



OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
by Kathryn Hall Bogle



Dr. Matthew Prophet, Jr., keynote speaker for Portland Federal Executive Board Luncheon, talks with members of Equal Employment Opportunity Committee, at the January 14th luncheon at Red Lion, Lloyd Center, honoring the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. (Photo: Richard Brown)



More than 280 persons listen to keynote speaker Dr. Matthew Prophet, Superintendent of Portland Public Schools. (Photo: Richard Brown)

THE BIRTHDAY of Martin Luther King was celebrated by nearly 300 persons when they gathered last Friday noon to lunch at the Red Lion Lloyd Center. The Equal Employment Opportunity Committee of the Portland Federal Executive Board, dedicated to equal opportunity in the job market, were sponsors of the affair.

Matthew W. Prophet Jr., superintendent of Portland Public Schools, gave the keynote address. Individuals and business firms were honored for their contributions to the areas of equal opportunity and civil rights. Among those honored were Joseph Ferry, director of the Portland Veterans Administration Medical Center; Reginald M. Katsner, of the Bonneville Power Administration; Peter J. Floria, Internal Revenue Service; William Leavell, state director, Bureau of Land Management; and Elias Ramirez, financial manager, Portland District, Army Corps of Engineers.

The Baldwin Sanitary Service and Tektronix, Inc., were two businesses awarded honors by the EEO Committee.

Prophet eulogized Dr. King and his accomplishments and pledged his own efforts to effect equal opportunity in education for students of the Portland School District.

"Let us all work together as an ultimate tribute to Dr. King," Prophet said. "We want to keep the dream alive and intact for America's children for generations to come."

"In reality this is what we celebrate today, the articulation and inspirational leadership for tomorrow that we can draw from the exemplary life of a man who died too soon, but who, in his short span of time, showed us the way to equal opportunity on the job, in social dis-

course, in our schools, and in all aspects of our daily lives.

"We are fortunate to have this heritage for it gives meaning to the future and purpose to our lives. If we fail to maintain and improve human relations and civil rights here and in all areas of the world, we have in fact failed to keep Dr. King's dream."

"In the decade between 1955 and 1965," Prophet said in conclusion, "Dr. King's non-violent leadership marked many milestones in the history of human relations. Due to King's efforts Civil Rights in the South in public education, restoration of political rights and in society as a whole were greatly advanced. In reality this is what the dream was all about: equality among people living together as people without prejudice or discrimination."

A group of spirituals sung by The Joyful Sounds, an a cappella choir under the direction of Margaret Carter and solos by Louis Osborne accompanied by Danny Osborne completed the musical portion of the afternoon's program.

Invocation was by the Rev. Al-cena Boozer, deacon of St. Philip Episcopal Church. Presentation of EEO awards was by Barbara Spencer and John Vogel. Curtis B. Kirkpatrick was introduction speaker and master of ceremonies.

Committee members serving under Chairman Kirkpatrick were: Barbara Spencer, Teresa Banks, Nancy Hopper, Elaine Ordal, Bene Tollefson, Maurice Strong, Gwen Sorinson, Salome Martalla, and Jeannie Tener.

BOBBIE GARY, recently appointed as a member of the Missior. and Outreach department, attended the two-day Northwest Re-

gional Consultation in Seattle of the United Church of Christ. About 33 persons from various sections of the country attended the conference called to discuss possible action in behalf of the economically depressed areas in employment.

According to Gary, who reported to Waverly Congregational Church where she is a parishioner, findings of the conference encouraged the lay membership to continue to work within the individual church congregations and to extend aid to persons in the larger community by joining with social action groups to help the needy.

Will the 15 members of the Ladies Bible Class of the Piedmont Church of Christ please stand up to take a bow? Emma Carter, a champion of the Ladies Bible Class, takes us to task. This group of women gave the 21 Christmas baskets this writer attributed to another group at Piedmont Church. Keep us informed, Emma, and keep reading us.

Father Charles Lienert of Immaculate Heart Catholic Church escorted some of his parishioners to join Father M. Ramsey Schadewitz of St. Philip Episcopal Church in a neighborly, ecumenical celebration of the Feast of Lights on Sunday evening, January 16. The two priests shared the worship service, shared acolytes, the congregational singing and the quite impressive candle lighting ceremony. The altar at St. Philip was ablaze with 28 candles symbolizing prayers of peace for every country in the world and for every person in the world. So closed the Christmas season. A no-host buffet supper was spread in St. Philip parish hall afterwards for everyone present—and if you didn't get a piece of Lorraine Bannister's cake—we are sorry for you.

BEC sponsors Black History ball

The Black Educational Center will hold its Second Annual Black History Costume Ball on Saturday, February 5, 1983 from 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at the Royal Esquire Club located at 1708 N.E. Alberta St.

Harriet Tubman, King Tut, Billie Holliday and Frederick Douglass were only a few of the black historical personalities that stepped from the pages of history at the first Black History Costume Ball. This year in addition to prizes for individual costumes, special cash awards will be given for the most original organizational entries. The entry fee for this category is \$10 and the prizes are: First place, \$100; Second-place, \$50; and Third place, \$25.

its of this celebration of black history and culture. Organizations selling a minimum of 25 tickets will receive \$2 of each ticket sold. The Royal Esquire Club is offering its support by waiving a portion of the

club's regular rental fee. Tickets for the ball are \$7.50 and can be purchased at the Talking Drum Bookstore located at 1634 N.E. Alberta St. For further information call 284-9552.

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