



OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
BY Kathryn Hall Bogle

PORTLANDERS' INTEREST in Black History received an electrifying boost when the Phylaxis Society, a historical research unit of Prince Hall Masonry, made its first official visit to Portland in a four-day session held at the Viscount Hotel, ending March 11. About 100 men, members of Prince Hall Freemasons, came from around the nation to be guests of the Rose City Chapter of Phylaxis, while attending to the national and international business affairs of the Phylaxis Society. Thomas R. Vickers is president of the Rose City Chapter.

Founder and president of the Phylaxis Society, Joseph A. Walkes, Jr., of Leavenworth, Kansas, is an author and researcher of Black history—especially as it pertains to Freemasonry. He is also the president of *The Phylaxis*, a quarterly magazine published by The Phylaxis Society. "This is our 11th year," said Walkes, "we have come a long way since we first issued *The Phylaxis* in January, 1974. It was an eight-page issue then, totalling about 100 copies. Today we have a quarterly circulation of thousands of copies going to every state in the Union, to Belfast, Australia, Africa and Hong Kong—wherever the banner of Freemasonry flies."

Copies of *The Phylaxis* show the results of the constant research and exploration into the history of famous Black people who have been a part of the fraternity from its beginning. It was chartered March 6, 1775—"A Year before the founding of this nation," Walkes pointed out.

"Prince Hall was a free man of Boston," said Walkes. "He voted at that time; we know that he paid taxes, for his name is recorded. He sent many petitions to the Senate of Massachusetts to gain better treatment of Blacks and to bring about the ending of slave trade. The archives of the state hold these documents. Prince Hall also petitioned the House, demanding that Black children be educated. Prince Hall also successfully induced the governor of Massachusetts to intervene and return to Massachusetts three free Black men who had been kidnapped from the streets of Boston and sold into slavery in the West Indies."

"That first lodge was African Lodge 459, chartered by the Grand Lodge of England," continued Walkes. "Today in 1984, we are



The Phylaxis Society meets with Phylis Chapter: Thomas R. Vickers, President, Rose City Chapter Phylaxis Society; Brice E. Simmons, Phylis Chapter, New York; Joseph A. Walkes, founder and president, Phylaxis Society.

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300,000 Prince Hall Freemasons. We had such illustrious names among us as Thurgood Marshall, Andrew Young, T.J. Jamison (president of the Baptist Convention) and older names like Richard Allen, founder of the Bethel A.M.E. Church, and Martin De Lany, who was appointed to the rank of Major in the U.S. Army in the Civil War by Abraham Lincoln."

"Black Square and Compass," written by Walkes and published by McCoy Publishing Co., in Virginia, sets forth 200 years of P.H. Freemasonry, according to Walkes. He has authored two other books related to Freemasonry, he said.

Among other luminaries here for The Phylaxis Society conference was James M. Mingo, life member and Chair of the Selection Awards Committee of Phylaxis. Mingo, of Ionic Lodge No. 17, of Washington, D.C., said, "As a group we are sensitive to the existing situation in the country. We want Black people to get out to register and to vote. Some of our jurisdictions will not accept a membership unless the person is a registered voter. Washingtonians are trying to achieve statehood and we have commitments from many states to bring this about."

The distinguished poet and author, Joseph Mason Andrew Cox, a Fellow of the International Academy of Poets of England and of Italy's International Academy of Arts, Science and Letters, was receiving congratulations on his most recent book, "Great Black Men of Masonry". Published by the Masonry, it is a product of the Blue Diamond Press of New York. The

book has biographical sketches of famous Black Men from Richard Allen to Andrew Young and to Whitney Young.

Cox has been nominated to be Communications Consultant to the United Nations where he will set up news media for the underdeveloped countries. Formal announcement is expected in May. Dr. Cox is Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Agenda for each day was packed with stellar names: Robert Darby of Augusta, Georgia, who said, "I write historical items, compiling a four-volume set of books. I am the founder and director of the Georgia Masonic Research Center. Portland's James H. Wallace, vice president of Rose City Chapter acted as Master of Ceremonies for the Saturday banquet when the honorable R.S. Gideon of Seattle was principle speaker.

Ms. Brice E. Simmons, president of Phylis Chapter of the Phylaxis Society came from her home in Corona, New York to help organize a Phylis Chapter in Portland among members of the Eastern Star. She was assisted by Dorothy Vickers of this city. Greeting guests were Helen E. Riley and Andrew Chiles, Grand Worthy Officers.

Other Portlanders assisting in programming and workshops were City Commissioner Charles Jordan, Portland School Board member, Herb Cawthorne who gave his famous portrayals of Frederick Douglass and Martin Luther King; Pearl Spears Gray, Affirmative Action Officer at Oregon State University and William Hilliard, Editor of the *Oregonian*. Thomas Vickers and

Andrew Chiles were named by Phylaxis as being among the 100 most influential Masons in the country.

SLI MMERS' SALON at 1634 N.E. Seventh Avenue held open house for nearly 200 for its formal opening on Sunday afternoon of March 11. Beverly and Bruce Williams, the incorporated owners, have appointed their mother, Earline Emma Williams as manager. Williams, a registered nurse who also holds a masters of science degree from Oregon State University, has been charge nurse for many years at the Phil Reynolds Medical Clinic.

As manager at Slimmers' Salon, Williams offers patrons her expert help if they want to lose weight and reshape their bodies. The salon specializes in "Focus 21 Lite Years" products, according to Williams. "They have an effect on the hunger center in the brain which depresses the appetite. Focus includes a balanced amino acid supplement that puts you in control of your appetite while it maintains the essential nutrients you need," she said.

The salon visits include exercise time on electrical machines which move and activate muscles to tone and invigorate the body. Steam baths and showers are available in the salon as well.

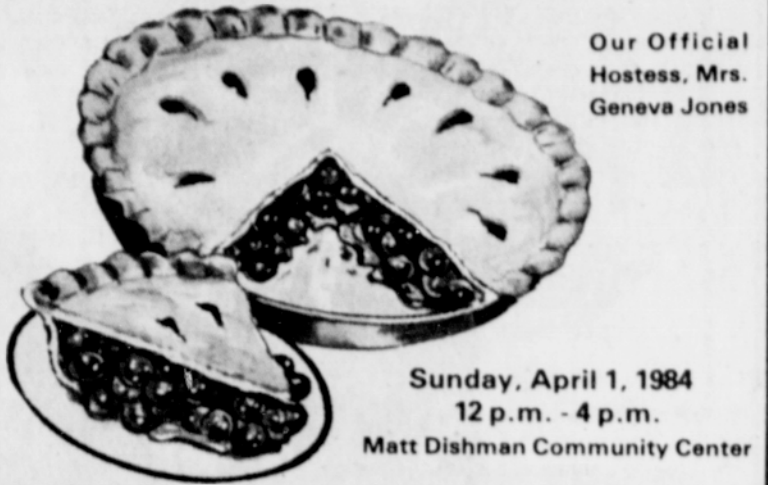
One patron, Beatrice Roach, a licensed practical nurse, expressed delight with her slimming program which allowed her to shed 20 pounds in three weeks under the guidance of Nurse Williams. "I feel great," Roach said. "I am finally on my way to my goal. I want to weigh just 130 pounds."

SPRING FASHIONS and their 25th anniversary will be celebrated by the members of the Portland chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., when they entertain at a benefit dinner and fashion show on Sunday, March 18. The party is to be at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach at 3:30 p.m. The recipients are to be the Jack and Jill of America Foundation and the Albina Ministerial Alliance North Portland Nurse Practitioner Clinic.

Marsha Rayan heads a fashion show committee including: Pat Dickerson, Karen Enge, Esther Randle, Linda Scott, June Brown, Shirley Robinson, Joy Hicks, Joanne Strickland, Regina Carter, Karen Talton and Sara Martin-Williams. Elaine Jamison is president of the Jack and Jill local chapter.

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After the contest is over, only one small slice will be missing from the pie of your choice. The price will be \$2 - \$3 per pie.
Rules
Each contestant may enter more than one pie—there is a \$5.00 entrance fee for each pie entered, or better yet have someone sponsor you
There will be 3 prizes
Pies will be judged on 1.) appearance; 2.) taste; 3.) texture; and, 4.) crust.
A pie can be a 1.) single crust; 2.) double crust; or, 3.) meringue.
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Beatrice Roach, L.P.N., gets weight-loss instructions from Earline Williams, R.N.M.S., Manager of Slimmers' Salon. (Photo: P.C. Peri)

King School principal
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unsuccessful, does his job poorly and creates tensions." The survey also stated, "his administrative qualities were weak, showed lack of direction and excluded staff from decision making process. He is distrusted by faculty."

Virginia Ross, consultant for PAT, said, "There are some problems in that building but they are not necessarily the principal. We are working with the administration

to solve them." Ross said there was a survey conducted but declined to answer specific questions.

Superintendent Matthew Prophet said, "I am fully aware of all the circumstances at King School relating to the principal, faculty, students and community who are part of King School. This will be handled in a highly professional manner."

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