



Richard Brown

## Richard Brown: Man with a camera

by Kathryn Bogle

"Man with a Camera" probably fits Mr. Richard J. Brown as an added descriptive title, although he does have other interests as well.

Brown, a New Yorker by birth, in Portland only a few years, has had extensive world travel as a career soldier. As a member of the U.S. Air Force, which he joined in 1956, he completed 20 years in the service of his country.

In the service he worked as an Aircraft Radio Repairman and as an Airborne Missile Guidance and Control Technician, and also as a missile Quality Control Inspector. During his 20 years with the Air Force, his travels took him to Canada, the Philippines, Vietnam, Germany, Bulgaria, England, Switzerland and Turkey and most of the rest of Europe.

Always the camera has been in reach.

People are also the hobby of this quiet spoken, strong individual who carries a deep sensitivity of others within his depths. In his portfolio are photographs he has made of the "plain" people of the world in all their varied backgrounds and their human conditions and responses, and always Brown has captured the essence of that being in that circumstance.

In Portland, Richard Brown, is a Civil Engineering Technician on the Program Services Staff of the state office of the Soil Conservation Service. Here he computes and tabulates for conservation practices which includes dams, channels, culverts and reinforcement of concrete hydraulic structures. He also checks mathematical computations made by

others for accuracy.

Brown is married. He and his wife, Carolyn and their daughter, Serena, occupy an older home which he is remodeling to suit their needs and tastes.

He is a collector. He likes stamps, coins, house plants, and sports cars. Once he drove a sportscar slaloms in Germany. But he remains true to his camera.

Someday Brown would like to

teach photography to children. Just now he is looking forward to working with teachers at the Black Educational Center. Particularly he is interested in an outdoor classroom, designed by the Soil Conservation Service for the Black Educational Center.

The Observer is fortunate to have Richard Brown as one of its photographers. (Please see page 1)

## Potential leaders honored

More than 85 Potential Black Leaders in Urban Communities of the Pacific Northwest will be honored by the Northwest Conference of Black Public Officials. The presentations will be made on October 20th at the Red Lion Inn adjacent to the Seattle-Tacoma Airport at 7:30 p.m.

The affair marks the culmination of a process started after the winter conference in February.

Selection Committees were instructed to nominate people who possess the qualities of leadership needed in the 1980s. Those who were nominated and approved by the general session of the Northwest Conference of Black Public Officials in July were:

**Portland:** Art Barfield, Nick Barnett, Carol Bryant, Herb Cawthorne, Danny Copeland, Evie Crowell, Cleo Franklin, Ron Herndon, Lucious Hicks, Armando Laguardia, Ethel Lee, Robert Phillips, George Rankins, Roosevelt Robinson, Robert Stein, Dr. Virgus Street, Anna Street, Benita Stoughter, Ben Talley, Kay Toran, Florice Walker, Charlotte Williams, Pina Williams, Zoe Wilson and Jeanna Woolley.

**Seattle:** Rev. Edgar Boyd, Jim Brown, Edward Davis, Robert L. Davis, Rev. Jerome Dorsey, Dr. Joe Drake, Pat Fisher, Robert Flowers, Bruce Harrell, Veltry Johnson, Joe Jones, Lylia Joyner, Howard Lavert, Linda Martin, Rossie Norris, Anthony Orange, Kenneth Pounds, Michael Preston, Carolyn Purnell, Thelma Simmons, Rev. Ronald Sims, Pat Stuart, Edward Taylor, Lt. Joe Toliver, Ike Turker, Clarence Williams, James L. Williams, Ronald R. Woods, James Yarby.

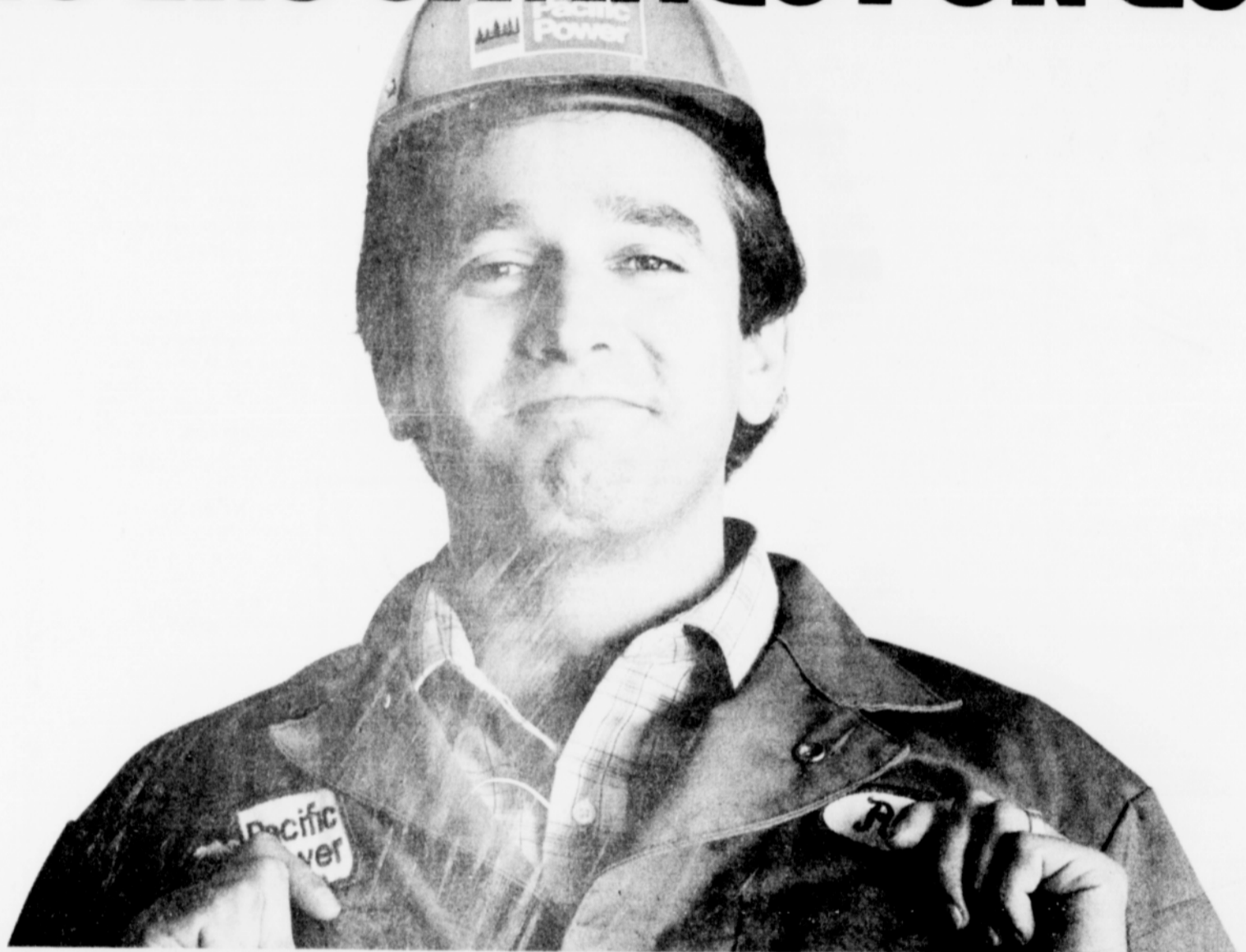
**Greater Thurston County:** David Boyd, James Buckley, Bernard Dew, Linda Howell, LeNora Hughes, Merritt Long, Robert Shorter, Princess Jackson-Smith, Stone Tomas, Samuel Turner.

**Tacoma:** Versa Alexander, Lynett Baugh, Dr. Leon Block, Delois Brown, Alberta Canada, Ruth Daniels, Rev. Therman Davis, Jr., Tom Hilyard, Haywood Keith, Beverly Johnson, James L. McGhee, Jerry McLaughlin, Phil Minor, Lillie Morris, Carol Patton, Jeromia S. Queen, Otis Robinson, Zakiya Stewart, Henry Thomas, Harriet Williams and Ronald Williams.

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