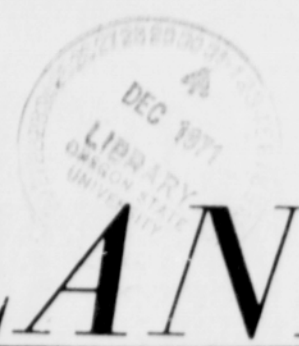


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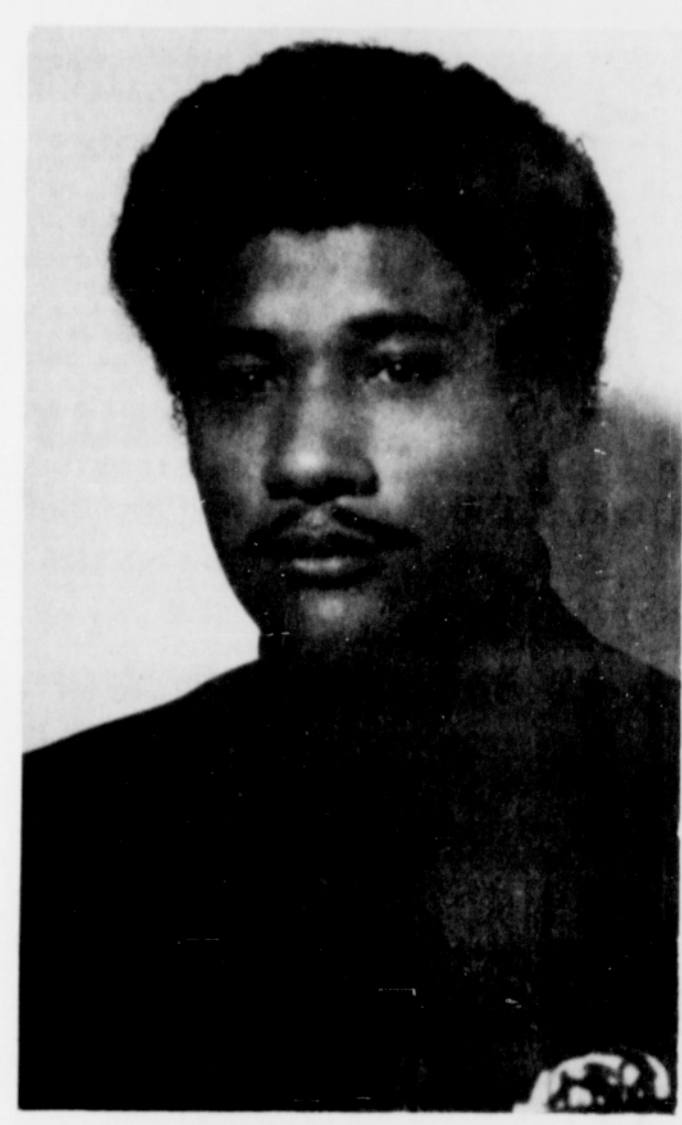
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Take A Backward Glance And A Forward Look

People and places in the 1971 news



Dr. Lee P. Brown, director of the Portland State University law enforcement program, was named chairman, one of twelve task forces established by the national Advisory Council on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals. Dr. Brown was also named a Danforth Associate in recognition for excellence in teaching and concern for human values.

As 1971 comes to a close we glance back and review the events that were important to us.

On the national scene there have been disappointments and gains. Another year has passed and the war in Vietnam is not ended. Instead it spread in Laos and Cambodia; the Near East is on the brink of war; and India and Pakistan fought another battle in their continuing war.

The wage freeze caught low income workers and civil servants, but profits and prices continue to rise. The dollar was devalued, the first time since the Roosevelt Administration. President Nixon successfully appointed two conservatives to the Supreme Court, one of whom is considered to be a racist. Nixon vetoed a far-reaching child care bill.

Prominent Blacks, Art Fletcher and Frank Render left the Nixon Administration. Charles Evers and 290 blacks ran for public office in Mississippi, and lived. The Congressional Black Caucus held hearings on a number of subjects, including racism in the military services. Julian Bond called for coalition politics to give blacks a greater voice in government.

China was admitted to the United Nations giving it a voice in the family of nations. The U.N. lost its most successful peacemaker with the death of Ralph Bunche.

In Oregon, the state was reapportioned to assign state senators and representatives to single member districts. Albina was divided into four senatorial and four house dis-

tricts, with the black population making up no more than 15% of each. The State Supreme Court upheld this move to "divide and conquer". A special session of the legislature referred an increased cigarette tax to the people, with a threat of financial crisis in government if it is not passed. Governor McCall vetoed a controversial farm labor law that would have made unionism nearly impossible.

The Human Resource Department was organized at state level with all services for children going to children's Services Division. Chalmers Jones was appointed by Governor McCall to head State Programs - The State Economic Opportunity Office and The Governor's Manpower Planning Council. Keith Burns acting as Legal Counsel for the NAACP was appointed to the House of Representatives.

Julian Aaron Brown joined Judge Diez in the District Court, a result of the movement toward city-county consolidation. Three school bonds were turned down by the voters resulting in a short school year. The students of John Adams High School voted to stay out of the Rose Festival. The Principal of Adams was "fired" and a tighter rein put on the students.

Environmentalists lost their fight to prevent Benjamin Franklin's building a large parking structure in downtown Portland. The fight to block airport expansion into the Columbia River continues. Recycling is the latest fad, and pollution the most popular fight.

The City Club again refused



Frederick D. Givins became the first black train conductor in the Northwest. He is employed by Burlington Northern and has complete responsibility for the train. (Photo by Al Williams)

to admit women as members resulting in the resignation of many of its prominent members.

Model Cities completed its First Action Year and is well into the Second Action Year. Senior Citizens program provides part-time employment for 40 older citizens as well as providing varied services. Community Care has expanded and its Director, Mrs. Clara Peoples, was featured in Ebony. The Oregon Consumer League had a successful consumer education and consum-

er protection program. Metropolitan Area 4-C Council opened child care centers at New Hope Baptist, Bethel AME, Hughes Memorial, Woodlawn Methodist, Berean Baptist, Multi-Service Center (Maranatha), Adams & Jefferson High Schools, AMA Family Day and Night Care, after school care at the public schools, as well as operating the Information & Referral Center. A.L. Henderson was elected chairman and Ms. Pat Hill, Secretary, of the tri-county 4-C board of directors.

The Albina Citizens Together was discontinued. The OEO programs for Albina were reorganized under the direction of PMSC and Marcus Gunn hired to direct the new Community Action program. Legal Aid has asked to withdraw from PMSC and to receive direct funding. Legal aid has confined its fight for rights of welfare recipients.

The Multi-Service Center moved into its new quarters at Vancouver and Alberta, and

is receiving national acclaim. Among the newer services are the Pediatric and dental clinics.

The Edgar Williams Housing Project was dedicated; the housing project on Schuyler was completed with the assistance of black sub-contractors.

Albina Ministerial Alliance with Rev. John H. Jackson as chairman, held a successful summer youth program. The Trailblazers gave an exhibition game to help fund the program.

Sidney Wicks came to the Trailblazers, but had trouble finding suitable housing because of discrimination in the real estate industry. The Trailblazers have had a bad year, but hope for better.

The relocation of residents of the Emanuel Project area is nearing completion, some with reluctance, others with great satisfaction. A suit by the Emanuel Displaced Persons Association and Legal Aid was required to obtain the rights



Members of the Religious Society of Friends join other concerned citizens in protesting the war and Nixon administration policies during The Presidents visit to Portland.



Chuck Williams was elected to a four year term on the Vancouver School Board. (Below) Children learn to cook at Mallory Avenue Christian Church summer program which was sponsored by The Albina Ministerial Alliance.



City Councilman Willard Nettles, Jr. was elected in Vancouver, Washington a virtually all-white city, demonstrating the progressive thinking of our neighbors to the North.

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