

Enchantment Under The Stars



A FERVENT "I DO" --The torchlight ceremony at Bob Bailey's Sugar Hill Gardens which united Alyce Quarles and Walter McAbee in holy matrimony, Saturday night was as beautiful in its solemnity as it was in its simplicity... Here VOICE photographer, Clint Wright, captured the scene as the groom recited his vows under the gentle guidance of Rev. Marion Bennett, Pastor of Zion Methodist Church. Attending the bride and groom are the bride's sister DeVonne, and brother, Don who gave her away. The new Mrs. McAbee is the daughter of VOICE editor, Alice Key.

CHARMING VISITORS



SPECTATORS--Charming week-end visitors from Los Angeles (from left) Martha Ivory, Minnie Lee Moore, and Willa Mae West enjoyed an unscheduled event on their week-end agenda when they attended the wedding ceremony of Alyce Quarles and Walter McAbee... The ladies, along with Doris Robinson, (who was not present at the wedding) were house guests of Avanelle Lewis. Mrs. Robinson was a close, devoted friend of Avanelle's mother, the late Eulah "Bunche" Alexander.

JOHNSON AIDE NAMED TO EEO COMMISSION

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--President Johnson has named one of his aides, Clifford L. Alexander, Jr., as chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunities commission.

Alexander's appointment is subject to Senate confirmation. He is the 21st Negro appointed by the President to a full-time executive position. The appointee would head an understaffed, underfinanced, toothless agency lacking power to require firms to stop discriminating.

The commission can only conciliate, investigate, and persuade, when job bias charges are brought before it. Alexander's predecessor, Stephen N. Shulman, has been pressing Congress for power to issue cease and desist orders, but without success. Alexander, who has been serving as a special assistant to the President, graduated from Harvard in 1955 and from Yale Law School in 1958.

Theron Goynes Selected

EASTERN OREGON COLLEGE, La Grande-- Mr. Theron H. Goynes has been selected as one of the twenty-seven participants for the Eastern Oregon College NDEA Institute in Reading this summer. He was selected from among over 200 applicants from the nine western states. Mr. Goynes, who teaches fourth, fifth, and sixth grades at the Highland Elementary School, is a graduate of Northern Arizona University.

The Institute, which is the third in as many years awarded to the Eastern Oregon campus by the U.S. Office of Education, is designed to provide a program in reading instruction which will improve the broad range of competencies needed by elementary teachers.

He was recommended to the six-week institute in LaGrande, Oregon by his principal Earl C. Brunner.

Surprise Bridal Shower



WONDERFUL!--Striking Johnnie Posey was the delighted recipient of a surprise bridal shower given by Sisters of the Holy Family, Tuesday, June 27 at the Divine Providence Variety Day Home where Miss Posey is employed as teacher of the Junior "three year olds"... Mothers of children in Miss Posey's class and her co-workers were present to enjoy the delightful party decor and refreshments as well as the genuine pleasure exhibited by Miss Posey at the thoughtfulness of her co-workers... Four days later, Miss Posey became the bride of Codis Simmons whose mother, along with sisters-in-law of the honoree, attended the shower for the bride-to-be.



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virtually dictates that a colored fist fighter, in order to gain universal acceptance in this beloved land of ours, must be meek and humble and virtually as faultless in his behavior--just like a maiden.

Yet, the same exacting standards of deportment are not demanded of caucasian boxers. When it comes to the heavyweight championship, the powers that be carry this attitude even farther: They require every Negro who wins the title to be a "nice, obedient, colored champion."

THAT IS why they castigated the late Jack Johnson for inter-marrying and that is why they are now belabouring Clay for his bragging, conversion to Muslimism, and insistence on being a conscientious objector.

Yet, no one can prove that the conduct of every white fighter has been above reproach. But they got away with it while the colored fighter or champion must toe the line.

I am submitting no brief either for or against Clay's objection to the draft. The object here is merely to point out some of the harsh facts surrounding fist fighting and the unrealism of believing that Clay could really be dethroned at the whim of non-boxers.

As I said, I am passing no judgment--although if I were in Clay's place I would want to serve my country. But Clay is Clay, with a definite mind of his own and the right to make it up.

What I would like to convey to the ring lords and those boxing or sports fans so inclined, is that they should stop demanding that Negro athletes--boxers or otherwise--behave more exactly correct than their white counterparts.

As for the tournament presently being conducted "allegedly" to select Clay's successor as champion, I can think of nothing more ridiculous.

MOST OF the so-called contenders were already beaten by Clay, yet if either of these should win, the laughable World Boxing Association would recognize him as the new champion. Would boxing fans? Certainly not, for they know better. You can't fool 'em like that.

Whether he is jailed, maligned, cursed or blackballed, Clay, in the minds of sport fans, will remain the heavyweight champion of the world. You just can't get around it!

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