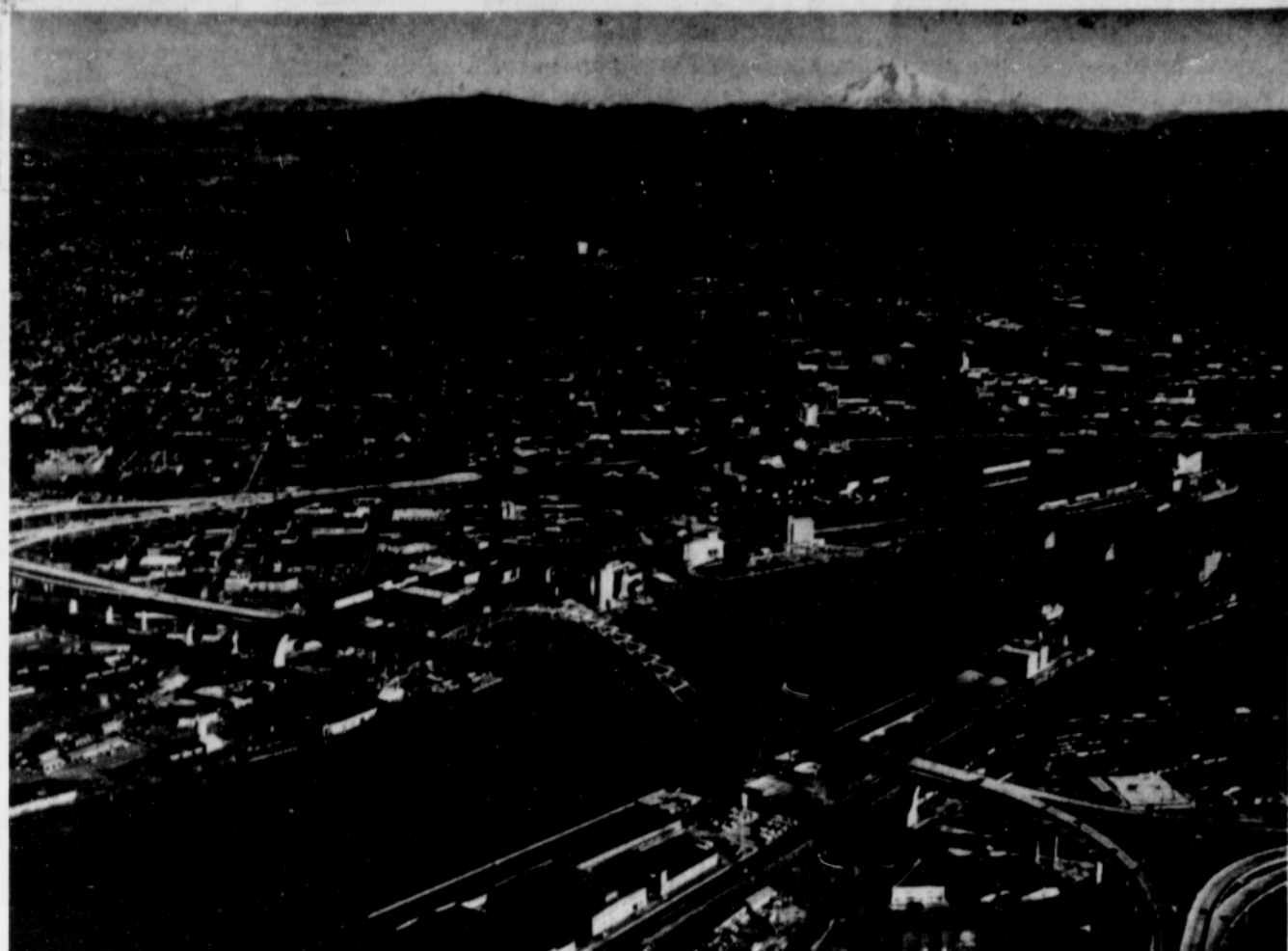


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Portland: How shall its services be provided?

City plans urban service policy

The city of Portland has released a proposed Urban Services Policy which will be the topic of a public hearing by the City Council on December 9th. The Urban League of Portland will host a public meeting on December 7th to review and discuss the policy.

The purpose of the proposed policy is to "clarify the City's appropriate role in providing municipal services such as water, sewers, police and fire protection, woods and parks, to the urbanized, unincorporated area around Portland."

In 1980 approximately 150,000 county residents live in urban developments outside of incorporated cities, especially in the area between Portland and Gresham. The existence of these areas affects the people living within the City of Portland.

Some services are provided by Multnomah County with taxes collected from all county residents. This means that the residents of Portland pay for their own city services and for the services provided

unincorporated areas also—a form of "double taxation."

- The City of Portland contains tax-exempt property that is used by all county residents—the Courthouse, government offices, parks, libraries, etc.—placing a larger tax burden on the remaining taxable property. In Portland over 20 percent of the property is tax exempt.

- The effects of inadequate services in unincorporated areas can spill over and affect the people of the City.

- Research has shown that fractured metropolitan areas have comparatively poor economic growth because they are unable to plan effectively. Portland makes up 25 percent of the region's population and is declining.

The proposed policy states that the City will:

- Establish and maintain service boundaries that define the portion of the region to be served by the City;

- Reaffirm the City's role as principal urban services provider in this area;

- Provide services outside that area only when this enhances the City's ability to serve its own residents;

- Coordinate with other jurisdictions.

The proposed boundaries, which required an amendment to the City comprehensive plan, are: the Columbia River and Washington State line on the North; the Urban Growth Boundary on the Northwest; the Washington County line on the West; the Clackamas County line on the south; to the east to include the Johnson Creek drainage basins.

The Urban League meeting will be held December 7th, 6 p.m., at the Urban League Office, 5329 N.E. Union, Room 218. The City Council hearing will be held on December 9th (248-4135 for information).

Street Beat

by Lanita Duke and Richard Brown

The plight of our young is rarely examined by the press, but the **Street Beat** asked the question, "How would you appraise the youth of today?"



Sue Lonno
Homemaker

The kids today are worse. There is so much crime being committed by the young. The reasons are the economic conditions like unemployment. Kids need jobs, too.



Cindy Rodd
A.P. Clerk

I think they are worse. When I was coming up I was bad but they are worse. There is a lack of respect for schools and parents. These institutions are going to have to get stricter.



Avery Robinson
Unemployed

I'm young myself and I think people ought to judge us as individuals. I do not think parents have as much respect now as their parents did. There was a time when they took you behind the house and dealt with you. Now all they do is yell at the kids.



Jimmy Sheppard
Chemist's Asst.

They are smarter and exposed to different types of technology. What kids are doing today I used to dream about as a child.



Greg Brault
Maintenance Man

The kids are no different from when I was coming up. But I think they are more aware. It's tougher on them because of peer pressure. Before we were individualists. Now you either have to smoke dope or pop pills.



Patricia Clayton
Cashier

Young people are faster. They grow up quicker. In this society everything is fast and disposable. It's the sign of the times. People need to step back and get back to nature to find the true meaning of life.

Career Day success

by De'Borah Armstrong

The Portland Urban League's Career Awareness Day, November 13th, held at the University of Portland, was filled with enthusiastic participants as well as students. The program is a special partnership within the community of school, business and government leaders allowing them to share with students information on career opportunities.

The Career Awareness Day is designed to provide an overview of the world of work, an idea of skills required for various job categories, and addition information on areas of specific interest.

The first Urban League Career Awareness Day was held in 1974 at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College, said Freddie Pettit, Executive Director of Portland Urban League. Several hundred students, teachers, and representatives from business, education and government braved freezing weather to meet and exchange information on career preparation and opportunities.

The Career Awareness Day was moved in 1975 to the campus of the University of Portland, where it has been held annually since that date.

Vern Chatman, Father of Career Day and spokesperson, said, "This year's Career Day was a tremendous success. The participation from the students and the representatives of each company was exciting and enthusiastic, as well as informative."

"Aimless people have no direction and no goals," said Herb Cawthorne, guest speaker for the morning program. Dr. Matthew Prophet, Superintendent of the Portland Public Schools, asked students to let him know if they have concerns about administration or curriculum in their schools.

Participants at this year's Career Day included IBM, Cable Systems Pacific, the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center, KATU, KEX, Tektronix, P.C.C., Emanuel Hospital, KPTV, CH2M Hill, and Coast Janitorial.

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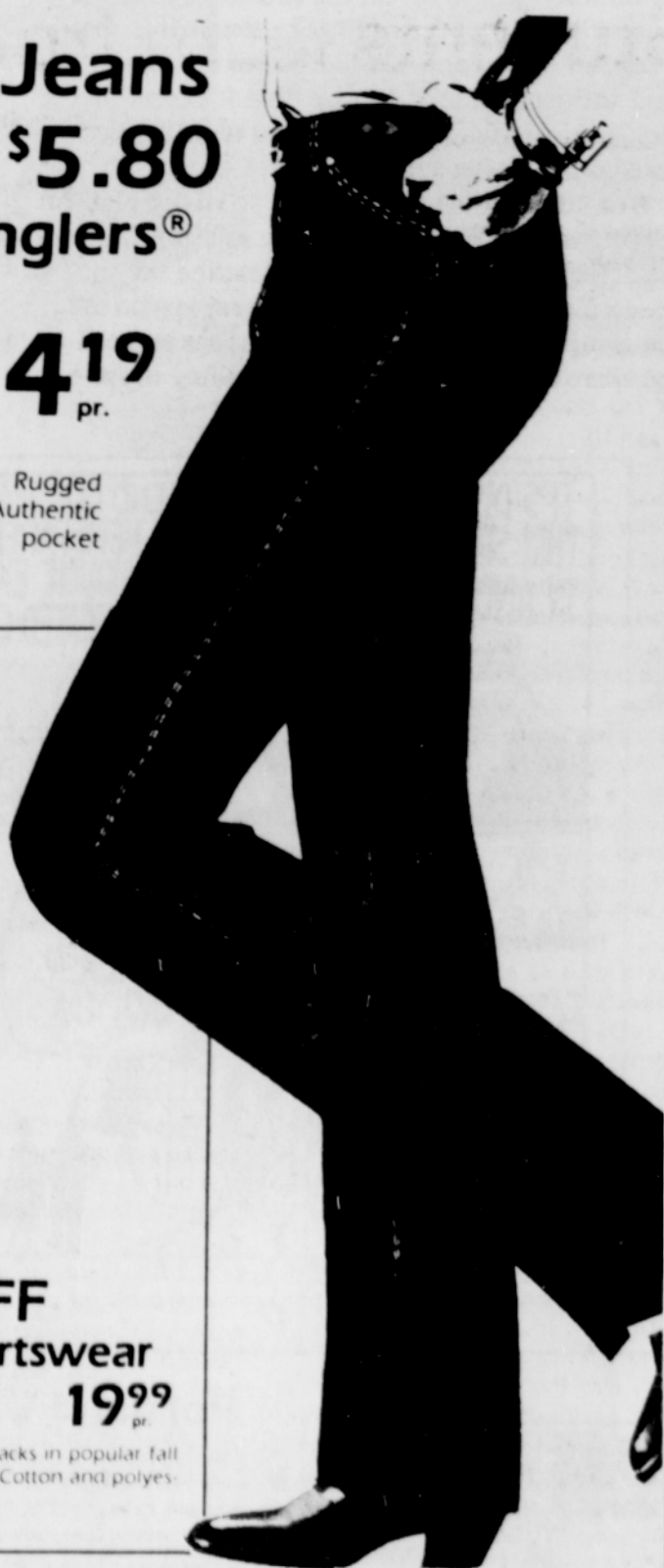
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