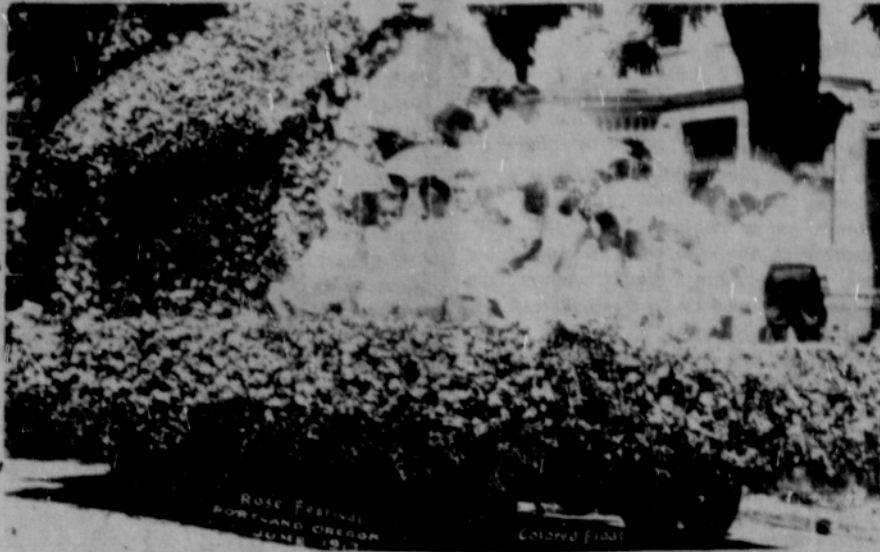
Applause was generous as we passed through the streets. Our school title, however, was made of roses and they had long since wilted. By judging time the title could not be read at all. Those roses had been the first to be put proudly into place by the neophyte decorators when they started decorating the float the evening before . . .

A flower bedecked float in a later year was entered by Dr. Robert Merriman who covered his automobile with roses. He acted as driver for the occasion and invited daughters of his friends to join him. Dr. Merriman, a civic-minded family doctor, the second Black physician to practice in Portland, had his offices at Fifth and Washington Streets. He and his wife lived in Alberta at the head of 15th Street near Going Street until about 1921.

. . . The "Lady Elks" had a snappy drill team and made more than one parade appearance in the Rose parades of the "Roaring Twenties." Brother Elks also marched in parade dress near the "Daughters."

Little Delores Caldwell Leggroan was a popular choice for majorette in the late twenties when she was selected to lead a children's marching band. Bandmaster duties were shared by Bert and Ethel Turner of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

from "Family Album - Northwest"



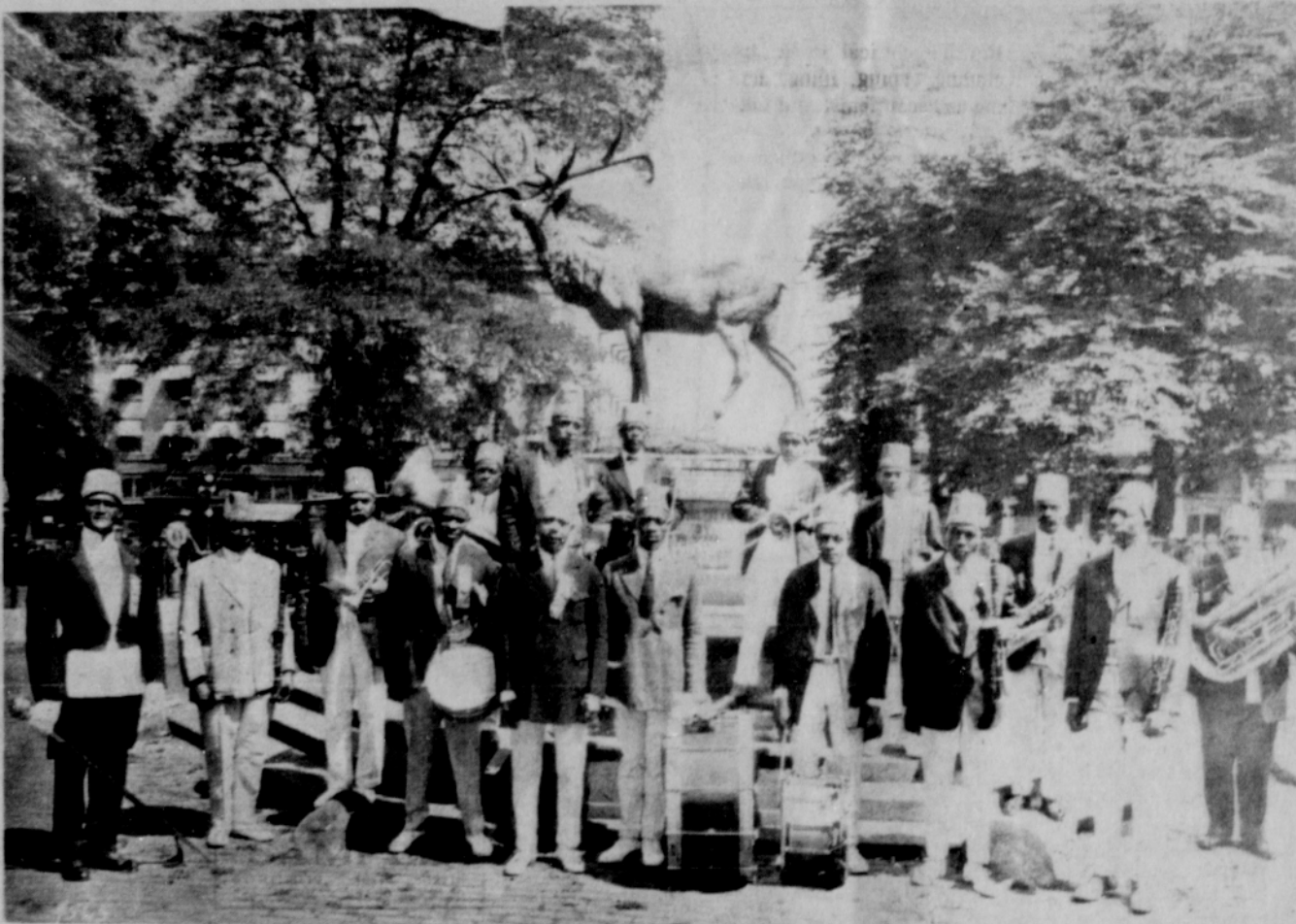
"Booker T. Washington's First School" - 1913 - children: Garner Grayson, Jr., Othelda Nichols (Odell), Ann Morrison, Chlotilde Curry (Woodward), Kathryn Golden Hall (Bogle), Leah Jackson (Land), Nellie Constance Allen (Beatty), Margaret Hill, Stanley Coge, William Duncan Allen, Jr. Teachers: Lillian Hall Baker, Mable Beid, Edith Grey. [From Bogle Family Collection]



"Lady Elks Marching Team" - participated in the 1927 Rose Festival Parade. [From Morrison Family Collection]



Majorette Delores Caldwell Leggroan was selected to lead the children's marching band. [From Caldwell Family Collection]



"Brother Elks" marched in the 1927 Rose Festival Parade. [From Morrison Family Collection]

Invitation to Bid

CITY OF MILWAUKIE
CLACKAMAS COUNTY, OREGON
WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Milwaukie, Clackamas County, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for the installation of 2,236 lineal feet of 6-inch ductile iron water mains, 1,624 lineal feet of 3/4-inch copper services, 9 fire hydrants, and miscellaneous fittings.

The construction site for this project is in the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, on S.E. 22nd Avenue, S.E. River Road, S.E. Bluebird Street, S.E. Wren Street, and S.E. Sparrow Street.

Bids will be received at the office of the Public Works Director, City Hall, 10722 S.E. Main Street, Milwaukie, Oregon 97222, until 2:00 p.m. June 16, 1978 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

Each bid shall be in accordance with the Plans and Specifications and other Contract Drawings now on file at the office of the Public Works Director, City of Milwaukie, 10722 S.E. Main St., Milwaukie, Oregon 97222. Copies may be purchased for a nonrefundable fee of \$10.00 at the office of the Public Works Director, Milwaukie, Oregon.

Bidders and/or Contractors are notified to examine thoroughly the Bid Instruction, Proposal, the form of the Contract and the Plans and Specifications. If there be any doubt or obscurity as to the meaning of same, intending Bidders or Contractors should ask the Engineers for an explanation before submitting their Proposal.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond made payable to the City of Milwaukie in an amount not less than Five Percent (5%) of the amount of the bid.

The City of Milwaukie reserves the right to reject any and all bids or waive any informalities in the bidding.

The City of Milwaukie reserves the right to determine which bid or Bidder is the best and most satisfactory Bidder.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the day of bid opening.

All work will be subject to the prevailing wage rates established by the U.S. Department of Labor, the Equal Employment Opportunity requirements, and the 10 percent Minority Business Enterprise requirements.

By Order of:
The City Council
Milwaukie, Oregon

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of Portland at 1605 NE 45th, Portland, OR. 97213, until 2 p.m., PDST, Friday, July 7, 1978, for the construction of 15 duplexes and a recreation room, to be located at the Eliot site, NE Russell and NE Rodney, Portland, Oregon.

Bids will be opened publicly at the above-stated time and place and read aloud. Bidders and others properly interested are invited to be present at the bid opening.

Drawings and specifications may be examined at offices of the Portland Builders Exchange Co-op, Northwest Plan Center, Dodge/Scan, United Minority Workers, Construction Data Plan Center and the Owner. Prime bidders who are prequalified with the Housing Authority in accordance with ORS 279 may obtain 2 sets at the Owner's office upon deposit of \$50 for each set. Subbidders and suppliers may obtain sets or parts of sets, and prime bidders additional sets, by paying the cost of reproduction which is non-refundable.

Full refund of deposits will be made to prime bidders upon return of the documents in good condition not later than 7 days after bids are received.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PORTLAND
By Lyndon R. Musolf
Executive Director

The Housing Authority of Portland will accept sealed bids at 1605 N.E. 45th Ave., Portland, Oregon until 2:00 PM June 20, 1978 (PDT) for the following:

328 Williams counter flow wall furnaces Model #465FA (or approved equal) natural gas furnaces 65,000 BTU input as manufactured by Williams Furnace Company, Beuna Park, Calif. (To include double wall type B gas venting material to complete installation.)

328 Williams side outlet package assy. #7A-26A (or approved equal) manufactured to fit: Model #465 for side venting.

72 Williams sealed combustion Model #650 DVF (or approved equal) natural gas 65,000 BTU input, with vent hood cap assy. as manufactured by Williams Furnace Company, Beuna Park, Calif.

Specifications and bid forms available at the Housing Authority Maintenance Dept., 8910 N. Woolsey Avenue, Portland, OR. 97203, or call Mr. Richard Jones (503) 249-5555.

Obituaries

Arvell W. (Si) Denton, a self-employed contractor and carpenter, died in a local nursing home Monday, June 5th.

Denton was born at Hartville, Missouri June 23, 1903. He has been a resident of Portland for 45 years. He was 33rd Prince Hall Mason and Past Grand Master. He also was the Past Exalted Ruler of the Elk's Billy Webb Lodge #1050, and a member of the Brother of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local #226.

Funeral will be held Saturday, June 10th at Bethel A.M.E. Church. Interment is at Rose City Cemetery.

He is survived by four brothers: Guther, Millard, William and Albert; and two sisters: Marjorie Thompson and



Elvodean Manier. The family suggests remembrances be contributions to the American Cancer Society.

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KGAR 1550 11:30 am-12:30 pm	Friday:	
YPBC 6:30 pm	"The Pastor Speaks" 7:30 pm	
Evangelistic Worship 8:00 pm		
Tuesday-Friday Noon Day Prayer	84 NE Killingsworth 281-0499	