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Residents Gain Through Relocation

PDC claims success

Relocating persons from an urban renewal project has an outdated stereotypical image of families moving out one jump ahead of a bulldozer with no place to go. A number of families, who have recently moved from the Emanuel Hospital expansion project, can tell you that this image is far from correct.

Over the past year, much attention has been focused on relocation activities of the Portland Development Commission in the Emanuel project. Area residents were very concerned with how, when and where they would move. Since actual relocation began 7 months ago, 51 families have been moved. An additional 19 are in the process of moving at this time. This represents approximately 50% of those people who will move. The residents' early concerns mostly disappeared as they gained a better understanding of relocation.

Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Williams provide a good example of this shift in attitudes. Formerly an executive board member of the Emanuel Displaced Persons Association (EDPA), which had been set up to voice res-



Mr. and Mrs. Alex Eaton lived in this house on Vancouver Avenue. The family raised five grandchildren here.

sidents' concern, Mr. Williams told the Portland City Council a year ago, "You are having us move; we don't have any word to say. You've got the thing all mapped out, from somewhere, we don't have a word to say."

Today Mr. Williams says, "I'm a changed man. I didn't really know the right information on relocation at that

time." Mr. Williams and his wife now live at 235 N. Holland in a home valued at over twice their previous home. He was able to purchase the home, free and clear, through federal payments provided by the Portland Development Commission. All his moving costs were also paid by the Commission.



After relocation the Eaton family lives in this beautiful home in Parkrose. New people in new surroundings but it is home sweet home.

The Federal Relocation Act of 1970 allows families who must move from a project area the fair market value of their home, plus moving expenses, and up to 15 thousand dollars in additional money if a comparable home in a new location costs more than the one they are leaving. Renters can receive as much as 4 thousand dollars to help buy a home or

pay part of their rent for up to four years.

Each family is considered separately and time is taken to insure that each case receives all possible assistance while, at the same time, carefully protecting individual rights. Families are given at least three months notice before they are expected to move.

The Portland Development Commission relocation staff works with families to assist in finding new housing. They do not, however, tell anyone where they must live. The family may move anywhere and choose any home they wish.

Over 200 thousand dollars in relocation and replacement housing payments have been

made to the 47 families who have moved so far in the Emanuel Project. This is in addition to the fair market value paid for their properties. On the average, the families in the Emanuel Project are moving into homes twice the value of their previous home.

Mrs. Mabel Burns, 2035 NE Junior, refused to be inter-

viewed by relocation personnel when she was first approached. However, by the time she moved, she had talked 3 other families into moving. Her new home, which she owns free and clear, is over twice the value of her previous home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Eaton, 3530 NE 137th, are going to invite friends who are still living (cont. on page 3, col. 2)

"Ounce of prevention worth pound of cure"

Vancouver prevents racial strife

Ralph Griffin was recently hired as Vancouver's assistant city manager for youth and minority affairs.

Griffin, who is 25 years old, has lived in Vancouver most of his life. He came to the city of Vancouver from the University of Oregon where he was a counselor for "Project 75". He is married and has one child.

The city of Vancouver claims to have no race problem, and is taking this step to be sure one does not develop. The minority population of Vancouver is 8 of one percent and these are scattered



Ralph Griffin

throughout the city. Black children attend all but one of the city's 16 schools and none have more than eight black children in any one school building.

The people of Vancouver recently elected a black man to the city council and to the school board. There are no black firemen or policemen and few black city employees, however.

Griffin will also work with the city's youth. He plans to strengthen recreation programs and open coffee houses where youth can gather.

Governor studies inmate death

Governor McCall agreed to consider the demands of the University of Oregon Black Student Union and the Council of the Poor, of Eugene, and to look into the death of a black inmate, William Lee Gray, age 20. McCall told the group he would send a written report

of his investigation within three days.

The group also talked with Secretary of State Robert Straub, who called the death a "shocking thing" and told them they should have protested at the time of Gray's death two weeks earlier. G.E. Sullivan, superintendent of Oregon Correctional Institution, where Gray was an inmate gave the following account of the death:

There were no signs of ill health until November 6th. "Upon commitment to OCI, Gray presented an essentially normal medical history. He reported a two year history of drug abuse . . ." Gray complained of a headache on November 6th and was given an aspirin and later a stronger headache medication. Because he still complained of pain he was sent to the hospital ward and given more medication. When he began convulsing he was transferred to Salem General Hospital where surgery was performed. He died at 1:25 (continued p. 8 col. 3)

City has option on Fremont Bridge

City Commissioner Lloyd E. Anderson announced that the City of Portland has been granted "first option" on the land beneath the Northwest Fremont Bridge interchange. Anderson made his remarks to the luncheon meeting of the Oregon Association of Credit Management at the Benson Hotel.

ing facilities to serve the university or downtown business area.

I view this as a rare opportunity to effect creative land utilization of real benefit to our community.

I am most appreciative of the State Highway Division for extending this offer."

The Commissioner said: "I have asked Council members to get their staffs together to gain the best collective thinking on the most beneficial use of this land, only recently made available on a long-term no cost lease.

More importantly, I have recommended that we work closely with the people of Northwest Portland to assure that we have the benefit of their feelings on the best land use in their area.

Such areas have many potential uses in the recreational field such as mini-parks, year-round tennis courts and commercial use such as open mall neighborhood shopping areas, or as part of the city's total transportation program, specifically, peripheral park-

Committee members named

The Citizens Finance Study Committee appointed to look into fiscal problems of the Portland Public Schools has a full complement of members and has begun its work, Harold M. Phillips, Chairman of the committee, announced today.

Phillips was asked to head the task force two weeks ago. It's goal is to study the fiscal problems of the district and recommend solutions for the next two year period. The committee is to be independent of the district and function with its own staff consultant. First meeting of the committee was (continued p. 6 col. 3)

Special policeman waves gun in crowd

On November 22nd at approximately 2 pm a special policeman from the Lloyd Center was seen chasing a man across the parking lot. This special policeman ran the width of the crowded parking lot, across the street, up 9th avenue and into a covered parking lot with his gun drawn. He could at any time have slipped or accidentally discharged the gun and killed the man he was chasing or a bystander. Most police forces train their men not to pull a gun unless they are forced to use it.

The Portland City Council has recently decided that Special Policemen or store detectives, will no longer be commissioned by the city, cannot

wear badges or uniforms similar to those of the Portland Police Department, and cannot carry guns while off of the private property they are hired to patrol.

Straub to resign

State Treasurer Robert Straub threatened to resign from the City Club unless it admits women. "It is unfortunate that the indefensible position of the City Club denying women the right to join should cause erosion of its good impact in the future." Senator Morse threatened to resign last week.

Black and White file suit against State of Oregon

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a class action in the U.S. District Court on behalf of Clifford McGlotter and Michael Talkenstein, challenging Oregon property tax exemptions for fraternal organizations that discriminate on the basis of color or race.

The ACLU charges that tax exemptions for fraternal clubs and organizations violate the equal protection guarantees of

the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and is counter to the interest of the civil Rights Act of 1964. The complaint asks for an injunction to prohibit the state Department of Revenue from allowing such property tax exemptions.

Clifford McGlotter is a black who was denied membership in the Portland Elks Lodge 142, Michael Talkenstein is a white tax payer and property owner. McGlotter is involved in a similar suit

against the Internal Revenue Service over federal tax exemptions to fraternal organizations that discriminate because of race or color.

The assessed value of the Portland Elks Lodge 142 building in downtown Portland is approximately \$1,450,000 which would pay about \$42,000 a year in property taxes if it were not for the exemption.

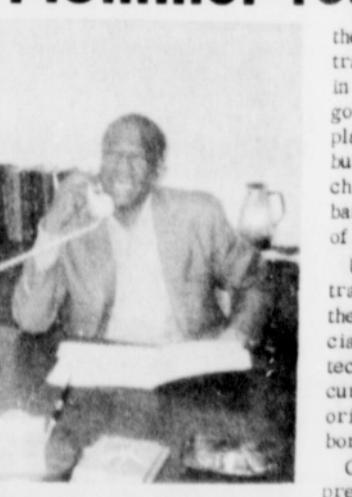
Governor to deny liquor license to racist clubs

Governor Dan Evans of Washington stated that he will ask the Washington legislature to prohibit the issuance of liquor licenses to racially exclusive organizations. He will also seek legislation to deny them the 15% discount of state-sold liquor that they now enjoy.

He will immediately issue an executive order directing state agencies and personnel not to use these clubs for official business. He asked the state attorney General to examine the law to see whether the liquor licenses and discounts can be denied without legislation.

Evans will ask the Human Rights Commission to study the laws and regulations of the state to determine whether there are "built-in institutional bias, conscious or unconscious, against any person or persons on account of race, color or ethnic origin." (continued p. 3 col. 1)

Plummer resigns



Herman C. Plummer is resigning from the position of business manager of the Albina Contractors Association. Plummer, who has held this position since the inception of

the Model Cities funded contractors management project, in March, 1971, is quitting to go into private business. He plans to operate a real estate business and to perform as the chief executive officer of urban development corporation, of which he is the president.

Under the Model Cities contractors management project, the Albina Contractors Association provides management, technical, and contract procurement assistance to minority and other Model Neighborhood contractors.

George Christian, ACA president, is accepting applications for the position, in the ACA office at 3611 N.E. Union Avenue.

Plummer's resignation is effective on the 15th of December, however, he stated that he is willing to stay until a replacement is obtained.

Governor McCall's Thanksgiving Message



Governor McCall

Thankfulness is not come across by accident; it is uncovered by search.

Reasons for joy do not come slipping into the mailbox or intoned over media audio; they are born, in remarkable loneliness, from the seeds of difficulty.

As long as Americans do not submerge thanksgiving into smugness and celebration into habit, we can continue to salute our unique holiday with the pride of deserving rejuvenation.

It is, we must remember, a singular holiday -- born from the uncertain hopes of this one, particular human effort at social structure: America.

It has, we must remember, survived everything -- including hypocrisy.

So, as we accept the decline of 1971 and anticipate the arrival of 1972, let the inventory be rich and the mood resilient.

We are thankful that the older citizens are being rediscovered in this nation; that the



younger citizens are being recognized in this nation; that the system of systematic governmental action is enduring in this nation. But I would single out two harbingers of hope which seem most worthy of grateful notes:

That there is manifest in this nation a fresh questing for faith and ideals; and, That we are renewed and encouraged to discover how magnificent it is to have life and to have opportunity and to have the chance to continue searching for the highroads of perfection.

With these buoyant resources growing brighter in our lives, it is with gratitude that I am once again privileged, as Governor of this State, to proclaim Thursday, November 25, 1971, as a day of Thanksgiving throughout Oregon.

Tom McCall

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