

# Two Black Leaders in Salem Exhibition of Out-standing Oregon Personalities of Great Influence on History

SALEM — Two black leaders are among the portraits and personality sketches of influential Oregonians now featured in the exhibition cases maintained by the Oregon Historical Society in the Capitol lobby.

The exhibition, "Portraits of Oregon Personalities: That They May Be Remembered," is open free to the public through 1986. It may run longer if the exhibition is extended to include additional persons deemed memorable in the same way the first 16 are.

"The Oregon Historical Society welcomes nominations of notable Oregon men and women whose contributions to the development of our state and region should be recognized and commemorated," Thomas Vaughan, OHS executive director, said.

"We know there are many others who should be famous for their deeds but who may now be forgotten because, in the rush of events, their names have not constantly been held up to the public. We now invite the public to suggest personalities who should be considered for future exhibitions in this marvelous space in our much-visited state Capitol," Vaughan added.

Nominees must be deceased and should be persons other than governors or U.S. senators, Vaughan said. The names and biographical information should be sent to Vaughan, Oregon Historical Society, 1230 S.W. Park Ave., Portland 97205.

Representing the black community in the exhibition are:

**Beatrice Cannady**, the first black female attorney to practice in Oregon, was an advocate for civil rights legislation, for women's rights, and for black history courses in Portland schools. She established several chapters of NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People).

**Dr. DeNorval Unthank** struggled against bigotry to establish a medical practice in Portland. He was co-founder of the Urban League in Portland and named Oregon Doctor of the Year in 1958 by the Oregon Medical Society, one of many honors bestowed upon him.



Dr. DeNorval Unthank "Gifted As A Physician And Compassionate As A Man"

Dr. Unthank became a leading figure in the black community serving on many public and professional associations. He was a co-founder of the Portland Urban League and an original member of what is now the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission. A

native of Pennsylvania, he moved to Portland in 1929 to establish a medical practice.

His early years in Portland were a struggle against bigotry. His home was stoned, threatening phone calls were common, and he was offered money to

leave the all white neighborhood. He even had difficulty joining local hospital staffs and medical societies.

Years later he would say, "To give up? To return violence for violence? Those are not solutions. They won't get anyone — black or white — anywhere in this world."

Withstanding the prejudices, he was named Oregon Doctor of the Year in 1958, by the Oregon Medical Society for his service and attitude. In 1962 he was named Citizen of the year by the Portland Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

For his twenty-two years of service with the Human Relations Commission, former Mayor Terry Shrunck made him honorary Human Relations Commissioner, with a Distinguished Achievement Award in 1971. Among his many honors are the B'nai B'rith Brotherhood Award, the Concordia College Citizenship Award and a Distinguished Service Award from the University of Oregon.

Dr. Unthank was president of the Portland Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, member of the National Council for the YMCA and was a member of the Governor's Committee on Child Welfare. He was a member of the Emanuel Hospital Board, the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Oregon Committee for Equal Rights, Council of Social Agencies and numerous medical societies.

Portland's DeNorval Unthank Park in north Portland was named in his honor in 1969. (Oregon Journal, September 1977)

**"Leader Of Inter-Racial Relations"**

Mother of two children, Mrs. Cannady graduated from Northwestern College of Law in 1922. She became the first black female attorney to practice in Oregon.

Mrs. Cannady held inter-racial gatherings for tea in her home to promote improved race relations in the Portland community. She worked on the behalf of black children in Oregon and Washington who had been denied their civil right to attend school. An outspo-



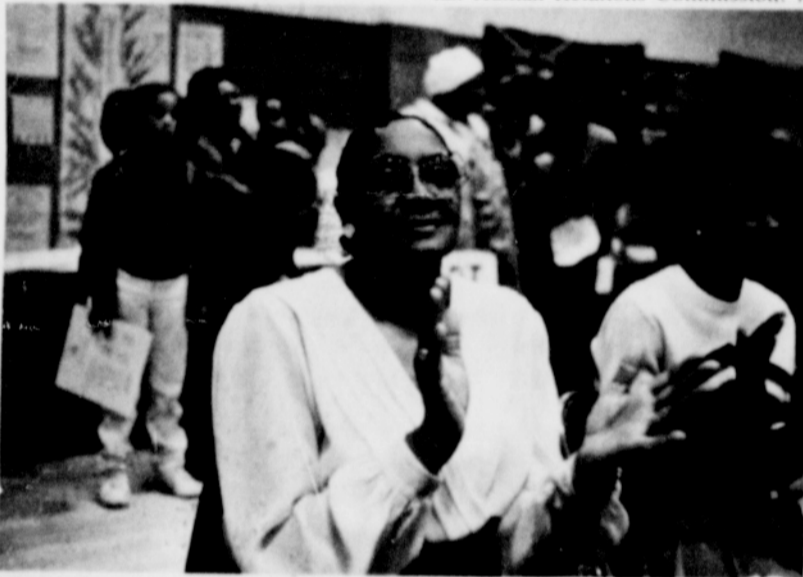
Beatrice Cannady

ken advocate, she convinced the Board of Education to have lecture courses on black history in Portland high schools.

Mrs. Cannady established a number of NAACP (National Association For Advancement Of Colored People) chapters in Oregon and Washington. She served as a member of the Oregon Prison Association's Committee for prison investigations and for women's interests. She was also successful in

getting civil rights legislation enacted in Oregon.

She was selected as Oregon's representative for the Fourth Annual Pan-African Congress held in New York City in 1927. Mrs. Cannady was also nominated by the Portland Council of Churches for the Harmon Award in 1929 for outstanding contributions to race relations. (Notable Women in the History of Oregon)



Lydia Mumford, widow of Ira D. Mumford enjoys the entertainment at the Ira D. Mumford 4-H International Culture Fair. The Fair, an annual event was held at the Matt Dishman Center Saturday, April 26. The theme was, "Children of the World" and included musical selections, drill teams, dancers, food tasting and exhibits.

Photo by Richard J. Brown

## "Pre-Mother's Day Concert"

The Alpha 1 (community choir) will present a "Pre-Mother's Day Musical Concert" featuring inspirational gospel music at it's best!

Special guests include: Rodena Preston of Los Angeles, California (sister of Billy Preston), National Choir Coordinator for the "Gospel Music Workshop of America," David Allen songwriter "When of God's Children Get to Heaven", musician/director from Winston-Salem North Carolina. Inspirational Sounds, a community choir from the Eugene area — under direction of John Gainer who will conduct a music workshop in June New Hope Baptist Church, Alpha 1, a Portland based community choir under the direction of writer, composer Danny Osborne.

The concert will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 4, 1986 at Bethel A.M.E., 5828 N.E. 8th, Portland, Oregon.

The pre-Mother's Day Musical Concert is an opportunity to share in fellowship and increase appreciation of gospel music as a true Afro-American art form. Don't miss it! For more information, contact Jessilyn White 288-5420, or Ken Berry 222-1457.

**Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior We the State of Oregon Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction #1 Evangelist Team will be conducting our 1st Annual Evangelism Seminar.**

We will be covering the many facets of the ministry of evangelism. Topics to be covered: 1. What is evangelism? 2. The need for evangelism. 3. Why do we evangelize? 4. The gift of evangelism. 5. How to lead others to Christ.

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May 10, 1986; 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Lunch 12:00-1:00 p.m., Williams Temple C.O.G.I.C., 241 N.E. Hancock, Portland, Oregon. Cost: \$5.00 registration. (to be taken at the door, lunch included).

For more information please call: Evang. Moore, 235-0462; Msn. Ruby Fridge, 281-3848; Tracy Brandon, 281-9748.

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## RELIGION UPDATE

by Dee Armstrong

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY". "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Ro 8:28 Praise God — Praise God!"

Rev. Rick Danner of Berean Baptist Church will receive a master degree from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary this Sunday, May 4, 1986 in the field of "Christian Education".

It hasn't been easy said Pat Danner, Rick's wife. He has worked the entire time since 1975. With school during the day and working at night, then trying to take care of us and doing a good job of it."

Ricky Danner was born in Oceanide, California to his proud parents Elbert and Jewel Danner. After moving to Richmond, CA he attended and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School. While still in high school Ricky Danner gave his life to the Lord at the tender age of fourteen.

With a calling upon his life he studied the word of God with the determination of seeking "His perfect will". He soon developed a strong prayer life and this is what attracted the attention of then Patricia Hight also a young Christian in the Lord. She said, "Rick and I met in Bible Study. I was first attracted to him by his outstanding prayer life."

Leaning on the Lord and seeking him through prayer and supplication Rev. Danner was led to W.C.B.S. by the way of a Bachelor's Degree from Bay City Bible Institute in Richmond, California. With a humble spirit and dedication to the Lord he rose to academic excellence and received a \$12,000 scholarship from W.C.B.S. where he will be honored this Sunday at 3 p.m.

Now, Rick and Pat Danner have four lovely children; Tricia 9; Ricky Jr. 7; Carlene 6 and David 3 years old.

In our interview over the phone I could hear the children in the background as they were helping Mom out with the after dinner desert, "Banana Pudding". This is really beginning to look strange said Pat, there is only one vanilla wafer on top, oh well there is a lot of love in it. She says, "the children love the word of the Lord and now at such a young age they too are giving their hearts to Jesus. "Jesus is natural to them," she said.

Sister Jean Boswell a student of Rev. Danner now attending North Portland Bible College where he has taught since the Fall of 1982 had this to say about him; "He is first of all dedicated to the Lord. Truly in my heart I praise God for him and his dedication. I know for a fact that he sincerely loves God. The classes that I took from him were the most exciting ones. I guess every student has his/her favorite teacher and yes, I admit he was mine. He encouraged his students and he never put himself above us. He was good news because he shared "The Good News" and in the process he saw the needs of the pupil. I thank God I met him and had the opportunity to view his life style, it was truly a blessing!"

To Rev. Rick Danner, we the body of Christ rejoice with you in your accomplishment for we know the scripture has said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15.

God's speed be with you as you endeavor to work in his Kingdom. This week's Update with Food for Thought, "My brethren count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations." JA 1:2.

There will be a roast in the honor of Rev. Rick Danner this Saturday, May 2, 1986 at 6 p.m. at Berean Baptist Church, located at 4822 N. Vancouver Avenue. Rev. Nathan C. Barnet host pastor.

**Tribute To**  
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May 4, 1986, Saturday, 5:00 p.m. at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church N.E. First & Schuyler for more information call 284-1954 John H. Jackson, Minister, M.E.D., M.D.

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