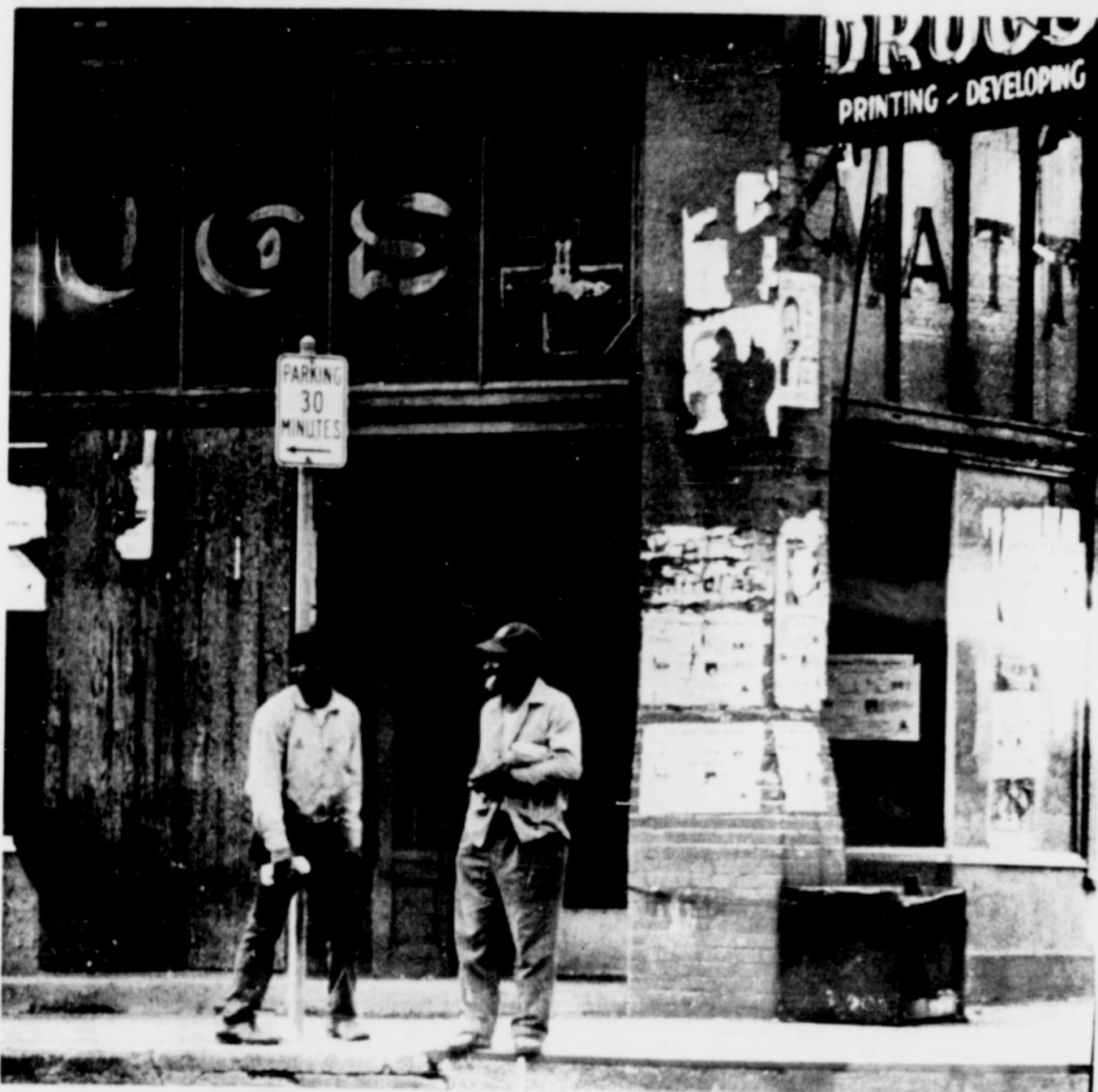




## Guess who's coming to Salem



Corner of Williams and Russell in photo could easily be mistaken for a 1930 photo depicting the effects of the depression. It makes you wonder about progress. (Photo: Rosemary Allen)

### IMPAC group forms

A group of Model Cities residents met to form the Improvement Action Council (IMPAC) of Portland, Oregon. IMPAC will be a private non-profit Local Development Corporation patterned after the IMPAC of Los Angeles. The purpose of IMPAC is to provide a vehicle for total community involvement in the development of housing for Model Cities residents. IMPAC will provide an opportunity for the utilization of Model Cities Area residents, community organizations and businessmen in the development of housing in the Model Neighborhood.

Planning activities and studies have been conducted in the Model Cities Area since 1968 with only a few housing units being provided to residents. As a result of one study funds have been provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Residential Development Program for Model Cities Residents. Another study resulted in a plan for the development of Union Avenue.

IMPAC will participate in these development programs when they are implemented. However, IMPAC will be a private non-profit approach to initiate housing development which is consistent with activities which are coordinated with other development activities in the area and is not intended to take the place of any program planned for the area. The needs are greater than any one program can accomplish. IMPAC projects will provide opportunities for community ownership by creation of cooperatives for specific projects.

Ben Berry, Acting Chairman of IMPAC, stated that a public meeting will be held soon which the residents will be invited to attend.

### NAACP challenges new law

The NAACP will challenge the constitutionality of California's Proposition 21 which passed with a 62 to 38 percent margin. The proposition will forbid the assignment of school children on the basis of race, creed or color and will end the state's efforts at desegregation.

Nathaniel Colley, an attorney for the NAACP, said he was prepared to file in federal court within a week. NAACP Regional Director Leonard Carter said, "Nothing has changed. It's another lesson for us that when you place the rights of black citizens on the ballot for a referendum vote, we will always lose. Unfortunately, our only recourse is through the courts."

In 1964, California voters gave a 2 to 1 approval to Proposition 14 to remove state open housing laws, only to have it found unconstitutional.

### Notice

NAACP meeting Sunday November 19, 1972 at Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church 111 N.E. Failing, Report of nominating committee.

On January 8, 1973, Oregon's first black legislator is coming to Salem. Bill McCoy was elected to represent the 15th Legislative District, which represents North Portland, by an overwhelming majority.

Bill McCoy will go to Salem to represent all of the people of his district - the majority of whom are white. He will go as the representative of his district, as a member of the Democratic majority, and also a black man. He will take with him a unique background and experience that will give him a different perspective than other legislators. Having faced discrimination and oppression he will have an empathetic view of the problems of the poor, the elderly, the unemployed, the minorities.

McCoy represents a district that includes residential areas, the University of Portland and commercial and industrial areas. He is concerned that the area's potential for industry and shopping be developed to provide jobs, but that the environment be protected at the same time.

He considers tax reform to be a high priority for this legislative session. This must include property tax relief for homeowners.



Bill McCoy

One of McCoy's major concerns is with the aging. He is a program director at Providence Hospital, dealing with the employment of elderly persons, and has seen the benefits that can be had from a small investment to improve the lives of the elderly. He would like to see a State department to focus on the problems of the aging.

McCoy also is concerned about the young, having been involved in child care; educational programs for the handicapped and the retarded; and the juvenile court. With his many interests, and concerns varied employment background, and broad education, Bill McCoy comes to Salem well prepared to serve his district and the people of Oregon.

### Nominations open for first citizen

Deadline for nomination for Portland Area First Citizen award is January 11, 1973, according to Alfred L. Henderson, Publisher and Editor of the Portland Observer, sponsor of the annual award. The First Citizen award honors distinguished voluntary community service and leadership by a member of the city. Qualifications are:

1. Person must be a resident of the Portland area.
2. Must be 21 years of age or over.
3. Must have performed outstanding volunteer services within the community.
4. Must possess a high de-

gree of leadership, inspiration and cooperation in community affairs.

5. Strong consideration should be given to community service rendered during the two year period immediately preceding the selection.

6. A person having been chosen Portland First Citizen is not eligible for selection a second time.

7. The Selecting committee shall weigh carefully the relative emphasis to be placed on direct community service through civic organizations compared with service to the community through development of the community itself or a major institution. (Please see coupon, Page 8)



### Bostic heads Media

George W. Bostic came to Portland three weeks ago to assume the directorship of Media, Incorporated. Bostic has spent these three weeks meeting the members of his board and members of the community - businessmen, agency heads, ministers, workers - to determine their ideas of what Media's role in the community should be. He will soon prepare an agenda to reveal his expectations for Media.

Bostic is a graduate of Temple University, where he earned an Associate of Arts degree in design engineering. He earned his B.A. in political science and a Master of Business Administration at Stanford University.

Bostic has a broad employment background that reflects his varied fields of training - engineering, business and political science. He was Associate Planner for the City of San Mateo and was Associate City Engineer for Los Altos, California. He was a documents and conference officer for the United Nations. He spent two years in Europe as a broker for

a stock firm - first in Geneva, Milan, and France and later in Germany, where he operated a private business.

For the past one and one-half years Bostic has operated the Bostic Business Consultants, a public relations and consulting firm. The business which was all black, had a board of 12 experts in the various fields. He did mainly feasibility studies and proposals. His last big account was for the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

Bostic was also co-chairman of the Nixon campaign San Mateo County. He supported Mr. Nixon because he felt he was the best man for the job at this time. He made this decision as he makes all others - by weighing the good and the bad. On the plus side he feels the President has appointed more blacks than other presidents, including ten admirals and generals; that the Civil Rights budget has been increased; and that there has been increased money for education. He dis-

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Burke

Jordan

Young

### Blacks gain political strength

Black political strength has increased as a result of last week's election. All 13 incumbent House members were returned to Congress, along with three newcomers. Edward Brooke (Rep.-Mass.) won a landslide re-election to the United States Senate.

Barbara Jordan of Houston and Yvonne Brathwaite Burke of Los Angeles, and Andrew Young of Atlanta, Georgia,

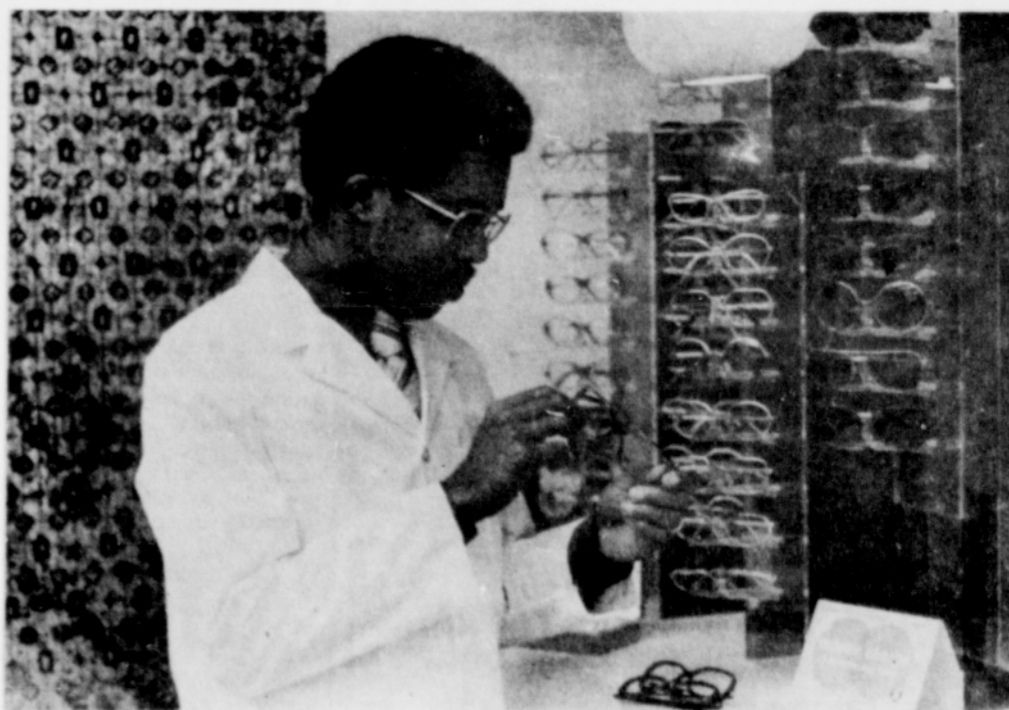
were also elected to Congress.

Barbara Jordan is a Democratic state senator from Houston's 18th Congressional District. A 36-year-old attorney, Ms. Jordan ran for state senator in 1962 and 1964 before being elected in 1966. She was the first black woman in the Texas State Senate, and the first black in that body since 1882. Last spring she was chosen president pro tempore of the senate

and in that capacity served as governor for a day when the governor and lieutenant governor were both out of the state.

Yvonne Brathwaite is a Democratic state assemblywoman in the 37th Congressional District of Los Angeles. Mrs. Burke was vice chairman of the Democratic National Convention. Her

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Sidney Thomas prepares to fit glasses for a customer at Binyon Optical, where he is employed. Sidney is Oregon's first black dispensing optician. (Photo: Rosemary Allen)

### Black optician comes to Portland

by Dianne Glenn

It has often been said that "every day brings about a change," and this is certainly true when you speak of Sidney Robert Thomas.

Sidney works as a lab technician with Columbia Bifocal and "moonlights" as an Optical Dispenser with Binyon Optical.

He began his career in the optical field as a Visual Screening Assistant after completing a brief training (Please turn to p. 8 col. 2)



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