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## Daisy Williams Project Big ?

### What Is Argument? What Is Solution?

Why do we the citizens of Oregon have Representative Leadership of so little faith in themselves and less faith in the people whom they represent. The Daisy Williams Housing Project, has become the major center of discussion in and out of the Albina Area.

It appears that the interested people in favor of building The Daisy Williams Housing Project in the Albina Area, are in revolt against the organizations and other interested parties opposing the site location. Actually the citizens have awakened to the realization, that his rights are being challenged and its high time he speaks for himself. Many people presume to speak for him, but now he feels his voice is as important as theirs, because it involves him economically as well as socially.

The negro is blamed for many of the social ills that exist today in the Albina Community or in fact any community where there is a concentration of Negroes.

They say we create slums, but who owned these slums before they were rented to Negroes? Who charges exorbitant rent for these squalid quarters? Who has cut up these quarters to double and triple the number of units for rent?

The Negro is charged with being disproportionate on the relief rolls. Who investigates the reasons for this inequity? What permits these unhealthy conditions to arise?

Many families are economically depressed, because of the high cost of living and their job earnings being extremely limited, because of common labor becoming obsolete and by being of a non-skilled status, through lack of education.

Conditions prevailing such as these perpetuates closeness of a community not because of inward desires, but because of economic stability. Why deprive these people the chance of uplifting the spirits of the Albina Community by removing themselves from these unsavory conditions and into clean and decent housing as to where they can be as proud of their community as any disinterested person not living there.

There are many things to be considered in relocation of families outside of the Albina Area.

From old friend, neighbors, relatives and a common knowledge of the economic plights which they and their neighbors have endured over a period of years. It's difficult to force people out of areas where they desire to live, but it's not very difficult to upgrade their standards of living comfortably, and realizing part of their income for things they so drastically need.

We are not presuming that the Negro is without fault; nor that he should be held totally blameless for these social ills. Certainly there are areas where he can help and can make a major contribution.

The Negro wants to be a more effective and responsible part of Albina or any other community, but he also wants the unfair burden he has been forced to carry off his back. You cannot face reality by running away from it.

THE NEGRO WANTS TO BE AMONG MEN BUT AS A MAN, THE NEGRO CAN WALK BUT HE WILL WALK ONLY AS A MAN. "TO THYNE OWNSELF BE TRUE AND IT MUST FOLLOW AS NIGHT THE DAY, THOU CANNOT THEN BE FALSE TO ANY MAN".

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Photo by Baltzegar

Sun. March 25th at the meeting of the Albina Taxpayers and Civic Association, a standing ovation and words of praise were given to Edgar Williams, Portland Housing Authority Commissioner. Mr. Williams spoke to the group on the progress of the Daisy Williams Project.

Dr. Booker T. Lewis, member of the Association stated that never in life has he seen a man so honest, sincere and dedicated to the organizations and people he serves. Mr. Williams and his deceased wife Mrs. Daisy Williams of whom the project is being named were among the founders of the Urban League of Portland and The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.



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Sig Unander candidate for the Senate, wished Dr. Booker T. Lewis, North City Representative candidate the best of luck in his forthcoming campaign.

## BILLY WEBB LODGE FAVORS HOUSING



Photo by Baltzegar

At a regular meeting of The Billy Webb Lodge members, a resolution was passed favoring The Daisy Williams Housing Project being built in the area so designated by the Housing Authority.

Mr. U. H. Leverett, Grand Exalted Ruler of Billy Webb Lodge, stated, "We feel because of the geographical location of the Knott Street Center which is adjacent to the tentative project, and Elliot School being able to capacitate a large number of student enrollments, and the shopping centers being conveniently located, it makes it the most available spot for The Albina Community."

## Viviane L. Barnett Joins Mirror Staff



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Mrs. Viviane L. Barnett of 1810 N.E. 1st joined the Oregon Mirror Staff this week as Society Editor.

Mrs. Barnett is a native of Iowa, attended the State University of Iowa and is presently a student at Portland State college, majoring in General Business.

She has been a licensed beautician in Oregon for 19 years, and owner of La Vivianne Beauty Shop at 1810 N.E. 1st.

Mrs. Barnett is Pres. of Zeta Iota Sorority Inc., member of Alpha Chi Pi Om-

ga Sorority, Sec. of the Nominating Committee of the YWCA.

Portland's first and only negro Red Cross volunteer First-Aid and Water Safety Instructor, member of the First Aid Instructors Club, member of the Oregon Trail Chapter Water Safety Committee and a graduate of The American National Red Cross Aquatic School. She was Water Front Director for the YWCA at Camp Westwind last year.

At the present time she is conducting a Junior First Aid class at Emaculate Heart School.

She is also a member of Club Hathor (Protem-Auxiliary of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Its Jurisdictions, Inc.)

Mrs. Barnett is also Chairman of the Albina Taxpayers and Civic Association, which is Striving for Community Betterment and Equal Opportunities for all citizens.

She will be writing the Women's Corner of this paper and requests that you please convey all pictures, social and club news to her, by Sun-

## Judge Burke Seeks Re-Election



Born in Montana in 1912, I have been a resident of Portland for the past 34 years. Admitted to the bar in 1939. Following three years' service with the 91st Infantry Combat Division, I resumed the practice of law until appointed to this bench in 1951.

I strongly feel that the wide variety of civil and criminal cases tried in the district court affords a judge an excellent and important background and training for the circuit court. Therefore, in seeking this new position, I am submitting to the voters for their approval my record and more than ten years' experience on this bench, plus additional experience acquired the past year while sitting as a pro-tem circuit court judge pursuant to assignment by the Supreme Court.

day 6:00 P.M. 1810 N.E. 1st. AT 8-4671.