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Ford Gets Teaching Post In Roosevelt High School

Robert G. Ford, 4205 N. Haight avenue, has been assigned a teaching post at Roosevelt high school, it was announced Wednesday by Hal York, principal. Ford, who assumed his post Tuesday, becomes the first Negro to teach high school in Oregon.

Formerly of Holladay grade school, Ford has been transferred to his present position where he teaches freshman social studies and general science. He previously taught high school for 11 years in Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Morgan State college in Baltimore, Maryland.

Plans are being made, according to York, to integrate Ford into the school's activity program, a curriculum phase for which he has unusual ability. York stated that Ford is well qualified for the position.

Ford could not be reached for a statement.

Portland Kappas Gain Recognition

BY RICHARD PARKER

The local chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity gained in recognition as two of its members won honors at the Western Provincial Council of Kappas which was held in Oakland, California, during the Labor Day week end.

James O. Brooks, polemarch of the Delta Alpha chapter, was elected to the office of Jr. vice-polemarch of the Western Province. This office deals with the reclamation of undergraduate members.

The most singular honor went to Herman C. Plummer, prominent Portland real estate broker and popular Democratic state representative hopeful, upon his being awarded the achievement award. The provincial achievement award is the highest award given to Kappas in this area and is bestowed upon its members for outstanding and noteworthy achievements in their various fields of endeavors or professions.

Other highlights of the council included gay scintillating social affairs and a tour of the Bay area. The business meetings interest was augmented by the presence of the Grand Polemarch, Frank M. Summers, whose remarks were an inspiration to all.

Summers also spoke at the closed banquet, stressing the unification of the brotherhood to make programs endorsed by Kappa more beneficial to the communities in which Kappas are a part.

Wrong Allegation

John Watkins (not James as previously mentioned in the Portland Challenger) had nothing to do with the alleged organization of an Omega Psi Phi fraternity chapter in the Portland area, according to information received from his wife, Mrs. Eunice Mott Watkins.

Watkins is alluded to be affiliated with Omega Psi Phi, national Greek social fraternity.

Stevenson Garners Support of Powell

New York, N. Y.—Democratic candidate for president, Adlai Stevenson, met with New York's liberal politicians last week and had this to say on the Demo's civil rights plank:

The federal government has a "direct responsibility" to help end racial discrimination in employment and assailed congressional filibusters that "strangle democracy."

His new statements on civil rights caused one hundred per cent support to come from Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Powell had previously assailed the civil rights plank on the Democratic ticket as very weak and had urged Negro voters to stay away from the polls if the party didn't strengthen its civil rights plank.

Dr. Ralph Bunche and Channing Tobias were reportedly verbally "backslapping" Stevenson.

The Democratic nominee for vice president, Alabama's John Sparkman, is alleged to have endorsed his "unreserved support" to Stevenson's civil rights stand.

Urban Leaguers Attend Conclave

Three top officials of the Portland branch of the Urban League are currently attending the national conference of the Urban League in Cleveland, Ohio.

Edwin C. Berry, E. Shelton Hill and John Holley of the Portland branch made the trip back to the annual conference.

They plan to return to Portland around September 9.

Shortly after the United States became independent Negroes formed one-fifth of the population. Now the proportion of Negroes to Caucasians has declined and now the number is about one-tenth of the population.

George L. Thomas Speaks At Racial, Religious Confab

George L. Thomas, former Portlander and now executive secretary for the Los Angeles County conference on Community relations, was one of several principal speakers at Institute on Racial and Cultural Relations held recently at Reed college.

At this meeting, which lasted four days, were representatives from various churches and social agencies interested in improving

race relations. Also the general public was admitted to the general sessions.

At the conclusion of the main speeches the large group broke up into smaller discussion forums where there was a free give-and-take of experiences and opinions.

Mr. Thomas stated that "good, decent housing is basic in the development of civic responsibility among citizens of the community." "When groups of people are forced because of race, creed or nationality, to live in prescribed areas community structure is weakened."

Outlines Four Issues

He outlined four issues that face the church. The first is that a "Non-segregated church is the ideal in a non-segregated society."

The second issue was what can we do to influence church members not to be part of any movement to restrict neighborhoods to certain racial, religious or national groups.

Thirdly, he questioned how can we create a climate of opinion in which hate groups find it more difficult to exist.

His fourth point concerned itself with how to prevent false rumors about the adverse results from the residency of non-white people in so-called white areas.

He hit very strongly at groups under the cloak of patriotism which perpetrate racism in sometimes sly and subtle ways.

Ike Tours South For More Support

Atlanta, Ga.—Dwight D. Eisenhower tossed Republican tradition to the oldtimers last week end and made an unprecedented GOP swing through the reputedly "solid south."

He evidently held no fear of the proven tradition-bound southern vote as he hit hard and sharp at Truman's "messy" situation in Washington and touched on the well-worn civil rights issue.

The ex-general spoke to large crowds in Georgia and Florida and received much applause when he promised to clean out the White House.

His listeners stood silent, however, when he told them that he would have to stand solidly for individual rights of man. He told his southern audiences that every man has the right to individual freedoms.

While Eisenhower was making an attempt to rebuild his party in the south his running mate, Richard Nixon of California, came out for anti-lynching and anti-filibustering legislation. Nixon, however, is against a federal compulsory FEPC. Said Nixon:

Adlai Puts Accent on Pacific Northwest Development in Local Address

BY TED BURGER

Strongly accenting Pacific Northwest development of rivers for hydroelectric power and irrigation, Governor Adlai Stevenson, Democratic presidential candidate, spoke to an overflow crowd at the Benson auditorium Monday afternoon. The address was the highlight of the scheduled annual Democratic picnic which was, however, rained out.

"I am happy to report," declared Stevenson, "that we still have a

firm grip on our platform." He praised the fact that the Democratic party is at this time united

Your 10th edition of the Portland Challenger was printed late this time in anticipation of reporting the address of Democratic presidential candidate, Governor Adlai Stevenson, Monday at Benson auditorium.

and that there is no apparent danger of desecration among the

Democratic party ranks that he has observed while campaigning.

Republicans Split

In comparison he termed the Republican party one of two factions in which "fatal division" could be found on almost any issue, either domestic or foreign. Speaking of the past record of Republican reaction to the near-twenty-year Democratic administration Stevenson labeled one of these factions as being unable to agree upon anything while

the other, he said, agreed with everything.

Wants Both Parties In

A good administration, said Stevenson, would be composed of both Republicans and Democrats on all levels. This administration, he continued, would be one which placed priority with public interest but which would make concessions to private groups in the interest of further progress. This he called "capitalism with conscience."

Tigner Quadruplets All Set to Enter School for First Time



It's been six years now since Portland first greeted the famed Tigner quads. But here they are old enough to enter the first grade of school at St. Ignatius. Posed here on the front steps of their home at 3123 S. E. 31st avenue are, left to right,

Carol, Beatrice, Augustus and Dee Jerry. According to their nurse, Betty Lou Gentry, they are in the need of clothing. (Oregonian photo.)

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Youngsters Need Guidance

It takes some individual initiative on the part of America's citizens to keep abreast with world affairs and provide an intelligent public capable of keeping good government in Washington and in their own locality.

So much talk has been on "messy" government in Washington that not much close observation has been given to government at "home."

It is the duty of every citizen to take an active part in civic affairs; and probably the most important of these cherished duties is the privilege to vote.

Many parents fail to instill in the minds of their children the role they must play in their country's future if America is to continue the progressive advancements that she has exhibited since the Civil War.

It takes this early recognition in our youth to make better and more useful citizens. That too little time is taken with the young group in our own community is amply shown by the crowd of bad-talking, cigarette-smoking teenagers that continue to harass the corners of Russell street and Williams avenue every night.

Some day these teenagers will be of age to vote. They will certainly be more qualified to vote if more of their time was given to constructive thinking and acting.

It would save many a parent worry if their youngsters were taking part in the activities of the "Y," Friendship House or some similar organization that strives to build better citizens through early training of our America's young.

It is up to mother and dad to encourage such activity among our teenage set.

Other Issues Important

Ask, if you're interested in political experimentation, nearly any Negro on the street his disposition toward any specific candidate in the coming election. His preference may differ from that of his neighbor's, but you can be sure that it will depend upon how favorably his choice of candidate responds to the question of equality for minority members.

This is a point so well taken by prominent politicians that the end result has been, more than often, merely a confused hodge-podge of lipservice. This is not to say, however, that this factor has been the only cause for lipservice.

The point of this article is that there are a good many more issues, particularly of diplomatic and economic matters, that are tremendous threats to Democracy and specifically to the Negro as well as the issue of civil rights.

The word "Korea" today carries apprehension or grief to every American doorstep. Lower taxes, whether possible or not, would be a joyous boon to all. Or, if you please, consider the dire threat which would be posed if Communism were to gain the undisputed upper hand in Europe. Yet the Negro, albeit rightfully, is bound to dedicate himself to universal civil rights in furtherance of this great cause toward human dignity.

The question then looms: When is the American Negro going to be able to vote for his candidate on the basis of that candidate's stand on such questions as those named above? Or, more exactly stated: When will the American Negro be allowed to take his stand as an American?

Adam Powell Jr. In News Report

In the current issue of U. S. on "Negro leader's" views in News and Report is an interview with Adam Powell Jr. Powell ranks the South African racial situation the most sickening questions the New York leader in the world.

Omaha Visitors Have Busy Stay

Recent visitors to Portland from Omaha, Mrs. Otis Jamerson and her six and four-year-old grandchildren, James Keith and Catharine, were kept busy during their stay here.

Mrs. Jamerson is a musician in Omaha and has been organist at St. Johns AME church there for 25 years. In May she served as organist for the St. Johns AME choir at the conference in Chicago.

The house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Clayter, 3953 N. E. 12th avenue, their schedule say them entertained at the brunch at the home of Mrs. Mary Duncan, 4024 N. E. 15th avenue.

Mrs. Cuma Clayter was also one of the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardy, 3933 N. E. 12th avenue, took Mrs. Jamerson and the grandchildren on a sight-seeing trip and tour through the Grotto.

They were also entertained at dinner by Mrs. Clarence Williams at her home on Commando st.

Shepherd-Banks Exchange Vows at Church Nuptial

Before the majestically simple altar of St. Philip's Episcopal church, Miss Bernice Banks and Arthur Shepherd exchanged marriage vows in a double ring ceremony on Saturday evening, August 23, with Father L. O. Stone officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Banks and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shepherd.

From tall branching candelabra the gentle gleam of many tapers touched softly on the white gladius and heightened the serene beauty of the chancel for the three-hundred guests present.

Wedding music was by Mrs. Charles Rawlins at the pipe organ and by Richard Parker and Oscar Haynes, soloists.

Carried White Carnations

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a fitted redingote of white lace worn over a gown of white nylon net of floor length. Her fingertip veil was held in place by a Juliet cap fashioned of tiny white flowerlets. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and white bouvardia. Young Terry Rawlins was ring bearer.

Mrs. Audrey Johnson, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a floor length gown of orchid lace and in her hair a bandeau of stiffened lace to match her gown. Her flowers were a cascade bouquet of yellow gladiolus. Miss Sadie Grimmett, Mrs. James Brooks, Mrs. Oscar Haynes and Mrs. Orville Rae were bridesmaids and were in identical frocks of aqua lace with head-dresses of aqua lace. Their bouquets were of peach colored gladiolus.

Mother in Rose Lace

Mrs. Nick Banks, mother of the bride, was gowned in rose lace and Mrs. Lee Shepherd, mother of the bridegroom wore blue silk.

News In Brief

By William Wright

Mrs. Lawrence Smith has gone to Omaha, St. Louis and Kansas City for a two-week trip where she will visit with relatives and friends. Her home is in St. Louis. . . Mrs. Leland West was host to her brother Ronald Wharton of Los Angeles, California. He was in Portland during the Leisure Hour golf tournament. For dinner two Sun-

Washingtons Entertain Out-of-Town Guests

Mr. and Mrs. George Washington arranged an informal dinner Saturday for the pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Golden and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Waldron, all of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldron visited Albuquerque, New Mexico, and California on the way to Portland.

In California they picked up their parents and brought them to the Northwest with them. The Waldrons left for Kansas City Wednesday morning.

While in Portland they visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. English and Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Golden.

days ago Mrs. West had Mrs. P. Wheatly of Chicago and Mrs. Albert Anderson.

They played cards and later journeyed to Benny's where they frated as the guest of Mrs. West. She is the wife of Lee West, orchestra leader, who is currently holding down at the Kenton club. Wharton drove up to Portland with Mr and Mrs. William Mickens of Los Angeles.

Back in her former home for a few days was Mrs. Freddie Sneed, the former Miss Juanita Payne, daughter of Mrs. Isaac S. Payne, 250 N. Cook street. She stopped to spend three days with her parents on the way to Los Angeles with her husband.

On the way back to their home in Seattle they stayed overnight with her parents.

Other stops on her trip included Fresno and San Francisco, California.

Mrs. Charles Rawlins, Mrs. Susie Anderson and Mrs. Martha Jordan received their B.S. degrees this summer in sessions out at Lewis and Clark college. . .

Miss Joy Brock returned from her trip to San Francisco and region minus her Shasta Daylight ticket. She lost it and didn't know about loss until conductor came around to collect fare. He gave her all day to find it. (Train only takes about 16 hours one way!)

A little fellow that really performed for Pal club during the Ram-Card intermission Saturday night at Multnomah stadium was Chuck Farrell. His antics in tumbling showed much coordination for such a youngster.

Charles Maxey, proprietor of Maxey's Parlor Barber shop, is off on a two-week's spend to California. His vacation trip may extend to Texas where he will visit with his mother. Maxey is president of the Western Cosmopolitan Golf club.

Mr. and Mrs. James Heffner and Mrs. John Leftridge just recently returned from a week's vacation in the bay region of California. The Heffners returned with their two daughters.

Frank Fair is in town on a 30-day leave from his army post at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Here in the city to keep him company is the charming Miss Jackie Perkins. She lives in Iowa.

Mrs. Daisy Bradley and Mrs. A. M. English entertained several friends with a lawn barbecue Tuesday. . . Rev. Mr. Allan Perkins of Detroit via California spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Allen.

Mrs. Irma Jackson is in Portland from St. Louis visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Booker Burnett, 1326 N. Benton avenue. Her stay here is indefinite.

Evans Cantrell, the former Portlander now a successful businessman in San Francisco, had his picture in the last edition of the Pittsburgh Courier. He is included in an Omega group shot on page 2. . . Mrs. Joyce Greenwood, formerly Joyce Craven, gave birth to daughter in Ellensburg, Washington. . . Angie Mitchell is slated to enroll at Wilberforce university this fall.

Records in Review

By DICK BOGLE

Heavenly Father ★ ★ ★

This song has nice lyrics with a sensitive vocal by Miss McGriff but it was poorly recorded and some of the quality is lost through fuzzy tones.

Lonesome and Blue ★ ★

This is definitely not the best recording of Lonesome that has been put out. Annie Laurie seems totally uninspired.

Blues I Can't Forget ★ ★ ★

On this one Garner shows a different and pleasing side to his musical personality. The style is recognizably Garner's but it differs very much from the majority of his discs. The blues idiom seems to confine him somewhat and it is therefore slightly repetitious.

Possessed ★ ★ ★

This is the best of the week and Mr. Rhodes plays a fine cool and relaxed tenor sax all the way through.

Reelin' and Rockin' ★ ★

This discing is way below par for Mr. Dominoe. His heretofore originality is lost in this stereotype blues number.

Edna McGriff

Annie Laurie

Errol Garner

Todd Rhodes

Fats Dominoe

Kay's Notations

Kathryn H. Bogle, Social Editor

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Thomas, well known former residents of Portland, returned to their home in Los Angeles this week. Though the greater part of their time was devoted to activities associated with the institute on intercultural relations held at Reed college, a few friends captured the Thomases for informal visiting. Among their hosts were:

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Risley Morgan, Miss Juanita Johnson, Mrs. Roy Gage, Dr. and Mrs. Forrest Rieke and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Reynolds.

The Thomases were accompanied to Portland by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reynolds and their little son, Gary. Bob is a high school teacher in Claremont, California.

In a most convenient and smooth-working vacation week for everybody the Reynolds family exchanged homes with Bob's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith of Portland who wanted a California vacation.

The Smiths are expected home this week from Los Angeles. Much entertaining by the young marrieds went on here for the Reynolds. Among their hosts were Kenneth Hensons and the Carl Deizes.

John Roberts, a radio and electronics instructor of Meridian, Miss., spent this week visiting the A. Leon Johnsons.

An army furlough fortunately coincident with the date of his brother's wedding allowed Corporal Lester Shepherd a few days here with his family. Corporal Shepherd, a radio technician with USAF, came from Randolph Field but will report for duty this time in Topeka, Kansas.

Here also for the Art Shepherd-Berniece Banks nuptials were Mrs. Leon Bedford and her son Leon Bedford Jr. of Seattle. Mrs. Bedford is sister to Mrs. Lee Shepherd, mother of the popular bridegroom.

Mrs. Harry Goins came down from Seattle to visit over the Labor Day week end with her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Ivey.

The Iveys and the J. W. Ingersolls celebrated the Ingersolls' 42nd wedding anniversary last week by going to the beach, but when they got there it was raining hard and so they went to Seattle instead.

Frederick Bowmar of Seattle brought his bride, the former Edith Keyes, to Portland as part of their wedding trip. They were guests of Mrs. Isadore Maney while in the city. Mrs. Maney entertained with a buffet supper for the Bowmars Sunday evening and she served her celebrated Hungarian ragout.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Carter, Jr., Mrs. Maney's son-in-law and daughter who practically commute between Seattle and Portland, were here for the festivities and they brought with them Leonard Richardson.

Other guests were Albert Morton, who is back from a summer spent in Alaska, Mrs. William Nicholson, the Arvolle Raes, the Joseph Nunns and Mrs. Elva Belcher. The Raes entertained Saturday evening with a dancing party for the Bowmars at their home on Gantenbein street.

The Ulysses G. Plummers and the Herman Plummers motored to Oakland for the Kappa regional conference. Benjamin Johnson attended the Kappa regional also but he extended his trip to have a few days in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Earl Morrison is recuperating at her home following recent surgery.

Mrs. Arthur J. Alexander, here on a pleasure trip to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Winslow, was taken seriously ill and may undergo surgery at St. Vincent's hospital. Mr. Alexander flew from their home in Chicago to be here with his wife.

Mrs. Kenneth Winslow and her daughter, Kathleen, motored to Seattle for several days.

Among the smartly attired guests at the Shepherd-Banks wedding was Mrs. William Law who was stunning in a three-piece suit of navy blue with a diagonally striped vestee.

Another who received lots of sincere compliments was Mrs. Mary M. Duncan who wore a rich brown crepe with a touch of chartreuse in her accessories. Many guests brought wedding gifts to the reception at the parish hall and poor Bern may never know who sent some of them because several of the cards were lost in the clouds of tissue paper.

The Elmer Flowers included the Nick Banks in a two-day holiday after the wedding at the Flowers' beach residence at Klipsan, Washington. Other guests there were the Ralph Flowers, the Melvin Allens and the Belvin Williams.

With several avid fishermen among them and clamming to do, time did not lag and in the evening Mrs. Williams showed motion pictures she took of her sorority conclave held recently in Seattle.

Portland parents interested in their children's school should not miss reading McCall's magazine for September. The article on "Save Our Schools" is both a lesson and a warning concerning things stirring in our own community.

The article will be read with sympathetic understanding by those who have worked in NAACP and there will be many who will rally to support our excellent school board. Perhaps club groups will make good use of the information gleaned from this September issue and from the article to follow in McCall's for October. Let us know what your club does about it

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Golden Wins Golf Crown With 36-Hole 147 Total

Portland's pride and joy of the fairways, Shelby Golden, did it again Tuesday, August 26, at Tualatin Country club when he toured the rough Tualatin course with a 76, four over par, to post a two-day 36-hole total of 147 to win the championship flight in the now prized Leisure Hour Golf tournament.

It was the golfing Golden's fourth victory in the Leisure link tourney. His 71 posted in Monday's qualifying round was one under par and won for him medalist honors among the men.

Runner-up to Golden was Al McDaniels of San Francisco with a two-day total of 156.

Trophy Comes Back

Golden's victory brought the Crawford Memorial perpetual trophy back to Portland. Last year's winner was Wilbur Porders of Seattle who did not compete in this year's tournament.

James Stratton of San Francisco walked away with the first flight trophy in a bitterly contested win over his state cousin, Ray Dobson. Stratton posted a 166 to Dobson's 167.

In the second flight Fred Cumbeess nailed down a cinch win with a 171 total. He was followed by John McCullough with a 178.

Washington Wins Novice

Edwin Washington, in the tournament for the first time, won for himself the novice flight with a score of 192. His runner-up was L. C. Mickels of Portland.

The junior Washington not only won his flight but also drove the longest ball of the day, one well over 270 yards.

Miss Madree Jackson of California topped the women golfers to win championship honors in their ranks. She rammed home

a 91 for 18 holes during Monday's session to also grab medalist honors.

Californians Win

Another Californian, Mary the har-hitting and smooth-swinging Jackson.

Other women flight winners were:

First flight—Mathilde Johnson winner; Fay Kimbrough, runner-up.

Second flight—Lenora Gaskin, winner; Edith Cabell, runner-up.

Novice flight — Ruth Walls, winner; Elizabeth Harris, runner-up.

Trophy donors included:

Bernard's Jewelry; Porter's club; Billy Smith; Benny's Frat House; Avritt's Garage; Clifford Jackson; Herman Plummer and Co.; Paul's Paradise; Ed Slaughter; Tom Johnson; Moran Bros. Service station; and Glenn's Texaco Service.

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Spokane Family House Guest

Dr. and Mrs. Walter V. Scott and family from Spokane, Washington, were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Belvin Williams. The Scotts visited several scenic spots in Southern Oregon and along the coast, returning to Portland for a few days and later left for Spokane on August 25.

Also guest of the Williamses for a few days were Lt. Mary Just and Corporal Ruth Nickels, stationed in San Francisco at Lettermans' hospital.

A sightseeing trip up the Columbia river to Bonneville highlighted their stay in Portland.

The girls motored North to Seattle and planned to see parts of British Columbia.

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