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City People

by: corn pinson



As a result of a special program aimed at getting more minorities into law practice, eighteen (2 will receive degrees in August) will graduate Saturday from the University of Washington Law School. Because of the tight job market, State Representative PEGGY J. MAXIE is making it possible for minority law graduates to meet potential employers at a reception July 14 at the Heritage House.

A few of the students are fortunate enough to have jobs to step into upon graduation and passing the bar examination. RAFAEL STONE, ex-Husky basketball member, has been tapped by one of the city's top firms--Ashley, Foster, Pepper & Rivera--and will become the first black lawyer for that company. MAXINE DANIEL THOMAS who would have like a position with a private law firm, will get her feet wet in the Office of the Attorney General.

Still on the university scene, a cup of tea to STACY WATERS for receiving a scholarship given by the British government. WATERS, 23 years old and holder of two masters degrees from U of W, will study at the University of Edinburgh... Congrats to LEONARD BERRY, often seen on all fronts, for obtaining a master's degree in Communications. LEONARD, who also serves as president of Vanhu Cable Company, is currently seeking a cable franchise in Seattle.

JOHN RAYE, in his spare time off as a television reporter with Channel 5, has just about completed a year's worth of pages titled: A Black Man's Guide to Radio & Television Announcing. Written not only for blacks but other minorities, the book will tell the "how-to's and what-not-to's" in electronic media, and is slated for publication in September.

City people did indeed turn out for the Mid-night Theatre Champagne Party given by Oscar Productions last Friday night or Saturday morning, depending on your arrival. Held at the Rainier Cinema, the crowd patiently stood in line to see the Watts/Stax Festival Film. It was worth the wait--good show, Jimi Brown et al.

On Tuesday, Washington Plaza was the place for City People to be captivated by the witty BILL RUSSELL, recently-named coach and general manager of the SuperSonics. According to the guests attending the reception, if BILL manages the team just half as well as he talks, they have also luted NOTHING to worry about. Agreeing with that was a proud and beaming CHARLES RUSSELL, who came up from Berkely on a moment's notice to be with his son during his first public appearance in Seattle.

The little gremlins worked overtime in my column last week, and I've been asked to cut their time in half. SOIC received \$52,000 grant and it came from the Ford Motor Company instead of the Ford Foundation. An additional \$1,000 and another organization can make a lot of difference in these times... Secondly, DEAN FALLS, owner of the Northwest Heavy Duty Contractors received a box of cigars for successfully bidding on a contract to build vehicle barriers for the Washington State Highway Department. It's important to know that DEAN becomes the first black to have been awarded a state highway construction contract over \$100,000... Which reminds me of CARL MCCRAY president of Carlemco Enterprises, who expects to complete the Seattle Urban League's new quarters within six months. The three-story building, situated at 14th and Yesler, is being restored to the tune of more than \$350,000. Let's keep doing it, y'all.

Announcement



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Brooke decries Watergate affair

WASHINGTON — Sen. Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass., called the Watergate bugging an "act of stupidity" (by) a group of political novices "who lacked the experience to make the major decisions required of aides to the president."

Brooke defended President Nixon's right to a presumption of personal innocence in the Watergate affair, but said there might be questions about his judgment in choosing some of his close aides who have since been implicated.

"And as I've said before I think it's an act of stupidity as well as a very unwise act of a group of political novices," Brooke said in a UPI Washington window interview.

"I wish so far as the President's campaign is concerned that he'd had somebody in the higher level that had at least run for county sheriff -- that had some political experience," he added.

No one ever finds life worth living. One always has to make it worth living.

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This Is Your Life Mabel Harris



Mrs. Henry Harris,
by Moszell Pennington

June 3, 1973, 4:00 p.m.

It was Woman's Day at Washington Park Baptist Church, 624 Lake Washington Blvd., E. The little white and brown church was filled to capacity with beautiful women from all over the city and state. They came to share in "This is your Life Mable Harris." The theme: Rejoice in Hope - Encourage Each other. Mrs. Harris presented the message, "Rejoice Praise God and Give Thanks. She was very gracious and poised in a green and white suit, as she stood at the podium giving thanks to God. Mrs. Harris said "That every Christian should find a reason to rejoice to God every day. Rejoice when our friends or family find God. Rejoice even in pain and suffering. Let us rejoice and give thanks, let us celebrate."

It was at this time that one of the sisters came over to where I was sitting, she whispered in my ear, "where are the programs?" She was echoing the thought that a lot of the visitors had. Nevertheless, Mrs. Ethel Smith from Peoples Institutional Baptist Church calmly went about the job of serving as Mistress of Ceremonies. The Chanticleers from the Seventh Day Advent Church provided special music. Mrs. Nora Hatter from Mount Zion Baptist Church sang two solos.

The Ushers were seen quietly handing out the programs. The two eldest Thomas Sisters, Valda and Marcia approached Mrs. Mable Harris who was to be honored this day. I heard "this is your Life Mable Harris." I observed her facial expression; she was open mouthed with astonishment. She was struck speechless. She humbly allowed the Thomas Sisters to lead her down the aisle to a brightly decorated chair. The chair had tiny flowers surrounding the top. She sat down, covering her face lightly with her hand as she was greeted by the voices of loved ones. The unfolding of Mable Harris' life had begun. It began in Jasper, Texas as Mable Leola Frazier. She married Mr. Henry Harris. Her daughters Dorothy Johnson, Freddie Braxton, Son-in-law C. P. Johnson, relatives Otis Bean, Juanita Charles and Clara Frazier, long time friends and parade of churches, they came to honor Mable Harris with love gifts. As each came each pinned her with flowers of love and thanks. It was beautiful to listen to the testimonies from Mother Mables' friends in Christ, as she is called by many who love her and has worked with her. "Ask Mable she'll do it", seemed to echo through the church. "A real gogetter, that is Mable." But, all through the sharing I could hear the echo that "Mable will pray about it." I faintly heard Mother Mable say "I didn't know I was doing all these things. I love you, I love you." I'm sure that everybody there was thinking and hoping that they too would like to be able to contribute to the growth of others as Mother Mable has done these past years. I followed the ladies downstairs to the reception. There were lots of hugs and kisses - and just happiness all around. I feel that for a little while everyone forgot about their problems as they rejoiced with Mable Harris in the little white and brown church that sets in a bend on a winding street on Lake Washington Blvd., where Rev. Spencer Thomas, Jr. is the Pastor.

REMINDER: CAR LITTER BAGS ARE NOW A LAW!

The FACTS reminds its readers that the new Model Litter Control Act is now in effect.

The law requires that you have a litter bag in your car at all times. Violators are subject to a \$10 fine.

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