

OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
by Kathryn Hall Bogle



"The Portland Collection" was featured at the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., fashion show Sunday. The show will benefit the Stars and Stripes drill team. (Photo: Richard Brown)

Dinner and fashions made up an agenda for an enjoyable Sunday afternoon when the Portland Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. presented "The Portland Collection" to some 300 persons on December 5.

The affair, staged in the Cascade ballroom at the Red Lion Inn at Lloyd Center, was to benefit the Stars and Stripes drill team, a 10-member team of girls of middle-school age, who performed with snap and precision during the evening.

After dinner, Fashion, as presented by Gerri Ward, commentator for the Clothes Horse and by Cora Smith, commentator for Cora Smith Hair Designs, commanded attention.

Against a mood-setting background of winter white tree branchings and tiny twinkling lights, a dozen models showed the glamorous Portland Collection of Clothes to be found at the Clothes Horse. Choreography and timing on the runway were smooth and professional, the clothes were beautiful and wearable for life in Portland. Commentary was helpful.

Seven different scenes were offered from "The Town and Country Look" through "Tuxedo Dressing" to "Elegant Holiday" wear.

Noted were earth tones. Beiges and greens were given importance in the fashion base, but also noted was the use of strong, primary colors to accent.

Velours, called "functional and sensational" by Gerri, were worn by

both male and female models. Some velour garments were for outdoor activities and some were for indoor lounging and leisure time—right up to shower and bathtime.

A very pretty and dressy jacket made of a fluffy light grey fur, shown over an ivory afternoon dress, drew a ripple of special attention when Gerri mentioned "Coyote" as the fur's origin. There was a silky mauve "bubble" dress with hem line right out of the hem, a black and smoke organza concoction with huge sleeves, a body-clinging gown of sleek black velvet, shiny jet jewelry, coq-feather cap sleeves on an emerald green satin gown, and velvet dinner jackets for men—and more.

Elaine Jamison, president of Portland Chapter Jack and Jill, introduced members of the local group. Her husband, Alonzo Jamison, acted as the evening's general master of ceremonies for this family-oriented organization.

Among several winners of door prizes offered were: Genevieve Martin, Helen Rawlins, Kay Kennedy, Jerry Duckett, Rosa Bouchet. Keva Moore selected the prize winning tickets.

ALLEN Temple of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and the Rev. Elonza J. Edwards will be hosts on Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11, to the annual conference of the Alaska-Pacific C.M.E. Church Conference.

Presiding will be the Right Rev.

Nathaniel Linsey, Bishop of the Alaska-Pacific conference for whom a public reception will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 10. Time is set for 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Matt Dishman Community Center at 77 N.E. Knott St.

A welcoming program arranged to honor Bishop Linsey will involve many civic leaders of the Portland community and of the church leadership. The Rev. Raymond Campbell of Curry Temple C.M.E. Church of Seattle will give the invocation. Mrs. Marion Mitchell of Allen Temple will introduce Bonita Payne, mistress of ceremonies.

Official welcome is to be by Presiding Elder William G. Mitchell of the Oregon Washington district. Greetings will be extended by the Honorable Judge Belton Hamilton, Multnomah County Commissioner Gladys McCoy, Lucius Hicks, president of the Portland Branch NAACP, Thomas Brown, MWGM Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge, Presiding Elder Claude L. Johnson of the C.M.E. Alaska district and the Rev. John Garlington of the Albina Ministerial Alliance.

Music will be by Mattie Spears of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, a trio from Allen Temple and the Young

Peoples Choir of Allen Temple and its Minister of Music, Louise Jones. The Rev. Edwards will give the benediction.

The Rt. Rev. Linsey, the 39th Bishop of the C.M.E. Church, hails from Atlanta. He received an A.B. degree from Paine College in Augusta, and in later years, served the college as president. Other degrees were earned from Howard University School of Religion, Scarrit College conferred a master's degree in Evangelism and an honorary doctorate degree came to Bishop Linsey from Miles College in Birmingham. He has also had additional training in clinical counseling and church administration.

Bishop Linsey is known for his founding of "Contact Atlanta," a 24-hour telephone ministry for the lonely, distressed and troubled. He has been the recipient of many awards including the Pi Lambda Sigma Award of Merit in 1963, the Alpha Sigma Zeta Certificate of Merit in 1964, and the World Evangelism Merit Award in Lusanne, Switzerland, in 1973.

He is married to the former Mae C. Mills of Greenville, North Carolina. They are the parents of four children.

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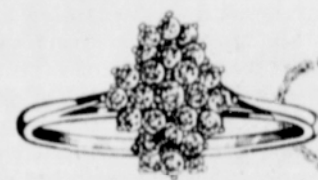
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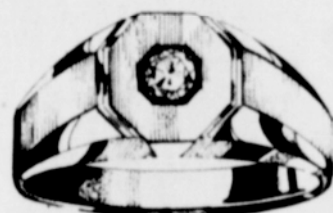
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