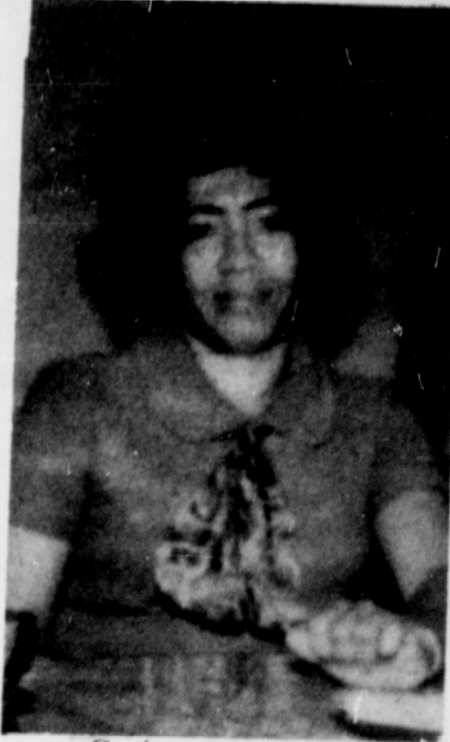


NAACP note — Corine Winchester



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OFF TO A GOOD START --

The membership campaign that is being launched by the NAACP will have plenty of soul, if left to James Lee - Co-Chairman and to Ellis Casson, President of the Portland Branch NAACP. They have gathered workers around

them and charged them to put their souls into "Making every citizen of Portland a member of the NAACP."

Key leadership among the Clergy, labor, business, professions, radio and T.V. Clubs & Organizations are striving to help the BRANCH reach at goals. The

1971 drive is geared to a goal of making every citizen a member but I know the membership chairman would be happy to least 10,000 new members. The NAACP HAS BEEN CHAMPION FOR THE PEOPLE many a year. There is a new thrust a foot to give it "New soul," by adding members.



Richard Parker, Sec'y of the NAACP with the Treasurer Betty White.

Kinsey hot line

Large crowds have been in evidence at the Capitol this week as public hearings were held on several litter bills. HB 1036 would require a 5¢ deposit on all beverage containers, and a somewhat related bill, HB 1039 also had a hearing this week on the proposal to impose a 5¢ tax on manufacturers and shippers to use returnable cartons. It is apparent from the interest these measures have generated that there are many people who are seriously concerned about our litter problems and are willing to become involved in seeking solutions.

In other legislation dealing with litter problems, it was with mixed emotions that I voted for House Bills 1037 and 1038, which provide penalties for the dumping of garbage or trash on private property, public roads, or near the ocean or state waters. I find it hard to understand why our citizens insist upon despoiling our public

and private property, but it has apparently become necessary to impose harsh penalties in order to get some of our people to change their habits.

The report of the House Task Force on Welfare, which came out last week, is still being widely discussed and analyzed, and some of the recommendations made in the report are worth of further discussion. A primary recommendation of the report was the need to intensify job training programs as a means of helping people to get of Welfare rolls. Other suggestions were to encourage family planning, and to give property tax relief to persons over 65 years of age. It was noted in the report that many of our elderly people are being forced by high property taxes to go onto welfare or into nursing homes.

In reviewing the Welfare Task Force report, one wonders if

firmer steps and direction on the part of the Oregon administration might have prevented some of the problems we now face. There must surely be a way to decrease the fantastic growth of welfare in Oregon from the 39% increase in welfare cost experienced just during the past year, and we should concern ourselves with the sudden jump in caseloads to see if there aren't steps to be taken which would slow down this increase.

During the past few weeks every legislative activity has been directed toward the goal of having all legislation submitted which is to be considered during this session of the Legislature. We have now reached that goal, with a record number of nearly 2,000 bills introduced to date, which is more pieces of legislation than has been considered in any previous Legislature in Oregon's history. It will require all of our talents, energy and dedication to complete our task during the session, but the attitude seems to exist that we're ready and eager to meet the challenge.

PCC dope problem

A series of articles on the dangers of the current drug scene written for the Portland Community College student newspaper THE BRIDGE, is being reprinted in a number of other community college newspapers throughout Oregon.

The articles are written by PCC students who have experienced what it is like to become a drug addict; some are still under treatment and in the process of withdrawal from addiction undergoing rehabilitation and in preparation for employment.

Each report is realistic and sometimes very graphic in its relation of circumstance, situation, and reaction. An editorial in the Blue Mountain Community College student newspaper THE SPOKESMAN says that "they express the dangers of the drug scene in a more graphic and poignant manner than medical or legal machinery could ever do. Per vading these articles... is a sense of reality -- they are credible because the situations related are actual experiences -- not just hazy possibilities."

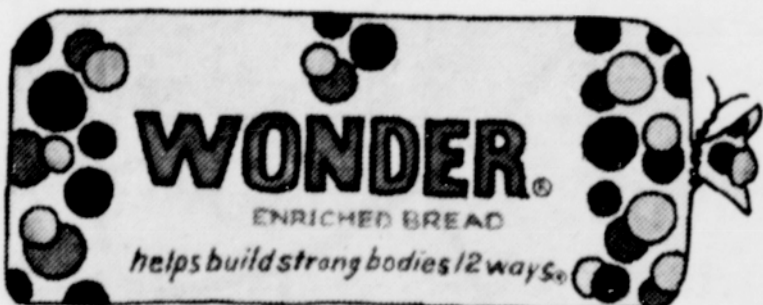
Student editors of THE BRIDGE pointed out that the articles are the first material to be widely-used throughout the community college system student newspaper-college system student newspapers, in a new effort among student editors to exchange news and other materials "thought to be important for all students in the system."

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