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LEE MOORE

Moore promoted

The appointment of Lee Moore of Portland as Assistant Administrator for Minority and Age Programs in the Civil Rights Division of the Oregon Bureau of Labor has been announced by Norman O. Nilsen, the State Labor Commissioner.

Moore, a former all-state prep football player who lives at 1825 N.E. Skidmore, moves up from a previous position as a field investigator for the Civil Rights Division. Nilsen said he will go to work immediately on the huge backlog of complaints, getting cases ready for administrative review and working on the conciliation of complaints.

Another assignment will be the review of applications

by state agencies for federal grants to insure the proper affirmative action programs are involved.

Moore is a graduate of Roosevelt High School and of the criminal justice program at Portland Community College. He also attended the University of Idaho. He earned both all-city and all-state honors as a guard on the Roosevelt football team as well as competing in track and wrestling.

Prior to joining the staff of the Bureau of Labor, Moore was a special agent for the Anchorage, Alaska, police department and was a special investigator for the Portland School District at the high schools in the Model Cities area.

Rally protests cut-backs

The Nixon administration's cutbacks are affecting you. The Ad Hoc Citizens' Committee Supporting Peoples Programs is sponsoring a peaceful assembly Wednesday, April 4, 1973, 12 noon at the Pioneer Post Office, SW 5th and Morrison. The assembly is to protest President Nixon's approach to federally subsidized programs. There will be national, state and local speakers.

This assembly is being held in conjunction with a national commemoration to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King articulated to his death, the belief in human dignity and the dream of all men coming together for the salvation of our cities, nations and the world. The national theme is "Martin Is Not Dead". The Citizens Committee Supporting Peoples Programs has adopted a sub-theme of "Assassination of a Dream", to underscore recent Presidential cut-backs and the deferment of Dr. King's dream.

Jettie B. Wild, Jr., Chairman of the Ad Hoc Citizen's

Committee Supporting Peoples Programs, said, in announcing the rally:

"When our Congress and our President of the United States complete their struggle over power, spending authority, cut-backs and secrecy, poverty and economic survival, among other things, will still be with us. We, as citizens of these United States and the State of Oregon, have a responsibility to prepare for this eventuality. The President of the United States has seen fit to alter the strategies of the War on Poverty. So much so, that no recognizable war is being waged. Poverty, welfare, drugs, crime, slums, poor housing, unemployment, high cost of living, child care needs, health needs, old-age assistance needs and other problems will not be solved by neglect; benign or otherwise. We wish to say this and you are invited to participate.

"The President has made his decision. The demands are: (1) that the elected officials fight against federal cutbacks; (2) that state and

city officials, as an alternative, use federal funding (revenue sharing) to subsidize programs affected by the cutbacks; and (3) that the state and city officials establish and maintain community action agencies. Come out on the 4th of April for a couple of hours. You WILL make the difference."

Some of the programs affected by the administration's cutbacks are: Veterans' Benefits, Model Cities, Low Income Rural Housing, Higher Education, Insured Loans, Child Care, Day Care, Neighborhood Youth Corps (NYC), Concentrated Employment Program (CEP), National Alliance of Businessmen - Jobs Consortium (NAB), Migrants and Seasonal Farmworkers, Community Economic Development, Assistance to Non-Profit Sponsors of Low and Moderate Income Housing, Head-Start Mothers, Libraries, Legal Services, Milk Subsidies for the School Kids, Urban Indian Programs, Public Schools and Manpower Training.

United eliminates sickle cell restriction

United Air Lines has become the first airline in the United States to allow people with the sickle cell trait to hold cabin attendant positions, according to Dr. George J. Kidera, vice president-medical services for the airline.

Although not limited solely to Blacks, the sickle cell trait does occur in six to ten percent of the total Black population.

"For years," Dr. Kidera said, "people with the sickle cell trait were not employed by domestic airlines as stewardesses or stewards. It has long been known that the sickle cell disease is adversely affected by a reduction of oxygen such as that in the cabin of a modern jet where an altitude of 5,000 to 7,000 feet is simulated during flight.

"It was thought, based upon this fact, that the sickle cell trait would also be affected by thinness of oxygen. Current technology, however, allows us to differentiate between the disease and the trait and, while those with the sickle cell disease still may not hold these positions, those with the trait may."

The move was made, according to Dr. Kidera, in consultation with Dr. James E. Bowman, professor of pathology, Committee on Genetics and the College, the University of Chicago.

Dr. Kidera pointed out that sickle cell anemia (the disease) and sickle cell trait are, in fact, mutually exclusive, and the approximately two million Blacks in the United States with sickle cell trait should not be denied positions on the grounds that they have an incapacitating disease—they do not.

United employs 6,700 stewardesses and almost 400 stewards.

of the workshop resolutions. Conference resolutions will be widely publicized and communicated to congressional delegations.

Rear Admiral Gene La Rocque, USN (ret.), will be the guest speaker at the conference as well as a participant in the workshop session. Admiral La Rocque will address the conference on "Planning for National Defense" at the noon luncheon (luncheon tickets are not required to hear the address). La Rocque is a former Pentagon strategic planner and is currently the Director of the Center for Defense Information in Washington, D.C. As the first witness for the Defense in the Pentagon Papers trial, La Rocque testified that the possibility of harm to the country from the release of the three volumes of the top-secret study was nil.

The Conference is sponsored by the Political Science Department of the Portland State University and by the Northwest Conference Committee in cooperation with many other organizations. To cover the costs of the conference, there is a \$1 registration fee and a \$2 charge for the luncheon.

For further information and registration, contact Nadine Hoiland, Conference Registrar, PO Box 1003, Beaverton Oregon 97005, phone 644-6425.



Dr. O.B. Williams

Observer month proclaimed

Dr. O.B. Williams, minister of Vancouver First Avenue Baptist Church for the past 29 years, recommended to the membership of the Albina Ministerial Alliance that April be designated **Observer** month in the churches of the community.

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A.L. Henderson, Editor and Publisher of the **Observer**, will appear on **The People Show**, MC'd by Harold Williams, on KGW-TV at 1:30 a.m., Friday, March 30. The program is a repeat of the Sunday morning show. Referring to Henderson as "The Robin Hood of Peace", Williams guides the discussion in the realms of the need for and the message of the Black Press, the problems of Black business, the problems of young people seeking professional employment, and how racism prevails in the political, educational and economic life of Oregon.



Three children with looks of the most innocent of smiles, complete uninterest, and questioning curiosity, rest on their doorstep in the Albina community, while enjoying the spring weather. (Photo by Rosemary Allen)

Social Workers honored

Marjorie Wright, an assistant professor of community service at the University of Oregon, has been named one of two "1973 Social Workers of the Year" in Oregon.

Ms. Wright, of 4059 Donald Street, Eugene, was selected for the honor by the board of directors of the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) for her public service and professional leadership role in establishing the Better Social Service Bureau in Eugene.

The bureau, which fields complaints about social service agencies in Lane County, was set up last June by about 60 members of the county district of the state social workers chapter. Ms. Wright was president of the district at the time.

Ms. Wright received her award at a state-wide breakfast meeting of the NASW Chapter which was held at the Sheraton Inn - Lloyds Center. The breakfast was the highlight of the "Action for Health Security" which was the theme of a five-state educational conference co-sponsored by NASW.

The conference had two purposes: First, participants were given an in-depth explanation of the Health Security Program (Kennedy-Griffiths bill) with ample time for discussion, questions, and comparison with other proposals for national health insurance. Second, participants from each of the states represented at the two-day conference (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, and Northern California) developed plans for the formation of local health security committees in their state. Fea-

tured speaker for the breakfast and the conference was the actor, E.G. Marshall, who has been active in health care issues for some time.

The other "Social Worker of the Year" is Dennis

Thompson of Salem, Oregon, an employee of the Marion County Children's Services Agency.

Ms. Wright has been on the faculty of the University of the University (Please turn to page 8, col. 3)



CHARLES CREWS

Crews joins Traffic Safety Commission

Charles Crews was appointed to the City of Portland's Traffic Safety Commission by Mayor Neil Goldschmidt. Crews will serve a three year term, effective January 1, 1973.

The Traffic Safety Commission's goal is the pursuit of Crash Prevention, in common with agencies of the city, county and state governments and private organizations, with the objective of reducing fatalities and injuries. Current programs include: Driver education; bike safety; fleet safety; elderly pedestrian safety and school crossing safety.

The Traffic Safety Commission has proposed legislation to the current session of the legislature regarding periodic driver-examination, habitual traffic offenders, bicycle safety, pre-arrest breath testing and limitation

on parking vehicles over 6 feet high within 50 feet of stop and yield signs.

Charles Crews is a graduate of Martin Luther King Elementary School and Jefferson High School. He graduated from Portland State University in Sociology in 1971. While attending Portland State he was an Assistant District Executive for the Boy Scouts of America, Columbia Pacific Council, was advisor to the PSU Education Department and was a research assistant to Dr. Lee Brown.

Crews was research assistant in the office of Commissioner Lloyd Anderson, where he was involved in the coordination of a \$100,000 comprehensive study on noise pollution.

Crews is now the owner of the Northwest's only Black-owned bicycle shop, located at 7017 N. Lombard St.

Gone but not forgotten

Phil Reynolds, long-time leader in the fight for equality in Oregon, died in his home on March 26th, at the age of 85. Reynolds was born in Georgia and came to Portland in 1914, following his discharge from the United States Army. He was a supervisor of Red Caps for the Northern Pacific Terminal Company for 37 years.

Reynolds served as President of the Portland Branch NAACP in 1958-1959, and was active in the fight to bring adequate civil rights legis-

lation to Oregon.

Often called the "Father of the NNACP Federal Credit Union", it was Reynolds who was the guiding light and inspiration in the founding of that organization in 1958, which now has assets of over one-half million dollars.

Reynolds was a Charter Member of the Urban League of Portland and for 14 years was a member of the board of directors of the Pioneer Investment Committee. He was a charter member of the Rail-

road Senior Citizens Association, and was chosen as that organization's "Man of the Year, 1971". He was a member of Enterprise Lodge, F. & A.M.

Survivors are his wife, Elsie, and four children, Jack F., Dr. Walter C., Robert E., and Mrs. Phillis Smith; 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 30, 12:00 noon at Caldwell's Colonial Mortuary, with Reverend Lee O. Stone officiating.

Conference explores peace

A Pacific Northwest Regional Conference entitled "Peace: How Secure?" will be held on March 31st at the Smith Memorial Center, Portland State University.

The Saturday session will include workshops dealing with the many facets of

making peace permanent.

Specialists in American-Asian relations will keynote and serve as resource people. The public is invited to participate in the workshops Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. and in the afternoon plenary session for adoption

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