

Walker, Chatman to Receive Awards for Service to Youth

Carmen Walker and Vern Chatman have been selected to receive the first annual Bowman Awards to be presented by Jefferson High School to recognize persons in the community who have worked with the community's young people.

The awards, named in honor of Dolores and Joseph Bowman, will be presented during the finale of the opening night performance of "Hello, Dolly!" December 3, 1987. The public is invited to the performance which features several of the community's most talented young people.

According to Nate Jones, principal, it has been the goal of Jefferson's Project Pride since its inception five years ago to improve student achievement, attendance, and behavior. "Without the support of the community, Project Pride would not be what it is today," he said.

"We have established the Bowman Awards to recognize the efforts of those who exemplify the goals of the project," commented Mr. Jones. He went on to say that the winners demonstrate a special kind of dedication.

Dolores and Joseph Bowman have worked in the Portland schools serving youth for more than 40 years at King Elementary School, Roosevelt High School, Washington High School, Monroe High School, Portland Evening High School and Jefferson. Currently Mrs. Bowman is the vice-principal in charge of student services at Jefferson and Mr. Bowman is the principal of the Portland Evening High School.

Carmen Walker is being honored for her lifetime dedication to young people as a teacher, counselor, and volunteer since her retirement from Jefferson's counseling department a few years ago. She has been instrumental in Project Pride's inception and implementation.

Vern Chatman is being recognized for his service through the Urban League, particularly for his efforts in coordinating the Career Day each fall.

"We urge you to see what promises to be another outstanding production and join us for the presentation ceremonies opening night," stated Mr. Jones.

Tickets for the performance are now on sale at Jefferson in the book-keeper's office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Troy Beyer:

From Rebellious Runaway to Socially Conscious Actress

Actress Troy Beyer of "Dynasty" fame, has led a life as dramatic as the prime time series she has starred in.

Beyer, whose Black Moslem mother and Jewish father divorced when she was very young, recalls, "There was a time when I was a very confused little chocolate girl." The 23-year-old explains that she was a very rebellious and strong-willed child, mainly due to her acting debut at age three on "Sesame Street." "I was out there performing, and I knew that my money was paying the rent," she recalls. She "got a little uppity" and ran away from home when she couldn't have her way. "I just needed a little discipline until I could get out on my own," Beyer says. She got that discipline at age 12, when she went to live with her father in Idaho.

As the only Black student at her school in Idaho, she got her first taste of racism when her White boyfriend of two years was "pressured" to break up with her, and a White girl at school called her a derogatory name. However, the love and support of her parents and nine brothers and sisters, including half-Asian and half-Spanish siblings, taught her, "I don't have to worry about what it's like to be any color."

Beyer, whose acting credits include Showtime Cable's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and the movie, "Disorderlies," says of her career, "I don't want to be a star, I want to be an artist." The socially conscious actress also wants to help troubled teens and become a U.S. senator one day to "give something back" to the world.



Troy Beyer, of "Dynasty" fame, reveals how she recovered from a troubled childhood to find success in acting.

Galaxy of Stars to Sparkle on UNCF Telethon



Ed McMahon

Marilyn McCoo

Lou Rawls

Many of the entertainment world's most exciting singers, dancers and actors will illuminate millions of television screens across the county when a galaxy of stars appear on the 1987 "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon to benefit the United Negro College Fund. This annual holiday extravaganza, now in its eighth year, will air coast to coast on Saturday, Decem-

ber 26. Over 50 stars representing a wide range of entertainment categories will appear on the seven-hour special, including many who have volunteered their talents to this worthy cause year after year. Among the greats returning to this year's show will be Sammy Davis, Jr., Patti LaBelle, Bob Hope, Ben Vereen, Nancy Wilson, Alan Thicke

and Al Jarreau. Leading the way on the fun-filled entertainment special will be telethon host Lou Rawls, joined by co-hosts Marilyn McCoo and Ed McMahon. Noted entertainer and talk show host Clint Holmes will join the trio as co-host this year from the glittering Tropicana Hotel in Los Vegas.



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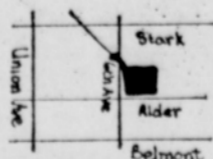
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