OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES

BY Kathryn Hall Bogle

Scholarship winners Joy Dempsy of Jefferson High School and Hoi Tu Nguyen of Grant High School, pose with John Pike, personnel director for United Parcel Service (left) and Judge Belton Hamilton.

(Photo: Samuel Bryant)

"SHARING IS caring"—"We care"—"We are part of the solution"—these were the messages brought to nearly 300 students of Portland high schools who gathered recently on the campus of the University of Portland. The messages were beamed to the students from many sources in the general community in various ways through the coordinating efforts of Vernon Chatman. Chatman worked principally through the Urban League, through the University of Portland (his alma mater) and the Portland Public Schools.

"Career Day at the Urban League" has become an expected public feature of the fall season. Busses, dispatched to pick up recruited students at specified gathering points, delivered them all to the campus auditorium—Buckley Center. The day started at 8:30 a.m., when students listened attentively to a motivational talk by Portland School Board member Herb Cawthorne and to other speakers on the agenda.

As the day grew, students were beneficiaries of attention from over 40 different participating companies and organizations of this area. Banks sent representatives; engineering firms, super-market corporations, high-technology firms were listed as volunteer contributors to one activity or other of the scheduled events. Many of these organizations have been actively supportive of U.L. "career days" during the 10 years it has been produced by Vern Chatman. This year they arranged 10 workshops, a Job Fair, and provided a free lunch for the teen-agers. Chatman estimates that 3,000 young people have been guests of these events since they began.

A jazz combo from Jefferson High School signaled a lighter touch for the closing of the day when everyone assembled for the exciting drawing of two $400 scholarships. The drawing was conducted by Donny Adair, chair-elect of the U.L. board of directors. According to Adair, the scholarships have no restrictions as for grade point, etc. "The money is to be administered for the winners by the college after the students are enrolled in the college of their choice," Adair said.

Arlene Anchetta of Portland Community College pulled two names from the hat and winners were announced as: Hoi Tu Nguyen of Grant High School and Joy Dempsey of Jefferson High School.

TO TALK with Audrey Sanders is to talk with someone who is dedicated to the service of others. Sanders is director of the Emergency Food Program (EFP), an agency useful as a helping hand of the Albina Ministerial Alliance, the Portland Urban League and the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. The comparatively new program, also under the sponsorship of the Northeast Neighborhood Office, is housed in the King Neighborhood Facility. It has existed less than a year and has not yet experienced a full winter.

Audrey Sanders worries about the winter ahead for she sees hungry people every day—even in the spring and summer. Agency shelves came perilously close to being bare in April of 1983.

"Our agency," says Sanders, "is staffed with volunteer help. Volunteers distribute food for us, they help us assemble food into our standard groupings for individuals and family needs. They also help unload food into our storage. Some of our volunteers can give us only an hour or two each nonth, or the use of their car or van for a few hours once a week or once a month, but we are pleased to have this interest.

"The congregation of churches in this area supply us with the major portion of our food. Many of these churches keep a barrel ready to receive food donations whenever someone has an extra can of food to give."

Some of the churches listed in Sanders' EFP publications (printing and typing donated) give on a regular basis. The Fremont United Methodist Church congregation brings one bag of food to EFP each week. Bethany Lutheran Church brought EFP a certain type of food (juice, fruit or vegetables) once each week for a specified length of time.

"Persons finding themselves or their families in an emergency situation where they do not have money for food," says Sanders, "are to go directly to the Urban League Office on Union Avenue or to the Northeast Neighborhood Office at 4815 N.E. Seventh Avenue. These people will give a card to the eligible person needing help to exchange for a box of food at our food distribution center. We use the identifying card system to protect our food supply for people who are truly in need of assistance during a crisis in their lives."

Sanders is no stranger to community work. She was a program director for seven years of a Northeast Ecumenical Parish, the Mallory Avenue Christian Church, who were sponsors of an after-school program for children between the ages of four and twelve. Sanders taught the youngsters how to express their own dignity and their pride in their neighborhood by interesting them in World Citizenship, The Family, by cleaning a church building or the yard of an elderly person.

Audrey Sanders, the mother of six children ranging in age from 26 years to 14 years, is the wife of Major Ernest L. Sanders of the Air National Guard, a Disaster Preparedness Officer for the State of Oregon. Hailing originally from Mississippi, the Sanders family, living the lives of military families, have been moved to Texas, South Carolina, Dayton, Ohio, Los Angeles, Tacoma, and other locations during their long marriage. They would like to remain in Oregon.

Audry Sanders, director of Emergency Food Program; and volunteers Lavern Shelley and Anna R. Belle, box food for the needy.

(Photo: Richard Brown)

The National Council of Negro Women, Portland Section, held its installation service on Monday evening, November 21, 1983, at Tuck Lung restaurant. Installing officer was Mrs. Betty J. Stephens. Incoming officers are president, Beulah Campbell; 1st vice president, Valco Buffington; 2nd vice president, Patti Shepherd; recording secretary, Mamie Carter; correspondence secretary; Ceyola Bush; treasurer; Carrie Muldrew; and chaplain, Willie Mae Hart. Plans are underway for the Council's Founder's Day Tea which will be held on Sunday, December 4, 1983, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Rosalie Douglas, 4510 N.E. Mallory. The public is invited.

Obituary

Bergie Bernard Sanders (Big Mama) was born in Vicksburg, Miss., on July 4, 1912 to Eligaht Arteltia Bernard. She was the wife of Roger Sanders, deceased. She resided at 517 N.E. Knott Street for 35 years. She was a housekeeper for Dr. Webster Brown and a founder of the Greater Faith Baptist Church.

She leaves to mourn two daughters, Rose Trice of Portland, Ore., and Emily Sanders of Muskeegon, Mich.; one son-in-law, Jimmie Trice of Portland; two nieces, Dorthy Bernard of Vicksburg, Miss., and Viola Moore of Portland; two foster daughters, Jessie Mae Casey and alice Guinn of Portland. Also, 17 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

The funeral was held at the Greater Faith Baptist Church, on November 30, 1983, with Interment at Rose City Cemetery.

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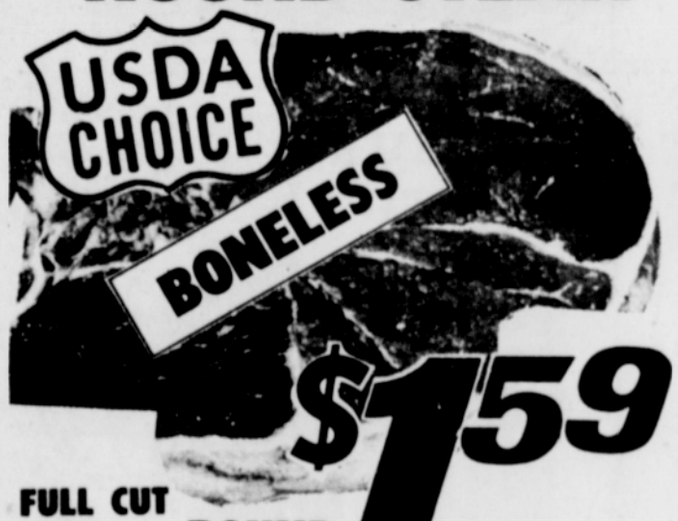

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