



OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
by Kathryn Hall Bogle

SALEM, OREGON—Salem revisited!

Fifty years ago two (2) black families lived in Salem. A visitor might call on the Charles Henry Maxwell family, or she might call at the home of Saverio Dominick Parise, a native Italian, and his American Negro wife, Reather Jackson Parise. The visitor would have then contacted the entire black population of the capitol city.

It is different now. U.S. Census figures of 1980 show that Salem had 994 black persons counted as residents that year. It is reasonable to believe that others have moved to Salem within the last two years, for the whole city is growing and expanding.

Reather Jackson Parise was born before 1900 in Salem. Her parents, Jane and Josiah Jackson had come to Salem from Missouri in the 1880s. Josiah died in 1900 and is buried in Salem's Pioneer cemetery. Jane lived until 1928 and is buried next to her husband.

Reather, and her brother Leslie, went to school in Salem and were the only black children enrolled in their school at the time. When the Parise daughters, Angela and Thelma, came along they too were the only black students in school.

The Maxwells came to Salem (after the Jacksons) from Texas. They reared a family of six who all went through Salem High School as the "only" black students enrolled, missing the other family by a scant three or four years.

The census figures of 1980 show the presence of 138 black families in Salem now. Among them they have 82 children under age five and 187 children under age 17. There are black teachers now in Salem schools and at least one Counsellor on the high school level and one school principal. There are two physicians, several attorneys, financial experts and other professionals.

Early residents supported their families by work on the railroads, by selling foods they had cooked or by doing seasonal work on nearby farms. All this while encouraging their children to "do better" for themselves.

The Maxwells and the Jacksons and Parise, in turn, attended white churches and Sunday School and came to Portland for wider social contacts.

In 1982, black families are attending white churches but they are also building congregations of at least three churches. The Church of God in Christ and the Assembly of God are typical. The Rev. Arthur Shankel divides his time between Salem and Springfield congregations; the Rev. D.L. Collins, of Portland, travels to Salem to preach, and the



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Zoe Wilson, Personnel Officer, Ore. Dept. of Transportation.

Pauline Memorial Church members meet at Salem's YMCA for services.

Angela Parise Britton and her sister Thelma Parise Bird, in recalling days of their childhood for the *Observer*, said, "We were happy there. We lived in a little house at the end of Willow Street. Mill Creek was at our back door. We could sit in our yard and catch salmon or crawdads or go swimming whenever we liked." Mrs. Britton and Mrs. Bird visit old friends in Salem and know that a bungalow court of apartments has replaced their family home.

The census reports inform us that the black population in Salem is young. There are 713 persons (among 994) between the ages of 18 and 64 years. They counted only 12 people over 65.

On a recent trip to Salem, the *Observer* met a score or more of the present citizens at the Capitol and found them indeed young. The official median age is 28.5 years for men and 21.4 years for the women.

Those we met are employed and enthused about their jobs and their lives. Most live in apartments but some are buying homes with every intention of permanent residence in Salem. Almost to a person they expressed happiness with a chance to meet each other at an informal break in a week of heavy personal schedules. Customarily, they have waited for a scheduled trip to Portland for social contacts.

Some are hoping to form a branch of the NAACP in Salem. Some are hoping to establish a branch of the Jack and Jill organization; others are wishing for black business people to bring a beauty shop operator to Salem; they have no black barber for the 674 males among them and many travel to Portland for this service.

Catalysts for the current feeling of togetherness are unofficially appointed but lots of assistance has come from Ron Knox, Zoe Wilson and Kay Toran.

Bits and Pieces

by Ruth Spencer

Ted Parker was recently elected president of the *Peninsula Kiwanis Club*—a service club that is a sponsor of a camp for handicapped children, a boy's club in North Portland, Little League Baseball and a program that provides volunteers and drivers for Loaves and Fishes.

The first quarter monitoring report of the National Coalition on TV violence shows an increase of 25 per cent over last year, to its highest level yet. The NCTV findings support the Surgeon General's report that there is an important cause-effect relationship between TV violence and real-life aggression.

Dr. Matthew W. Prophet was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Portland Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Sunday, September 19, four o'clock, at Bethel AME Church.

Dr. Prophet, speaking to fifty members and friends of the NAACP, traced the decline of Federal support for equal education and desegregation. He emphasized the effects of the passage of Ballot Measure 3 on School District programs and minority staff.

A Justice Department report said 30 per cent of the nation's households were touched by crime in 1981.

The kinds of households that



BOBBIE NUNN

were the most vulnerable to crime were black households, higher income households, and households in central cities.

Mrs. Bobbie Nunn has retired from the Portland Public Schools after 26 years of service.

Diabetes is the third cause of death in the U.S.A. The rate of death among black women is almost twice that of white women. The rate of death in black men is higher than in white men. Diabetes is aggravated by poor diets and stress. It is estimated that over ten million diabet-

ics have never been diagnosed.

Mmes. Emma Chiles and Letitia Brock recently returned from a four day cruise in the San Juan Islands. The cruise was sponsored by the *Odyssey Club*.

House Bill 3013 enacted by the 1981 Oregon Legislature, allows a teacher to use *reasonable physical force upon a student to the extent necessary to reasonably perform the teaching responsibility*.

Prison Ministries, Inc. is sponsoring a *Mission Fair*, Sunday, October 17, 1982 at Maranatha Church, from 3:30 to 5 pm. The speaker will be Mrs. Viola H. Brazil. Activities will include special music, exhibits, literature, and refreshments. For more information call the Reverend John Parker, 284-7563.

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