

HAPPENINGS

I have only just begun....

by Dee Armstrong

"June 25th may be an ordinary day in most people's lives, but there is nothing ordinary at all about the 25th day of June. This is the day we celebrate our Grand Opening," said Jamie, the new owner of Jamie's Place, located at 1313 NE Fremont Ave.

Jamie was born in the state of Oklahoma during the '40s. Her parents moved to Portland in hope of employment in the shipyards.

Jamie began her career in mixology in 1965 after relocating to Santa Monica, California. "Everyone needs a chance," said Jamie, "and I got my chance in Santa Monica where I worked from 1965 to 1971. This is where I really picked up good bartending skills, and waitress skills. Knowing how to greet the customer is essential! You won't survive in this business without a personality.

"I didn't have it easy. It was hard work but hard work, patience and determination paid off. I returned to Portland in 1971 and began work for The Three Fools — a large restaurant chain. At this time there were no black bartenders in downtown Portland except for myself."

Jamie's next position would last for ten years with the Belair Club — now called Town Square. "I wasn't a job hopper. No one wants a person who will not stay on the job. I saw four owners come and go; this is a very stressful business. If your money doesn't go first your health will, and I saw both," said Jamie. Born under the sign of Sagittarius, Jamie loves a challenge and her strength to rise above is a quality that is rare. She is full of life and believes in living life to the fullest. "My biggest fan is my husband



The lady you see above is Jamie. Jamie is the owner of Jamie's Place, 1313 N.E. Fremont. Jamie's Place is a live place. Jamie's place is the place of the '80s, Jamie's place will be having its Grand Opening on June 25th. If you're not at Jamie's Place on June 25th, you will be at (the wrong place).

(Photo: Richard Brown)

Bill. We have been married for ten years and he has never held me back," Jamie explains. "We all need someone special in our corner giving that extra push and Bill is my special someone."

Jamie has a small staff of dedicated workers. You can find Mr. Bill in the kitchen offering a mean steak and eggs for breakfast, your favorite sandwich for lunch and a not-limited-to-chicken-only dinner. Jeannie, a sure asset at the bar, fol-

lowed Jamie from Milton and Oscar's. "Good help is hard to find. I ought to know," says Jamie. "I have been in the business for over fifteen years. My last position as an employee was at Milton and Oscar's."

"I have gained valuable experience at each place of employment. Success is not always measured by wealth, nor is it won overnight. You should start small and end up big," Jamie stated. "We all have our own preconceived notions of how and

why we become successful. I really do not like to use the expression 'successful.' I have only just begun. I have so much more to learn and experience. But I must admit, it is a great feeling to be the employer and not the employee."

What advice would Jamie give to someone with the desire to start his own business? "To go slow. To do it yourself and never base your goals on anyone but yourself. You have to want this. No one can want it for you."

Fashion show for kids only

Grassroots News, N.W. — A cry for recognition from a little girl getting her hair done did not fall upon deaf ears. The hair care professional that heard her plea was Hattie Porter, owner and operator of Broadway Hairweaver and Designers.

"One day a little client came in and said, 'Why do you have fashion shows for adults, and none for children?' She had a point. I told her to wait a few days and we would have a fashion show for her." This is how the Duke and the Duchess Fashion Show got started. What sets this fashion show apart from the rest is that it is controlled, produced and directed by the stars of today — children between the ages of three and twelve.

"This is a sensational first to ever hit Portland," Ms. Porter begins. "We have kids running the whole show. Many will never have the chance to do this again. They will be introduced to modeling, good grooming habits and how to spruce up their appearance. Many of the things they will learn from organizing and participating in this fashion show will remain with them forever."

Although the kids will run the show, Ms. Porter has given them guidance and direction which she developed from the sheer experience of twenty years in the competitive beauty business. She is no stranger to fashion shows and the Broadway Hairweavers sponsors at least six shows a year. Ms. Porter just completed a hair show at OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry) which dealt with rue color.

She constantly emphasizes that the kids will run the whole show.

The kings and queens of the community even picked out the theme and name of the show, Duke and Duchess Fashion Show. The conventional notion of a fashion show is the displaying of clothes, but the Duke and Duchess will give the public a view into the fashions of their world. The children will model fashions appropriate for everyone from basketball players to ballet dancers.

"This will be our chance to see what our children want to wear, and most importantly, what they want to be. It will be a talent show wrapped up in a fashion show. We will have music and dance from

traditional to contemporary. With the help of the public we would like to make this an annual event. Once you get a chance to see how talented our kids really are, we know that

you will never forget the Dukes and Duchesses of our community."

The show is comprised of 21 children who have displayed an extraordinary devotion to this produc-

tion. The affair will occur Sunday, June 26th, at the Royal Esquire Club, 1708 N.E. Alberta from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.



Duke and Duchess Fashion Show cast

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