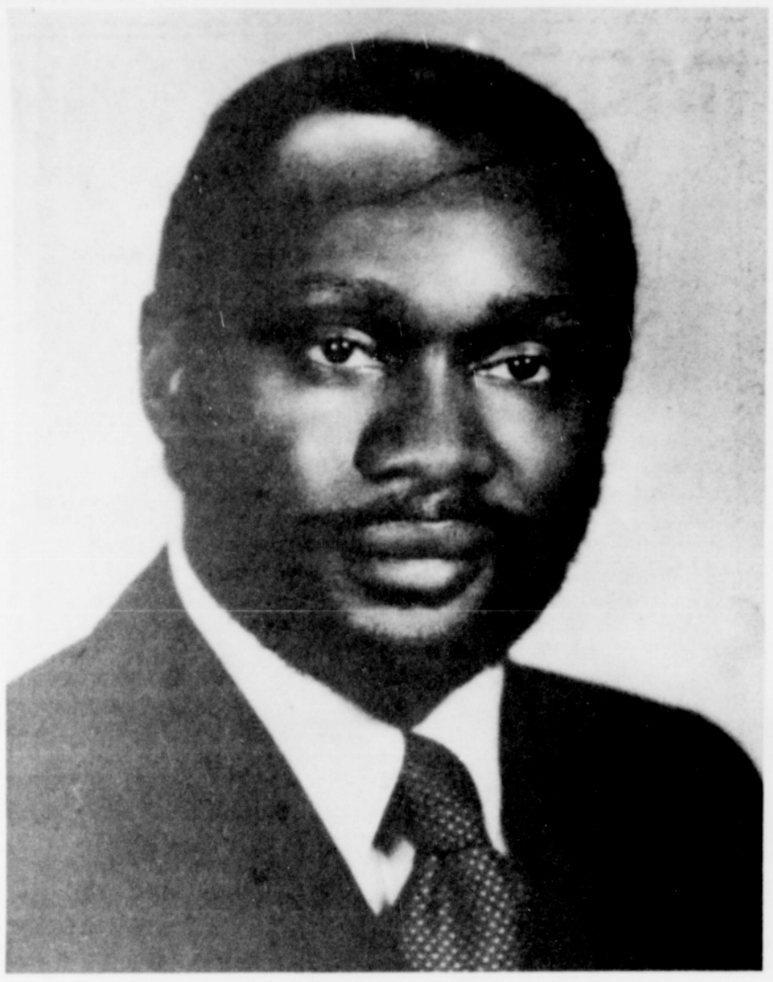

NOBLE VAUGHN

S&L promotes Vaughn

Gresham resident Noble L. Vaughn has been elected an assistant vice president at Benjamin Franklin Federal Savings & Loan Association, according to Robert E. Downie, association president.

Vaughn has served as branch manager at the association's Walnut Park office since it opened in October 1979. He joined Benjamin Franklin in 1972 at the State Street office and worked in the loan and customer service departments. In November 1973 he transferred to the Hollywood office and was promoted to branch loan officer in January 1974. In March 1977 he transferred to the Hawthorne office as a loan officer where he worked prior to being named Walnut Park branch manager.

The new officer is a member of the Northeast Business Boosters. He served as the Benjamin Franklin loan-executive for the 1978 United Way campaign.

A resident of the Portland area since 1956, he graduated from Jefferson High School in 1967. He also attended Mt. Hood Community College.

Prudential reveals records

WASHINGTON-- Prudential Insurance Company of America has signed an agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor and the Justice Department, settling all remaining issues in a dispute over access to the firm's computerized employee data.

Prudential had been debarred from government business on July 27 for its refusal to provide employee data vital to determing possible race and sex discrimination at its New Jersey headquarters and other facilities.

In a consent order presented September 8 to U.S. District Court Judge Herbert J. Stern in Newark, N. J., the insurance firm agreed to provide computer tapes and other records of pre-1976 job practices to the department, said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment Standards Donald Elisburg.

The status of the data left unresolved in an earlier consent order, signed July 30, in which the firm agreed to provide post-1976 data to the department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP).

OFCCP requested the data to complete a compliance review of employment practices in 99 Prudential facilities in New York and New Jersey, which the program's Newark, N.J. office had begun in May 1979.

Under the terms of the agreement, the pre-1976 data will be used "to gain an historical perspective of Prudential's personnel practices," said Elisburg. "The information will not be the basis for enforcement action unless OFCCP finds that current job practices perpetuate violations found before 1976."

Elisburg emphasized that OFCCP will keep information confidential which contains references to employee names, salaries and benefits.

However, he noted that the tapes will be kept by OFCCP throughout its review of Prudential's facilities, and beyond, if the program finds evidence of non-compliance with its EEO obligations as a federal contractor.

Prudential had been debarred from government business on July 27 for its refusal to supply the computer tapes. The debarment order is lifted, maintaining the company's current contracts and future government business eligibility.

Discuss issues

Discussion group leaders for Great Decisions 81 are now being recruited by the World Affairs Council of Oregon. Great Decisins is a national foreign policy discussion program which focuses on eight critical international issues each year. This year's issues include: The US and the Soviet Union; South Africa; Food.

For information on beginning a Great Decisions group, call Jane Larson, 229-3049.

Urban League seeks fellowships applicants

The George Edmund Hayes Fellowship Program is a full-time educational program in community and human services, for Black and other minority young adults, to be conducted by the National Urban League. Five Fellows will be selected this year.

The purpose of the fellowship program is to provide a unique opportunity to a small, but select group of concerned and committed young adults to learn about the Urban League, and to participate in its programs on a day-to-day basis. The Urban League's mission is to enable Blacks and other minorities to cultivate and exercise their full human potential on a par with all other Americans. The Fellows will become involved in programs of service delivery and advocacy for minorities and the poor.

Those who were born after January 15, 1951 are eligible for the program. Consideration will be given to individuals who have already evidenced a motivation toward, and a commitment to careers in human services; who have demonstrated leadership abilities; and who have exhibited a capacity for personal growth and achievement.

Candidates must possess a bachelor's degree and at least two years of work experience; or a Master's degree and at least one year of work experience. The education and work experience of the applicants may have been in the social sciences, social work, education, law, business, engineering, economics or some other area.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than January 15, 1981, for the 1981-1982 Fellowship year. Successful candidates will be informed of their appointment early in April, 1981. They will be expected to report in New York during the last week in May. The program begin June 1, 1981 and conclude on May 21, 1982.

For further information and applications, contact Ann Tannyhill, Director of The George Edmund Haynes Fellowship Program. National Urban League 500 E. 62nd Street - New York, N.Y. 10021 (212) 644-6500.

Cell Talk

By Asmar Abdul Seifullah
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One of the greatest fears that any confined man faces during his incarceration is the fear of illness. Medical treatment inside of penal institutions is nortoriously bad. It would appear as though the physical health of inmates is the least considered aspect of their confinement. The analogy very well might be food, clothing and shelter period. It's important to understand that when you house large numbers of people in close quarters that sickness and disease will occur with greater frequency. A common cold can reach epidemic proportions inside institutions. Consequently, you always have large numbers of inmates standing in the sick call line every morning.

There is a standard variety of pills and portions dispenced at sick cell every morning. If you complain of headaches you get the red pill. There is a yellow pill for colds and chest problems and red and green cough syrup depending on the nature of the cough.

For greater problems you are issued a hospital pass to see Dr. Feelgood on his next visit which might be a week or two depending on the length of the doctor's list. In cases of emergency you might be lucky enough to see a doctor 24 hours after your complaint, but if you take sick on the weekend you're really in bad shape because the doctor doesn't work weekends. It's then up to the duty officer to ascertain whether or not you're sick enough to be transported downtown to the hospital which is bad practice because no officer is qualified to diagnose medical problems. Plus if you happen to be what officers call a asshole, you're really in trouble.

The American Medical Association has a set of standards that every institution must meet but very few institutions meet the criterion. Oregon State Penitentiary is one institution that falls short of the mark in the area of medical treatment. Prison Administrators are trying to upgrade the medical facilities since Judge Burns ruling on over crowding at O.S.P., but there is much to be desired and all the changes can't be made overnight. It would however, be a improvement if the medical staff that's now employed at the prison were more conscientious about their job. In general they seem to take the attitude that since they're treating inmates it really doesn't matter if they (inmates) receive first class treatment.

This past week I had an acute attack of asthma and bronchitis. I could hardly breathe and I couldn't walk twenty feet without stopping to rest. I went to sick line and received the green cough syrup and was placed on the doctor's list for the next day. When I saw Dr. Feelgood, he issued more pills, there wasn't any lab work done or x-rays taken. He then sent me back to my cell for a five day rest but on the way back to my cell the assistant warden saw the condition I was in and ordered me placed in the hospital. I was more dead than alive but all Dr. Feelgood did was listen to my chest and order pills. Because of the jive diagnosis, I was kept on the medication prescribed for 72 hours before another doctor finally saw the need for a different approach. Plus, when I got to the hospital, I received more help from an inmate nurse than I did from the people who are paid to administer treatment. I even had to have my woman call the prison about the treatment I was receiving.

After concern was shown by outside sources and by the brothers inside, I received the medical treatment I should have gotten from day one. I'm sure that had I not been a prisoner, I wouldn't have received such lackadaisical treatment.

The point I'm trying to make is that people die in here because of poor medical treatment. Most prisoners are afraid to even go to the hospital because of the way they are treated and handled. I've known inmates that have sat in their cell and suffered rather than be subjected to the treatment of Dr. Feelgood and his funny colored pills. Prisoners are people; and the mental and physical attitude taken toward their medical treatment is shameful. It's as though these people feel that the loss of one or two inmates mean nothing. But life is the most sacred commodity on earth and regardless of ones' social, economic or physical placement in life, the right to first rate medical treatment should be guaranteed.

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FROM THE FRONT DOOR

By Tom Boothe

From the front door, on Sunday November 9, 1980, the Hughes Memorial, United Methodist Church devoted that Sunday's service to the recognition of Drug and Alcohol concerns. Rev. Austin Ray, Pastor of Hughes Memorial, asked the House of Exodus to be in charge of the service on that Sunday. The House of Exodus accepted and was honored to do so.

Before a congregation composed of many of our community's young children, Rosalie and Tom Boothe spoke from the theme "The Family Responsibility to our Community and our Children regarding Drugs and Alcohol abuse."

Their message emphasized and described:

(1) The purpose, value and responsibilities of the Family;

(2) The purpose, value and responsibilities of our Community and its social ability;

(3) The purpose, value and responsibilities incombent upon parents to develop a serious belief and faith force for our children;

(4) The purpose and value of economics, money and the production of goods and services.

(5) How Drugs and Alcohol disrupts these purposes and values and has deteriorated our community base responsibilities to our families and children.

STATEMENT TO THE CHILDREN

Children, build your values around the respect for your family, for they are the source of your very existence.

Children, select your friends on the basis of their constructiveness and productiveness for good.

Children, develop your faith and beliefs around truth and "for real" things for good.

Children, do not allow Drugs and Alcohol to take control of your life.

Children, remember that Drugs and Alcohol is very selfish it takes all, and give up nothing, at best it only produces short lived illusions.

NEXT WEEK: A quote from the Hughes Memorial bulletin on Drugs and Alcohol concerns.

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