



Multnomah County Commission Chairman Donald E. Clark explains Project Health to North Portland residents [left to right] Maggie Marks, Kathryn Bittman, and Marie Marshielle, all of Albina. The trio were among 21 persons sworn in recently as members of new Multnomah County Health Care Commission, which will advise on operation of Project Health. Project Health provides "mainstream" health services for low-income persons.

New committee plans county health services

Multnomah County Commission Chairman Donald E. Clark officiated at the swearing in ceremony for 21 members of the new Multnomah County Health Care Commission recently.

Composed of representatives from throughout the county, the commission replaces a nine-member panel in providing recommendations on policy for Project Health, a county program providing comprehensive health care for the so-called "working poor."

The new group includes eleven Project Health consumers, five health care pro-

viders and five members at large from the community.

Clark said he was pleased with the decision to broaden the commission's base to the 21 members because "we'll have all parts of the county represented now and will be able to tap the thinking of a broader spectrum of people concerned with Project Health."

He praised the original panel for "its dedication and invaluable service over the last three and a half years."

On the new board are:

Consumers: Maggie Marks, Marie Marshielle, Sue C. Carey, Kathryn Bittman,

Linda Jean Rogers, Donald A. Mendenhall, Ernest Moore, Virgil Powell, Lorraine Weedman, Patty Wood, and Wilma G. Oglesby.

Providers: John W. Bussman, MD; Roger Zumwalt, Eastmoreland General Hospital; Roderick Bunnell, Oregon Physicians Service; Paul Lairson, MD, University of Oregon Health Sciences Center.

Community members: Marvin L. Kelson, Edmund P. Jensen, Representative Vera Katz, Richard Rix, and Stanley A. Fishler.

James recommends Air Force career

General Daniel (Chappie) James, Jr., Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, the nation's only four-star military officer, retired in January after serving nearly thirty-five years in the military. A fighter pilot, he became Commander-in-Chief of the North American Air Defense Command responsible for the defense of Canada and the United States.

An outspoken opponent of racism in the military, Davis once risked court martial over a protest of all-white officers clubs.

In his last appearance before the press, Davis said there is less racism in the Armed Forces than in any other segment of society. "They have gone farther, faster towards solving that problem than anybody else because we have worked harder at it. We have let people know that you will be fired and you will be put out that gate if we catch you - now we have a few practicing racists. But if we catch them, it is goodbye fellow or lady, whoever you happen to be, because we are not going to tolerate it here." We try to find the best young people we can with the kind of capabilities that we need and abilities that we need, and we bring them in here and try to give them a chance to go as far as their talent and their power of excellence will carry them. And that is where we are today.

"We made a lot of improvements. We find now, you know, I tell this story, and many of the regulars here have heard me tell this story before because it is true. When I was a kid, my brother and my cousins and I used to sit in the movie and look at the march on at the Army-Navy game, watching real close because we wanted to see the Black one when he came by and you had to look real close because there wasn't but one or two. We didn't even look at the Navy because they didn't have any; we would just sit there and eat popcorn while the Navy was coming on. But when the Army, the West Pointers started coming on, we would start looking real close and if you would look real close you would see that Black one flash by there and say, there he goes."

"I spoke to the brigade of midshipmen this year, and I have spoken to them every year except one for the past four years, and I have seen them come to where it looks like a checkerboard in there. The top ranking cadet officer last year in the Naval Academy was a Black lad. The homecoming queen was a Black girl. This would have been unthought of in years past. The cadet wing commander at the Air Force Academy this year, Mr. Rice, is a Black lad. The vice-commander last year, Darryl Jones from Mississippi, was a Black lad, and he finished right up near the top of his class.



General Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr., the first and only Black American four-star military officer, shakes hands and talks with President Carter - his Commander-in-Chief - at the White House on a day of ceremonies marking James' retirement.

"All of these things point to the progress that has been made since we came in Tuskegee and all of us in separate segregated barracks, and we were given to understand right away that there is a difference between you and the white supervisors. So you became supervisors and trainees which was another way of saying Black versus white. But even when you went into combat that same segregation existed, even in the combat zones, there were Black tents where the Black guys lived and white tents where the white guys lived, and the 'tween wasn't supposed to meet. Now the bullets weren't marked that way. The enemy didn't give a damn who he shot. You were all out there for the same thing. So we thought that was ridiculous.

"Get prepared. Don't stand there knocking on that door of opportunity yelling, let me in, let me in, let me in, and

all of a sudden somebody snatches open the door and you say, wait a minute, I have to go back and get my bag.

"Those doors of opportunity are flinging open now in all fields, not just in the military, faster than they ever have before. And I think that young Blacks and other minorities should go out and prepare themselves to be qualified so that we take that crutch away from the bigot who used to say, 'I wanted to hire a Black one, but I couldn't find one that is qualified.'

"The same thing goes for women. I would have hired a woman, but I can't find one that is qualified.

"Go get qualified, and you snatch that crutch right out from under him. And when the time comes and they crack that door of opportunity, you can step in and take charge. And that is the way it is today."

Beach seeks graduates

ALL ALUMNI, both former students and faculty of Beach School, are invited to attend a meeting, February 15th at 7:30 p.m. at Beach School to plan the celebration of Beach's 50th anniversary.

The school building was dedicated on January 9, 1928, but plans are to hold the 50th anniversary celebration in the spring. This will insure good weather for outdoor activities and give ample time for planning and contacting alumni.

Alumni input is welcome - anyone who is interested in helping plan this festive celebration - please attend the February 15th meeting at Beach School, 1710 N. Humboldt.

King teaches nutrition

A nutrition class will be offered at King School in Room 107 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., sponsored by Oregon Extension Division, February 15th. There will be no charge for the class, which begins February 15th, and continues for four weeks. The public is invited to join each Wednesday morning for helpful ideas and lunch afterwards.

A (CPR) cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be sponsored by the Fire Department at King School in Room 108 Friday, February 17th, at 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is a session everyone will be glad to attend, as it provides information as to what to do in case of a heart attack emergency.

A certificate will be given at the end of the class. Further information can be obtained by calling Mrs. Sheppard, 288-6391.

Tax advise

SALEM - Some Oregon income tax refunds may be delayed because taxpayers are forgetting to attach a copy of their completed federal return to their Oregon tax return, state revenue director John J. Lobbell said.

Returns must be processed by hand if a copy of the federal return is missing.

In previous years, persons filing the short form did not have to attach a copy of their completed federal return. But the department streamlined the Oregon tax packet this year and eliminated the short form. Now all Oregon income tax returns must include a copy of the taxpayer's completed Federal Form 1040 or 1040A because certain information appears on the federal form that the Oregon form does not require.

For help, call the Oregon Department of Revenue's toll free number, 1-800-452-2838 (378-3366 for Salem residents).

Carter honors 761st

President Carter has awarded the Presidential Unit Citation - one of the nation's highest military honors - to the all-Black 761st Battalion for its combat role in World War II.

The Citation, presented by the President, cited the 761st for "extraordinary heroism in action." The award climaxed a 33-year effort for recognition of the all-Black unit, one of the few all-Black units to go into combat with the segregated Army of World War II.

It is the only all-Black unit to win the Presidential Unit Citation.

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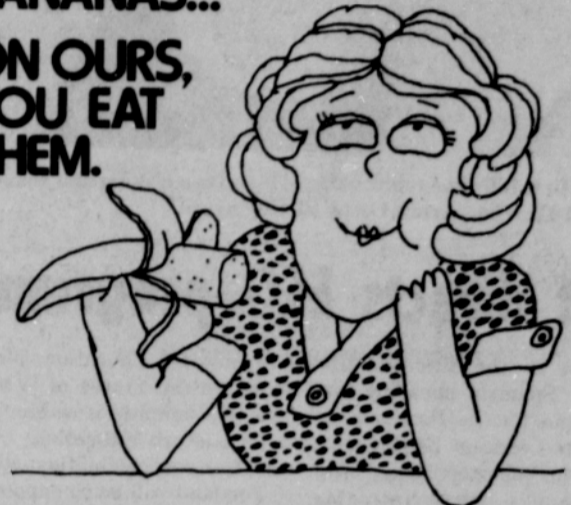
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