

Bits and Pieces

by Ruth Spencer



Mrs. Brendon Green, of Seattle, enjoys an evening at the dance.



Members and friends pose for a photo during festive celebration.



Mrs. Ida McClendon at the Zeta Sigma Omega Anniversary Dance.

If we are without our own voice and our own forms of communication we are at the mercy of those who control what we read, hear, and think.

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Mrs. Betty Ingersoll Simpson, visiting from Alaska, was feted with a cocktail party given by her five daughters, Mmes. Carol Probasco, Janice Barrett, Francine Roan and Misses Barbara Ingersoll and Mary Ingersoll, December 27, at her daughter's S.E. home.

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Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first and only Black Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, says he is tired of the false report that he is on the verge of retiring. "I was appointed for life and I intend to serve for life. In no way do I anticipate leaving now," said the 73-year-old Justice. The hope is that the Justice can remain in the position during the Reagan administration.

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The U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division held that the two Portland Police officers who tossed dead possums in front of a Black-owned restaurant March 12, committed no civil rights violation and will not be federally prosecuted.

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The Senior Citizens Railroad Auxiliary held its annual Christmas luncheon, Thursday, December 17, at Northeast Portland's Prince Hall. The luncheon was attended by 40 members of the Auxiliary. A fifty dollar (\$50) check and several boxes of canned food were presented to Marion Basso of the Salvation Army by the Auxiliary president, Mrs. Minnie Bell Johnson.

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Mr. Lehman Parrish and daughter, Dr. Cheryl Parrish Mitchell and children Lisa, Blain and Kyle from Chicago are the holiday guests and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Walker.

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Chief U.S. District Judge Fred Winner ruled that Trailways Inc. discriminated against Floyd Henry with a company rule that required all employees who deal with the public to be clean-shaven.

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Henry was fired from his job after he began growing a beard on doctor's orders. And expert witness at the two-day trial testified that Henry is one of 25 per cent of Black males who suffered from pseudo-folliculitis barbae—PFB—a skin disorder caused by ingrown hairs when the victim is clean-shaven.

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Miss Wendy Patterson, freshman at Seattle University, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patterson Jr. She reports that her studies at Seattle U. required more effort in order to excel than Wilson High School. Nevertheless, she maintained a B average.

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The Portland Business and Professional Women's Club is seeking qualified young women to honor through their "Young Career Women" program designed to honor outstanding women of accomplishments and provide them an opportunity to share experience and expertise with other business women. Interested persons please contact Jean King 775-9904.

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Dr. Sadie Grimmett, Professor at Indiana University, is visiting her father Mr. Bennett Grimmett who lives in S.E. Portland.

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Dr. Grimmett (Sadie Mae) is a native of Portland. She attended Roosevelt High School, the University of Oregon, and Peabody College.

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Rosey Grier, retired Los Angeles Rams, lineman, actor and political activist noting that jobs and the will to succeed are the solutions to this country's economic crisis. The answer is to provide and avenue for

people to be productive. We must all be productive.

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Sharon Kay, senior at Prairie View A&M University is visiting her sister, Mrs. Steve Jones (Carol).

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Donnelle Valentine, a member of the Trail Blazers, is happy about her visit.

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The National Council of Negro Women, founded by Mary McLeod Bethune in December, 1935, celebrated its 46th anniversary. Its membership now consists of over a million women.

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Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Nunn (Bobby and Joe) are happy to have their daughter Darla Jones from Los Angeles and their grandson from Dallas, Texas home for the holidays.

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Obo Addy, a master drummer from Ghana will teach African dance to performing arts students at Jefferson High School and students in the middle school arts program at Binnsmead and Portsmouth.

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Just 12 years ago in Black History: Fred Hampton, 21, Illinois Party Chairman of the Black Panthers, was killed in a pre-dawn raid on his apartment in Chicago. Also killed was Mark Clark, 22, leader of the Panthers in Peoria. Four others, two of them women, were wounded. Hampton and Clark were the 27th and 28th Panthers to be killed during the year (1969).

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Mrs. Edith Cawthorne entertained at her Northeast Portland home Sunday, December 27, with a unique midday Mother-Daughter Egg Nog Sip.

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The National Center for Education Statistics show 5 million students enrolled in private schools,

compared to 40.1 in public schools. In Oregon private school enrollment accounts for only five per cent of elementary and secondary students—about half the national average; 27,114 to 500,000 in public school. Nationally, minority enrollment in private schools is 8.6 per cent of the total enrollment in private schools. There are no Oregon figures on minority enrollment because state law does not require enrollment data of private schools.

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According to the U.S. Department of Labor the first minimum wage law enacted by Congress in 1938 guaranteed a minimum wage of twenty-five cents (25¢). The minimum wage as of January 1982 is \$3.30.

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FROM THE SIDELINES
by Kathryn Hall Bogle

Spokane, Washington, has a new mayor. He is to be sworn in this week in downtown (Spokane) City Hall. It may be almost incidental that he is Black. Yet, James Everett Chase is the first person of his race to win a mayoralty in the State of Washington in a city of over 100,000. Spokane has a population of nearly 180,000 counting about 4,000 Blacks among them.

James Everett Chase was born in Wharton, Texas 67 years ago and was educated in the public schools of Ballinger and El Paso. Chase has lived in Spokane since he was 20 years old. As owner and operator of the Blackwell and Chase Body and Fender Company, Chase has been in the auto repair business since 1940. His shops have been located in several areas of the city in the years since then.

In a telephone interview Chase said that he had always had an interest in civic affairs. "I had my first taste of working in city government when I was appointed by former Mayor Neal Fosse to be the citizen member of the Housing, Grievance and Appeal Board for the City of Spokane. About that time, I also served on a committee for the employment of minorities," Chase said.

Later Chase joined the Chamber of Commerce and, in 1969, he ran

for an elective post as a City Councilman. He lost that race by 700 votes but ran again, successfully, in 1975. In 1979 Chase was up for reelection and, this time, garnered 76 per cent of the total vote.

Was his racial background a hindrance in his efforts? Did he have to counteract any incidents of this nature?

"No, I didn't," Chase said. "I really didn't. The public, and both business and labor groups lent me their support. Six candidates, counting myself, were in the primaries, but I have become fairly well-known. People sort of take me for granted now. Shock-time was over when I went to the Council, I guess."

"I love Spokane and I want to see it grow and progress. I have an interest in every segment of the population and I know there are many talented people here whose help and ideas are needed. They will have a chance to be heard."

"I feel positive. Although some of the problems facing us (and other cities in the nation) seem insurmountable, we will all work together in solving them—or reducing them," the new mayor said.

During the years when Chase served Spokane as a member of the City Council, he worked at various times on the Aging Commission, the Youth Commission for Future Citizens; the National Public Safety

Commission; the Regional Planning Commission for Spokane; the City Employee's Retirement Committee; the C-Cap Committee dealing with the Arts; Convention Committee; and Sports Activities. The latter commission has responsibility for operating the Spokane Opera House, the Convention Center, Albi Stadium and the Coliseum all of which belong to the City of Spokane.

In addition, Chase is a past-president of the Zoological Society, a group having ambitions for a zoo sometime in the future. He has served three terms as president of the Spokane branch of the NAACP and is a Past Grand Master of the Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of Washington and Jurisdiction.

James Everett Chase is married to the former Eleanor Barrow, a descendant of a pioneer family who settled in Spokane in 1889. They celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary this month. The couple has one adult son, Roland James Chase, a TV cameraman who recently worked at KPTV in the Portland area.

To honor Mayor Chase and Mrs. Chase an inaugural ball is being planned. It will be staged at the historic Hotel Davenport in Spokane for the evening of January 22, 1982.

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From the Front Door

by Tom Boothe

From the Front Door, I wish to thank all of my readers; those who have appreciated my philosophical aspirations; those who have phoned, written and spoke with me in person to inspire and encourage me over the past year. A special thanks, to those who have faithfully attended the Tuesday night Forums, making it one of our community's most successful gatherings.

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