

OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES

By Kathryn H. Bogle

The month of May comes in with a basket overflowing with treats for Black Portlanders. Luncheons and dinners abound, with the real plums being the distinguished Black speakers gathered by smart (and lucky) committees to share, first hand, their thoughts and views with us concerning the national and international scene.

Dr. William Little, director of Portland State University's Black Studies Department, planned with Charles Flake of the Black Student Union and the Black Cultural Affairs Board to present the George Washington Bush Lecture Series set to begin May 5 and to run through Saturday, May 10 at the University.

Stellar speakers: Sam Smith, Seattle City Councilman, will open the series; Gladys McCoy, Multnomah County Commissioner will be featured on May 6; Portland City Commissioner Charles Jordan will be Wednesday's principal speaker; Kwame Toure (known formerly as Stokeley Carmichael) will bring his updated message to the public on Thursday; Dr. Little, on Friday May 9, will make the concluding lecture and will also present Saturday's program of films and group discussion to complete the interesting week's series.

Mayor Connie McCreedy is to address the Portland Metropolitan Club at their May 9, 12-noon luncheon meeting at the Bourbon Street Restaurant. "The roster of this young club of professional people has hit 51 and is growing fast. By-laws have been formalized and committees are busy formulating community service projects," so states Dr. E. Ogboubiri, acting president.

Metropolitan Club interests are expected to include: political, educational, economic, and social-cultural activities and exchange, according to Dr. Ogboubiri. He invites, on behalf of the Metropolitan Club, all members and welcomes



1940 CENSUS TAKERS

guests to the May 9 meeting and no-host luncheon.

Out of Mrs Ruth Haefner's scrapbook came this picture of the first set of Haefner's U.S. Census Enumerator's - the year was 1940. Miss Haefner put on her own recruitment and blitzed these people and management of the local census office for equal opportunity employment, and she won. Pictured are Barbara Hubbard Sullivan, Pearl Stewart, Odessa Freeman, Pollyanna Reed, Mary Duncan and Ruth Haefner. Names of others could not be supplied.

Plans are being made for an autumn showing of Afro-American quilts, so get out the quilts you or Aunt Emma made and freshen them for the show. If you gave them away, borrow them back again just for the show.

The organizer of the show knows her craft but wants to wait until later to announce place and date and other details.

Five members of Portland Chapter of Links made a weekend visit to a northwest Links "Cluster" meeting held in Seattle. Links Bernadette Plummer, Geri Christian, Johnnie Stokes, Hattie Gaskin and Lois Sayles met with nine members of the Spokane Chapter, about 12 from Tacoma and 33 of the Seattle Chapter at the Sea Tac Red Lion Motel.

Most of the Portland contingent had a part in conducting the business of the Cluster meeting - a prelude to the National Assembly of Links set for late June - early July in Atlanta. Connecting Link Walter Sayles accompanied his wife to Seattle.

board to use the name of a Black woman when the Eliot School is reopened as a middle school in northeast Portland sometime in the future. The appeal was successful and the board has officially agreed that a Black woman's name should be chosen, but a process for selecting the name has not been determined.

The names of Harriet Tubman, Mary McLeod Bethune, Sojourner Truth and Phyllis Wheatley would be likely for consideration as all are familiar names in the Black community. But how about Abbie Young? Who was she?

Helen Casey, a white woman researching the files of the Portland schools, has found some records of a "Colored School" operating in Portland from 1867 to 1872. Abbie Young was a teacher in that school, Casey believes. Can any of our

readers help with information or pictures of Abbie Young?

Ozella Canada, president of the Portland Urban League announces a fund raising buffet luncheon the Guild plans for Saturday, May 10 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church on 116 N.E. Schuyler St. The noontime meal will feature many food products of various companies and will offer prizes for those in attendance plus coupons to be used for future shopping discount. Mrs. Canada is hoping for a big crowd at the luncheon to help swell the Guild's coffers.

The Portland Urban League is extending invitations to its membership and friends to the League's Annual Dinner to be held on May 23 at the Marriott Hotel. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., president of the

National Urban League, Inc., is billed as the "special guest speaker."

The dinner meeting of the Wahkeena Chapter of the American Business Women's Association was held during the past week at the Steamer restaurant on N.E. Sandy Blvd. This organization is "an educational association presently in its 31st year," according to Edna Golden, one of its enthusiastic members. "The association promotes the professional, educational, cultural, and social advancement of business women. They make scholarship awards, grants, and loans through their local chapter to women students," Mrs Golden said. Other members of Wahkeena Chapter are Angie Richardson, Gloria McClendon and Audrey Parsons.

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HELEN THOMAS

Helen Thomas, a former Portlander, was back in town for a combined business and social visit during the past week. Mrs. Thomas, a long-time national vice president for the YWCA of the U.S.A., was here as a member of a national team making an association review and evaluation of the program of the Portland association. "Local branches evaluate themselves every third year," Mrs. Thomas said, and added, "This review is a routine process set in motion by national every sixth year for the member associations around the country."

During their Portland residence, Mrs. Thomas and her husband, George Thomas, were active in the local community life. George was an executive secretary of the Portland Council of Churches and he also served as a dynamic president of the Portland Branch of NAACP. The Thomases now live in Los Angeles.

When Osly Gates went to Washington, D.C. a fortnight ago, to attend a national board meeting and conference of the National Council for the Aging, by happy and delightful coincidence his son-in-law and daughter, David and Sylvia Carlisle, were also in Washington. Both medical students at Brown University, the Carlises were there as National Health Service scholars attending a H.E.W. conference. At different hotels, the three managed to get in a little family visit just the same.

Plaudits are rolling in for Sherrian Hagger-Warren who made a moving appeal before the school

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