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## PNB elevates Amerson



Pacific Northwest Bell has named Herbert L. Amerson, 2606 N.E. 9th Ave. as manager of its public office in Portland. Formerly associated with Portland Public Schools and the Urban League of Portland, Amerson joined PNB in 1968 as a commercial representative in the company's coin telephone group.

He was promoted to the company's management ranks in early 1969 as a personnel staff assistant with the Administration department.

In his new post Amerson oversees operation of the company's public office in the Oregon Building at 509 S.W. Oak Street and is responsible for the handling of customer accounts in Burlington, Carlton, Cascade Locks, Government Camp, North Plains, Rainier and St. Helens.

Community relations activities for the company in Northeast Portland.

## Minus of Black fireman

Mrs. Lois Williams, the first Black on the Civil Service Interviewing Board for City Firemen, reports that out of 400 white applicants only 200 passed the written examination. Six blacks took the test and six blacks failed.



Mrs. Lois Williams

Mrs. Lois Williams feels that it is an indictment on the City Fire Department for not having any black firemen. Lois Williams said, "I can't understand how blacks in the military service, non-commissioned and commissioned officers, are able to advance and yet blacks cannot be hired as firemen in our city. I believe that the Fire Department is using the wrong kind of recruitment. They could work with the colleges and encourage them to get more blacks into the fire service."

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## Corvallis NAACP Receives Charter

More than two hundred people attended the Corvallis Branch NAACP first Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Apr. 3, and witness the granting of the NAACP Charter to the Corvallis Branch. The charter was



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presented by Tom Vickers, past president of the Portland NAACP Branch.

Dr. Wilbert Gamber, Professor of Biology and Chemistry the only Black at Oregon State University served as master of ceremonies. Att'y.



BELTON HAMILTON

H. Belton Hamilton, former Attorney General and chief counsel for Oregon State Bureau of Labor was the featured speaker. He used the subject, "The Bill of Rights and Wrongs."

Newly elected officers of the Corvallis Branch are: Calvin Henry, president; M. Felton, Jr., vice pres.; Adrienne Hoyer, Sec'y.; Mrs. Shirley Kingsburg, Asst. Sec'y.; and Dr. Frank Shaw, Treasurer. The Corvallis Branch has over 100 members.

## Ford Foundation gives scholarship



President Amo De Bernardis of Portland Community College presents Ford Foundation scholarship awards to Hosie L. Howell and Harvey Lockett, both of Portland. Lockett, formerly PCC student body president, and Howell, who came to Portland from Arkansas some years ago seeking a better opportunity, were awarded Foundation support for continuing work at a four-year college after completion of two years at PCC (PCC photo by Paul Blixt)

Two Portland Community College students have been named as winners in a national Ford Foundation scholarship search.

The two, Hosie L. Howell, of (2416 N.E. Ainsworth) Portland and Harvey H. Lockett, of (6532 N.E. 13th Ave.) Portland, will receive substantial support to continue their studies at a four-year college or university after completion of work at PCC.

Howell, an employee of the Portland Water Department, is a Social Science student. He is married and his wife, Udell, is the mother of Byron Scott and Karen Lee Howell. He completed high school work while in the Army in California, where he served as a cook, after attending Jefferson High School in Portland.

He plans to continue work in the social sciences, with the goal of becoming a high school teacher or counselor. He hopes to attend Lewis & Clark College or Portland State University.

Lockett is a former PCC student body president. He graduated from Benson High School in 1963, working part-time his junior and senior years.

He is a Political Science student, and reports that his present job, working with the Model Cities program as a planning assistant, has "proven most interesting and relevant, making class work mean much more."

His eventual goal is law school, and he hopes to attend Lockett spent four years in the Air Force, serving in Japan and Germany as an intelligence section radio operator.

Both were nominated by the College as candidates for the Ford Foundation awards, which are designed to assist disadvantaged minority group students to continue their studies beyond the community college level.

The awards are renewable for a second year of study on the basis of satisfactory progress.

## Urban League Director here

Mr. Harold Sims, newly appointed acting Executive Director of the National Urban League will be the main speaker at the Portland Urban Leagues Annual meeting to be held Friday, April 23, 1971 at the Lloyd Center Auditorium.

Mr. Sims is a graduate of Southern University with a B. A. in Political Science and a M. A. in Government and Public Administration from George Washington University.

He also has done graduate work at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Poona, Italy, and Yale University. He attained the rank of Major during his military career and was the first black officer to be assigned as Secretary to

the General Staff. The 36 year old Sims is married and currently resides in Bayside, New York.

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