

OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
by Kathryn Hall Bogle



Louis Osborne, Jr., (second from left) poses with his mother, Ruth, and brothers Macky, Danny, and Arnold during toast for Louis.



Gwen Osborne (Mrs. Louis Osborne, Jr.) sings with Osborn children, Yolanda, Joy and Danny, Jr., at dinner.



Louise Cambric, music director of St. Andrews Community Church, receives corsage from James Crolley, Master of Ceremonies.

It was practically a family affair except that there was an overflow crowd of friends and well-wishers from the community on hand when, in a two-day event, the congregation of St. Andrews Community Church took their new young minister to their hearts.

Starting with a "family" dinner for 175 people in the recreation rooms of the church on Saturday evening, the celebration on the Sabbath moved upstairs to the sanctuary for the Sunday services consecrating the Rev. Louis Osborne Jr. as minister of St. Andrews.

At the Saturday fund-raiser event all guests were seated at tables set attractively for eight persons with a host or hostess presiding.

Invocation, given by the Rev. John Garlington of Maranatha Church, was followed by a song, "Amazing Grace," sung by John Frazier. James Crolley acted as Master of Ceremonies. Nile Paull, Portland area HUD manager, brought greetings. The "Young Osborne Singers," Danny, Yolanda and Joy, were joined by their mother, Gwen Osborne, in a song or two.

James Crolley introduced Tim Lawrence, another soloist, pinned a corsage of roses on Louise Cambric, music director for the church, and then invited all the Osbornes to stand. Osbornes rose to their feet in all corners of the room. From then on it was pure Osborne family entertainment for this was a Roast with Louis Osborne Jr. the subject.

Mrs. Ruth Osborne, mother of the Rev. Louis Osborne Jr. (and his 12 brothers and sisters), came from California as a surprise guest. Moderator for the Roast was a brother, Danny. In turn, Macky, Danny and Arnold took brotherly jabs at the guest of honor who withstood it all with good grace.

On Sunday, in the presence of over 300 persons the Rev. Louis Osborne Jr. was installed as St. Andrews' minister by the Rev. Ned Luther of the Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Participating in the impressive ceremonies was the Rev. Louis Osborne Sr., minister of Faith Tabernacle. He is father of the new minister.

Also taking part in the celebration were the Rev. Donald Severson; the Rev. B. Devers of New Hope Baptist Church; the Rev. Dorsey of Highland United Church of Christ; the Rev. Edgar Luther of Hillsboro.

Lay persons having a role in the day's event were Chris Kelson for the youth of the church and Frances Williams representing the adult congregation. James Crolley again acted as moderator.

Guest choirs came from New Hope Baptist Church and from Faith Tabernacle Church.

A smoker at the residence of Wilson Walker arranged for last Saturday evening by members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., served to revitalize this society in Portland. The local chapter, Epsilon Zeta Lambda, was first established in 1950.

Active all during the '50s, the fraternity became involved in the '60s with the Civil Rights struggle and members worked principally through the NAACP and the Urban League.



JOE BOWMAN

The slate of officers elected at the first meeting includes: Joseph Bowman, president; George Hendrix, vice president; Harry Ward, treasurer; James Davis, secretary; Dr. Clarence Pruitt, sergeant-at-arms; Shelby Golden, editor of the Sphinx; Galven Irvy, Chaplain; Robert Shaw, historian; Willis Williams, Membership Chairman.

According to James Davis, secretary, the local chapter will be concerned with the plight of Black youths in high schools. Work with some of them fits in as one of the five components of the program the Alphas have chosen for long-range plans.

Rated as the "number one" component, says Davis, is the Alpha intention to "encourage Blacks in business to help Blacks to become producers as well as consumers."

Next will be an Alpha youth development program which is expected to include a "Leadership Development Institute"; youth motivation and recognition; career guidance coupled with job fairs and similar events.

Alphas plan also to "build opportunities to secure a proclamation recognizing the birthday of Martin Luther King as a national holiday. They will campaign to extend the Voters Rights Act and they expect to support the evolving issues of self-sufficiency, self development, personal success, and to press for "prosperity for those traditionally oppressed or poor."

Correction!

The Jack and Jill club chose February 7th for their free Black History Affair at Matt Dishman Center. It is a coming event. You can be there at 3:00 pm and enjoy Nyewusi Askari and his Sojourner Truth Reading and Dance Thea-

ter troupe.

Cora Smith, president of Jack and Jill, and Pat Walker, chairing the event, hope for a big crowd on that Sunday. Herb Cawthorne, Elizabeth McLaglan and the entire Grant High Black Student Union Choir will all be there.

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