



OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
by Kathryn Hall Bogle

IT'S "Sayonara" to Japan and "Hello again" at the University of Michigan for Lori Reynolds this month as she returns to the Ann Arbor campus.

Lori, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Reynolds, spent five or six weeks of her summer vacation at the Sophia University at Tokyo honing her knowledge of business transactions with a course in International Business as Japanese conduct it. Fortified with one year's classwork in Japanese Lori was pleased that the lectures were conducted in English by Japanese businessmen and by visiting lecturers from Australia who do a lot of trade with Japan.

"It was not all heavy finance and study for me as I had also applied for a course in Japanese theatre. Traditional theatre, that is. Many evenings were spent with classmates at theatres in Tokyo, Kyoto and other cities and towns. We saw Kabuki, a highly stylized form using only male actors for all the cast. We saw Kyogen, a short comedy style and of course, their Bunraku, a puppet theatre centuries old.

"I also had a chance to visit my 7th-grade friend, Itsuko Hori, who lived in Portland for a while but now lives in Tokyo. I lived in a dormitory of all women on the campus. We were urged to go on outings only when one of five student guides could accompany us. However,



there were a few times when we ventured without a guide and we had no problems. The Japanese are so courteous and they seem to make a special effort to help with language or direction; whichever is needed."

Reynolds plans to return to Japan soon, she said. She likes the food, the Japanese life style she encountered, their smoothrunning bullet train and the people. Linguistics is her major at U. of Michigan and Spanish has also been one of her studies. At age 21, who can tell about "manana?"



MRS. WALDEN REYNOLDS and LORI

The beginning of fall heralds the beginning again of organizational schedules, the pooling of ideas and strengths to hearten the community spirit.

At Saint Andrews Community Church on N.E. Ainsworth, about 125 members of Church Women United met last Friday for a day of discussion of their Mission Institute, one of their four pillars of organization.

The women, representing many Christian churches, celebrated their diversity as they shared a common purpose and goals.

Helen Quirino, president of CWU, introduced the theme of the day, "Pilgrimage of Faith — Oneness in Christ," and the focus of the mission, "Peoples of the Pacific," slated for morning and afternoon discussion groups. Mrs. Quirino, of Ascension Roman Catholic Church, was assisted by Percie Miles, Tabor Heights Methodist Church, Jane Shephard, Church of the Brethren, and Fairy Miles, Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church, for the study sessions.

Hazel Motley of St. Andrews acts as coordinator of missions for CWU. Louise Cambric was the day's organist. A delicious lunch was prepared and served by St. Andrews members, Gustavia Bonner, Willis and Francis Williams and others.

The Rev. Elonza J. Edwards and Mrs. Edwards were greeted and welcomed to Allen Temple CME Church by members and friends on Sunday in the church parlors. The Rev. Edwards comes to Allen Temple from Curry Temple CME in Seattle, to fill the vacancy open with the departure from the community of The Rev. Strayhand, pastor there for many years.

Hosts for the Welcome Tea were members of the Board of Christian Education who are members of all the boards and auxiliaries of Allen Temple. Mrs. Alzena De Develeaux, general chairman, was assisted by Milton Adams and Lillian Jenkins.

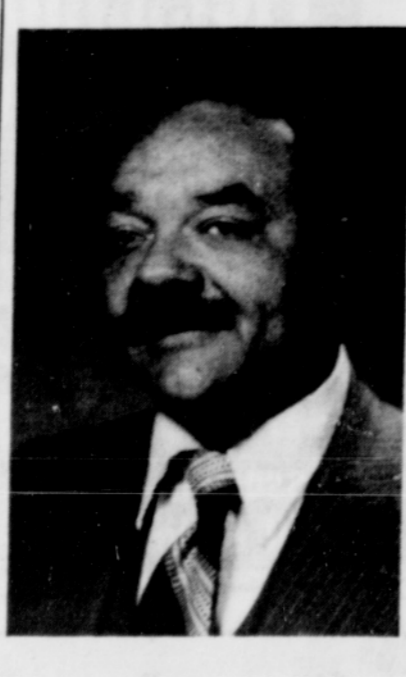
On October 10, Dr. Matthew Prophet will be featured as guest speaker at Allen Temple when the church observes their annual "Laymen's Day." The Lay Council, headed by Walter R. Mitchell, invites the public to hear Dr. Prophet address "The Laymen of the '80s." Time is set for 5:00 p.m.

The 18th annual meeting of the Railroad Senior Citizens Association drew nearly 200 members of the Association and its Ladies' Auxiliary to Mannings restaurant, Lloyd Center on Friday evening. Mrs. Aldridge Johnson, of the Auxiliary group, was the principal speaker of the evening. Edward Butler, president, presided with his officers: Clifford Jackson, vice president, Virgil Buckner, secretary and George Canada, treasurer.

Oregon's first black elementary school principal, Dr. William Gerald, looks back at that experience as being a "memorable and satisfying high point" in his career, but he grows excited now over the new position he has been awarded. In his offices at the Education Service Center on N. Dixon Street, Dr. Gerald speaks of his new position as Administrator for the Early Childhood Units. The position, he says, was created to pull together the three schools of Area I: Eliot, Humboldt and Boise, and the five schools of Area II: Irvington, Sabin, King, Vernon and Woodlawn, into one cluster.

"I see this as a joint effort between myself and the eight principals," says Gerald. "A consensus view of ours will be the criteria by which we judge our progress."

"We start with the unique features each of these schools already has, such as a program for four-year-olds, or a full day for a kindergarten or other programs for grades 1-5 that other schools do not have. We plan to supply additional field trips for enrichment, a foreign language component (we expect it to be Spanish) and learning maps.



DR. WILLIAM GERALD

"Ah yes, learning maps," Gerald says with satisfaction, "and the learning contracts that tend to show the varying learning styles of our students. We need these to help us to learn the best ways in which students tend to learn. Does an individual child learn more readily one-to-one? Does he or she learn best in a crowded and busy atmosphere, or in a quiet place? Does he like to be prompted or does he do his best without prompting?"

"There is the child who learns better in the early morning and another who does better in the afternoon. We know about the multi-faceted child who can learn with the radio going full blast. We want to identify these students as soon as possible."

The helpful circumstance here, Gerald pointed out, is that "We have the additional resources necessary to enhance these programs. We have the necessary staff supports, a curriculum coordinator and a basic skills coordinator. The district has sent through a mandate (for us) that other schools do not need to follow."

Dr. Gerald expects to pull together the best in the eight programs and to offer them as a model to the others, he said. "We feel that if these are recognizable as 'good' things, we have a 'best' model.

"These particular schools are the magnet schools which will attract pupils from other schools — in this way there will be created a way to produce a better racial balance. Parents are already involved in a tutorial program called HOST."

Dr. Gerald has been a school administrator for 14 years in Portland and had seven years as an administrator in Prairie View, Texas, prior to coming to this city. He holds advanced degrees from Prairie View College and the University of Texas. His doctoral degree was earned from Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Dr. Gerald is active in the community. He is president of the Albina Rotary Club. He is a past-chairman and is, currently, vice-chairman of the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission whose duties are assessing certification for all teachers and administrators in the state of Oregon.

He is also the immediate past-president of the Oregon Alliance of Black School Educators. Dr. Gerald and his wife, Gwen, have a combined family of seven children ranging in age from 26 to 15 years.

The 22nd Anniversary of Nigerian Independence will be observed by members and friends of the Nigerian student body of Portland State University in an evening celebration on Saturday, October 2.

The new Red Lion Inn at Lloyd Center will be the celebration setting, according to announcement made by Efiok Udotong, president of Nigerian students at PSU. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. will begin the evening festivities.

From San Francisco will come the the Nigerian Consul General. He is expected to address the gathering and will trade "progress reports" with the students. Among other speakers are Dr. E.C. Ogbuobiri, a BPA electrical planning engineer, whose topic is to be "Transfer of Technology to Nigeria," and Betty Dana, contact person for the United Nations, who will speak on the Nigerian contributions to the U.N.

The evening will taper into a lighter mood with a fashion show and a short Nigerian movie. Dancing is to begin after 9:30. Music will be a mix of recorded and live sound with both African and American origins.

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