

Computer Chatter for Women

Slough hearings adds opposition

Testimony at recent Columbia Slough hearings adds overwhelming weight on the side of opposition to slough closure, H. M. Bird, president of Columbia Slough Development Corporation said Monday.

In letters to the Port of Portland, Board of Multnomah County Commissioners, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and U.S. Corps of Engineers, Bird said the Port's request to plug the mouth of the slough would "close off for all time" any chance of navigational and recreational development of the north Portland waterway.

"It would be a sad economic and ecological tragedy if the millions of dollars spent by the public and industry to improve the recreational and navigational potential of Columbia Slough were wasted through closure by the Port," Bird said.

The Port of Portland has an application pending with the Corps of Engineers to build a roadway and culvert near the Willamette River mouth of the slough so that it could be closed off as protection against flooding in its Rivergate industrial development.

But the Columbia Slough Development Corporation, representing industries and property owners along the slough, contend that the waterway should be developed for barge traffic and for recreation.

"Testimony at the April 1 County Commissioners showed that pollution controls are on the way to cleaning up the slough. The Port's plan to close it would just defeat the purpose," Bird wrote.

Industry is prepared to support proper goals for water use of the slough on the basis of fact and without emotion or bias, Bird said. "From industry's point of view we are certainly in favor of seeing that all pollution is stopped. We are also in favor of seeing the Slough used for water transportation for industry as well as recreation."

A slough dredging and widening project has already been approved by Congress, but no appropriation has been approved to finance it.

Continued from page 1 as a dancer or physical education teacher, possibly in neighborhood recreation centers.

Princess Gracie was crowned by Cindy Walden, 1970 Rose Princess. Other members of the Grant court included, Barbara Madden, Gloryvette Caldwell, Jenny Greb, Donna Parker and Lynne Gainer.

Jefferson's choice was Miss Tina Lennice Lathan. Princess Tina was crowned before the student body by last years Princess Voncille Williams.

Tina's proud parents are Mr. & Mrs. Brozie Lathan 4716 N. Gantenbein Street upon completing Jefferson, Tina plans to attend the University of Portland in preparation for becoming a teacher.

She is a very active student at Jefferson participating in numerous activities.

Tina's court included: Linda Cannard, Donna Ward, Peggy McLean, Carolyn Allman, and Jean Stelter.

Both Gracie and Tina will participate in the coronation of the Rose Festival Queen during the second week of June at the Memorial Coliseum.

Happy event coming



Mrs. Virgie Harris, Portlands School District #1s Career Opportunities Program participants celebrate the happy coming event - the birth of a baby, of their first director, Mrs. Virgie Harris, wife of Mr. Leon L. Harris, at a lovely baby shower.

The shower was held in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Walden, 4407 N.E. 6th, Portland, Sunday afternoon, April 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A large number of program participants were in attendance.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sommers, mother-in-law to Mrs. Walden catered the lovely affair. Guest wandered inside the tastefully decorated home and into the well-established garden-patio, in all its spring glory. The table decorations were vivid in spring colors and provided an appropriate background for the delicious hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. The guest loved the spicy flavor and aroma of the punch made from Mrs. Walden's special family recipe. Refreshments

were garnished and served with flair. Entertainment was superb. The Essence of Soul Chorale di

rected by Mr. Danny Osborne, sang soul-stirring medleys throughout the two-hour affair. A special treat was the piano solo by Miss Yvette Burnette. Her talented rendition of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata: Opus #27 in C# minor was delightful.

Hostesses and guides were Miss Lenora Brown, Mrs. Frankie Patterson, Mr. Skip Osborne served as Master of Ceremony. Special guest included Mrs. Lee Brown, Mrs. Horace Johnson, Miss Brenda Hunter and a host of others. A happy festive time was enjoyed by all, during this lovely spring shower in honor of Mrs. Virgie Harris.

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