

Multi Service Center serves people



Debie Lightsey receives a TB skin test from LPN Billie McKenzie.

Among the services provided by the Albina Multi-Service Center are medical, dental and mental health.

One success story of the center is the pending hospitalization of Amber Alexander, age 8. Amber suffers from a severe type of bronchial asthma and will receive treatment at the National Jewish Hospital in Denver, the only hospital where she can receive the treatment she requires. Her treatment there is expected to take from one to four years.

The hospital care was arranged by Children's Service Division social worker June Flemming and center staff. Amber's mother, Mrs. Sheryl Alexander, and her brothers, Damon and Tim, plan to move to Denver so they can be with Amber.

Approximately 600 to 700 children are served by the Multi-Service Center's pediatric and dental clinics each

month. The pediatric clinic, directed by Dr. Larry Wolfe, provides physical examinations, immunizations and general health care for children from birth to 18 years of age. The dental clinic provides emergency and routine dental care for children from 3 to 13 years of age. It also serves a limited number of adults.

The Mental Health Clinic, directed by Mrs. Shirley Hamilton, provides a number of services for community residents including: Child guidance, family and mental counseling, alcohol and drug counseling, group therapy, services to the mentally retarded, follow-up for persons released from the mental hospitals, and psychological evaluation.

Two hundred and sixty-six persons attended group sessions in May, and 3,265 persons receive regular or occasional counseling.



Amber Denise Alexander will go to Denver, Colorado to receive treatment for asthma at the National Jewish Hospital.

Finding help for people in need is the whole idea at the Portland Multi-Service Center. The Center is basically a one-stop human service center. Services include: Public welfare, children's services, vocational rehabilitation, public health, mental health, employment, corrections, medical and dental clinics and food stamps services. To bring all these services together to focus on people's problems, the Department of Human Resources has developed a case coordinators system. Since its creation late last year, there have been many success stories.

In March, the mother of four children, caring for one four-year-old child left with her, faced many difficult problems. The family needed

food, \$28 for house payment, medical care for the mother, treatment for a 14-year-old boy with sickle cell traits and nutrition for an already underweight four-year-old child. Medical care for the family was provided through the Pediatric Clinic at the Center, at the University of Oregon Medical School and at Emanuel Hospital. Food stamps were acquired for the family. The \$28 house payment was located from charitable organizations. The mother of four is now employed by the Children's Services Division as a service assistant. The mother is a very determined person. Her main goal is self-sufficiency. With a few months she will have achieved that goal.

An interview with Lee Brown

PART II

by Lenwood G. Davis

Interviewer: What are your impressions of the Nation's Capitol?

Dr. Brown: D.C. is an interesting place — a place of despair. It is indeed the last colony in the United States — controlled by the Congress, its residents are not allowed the benefit of a democracy to elect their own representatives. It has great monuments surrounded by gross poverty. It has a society of affluence in the midst of a community of want. In fact, the city is a sad commentary on the lives of Black folk in this country.

Interviewer: The Watergate case has been very much in the news recently. As a Criminologist, what are your views on it?

Dr. Brown: First of all, the Watergate case reflects a vivid abuse of power and an arrogant abuse of public trust. There were a number of criminal acts committed, e.g. burglary, conspiracy, illegal wire tapping, etc., that must be dealt with for what they are — criminal acts. It is ironic that the political leaders that advocated "law and order" find themselves involved in such flagrant violations of the law.

Interviewer: Based on your experience in D.C., what do you see on the horizon for Black people — particularly Black students?

Dr. Brown: My thoughts on that subject have not changed by being in Washington, only reinforced. There is, more than ever, a need for us, as Black people, to unify our efforts in order to gain those goals we have set up for ourselves. Black students have a particular role to play. As our future leaders, it is essential that they take advantage of their educational opportunities to develop those skills which will be needed to develop and run programs for Black

run programs for Black people. I cannot over stress the need for Black students to come out of the colleges and universities with skills.

Interviewer: You were recently quoted in *Black Enterprise* magazine as saying the prisons have failed. What did you mean by that?

Dr. Brown: As you know, that issue of *Black Enterprise* (April) was devoted to crime and the Black community. My comments were directed toward what more and more people are coming to realize: That prisons are not the answer to the crime problem. As a matter of fact, I am convinced that many, if not most, prisons are themselves "schools of crime". If a person who enters a prison is not a "criminal", he is likely to be one when released because of his experience in that institution. As I have often said, only a small percentage of law violators should be in prison, say two percent or less. The others should be treated in the community. What I am really advocating is a stop to the use of prisons (except in the cases where the person is dangerous) as a rehabilitative technique because they have failed. Community-based treatment of offenders is what we need.

Interviewer: You recently served on a National Commission. What significance does that Commission's findings have for Oregon?

Dr. Brown: You are referring to the works of the National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals. We have recently completed our work for that Commission and the reports should be out sometime in July or August. The work of the Commission does have major significance for not only the state of Oregon, but also the nation. We call for each state to review our findings and adopt or develop their own standards in criminal justice. We call for improvements in police, courts and corrections. Additionally, we make a strong plea for the community to get involved in the cause of crime prevention. This has a special significance for Black people since Blacks are disproportionately the victims of crime and Blacks are drastically over-represented as clients to the criminal justice systems and drastically under-represented as professionals working in the system. I have a particular interest in the Community Crime Prevention Report of the Commission in that it calls for reform in the educational systems, economic development, integrity in government and other means of removing the root causes of crime.

Interviewer: You mentioned that the Institute will be doing research. What parti-



ular research projects are you involved in?
Dr. Brown: Currently, I am under contract to co-author

two books, one on Principles of Police-Community Relations and the second an introductory text to criminal justice. Also, I am editing a book on the criminal justice system and the Black community. I hope to finish those up soon. At the same time, I am preparing to do a study of Black policemen and Black correctional workers. Those are my personal research projects. Besides those, I will be involved in the research activities of the Institute. Our research priority for the Institute is the examination of social policy as its impact on the Black community.

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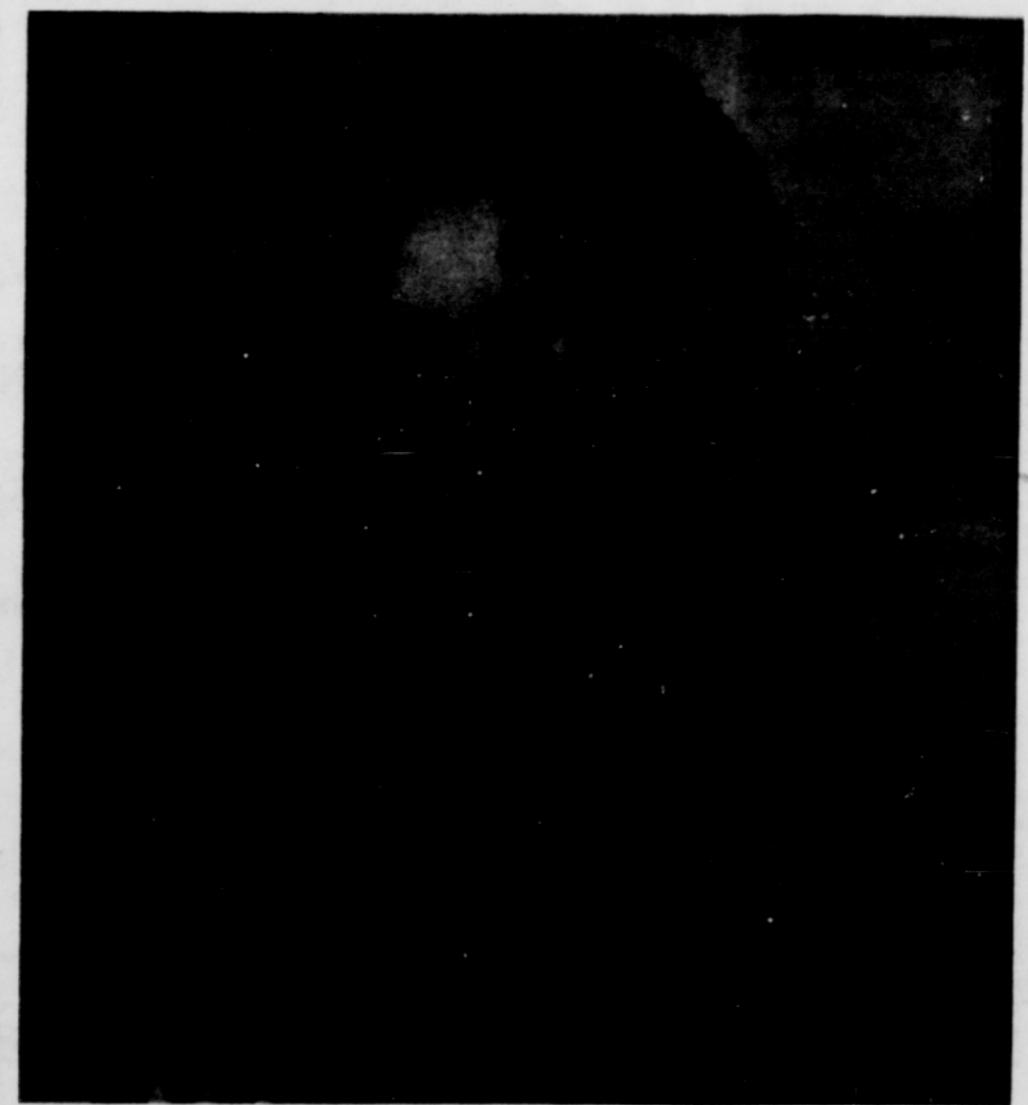
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Dyson owes success to mother

At home with rock, pop, gospel and soul music, Ronnie Dyson, with his current Columbia single "I Just Don't Want To Be Lonely", is a seasoned vet at 22. The angelic choir boy of a singer, who first made it big with his part in the Broadway production of "Hair", owes his success to his mother. A dedicated fan of her son's singing, Mrs. Dyson was working as an operator at a telephone answering service. One of the companies clients placed a call for talent for an upcoming show. Mrs. Dyson made the call herself right from the answering service office, acquiring an appointment for Ronnie's audition. Not only did he make it into the show "Hair", which was being moved from

Greenwich Village's Cheetah Club to Forty-fifth Street; he inspired the writing of the seventies liberation theme "Aquarius", enjoying a 19 month run with the show. Dyson was born in the nation's capitol city and was raised in the ethnic hodgepodge of Brooklyn New York, the home of a hoarde of stars. The character of the vast New York City borough changes every few blocks, but the totality it has in common is personality. Nothing is bland, it's all got a taste to it. Dyson does too, a lot of it — all good and flavorful. His vocal career began with gospel church singing at age three. To date it is still in gospel that he revels. During later success and

career preparation, Ronnie remained in the choir of his church and traveled with them around the country. "I'm a church going boy," he explained gladly, "and I always have been and always will be." At five, Ronnie entered a local talent show at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Singing "Why Do Fools Fall In Love", a favorite tune of his. It was a brand new experience for him to be in front of a live audience; an experience he didn't want to forget. In school, his goal was medicine, hoping someday to become a doctor (a thought he hasn't entirely put out of his mind). With Ronnie's "big break" in "Hair" at 17, he was unexpectedly a "star".

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