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Pierson sings in Albina

Edward Pierson is in Portland for a week of appearances, presented by the Greater Portland Colleges Cultural Affairs Board, with the Urban League of Portland and the University of Portland. Pierson has been with the New York City Opera for the past three years. He will sing at Bethel A.M.E. Church Sunday morning.

Governor explains child care cuts

Governor Tom McCall reassured "anxious mothers and others concerned with pending 4-C's reductions" that he is getting their message and his administration "is working on the problem overtime."

The governor emphasized that the complexity of the issue is compounded by a lack of detailed, concrete information on the related legislation which Congress passed during its closing rush.

He said that he had advised his staff two weeks ago that Congressional compromises to achieve revenue sharing "must not be taken out of the hide of social services."

The governor also said, however, that the skyrocketing of 4-C's or social services expenditures had to be moderated as was done by Congress. This will call for, in turn, he noted, a much closer analysis of eligibility and other requirements.

"We will have to take a close look at this to make sure that truly deserving clients continue to be served -- but under tightened up programs that reflect new cost limitations imposed by Congress."

McCall estimated that, had they been allowed to soar uncontrolled, 4-C costs in Oregon could have mounted to the \$50,000,000 level by the end of next biennium. In contrast, according to the governor, "not a nickle was spent on 4-C's activities in Oregon three years ago."

As more is learned about the new revenue sharing legislation, McCall said he hopes that it will be possible to finance Oregon 4-C's programs near the present level for the balance of the fiscal year ending June 30.

"This is the goal toward which the Human Resources Department and I are working," the governor noted. "But even this level depends on Emergency Board action in November and assumes additional 4-C's expenditures of millions of dollars when projected through the next biennium."

He recalled his pledge in his second inaugural address -- and repeated since -- to plow the state's part of revenue sharing into local property tax relief through state assumption of a greater portion of local school operating charges.

"Perhaps the state cannot give all its Federal revenue sharing funds to local government in this way," the governor observed. "It might well be that some of the dollars should go to city and county governments, one state revenue sharing dollar for every two appropriated for 4-C's programs by the localities from their portion of this new federal money."

The state gets one-third and cities and counties two-thirds of federal revenue sharing under the congressional formula.

"Spending plans of cities (Please turn to p. 4 col. 1)

Should whites adopt black orphans ?

White mother says yes

Yes, say Allison and Bob Belcher, adoptive parents of David, age 3. Mrs. Belcher expressed her views: "All children are human beings regardless of their sex or color or religion. All children need love, care and understanding."

Mrs. Allison said she cannot see why children should be denied families just because there are not enough black families to adopt them.

The Belchers want their children to experience the realities of life and will teach them that there is racism of all types--especially against blacks. They hope that in their home their children will learn to cope with these problems.

The real problem that arises is not whether a child is white or black, but the fact that he is adopted. There is always the question, "Why didn't my parents keep me?" The longing is always there.

In a racially mixed family, the question may be raised of whether the child is being cheated out of his black heritage. The adoptive family must provide opportunities for the child to mix with all ethnic groups and especially with blacks.

The Belchers also have one adopted daughter, Sarah, age 4, who is Japanese and Caucasian. She visits Japanese families so that she will understand her cultural heritage.

The Belcher family also includes their natural daughter, Rachel, who is six years old.

No, says the National Association of Black Social Workers



Allison Belcher holds adopted son, David. The Belchers, who have adopted two racially mixed children, live in Albina and attempt to provide their children with an environment where they can experience their cultural heritages. The Belchers realize there will be problems of racism but believe love and security will give their black child the strength to overcome. (Photo by Rosemary Allen)

"Our children are our most valuable possession, our Black diamonds, our Black pearls and our Black gold. When we contribute to the total development of Black children and their families, we contribute to and ensure our future as a people. Our future as a people resides in the physical, emotional and intellectual strength of our children."

At the National Association of Black Social Workers 1972 Annual Convention, the organization took a strong position against trans-racial adoption.

This position came after four days of deliberation by the membership which consisted of doctors, lawyers, psychologists, social workers, psychiatrists as well as laymen.

After analyzing all the reasons projected by traditional agencies as to why they couldn't find Black homes for 80,000 black youth in child care institutions, we concluded that they were not sound.

CAN'T FIND PARENTS?

One of the main reasons for placing Black Children with white parents, according to traditional agencies, is that they are unable to find Black parents.

The Association of Black Social Workers challenges this allegation. We know that there is a sufficient number of available Black parents. Black people have been adopting children every day through the extended family relationships which include even the next-door neighbor. In fact, of the 184,000 Black babies born out of wedlock in 1968, 165,000, or 90 percent were informally adopted or retained in existing families.

We know that the number of Black parents adopting children would greatly increase if the traditional agencies would adopt new approaches and techniques of relating to the Black Community.

The agencies should restructure their system to include Black people in every phase of their operation.

Blacks should design and administer the child adoption, Foster Care, and other Child Care Programs, as well as participate on agencies' boards in significant numbers.

Currently, most of the adoption agencies are located outside Black Communities having no rapport with the people; subsequently, they are unable to do an effective job of recruiting Black parents.

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PMSC survives

The Portland City Council turned down an ordinance that would have transferred administration of federal poverty funds for PMSC to the city's Bureau of Human Resources.

The council had earlier created a Bureau of Human Resources that was to include PMSC as well as Model Cities and all other city social service programs. The council postponed the inclusion of

PMSC for further study.

Mayor-elect Goldschmidt, who originally proposed the Bureau, and Commissioner Lloyd Anderson voted to include PMSC while Commissioners Ivancic and McCready voted against the proposal.

Goldschmidt said he will bring up the matter again as soon as there are five commissioners available for a vote.



Vann claims unfair report

C. Don Vann, Portland's Black Mortician, released a statement today saying he was a victim of irresponsible journalism. "I am interested in the vacant City Council seat," Vann said.

Vann charged that one of the local daily papers misquoted him and took his statement out of context during a telephone interview.

Vann said, "If I am appointed I will serve. I feel that I am qualified to serve because of my broad background."

C. Don Vann has been active in community service. He has served on the following board of directors: UGN, YMCA, Urban League, NAACP, and a member of the Kiwanis Club.

Vann's whole life has been devoted to the War on Poverty. Now he is the owner of Vann's Funeral Home which he has operated for the past 18 years.

In addition to being a successful mortician, Vann has training in Political Science, Urban and Rural Sociology, Law and Accounting.

"My son will be a licensed mortician in January. If I am appointed to the City Council, Don Jr. will run the business so that I can devote all my time to being a good Commissioner," Vann said.

"I am interested and I would count it an honor to serve on the City Council. I would work to represent all citizens of Portland." The irresponsible journalism written by the local daily papers has caused many individuals and organizations to feel that I was not interested. This is unfortunate and I feel it is unfair," Vann added.

Vann plans to talk to the editor of the local daily paper and explain to him what happened.

Jackie Robinson dies

Jackie Robinson, the first black man to play in America's major baseball league some 25 years ago, died Tuesday at his home in Stamford, Connecticut. Death came from heart disease. He was 53 years old.

The silver-haired and nearly blind Robinson was a pioneer in major league baseball. His skill and accomplishments resulted in the acceptance of blacks into other major sports, notably professional football and pro basketball.

The world will never forget Jackie Robinson. He answered taunts and racial slurs from white fans and players with base hits, stolen bases and fielding gems that led the Dodgers to the pennant in 1947. He was named National League Rookie of the Year.

He played 10 seasons, batting .311 as a five-time All Star and as the National League Most Valuable Player in 1949. Six years after his retirement in 1956, Robinson became the first black to be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

After his baseball career ended, Robinson took a job as vice president of Chock-Full-O-Nuts, concerning himself mainly with the restaurant chain's minority programs. He was one of the founders of the Freedom Bank of New York.

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Democrats see voters shifting to Walsh

Urging "Black leaders to work between now and election day to get out every possible Black vote for Mike Walsh is the goal of many Albina citizens."

Black leaders charge Mrs. Edith Green with "benign neglect" of Blacks, "polarization and aggravation of tensions," and "Callousness" towards Black unemployment.

Last week Black citizens called for a Black Mobilization Committee for Mike Walsh.

Mrs. Green's opposition to poverty programs, using extended unemployment benefits (Please turn to p. 4 col. 2)

GOP aiming at Black voters

Throughout the city, state and even the nation, the Republican Party is seeking to mobilize the Black people to work for the re-election of President.

Creation of An Oregon State Black Committee to Re-elect President Nixon was announced by the State wide chairman.

Announcing the creation of the Black committee, the GOP to Re-elect President Nixon named its co-chairman as Dr. Booker T. Lewis and Berna Plummer. Both of them alive been known for their work with the Repu-

can Party for number of years.

"Creation of this Committee of distinguished Black civic leaders is support of President Nixon's re-election is significant evidence of the broad base of support among Oregonians for the President," said Dr. Lewis.

David Nero, President of (Please turn to p. 4 col. 1)