

OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
by Kathryn Hall Bogle



TO HONOR the memory of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, the Portland section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., invited the public to a musical program and tea on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 28, at Bethel A.M.E. Church.

The Portland section, according to Lenora Morris, president, was founded on December 11, 1966. Current officers working with Mrs. Morris include: Beulah Campbell, vice president; Pattie Sheppard, 2nd vice president; Faralene Gaither, secretary; Carrie Muldrew Shaw, treasurer; Lizzie Smith, Chaplain-historian; Mamie Carter, corresponding secretary.

Sunday's program, with Beulah Campbell named as chairperson, presented Willa Mae Hart giving an oral history of the life and accomplishments of Dr. Bethune. She also traced the founding and history of the NCNW on the local and national levels.

Soprano Lessie Williams, accompanied by Cynthia Rampone, was the featured soloist. Possessing a beautiful voice with unusual clarity and bell-like tones in the upper register, Lessie Williams sang her way into the hearts of those who heard her sing the old Negro spirituals. Her "Deep River" was especially moving.

Appearing on the program also was a male quartet, the "Gospel Trumpets," a local group that donates time and talent to local church organizations. "The Lord Will Make A Way" and "Going Over Yonder" were two of several spirituals in their repertoire that Sunday's audience received warmly.

In the Gospel Trumpets are: Thene Houston, bass; James Mitchell, lead tenor; Archie Franklin, second tenor and Eugene Johnson, bass guitar. Thomas Brewer acts as manager and accompanist for the group formed seven years ago out of a mutual wish to sing and "give something to the community."

The NCNW Program Committee Chairman, Beulah Campbell, named others on her committee as: Jessie Porter, Ceola Bush, Lenora



Lenora C. Morris, president of NCNW, Portland Section; Mrs. Aldridge Johnson, member; and Lessie Williams, soloist at Bethune Memorial Tea. (Photo: Richard Brown)

Morris, Pattie Sheppard, and Rosa Lee Douglas.

THE Portland Collection, a first annual benefit dinner and fashion show, is to be presented by the Portland Chapter of Jack and Jill of America on Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Red Lion Inn at Lloyd Center. Dinner time and show time will follow the cocktail hour set for 3 p.m.

Recipients of funds raised have been named as the Portland Stars and Stripes Drill Team. Local president of Jack and Jill is Elaine Jamison. Chairman of ticket sales is Karen Enge.

CAROL AND Steve Jones, prospective parents, with dates set for early December for initiation into the real world of parenthood were completely surprised Sunday afternoon when they visited

(casually, they thought) their relatives Susie and Pat Patterson. Actually, they had been adroitly steered to the Patterson home by Sherri Jones.

Entering the Patterson living room, Carol was amazed to see about 25 friends and a new bassinet piled high with beribboned packages—all in her honor. Several Trailblazer wives were there, a few salespeople from "Helen's of Course," some from your favorite electric light company and other locals in Carol's fashion circuit.

Hostesses were Susie Patterson, Mrs. Nicholas Jones and Geneva Jones.

JEFFERSON High School faculty members, some of them, are arranging an "Image Awareness Project" for some time in early De-

cember. Persons in the community invited to speak to students involved in the project are: Vernon Chatman of the Urban League, Michael Harper, a former Trailblazer, Steve Jones, a radio broadcaster, Anise Hall, a fashion model, and Margaret Carter, a counselor at P.C.C. Additional speakers are to be added in time.

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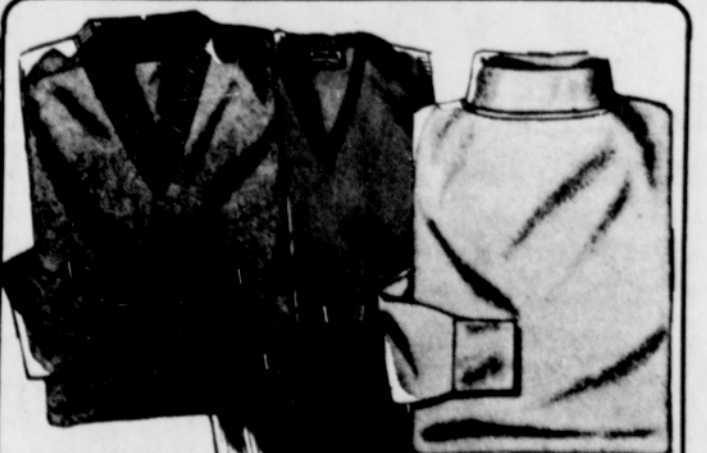
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