



# OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES  
BY Kathryn Hall Bogle

**A** CLUB-WOMAN's club woman is Minnie Bell Johnson. Active in many local women's organizations, Johnson was recently tapped to head the oldest organized women's group in the state of Oregon that is still in existence. Johnson has already begun her year's term as president of the Portland Woman's Club, which was first organized in 1896. There were 77 charter members then and the membership rolls list 100 names now.

The Portland Woman's Club owns their well-kept building where they meet regularly and have their functions. Once they used the second floor with its beautifully polished floors for a ballroom which occasionally was rented out to other organizations for receptions or dancing. Now the second floor has been restructured to house a motion picture theatre called "The Movie House" which specializes in old movies for public showing.

With constantly rising costs, members have been pleased to have the rentals from the tenants to help in the upkeep of the building. A recent bequest has been used to restore freshness and new life to the street-level quarters. New carpeting for the parlor-like reception rooms, new paint, a completely re-built kitchen with new refrigeration and ranges and a new Hammond organ for the receiving areas, have modernized the interior.

Programs such as were initiated in the beginning days of 1897 when the Portland Woman's Club urged the addition of manual training to the curriculum of the Portland Public Schools, and in 1900 when they opened the first cooking school in Portland, and when, in 1901, they nominated and secured the election of the first woman to the School Board, have kept the membership's interest in civic affairs. Currently the club contributes to Raphael House, the Salvation Army, The American Red Cross and Doernbecher Hospital, according to Marie Jacobson, recording secretary.



The new officers of the Portland Women's Club are (l-r seated) Minnie Bell Johnson, president; Mary Maude Jenkins, 2nd vice-president (l-r standing) Esther Hemming, treasurer; Frieda Fimmel, cor. sec. secretary; Marie Jacobson, rec. secretary; not pictured, Loys Lee, 1st vice-president.

Johnson's presidency will be assisted by Loys Lee, 1st vice president, Mary Maude Jenkins, 2nd vice president, Marie Jacobson, recording secretary, Frieda Fimmel, corresponding secretary and Esther Hemming, treasurer.

Johnson currently is president of Keep Christ in Christmas, treasurer of Multnomah Woman's Club, treasurer of Les Femmes, editor of Horizons, a monthly publication for the 1,500 members of the Portland Federation of Women's Organizations. She is also a trustee of Bethel A.M.E. Church where she has been a member for many years.

The Portland Woman's Club with new President Johnson is making plans for the opening of the club's fall season when they will entertain at a "Homecoming" tea in September at their building on S.W. Taylor St.

**E**DNA BASKETT AND Johnnie Williams are to be directors for a class "c" tournament to be held in two sessions on Saturday,

August 18th, at Prince Hall, 116 N.E. Russell St. The Royales Bridge Club, a member of the Portland unit of the American Bridge Association, is sponsor for both sessions, one for under 100 master points and the other for over 100



Charlotte Burnadine Rutherford

master points, according to Geri Christian, a Royale member.

Registration opens at 12:30 with the first session beginning at 1:00 p.m. and closing at 4:30 p.m. A complete turkey dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. with the second starting at 6:30 p.m. Play is to end at 10:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door, available at the door.

**C**HARLOTTE BURNADINE Rutherford, a native Portlander, now of Washington, D.C., is spending a part of her summer vacation visiting in this city with her parents, Verdell and Otto Rutherford, and old friends in her hometown.

A graduate of Portland State University and a cum-laude graduate of Howard University Law School, Rutherford passed the stiff District of Columbia Bar and was admitted to practice there in June, 1984.

Currently, the young attorney is on a fellowship, a work fellowship, which basically, Rutherford says, is a staff attorney position leading to a graduate degree called a Masters of Law in Advocacy. Her position, at the Institute for Public Representation at Georgetown University Law Center, provides her practical training and experience in a clinical law program where she supervises law students in the firm. The students consult with large groups of people needing law guidance, such as the Gray Panthers, the handicapped, veterans who wish to vote, persons entangled in immigration issues, or a major Title VII race-based employment complaint launched by a group.

"I want to do litigation and court suits as I have a commitment to public interest law. Realistically, since private practice is my ultimate goal," Rutherford said, "my ideal would be to return to Portland and open a civil practice with a portion of public interest cases—if I could survive financially."

Rutherford, a single mother at 36, was accompanied to Portland by her daughter, Al-Yasha, 15, and Damani, her 12-year old son.

**"O**NE OF THE BEST CONferences I have ever attended," was the summation given by Freddie Pettet, concerning the recent gathering of 15,000 persons who attended the four-day sessions of the National Urban League convention in Cleveland.

Pettet, returning to Portland, said she was particularly impressed with the high calibre of the convention's workshop presentations built around concerns for the Black family's teen-age pregnancies mounting as they are to unprecedented numbers, and the Education of the family—from kindergarten to adulthood—were a part of the structured workshop studies. Middle-class Black families came under scrutiny as did the issue of the "Feminization of Poverty" in a workshop which Pettet chaired. Representative Louis Stokes gave the closing speech.

In attendance at the U.L. Conference along with Pettet were: Linda Rasmussen, Donny Adair, chairman of the Portland Urban League board, and William Hilliard, Editor of the Oregonian and an Urban League board member.

## Prostitution

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and support groups for prostitutes looking for other jobs and lifestyles. But in the meantime, she and her neighbors felt something had to be done now about the problem.

"We are quite sick and tired of being put in the position of being reactionaries on this issue," she said.

Barbara McCarthy, of the Overlook Neighborhood, said the people who oppose strengthening laws against prostitution don't live in neighborhoods where prostitution activity occurs.

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