

METROPOLITAN



The 50th Anniversary of Robert and Essie Wood was held at the Holiday Inn Airport. Thirty-nine relatives were in attendance along with over 200 friends. A song written by Mr. Robert James Wood was sung by Harold Giffin, entitled, "Far Away in the Blue." It was a festive occasion. (Photo: Robert J. Brown)

Neighborhood shows concern about new gas station, store

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — The prospect of another convenience store operated by ARCO, an Atlantic Richfield company, is not welcomed by the Eliot Neighborhood Association or existing businesses in the area.

James Valentini, a real estate developer for Atlantic Richfield, said the intersection of Union and Fremont was, "A hell of a location. The access is good and the strip needs economic development. We are willing to take the risk of going in to change the area and encourage other businesses to move in."

Valentini said the site would have two gas pumps and a 24-hour convenience store. Peggy Rush-Williams, co-owner of the Gingerbread Bookstore, welcomed the idea of a gas station but said it would serve the community better if it was full service. Williams and other members from the Eliot Neighborhood Association agreed that the area did not need another liquor outlet. "We have five liquor outlets within five blocks of one another. The area is saturated," she noted.

Williams also expressed a concern about the existing businesses to compete with a large multi-national corporation. "ARCO will compete with a city project — Union Square — which does not need competition from a major corporation, especially in the convenience store category," she added.

Valentini said businesses in the area were afraid of competition. "Let the marketplace dictate where gas and food stores are located. It's an unfair assumption to say we will lower our prices just to drive out competition."

Larry Wilson, proprietor of Convenience Food Mart in Union Square, said he was not afraid of competition, but that ARCO had a history of being

insensitive to the needs of communities. "Look at the ARCO on Ainsworth and Albina. There are bars all around, their gas prices are higher and in the summer an armed guard lets people come in three at a time. It has done nothing for this community other than bring in minimum wage jobs while taking money out."

Wilson added that he was concerned with community employment offered by ARCO. ARCO told the neighborhood association they would hire from the community. Valentini said, "We do not have trained people in the area now. But they can move from gas attendants, to cashiers and maybe managers. ARCO does not want to create an image of a big bully, but they also do not want their property to lose value. We are taking a risk."

On March 26, the Eliot Neighborhood Board drafted a list of concerns and expectations for ARCO to meet:

- 1. Recruit and train all positions from the immediate area.
- 2. Employ a litter patrol.
- 3. Have the building design reflect the historical contributions of the area.
- 4. Implement a full-service gas station.
- 5. Invest profits from site into the community.
- 6. Keep prices competitive with area.
- 7. Restrict liquor sales and rot-gut wine.

The association stopped short of advocating a boycott if their concerns fell on deaf ears at ARCO. However, strategies are currently being developed to combat corporate arrogance and to prevent their neighborhood from turning into a commercial concentration camp. ARCO is expected to go before City Council for liquor license approval within the next two weeks.

Urban League announces finalists

The search committee of the Portland Urban League has announced the following finalists for the position of president of the Portland Urban League.

The finalists in alphabetical order are: Leonard Benton, Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma City Urban League, Herb Cawthorne, City of Portland, and Lawrence Lakey, Chief Executive Officer of the Tulsa Urban League.

The three candidates will be interviewed in Portland within the next two weeks. Any questions concerning the search should be referred to Linda Rasmussen, 238-6666.

Math festival slated

Thirty-six high schools and 30 middle schools in the Portland Community College district have been invited to participate in the college's fifth annual Math Festival slated for Saturday, April 27 at the PCC Sylvania Campus.

The festival begins at 8:30 a.m. with a contest involving five categories: Open, algebra II, geometry, algebra I and non-algebra. Contest will be structured in the manner of the state contest, and the top 10 percent from each contest category will be invited to the State Math Competition scheduled for May 11 at Oregon State University.

The festival is being organized by PCC mathematics instructors Sue O'Reilly and Kathy Butts-Bernunzio. For further information contact them at PCC, 244-6111.

Alumni dinner set

The Girls Poly James Monroe Alumni Association will hold their annual reunion, April 1, 1985, at the Elks Temple Lodge, 1515 S.W. Morrison St., Portland, Oregon.

Registration will be between 6 - 7 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m. All former students and graduates are invited. For information, please call Iris Fry, 252-4708, or Beverly Michael, 774-5259. Please do not call Elks Lodge for information.

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FREEDOM News Journal's recent campaign asking current and former employees of the IRS to come forward and be interviewed has brought a tremendous response. In fact, the campaign has been so successful that a coalition of IRS whistleblowers has recently been formed, including not only current and former employees who know of abuses within the agency, but all citizens and groups who feel that the IRS is abusing the rights of Americans.

Over the past 17 years, FREEDOM News Journal has gained national recognition for its exclusive exposes of IRS abusive and illegal activities. Based on interviews with IRS agents and employees, and taxpayers, and information from internal IRS documents (some received anonymously) that detail the agency's secret policies, FREEDOM has found that —

- The IRS would not settle tax disputes, according to its manuals, if "acceptance of an offer of compromise would result in unfavorable publicity due to the notoriety of the taxpayer," even though the grounds for acceptance of the offer might well be completely valid;

- The IRS would pay individual "journalists" up to 150 per cent of their normal salaries to plant six to 12 pro-IRS stories a year in various publications;

- The IRS abused and harassed its own employees and forced them either to leave or submit to intolerable working conditions;

- In at least one instance, after an employee left, the IRS mounted a vicious smear campaign against her to discredit

her and minimize the chances for exposure of agency crimes.

- The IRS directed its employees in a secret manual supplement to consider such things as "requests that refund checks be mailed to Post Office box or General Delivery addresses," "inclusion of an 'in care of' provision in the address," or notations that the taxpayer's occupation was an "office manager or bookkeeper" as red-flagged indicators that the taxpayer should be investigated for tax fraud.

- The IRS directed its agents to go on what one former agent described as "fishing expeditions," auditing the books of such businesses as furriers, jewelers, antique shops, travel agencies and interior decorators to locate names of customers to be targeted for investigation.

FREEDOM, the independent journal published by the Church of Scientology, is interested in interviewing anyone with information on illegal and discriminatory IRS policies and practices, or evidence of harassing and threatening measures taken by the IRS against taxpayers. FREEDOM is particularly interested in interviewing current or former IRS employees who have worked in the Criminal Investigation Division or the Employee Plans and Exempt Organizations Division.

If you have knowledge of unconstitutional acts or violations of the law committed by the IRS against taxpayers, groups or even their own employees, and you feel it is time for these acts to be exposed, and our tax system overhauled and turned into an equitable one, contact:

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