

"Aunt Polly" celebrates birthday

by Kathryn H. Bogle

Belated birthday greetings for an August birthday are still flowing in to Mrs. Pollyanna Reed at her N.E. Portland residence. Bright cards and flowers for remembrance of the natal day surround "Aunt Polly" (as many of her friends address her).

The actual day, August 19th, fell on a Sunday and the Reverend Father Griffin and the Reverend Father Coleman arranged for three pews in St. Andrews Catholic Church to be set aside in Mrs. Reed's honor. Her special friends would be attending the special mass to be celebrated that day. Among those in attendance were several members of the Wilson C. Walker family with Mrs. Walker's mother, Mrs. Flora Parrish, Alma Tuggle, Mrs. Fay Austin, Leola Mosely and Marcelene Burger were also present. Mrs. Cyvira Woods brought flowers, Mrs. Sam Jackson and her daughter, Mrs. Essie Jackson, brought a generous sized birthday cake for the celebration which followed at Aunt Polly's home.

A long time resident of Portland, Pollyanna Glayze came to Portland over 50 years ago from Hot Springs, Arkansas to wed a college friend, Willis Reed, whom she had known at Langston University in Oklahoma. The pair was married at Bethel A.M.E. Church in 1926, and made their home afterwards on Cherry Street, until Mr. Reed's death in 1948.

"Progress" and modernization in the city and its environs took their house, Cherry Street, the neighborhood, and obliterated it all, scattering the people like leaves in a fall wind.

Mrs. Reed, having never worked outside her home since her marriage, surveyed her situation and after finding a suitable dwelling for herself, decided to take on a position which had been offered to her.

With a love for people evidenced in her life, Mrs. Reed had been a high school teacher in Boley, Oklahoma before her marriage. In Portland, she had busied herself with civic organizations and was a charter member of the Portland Urban League, a member of the NAACP chapter, and was a charter member and a past president of the Literary Research Club. Her active club life also included a stint as president of the Oregon Association of Colored Womens Clubs.



Pollyanna Reed and young charges at Providence Day Nursery in the 50's.



MRS. POLLYANNA REED

Looking at Mrs. Reed's leadership qualities, the Reverend Father Jerome M. Schmitz and Charles Royer, an active layman of the Catholic Church, invited Mrs. Reed's interest in the establishment of a day nursery in the area. So it was that Mrs. Reed became the first Superintendent of the Blessed Martin Day Nursery, situated at that time on N.E. Broadway. She worked for several years there, building and expanding the program.

Later, Mrs. Reed moved to Providence Day Nursery soon after its opening on the campus of Providence Hospital. Mother Mary Mildred, director of the Providence Day Nursery, worked with Mrs. Reed for over six years in this thriving program.

From Providence Day Nursery, Mrs. Reed moved to "The Hill," as a member of a team of medical personnel at the University of Oregon Medical School, working in a Child Development project. Mrs. Reed's specific work was as a Medical Interviewer in the pre-natal portion of the project. From this position Mrs. Reed retired from the work-a-day world.

Her zest for life undiminished.

"Aunt Polly" is pleased that friends she made during each segment of her active public life have not forgotten her, and she looks fondly at a particular greeting from the Literary Research Club, whose members remind her each birthday that they treasure her faithful association with them.

Contact with the Reverend Father Jerome M. Schmitz has been kept current with warm friendly visits between them, although now Father Schmitz's parish is in Molalla.

Making the day truly memorable for Aunt Polly this year was a visitor, Mrs. Olive Tanaka. Mrs. Tanaka is a member of the Tanaka family who operated the "Williams Avenue Grocery" in that vanished neighborhood of Cherry Street and Williams Avenue of so long ago. The Tanakas' kept not only favorite Oriental grocery selections but also the standby menu items of mustard greens and fresh green beans, and all for their neighborhood customers' tastes.

Over a delicious meal Mrs. Tanaka had prepared and brought with her to Aunt Polly, the two friends reviewed old memories for each other. That's what makes a birthday happy!

Happy Birthday, Pollyanna!

PCC sets dance classes

Do you want to dance? If so, then Portland Community College's North Portland locations are the place to be this fall. Classes in disco, dance exercise, and Mid-Eastern belly dancing will be available for those who like to live a little bit while they get their exercise.

If you feel it's time you got back into shape, but dancing isn't your style, then perhaps sailing, swimming, self-defense, tai-chi or volleyball will suit you better. They're all available at three North Portland sites: Roosevelt and Jefferson high schools and at PCC's Cascade Center. In addition to these centers, classes will be offered at a variety of off-campus locations including Peninsula Park, the Salvation Army Swimming Pool and Neil Kelly Company, where home remodeling classes will be held.

If you feel you need to brush up on your business skills, or learn a new one, then a class in marketing retail merchandise, multi-level typing or a workshop on starting your own business may be just what you want.

If you would like to try your hand at arts and crafts then perhaps a course in furniture refinishing, home remodeling, calligraphy or stained glass making is for you.

Are you planning a vacation in Europe this year? If you are then you will want to look into the various foreign languages being offered this term. Included are beginning conversational Spanish, Swedish and Finnish as well as Spanish for Social Service Personnel.

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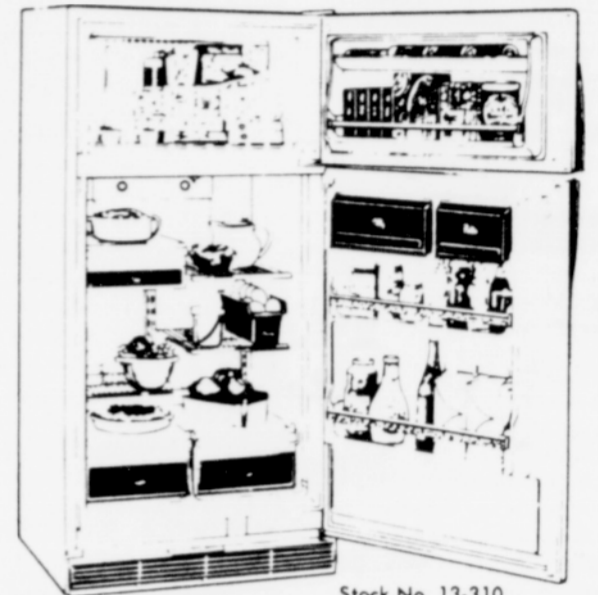
The Oregon Heart Association will sponsor a conference on family nutrition on Tuesday, September 18th. Featured speaker is Dr. Fred Stare, Nutrition Department, Harvard University. Dr. Stare, one of the world's most renowned nutri-

tionists, is the author of *Panic in the Pantry and Food and Your Health*. Also speaking will be the 16-year-old tennis star, Tracy Austin and entertainer Bill Cosby.

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