

Bits and Pieces

by Ruth Spencer



Larry Jackson and his bride, the former Lucina Garcia, at their wedding reception. Mrs. Jackson is a native of Trinidad and recently visited in Venezuela. The couple were married in a private ceremony December 12th. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Members of the *Jack and Jill Club* had their traditional family Christmas Party, Sunday, December 13, at the Matt Dishman Center. Children of the club entertained. A member's father played the role of Santa Claus. The Pinata held nuts and candy. It was fun for all!

Christopher Holiday, student at Jefferson High School, appeared with four other high school students on the program *What's Right?*, Channel 2, December 13. Race relations in the public high schools was the topic discussed. Dr. Jerry Swicegood, host for the program, did not deal with ways to improve race relations in the high schools. A great opportunity—missed!

Oregon State University is one of seven institutions to provide training for teachers who work outside of the United States. The U.S. Department of Defense has contracted with these universities to train teachers for military schools overseas. The six other universities are Boston University, George Washington University, Florida State University, the University of Houston, Michigan State University and the University of Southern California.

Mrs. Ella Mae Gay was crowned queen of the Grandmothers' NAACP Christmas Seal Contest Sunday, December 13 at Bethel Church.

The *Literary Research Club's* Black Historical Project will focus on Oregon Black Women. The research findings will be published according to *Mrs. Betty Thompson*, Chairperson of the Research Committee.



John Craig, landscaper, recently toured several major cities in China with a group involved in horticulture, zoology and related fields. They observed the production skills of Chinese workers in various industries.

Members of the *Leisure Hour Golf Club* had their Cocktail Dance Sunday, December 13, at the Airtel.

Mrs. Jewel Johns, teacher at Woodlawn Primary School, is recovering at home after a stay in the hospital.

Last week while *President Reagan* starred in the news as the good guy and *Colonel Khadafy* as the bad guy, *South Africa's* army wiped out SWAPO headquarters killing thousands of men, women and children. This atrocity was worth one line in the national news and zero in the local press.

Minute details have been given by the news media concerning the civil rights of Soviet dissident *Andrei Sakharov* and his wife while little was said about the 2500 Haitians imprisoned in the U.S.

According to *microbiologists* at Boston University's School of Medicine, *iron deficiency* may cause gastric ulceration and contribute to stomach cancer.

Allen Temple will present its children's program, *A Christmas Musical Fantasy*, Sunday, December 20, at 5:30 at the Church. The public is invited.

The Portland section of the *National Council of Negro Women* will meet Monday, December 21, 7:30 pm at the King Neighborhood Facility. *Mrs. Mary Kurney* is president.

A third *property tax limitation* initiative has been filed by *Ray Phillips*, *William Jolly*, *Alva Moser*, and

Orvin Stanwood. The limitation initiative is one per cent. Petitions must receive 72,891 signatures by July 2, 1981.

Mrs. Marian Jacobs, teacher at Astor Elementary School is retiring December 31, 1981 after twenty years of teaching in the Portland Public Schools.

According to the Federal Collection Commission *President Reagan's Campaign Committee* collected 1.1 million dollars more than reported in its election report and kept funds that should have gone to the Republican Party.

The Reagan campaign committee waged a four-month court fight to keep the report from being published. A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington refused recently to block its public release.

The FEC concluded that no harm was done by the 1.1 million dollar mistake and the money does not have to be returned.

Vern Duncan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has at *Governor Atiyeh's* request recommended a \$23.95 million dollar cut in education. The cuts would eliminate funds for the talented and gifted students and for child development specialists; also, make deep slashes in funding for community colleges and handicapped students in local school districts.

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