



Billy Ray Bates signs autograph for young admirers.

(Photo: Richard Brown)

Tea honors Cawthorne, children

On Sunday, March 29th, the local chapter of the National Council of Negro Women and the Herb Cawthorne for School Board Steering Committee will join forces to sponsor a Vote for Victory Tea and a Youth Talent on Parade Program. Herb Cawthorne, who was appointed to the Portland School Board in August, 1979, and is currently running a campaign to retain his seat in the March 31 election, will emcee the Youth Talent Parade.

The event will be held at the Matt Dishman Center, 77 N.E. Knott Street, on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. The entire community is invited to come and participate in this celebration of community talent and achievement.

Herb Cawthorne has consistently demonstrated his commitment to the community's youth during his educational career and tenure on the School Board, and the National Council of Negro Women has a long and illustrious history of promoting and developing youth talent in the community.

OBSERVATIONS

from the Sidelines

By Kathryn Hall Bogle

On Monday, a three-day conference opened at the Hilton Hotel to discuss the concerns of the aging. The Oregon State Conference gathered about 450 persons from every corner of Oregon to contribute suggestions for topics to be discussed, or possible solutions or avenues to follow regarding factors that affect the aging persons in their own communities.

Much preliminary work was fed into the hopper by local forums around the state, to better synthesize the feelings, the directions and the accomplishments of Oregonians interested and involved in concerns of the aging.

All this will be Oregon's contribution to the work of the White House Conference on Aging to be held in Washington, D.C., from November 30 to December 3, 1981. The message will be carried to Washington by 29 Oregon delegates to the National Conference.

Who are the aging?

He is. She is. You are. We are. We all are aging. The aging process begins at birth and continues throughout the life span of the individual.

The number of persons over 65 in America has reached 25 million and by the year 2,000 there will be 35 million seniors at various levels of physical health and financial comfort.

In Portland last week the Portland Multnomah County area held one of the many preliminary conferences on aging. The one-day forum, held at Portland State University, was convened by Dr. Douglas Montgomery of Portland State. The meeting was chaired by Bobbi Gary of the Portland and Multnomah County Advisory Board of the White House Conference on Aging.

Mrs. Gary named Irene Gray as her co-chairperson. Moderator for the forum was Bob Holdridge, Community Relations Consultant for Pacific Power.

About 150 persons in the community discussed, in 10 smaller group sessions, topics affecting the health and welfare of the aging persons of Multnomah County.

At the close of the day recommendations heard by the complete body covered such subjects as Family Social Services and other support systems, Housing, Medical Care issues, Abuse and Victimization of Seniors, Crime and Crime Prevention, Physical and Mental Health, Retirement programs including Social Security, and Minority issues.

William Law reported the findings of the smaller group discussion concerning Social Security programs.

Other visible minority persons noted among the clusters of discussants were: Ellen Law, Gladys McCoy, E. Shelton Hill, Inell Sim-



Bernice Feibleman, Grace Knee and Inell Simpson in friendly discussion of aging issues.



William Law, Pearle Haymond, Becky Wehrli, Estelle Johnson and Ellen Law at Portland-Multnomah County Conference on Aging.

pson and Pearle Haymond of the Urban Indian Council.



Bill Law at the podium.

Belcher seeks ESD election



ALLISON BELCHER

Allison Logan Belcher is running for the Multnomah County Education Service District Board, Position #3. She states that she is highly interested in the education of the handicapped. Early placement in appropriate programs can help students become self-sufficient members of the community.

Furthermore, she believes in health services which provide vision, dental, hearing, nutritional, etc., screening to identify children with potential problems or students requiring medical attention. She strongly supports alternate schools for those who cannot function in a conventional class setting, and the Outdoor School which is a unique environmental program.

Mrs. Belcher has been active in the Democratic Party, having served as Chairman of the Multnomah County Democratic Central Com-

mittee, and a member of the Democratic State Central Committee; a delegate to the 1976 National Democratic Convention and a member of the Rules Committee at that convention.

She has been a member of the Urban League Board, the Metropolitan Family Services Board; the Epilypsy League Board; the Governor's Council on Development Disabilities; the Multnomah County QUAD Board; and Portland Development Commission.

Her interests in education is demonstrated by her service on the ESAA Advisory Committee and the Title I Advisory Committee for the Portland Public Schools. She is a volunteer at Irvington School.

Mrs. Belcher, her husband Bob, and their family live in the Irvington neighborhood.

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