

## Meier & Frank plays Christmas

Meier & Frank stores will feature old favorites as well as new events in its 1982 CXhristmas celebration.

The Talking Tree will take root in Kids Inc. in all seven Meier & Frank stores beginning Friday, November 26 and continuing through December 24. Children can visit him daily and ask questions about life in the forest. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. 'til 8 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. 'til 6 p.m.

At the downtown Portland store Santa Claus will make his home in the 10th floor auditorium's Oregon Frontier trading post beginning Friday, November 26 at 10:30 a.m. and continuing through December 24. The Meier & Frank Lloyd Center and Salem stores will also have Santa Claus in residence for children's visits and photos.

The Choral Arts Ensemble will roam the downtown Portland store performing traditional Christmas carols December 5, 11, 12, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22 and 23 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and December 24 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mime David Immel will also roam the downtown Portland store entertaining shoppers and Santa visitors December 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17 and 20 through 24 with his unique silent antics.

The downtown Portland store's S.W. Fifth & Morrisson Street window will be wired for outside sound and amid a Christmas setting we will feature local actor Keith

Scales as the Christmas Storyteller. The storyteller will be featured in the window on Fridays and Saturdays from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 and 24. Other window appearances include Sunday, December 5 from 1-3 p.m.; Sundays, December 12 and 19 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.; and Monday through Thursday, December 20-23 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The Christmas Storyteller will also reciete stories for children in the book department following his window appearances.

On Saturdays Decembezr 4 and 11 at 3:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 5 at 2 p.m. in the downtown Portland store's 9th floor classroom, Diane Holman and Lynn Vanderkamp will present the Santa Claus and the Scintillating, Mystifiying, Fascinating, Surprising, Christmas Show. This entertainment is for children three years of age and older, and is free. The show will include puppets, dance, stories and songs for Christmas.

On Saturday, December 11 at 10 a.m. and again at 11:30 a.m. in the downtown Portland store's 10th floor Toyland, children will be treated to a Barbie Fashion Show. Barbie gowns, western wear and evening ensembles will be modeled by adult models. Children attending the shows will receive complimentary Barbie coloring books, a Barbie Fan Club Calendar and a photo of Barbie.

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## Bits and Pieces

by Ruth Spencer

Mrs. Marie Hughley, classroom teacher at King Elementary School, has been appointed to the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Right on!! To the two community principals who insisted that teachers cease and desist wearing dirty jeans and dirty tennis shoes to school—congratulations. It's about time! Let those teachers try being that untidy at those Southwest schools.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights said persistent discrimination was the main reason black Americans had disproportionately higher rates of unemployment than whites.

Clarence M. Pendleton, chairman of the Commission, said at a news conference: "These employment disparities are so pervasive that they exist virtually everywhere, at every age level, at every educational level, at every skill level."

Among college graduates the un-

employment rate was 2.8 percent for whites and 7.1 percent for blacks.

Whites who had not graduated from high school had the same rate as blacks with one to three years of college: 12.5 percent unemployment.

The Near Northeast YWCA is having a Bazaar and Holiday Buffet Luncheon, Friday, Dec. 3, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Alberta at Mallory. Musical entertainment ornaments

Come join in the fun!

Mrs. Mary Kurney, President of Portland Federation of Classified Employees, believes that, "There

needs to be more thank-yous in our

work. The human element in educa-

and holiday gifts will be featured.

U.S. Congressman Mervyn Dymally (D-CA) has co-sponsored a

\$30 million bill that would allow for

the upgrading of Math and Science teachers on the secondary level nationwide.

"We live in a world of computers, memory chips, and sophisticated electronics; and it is shocking that most of our teachers are as lacking in basic understanding of this technology as their students," he said recently.

Mount Olivet Baptist Church will hold its Annual Bazaar, Saturday, December 4, 1982, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 122 N.E. Schuyler Street. Dinners will be served. The Reverend John Jackson is pastor.

The National Education Association has grown from 56.2 percent of U.S. public school teachers ten years ago to 80.3 percent today. Much of this membership growth has come from drastic increases in urban school districts. The N.E.A. claims 1.7 million members, second largest in the U.S.A. Only the Teamsters Union has more mem-

bers.

Thomas Boothe, flutist, will appear in concert December 18, 1982, 8 p.m., at the Northwest Service Center, 1819 N.E. Everett.

Mr. Boothe will perform his original compositions, plus special arrangements of traditional Christmas music.

The financial estate of Natalie Cole, singer, 32-year-old daughter of the late Nat King Cole has been placed under the conservatorship of Maria Cole, her mother.

Maria Cole told newspaper reporters that her daughter had been under severe mental strain because of a pending operation to remove a nodule from the singer's throat. Also, she expected her daughter to be fully recovered within three months and managing her \$300,000 estate.

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