

Portland Profile

by Linda Thompson

How many times per day do you lift the receiver of your telephone to dial a number or to answer it when it rings? A routine part of our busy day for most of us. For our Black role model this week, the assurance that the telephone will ring or that you may dial a number properly is her prime responsibility.

A twenty-four year old beautiful Southern belle, Janet Bett, is a native of Pascagoula, Mississippi. She attended Pascagoula High School and Gulf Coast Junior College with major emphasis on Business Administration.

In 1973, Janet completed junior college and moved to Portland, Oregon where she attended Portland State University night school with her major emphasis the same as above.

A "single" Capricorn she is one that has turned the American Dream into a reality. She started her

career at the bottom and worked her way up and into a well paying position.

While attending PSU night school, Janet started her career with Pacific Northwest Bell in 1973 as an office clerk with the Engineering Department. She was transferred to Atlanta, Georgia as a personnel clerk. From Atlanta back to Portland where she was promoted to a staff clerk for the same department. From staff clerk to engineer aide; from engineer aide to her present position, "Staff Specialist for the Engineering Department."

As a Staff Specialist, she supervises a team of three. Their department is responsible for the accuracy of all central plug-in equipment for the State of Oregon within the data base.

The old myth that beauty and brains don't mix is truly that, a myth that has been disproven by Ms. Bett. She was a member of the Portland Bell's court for the 1976

Rose Festival Parade. Janet was Princess of the Engineering Department and second runner-up for "Miss Portland Bell."

A member of the Church of the Living God, her hobbies include horse-back riding, jogging, dancing, swimming, foosball, pool and she likes to spend as much spare time as possible doing volunteer work for agencies dealing with children.

Janet is very proud of her Southern heritage. She attributes much of her success to this heritage and to the independence and stamina of her parents who were both self-employed. Aside from providing for Janet's seven sisters and brothers, they still managed to instill this sense of independence in Ms. Bett. Janet states: "In order to be successful in any profession, one must set priorities. You have to have self awareness. Be aware of your capabilities and your limitations and thus set your goals. It is important to remember

that nothing is given to you. You must work diligently and hard for everything. The worst thing that can happen to a young person is to feel that he/she can get something for nothing and give up if things don't fall in their laps."

As my interview with the very intelligent, warm Ms. Bett ended, I felt I had known her for some time. I also felt a surge of hope for the young and gifted Blacks of Portland. For at the tender age of 24, Janet has reached a milestone that many Blacks reach much later in life.

It is my desire that Janet Bett be aware and be able to deal with the many pressures and difficulties that she will encounter and not become discouraged but continue upward.

Until next week remember: "One of the most difficult things to do is to forgive your enemies and those who are constantly trying to find fault in you and your lifestyle."



JANET BETT

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NATHANIEL JONES

Nate Jones joins Court

In a surprise announcement, President Jimmy Carter has named NAACP General Counsel, Nathaniel R. Jones, to fill a vacancy on the U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit.

The announcement, which came during the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's quarterly Board meeting in Columbia, South Carolina, was greeted by NAACP officials, officers and members.

"Nathaniel Jones," said one National Board member, "is the best civil rights attorney in the country — Black or white. We may have lost a general counsel, but we've gained an important ally in our judicial systems."

The announcement came on the 25th Anniversary of the *Brown vs. Board of Education* (Topeka case). Jones, who had joined the civil rights organization in 1969 became identified with the role that his predecessors such as Thurgood Marshall, and Robert Carter had played, now will join them in the Federal judiciary.

Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director of the NAACP also expressed delight with the selection, but voiced a concern over who would take Jones' place. "I don't think there are that many civil rights lawyers who can come into our organization and immediately fill the shoes of a person like Nate. In a very special way, he was particularly suited to be general counsel of the NAACP and was a logical successor to those who preceded him."

Jones is a native of Youngstown, Ohio, attended Youngstown University and received his Bachelors of Arts in 1951. Later, he received his LLB from Youngstown University in 1956.

He has been Executive Director of the Youngstown Fair Employee Practices Commission, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio and Deputy General Counsel for the President's Commission on Civil Disorder.

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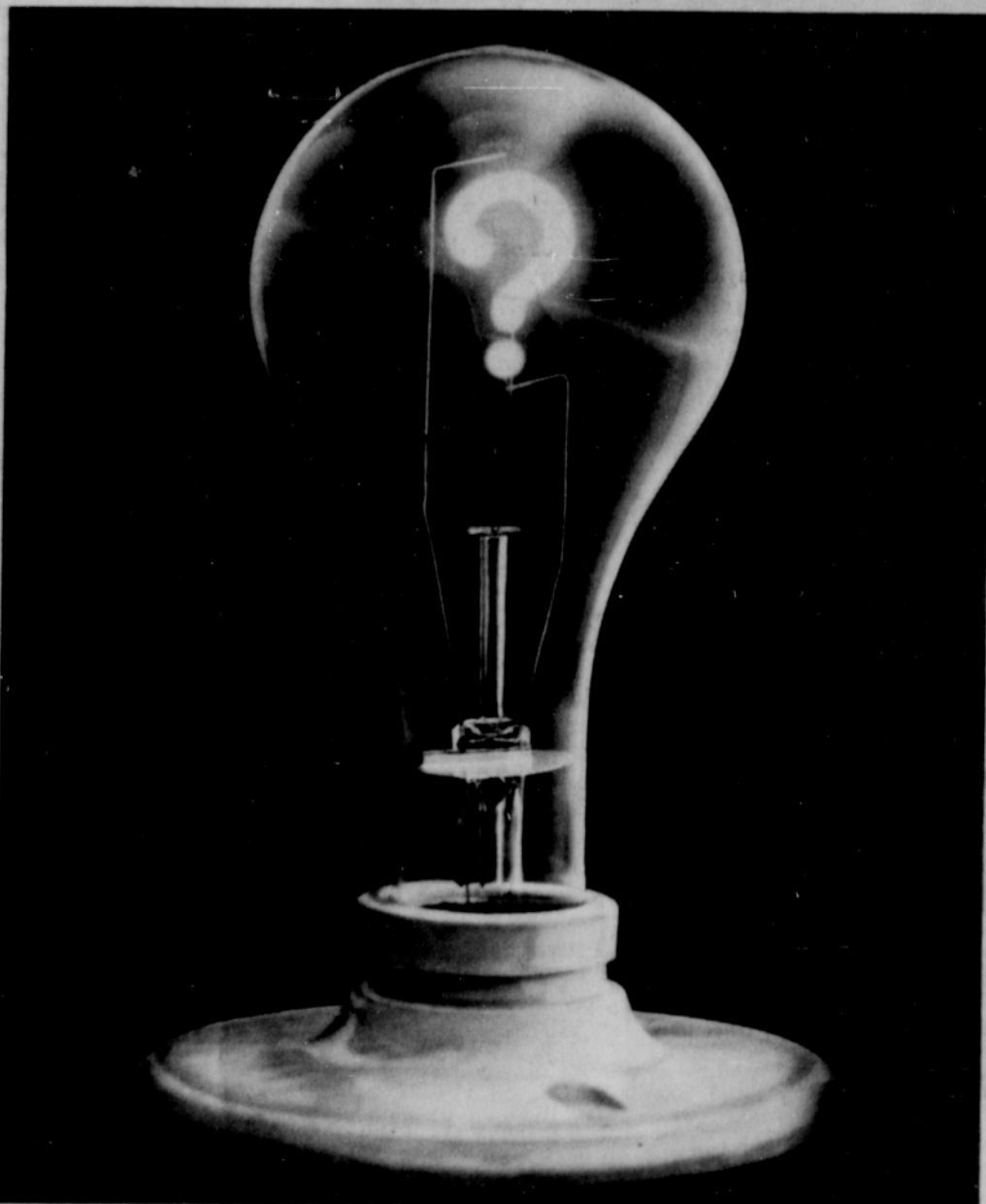
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Will you be able to heat your home the next few winters? Keep schools and jobs running through the next five years? Right now, it depends on "IF"s. The weather. Population growth. And on whether we'll be allowed to build needed generating facilities before it's too late.

"If" we get enough rainfall and snowpack...

"If" all generating plants stay on-line without breakdown...

"If" we're able to buy power when we need it from California, Canada or elsewhere...

"If" growth in electric use doesn't surprise us...

Then, we might be able to avert an electrical energy crisis.

But the chances of critical Northwest electric shortages grow every day. The "if"s of today can too easily become the "can't"s of tomorrow. And that prospect has us worried.

Last Winter You Almost Ran Out of Electricity.

Last winter's extreme cold spell put unprecedented demands on the region's electrical generating system.

At the height of the cold snap, the added electricity demand was like suddenly having to serve 16,000 more families.

We just barely met the peak requirement.

We had to buy costly power from California and Canada.

We had to borrow heavily on stored hydro energy. Then, to refill depleted reservoirs, we had to gamble on precipitation that might not have come.

But last winter's scare was just the prologue to an even greater problem facing the Northwest: the difficulty

of meeting not only peak power requirements, but day-in, day-out electrical needs.

You're Outgrowing Your Electric Supply.

FACT: Over 90% of the newly-built homes in Pacific Power's Northwest service area are using electricity for space and water heating. Heretofore, that percentage was slightly over 40%.

FACT: In 1978, new residential connected load was more than our 80% capacity share of the 330,000 kilowatt WYODAK plant in Wyoming... the newest coal fired plant in

Pacific Power's system.

FACT: Pacific Power's 10% share (248,000 kilowatts) of the Washington Public Power Supply System's generating units is less capacity than our annual residential heating demand.

That kind of growth says loud and clear that the region's present supply of electricity can't keep up with your demand.

Conservation is Critical, But It's Not Enough.

It is simply not possible, however urgent the need for conservation, to "save" all

the kilowatts needed to meet the region's growth.

Some new generation of electrical energy is required.

It cannot come from our rivers; they're already strapped to capacity.

Needed new generating plants are lagging at least three to six years behind schedule. Why? Conflicting environmental reports. Layers upon layers of red tape. The list goes on and on.

The result? Your electric supply is in jeopardy and your electric costs are going to skyrocket. Delays are adding tens of thousands of dollars each day to the cost of building new plants.

We Need Your Help.

The indecision and hesitancy about building needed electricity generating facilities cannot continue without serious consequences.

You can help. Our decision makers have tough jobs sorting through the many difficult energy issues.

You depend on electricity for your economic security, and comfort.

Write to your elected and appointed officials urging positive action for the electricity you need. Participate in energy decisions. Learn more about electricity supply and demand.

After all, you're the one footing the bill...a bill that grows larger with every delay.

The People at Pacific Power