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Former Urban League Director Doing Well As Entrepreneur

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Freddie J. Webb-Petett, former Executive Director of the Urban League of Portland, is doing well in the private sector as an entrepreneur. Webb-Petett is president of Freddie Petett & Associates, Inc.

Petett & Associates, which is located at 1001 S.W. 5th Ave., Suite 1000 in downtown Portland, a management consultant firm, has been in operation since December of 1985.

Petett & Associates provides services in the following areas: organizational development, staff development and training, minority affairs, and special projects managing. Webb-Petett said so far the majority of her clients have been governmental agencies and non-profit organizations.

Webb-Petett was asked if she was pleased with the direction in which her business has been progressing. She replied, "At this point and time, I am very pleased with the growth of my company. Business has been going very well."

Webb-Petett credits her success as an independent consultant to her past professional experiences: Executive Director of the Urban League of Portland, 1979-85; Administrative

Assistant to former mayor Neil Goldschmidt, 1976-79; Project Director for Nero & Associates Consulting, 1971-73; and Systems Coordinator for Portland Model Cities, 1970-71. "The skills with which I used to carry out those jobs has helped me greatly as an independent consultant."

Besides her professional career, Webb-Petett is active in several professional and community activities. Currently, she sits on the boards of The Housing Authority of Portland; Oregon Museum of Science & Industry; Rogers Cable Systems; Rose Festival Association, Executive Committee; and Portland State University Foundation. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Portland City Club; Links, Inc.; and the World Affairs Council.

In recognition of her outstanding work, Webb-Petett has been awarded the W.K. Kellogg Foundation National Fellowship, 1983-86; Delta Sigma Theta Woman of Excellence, 1985; March of Dimes White Rose Award, 1985; 100 Most Influential Women in Oregon, Oregon Magazine, 1981; 10 Most Influential Blacks in Oregon, Willamette Week, 1978.

Webb-Petett said she enjoys be-



Freddie Petett

ing an entrepreneur. "I get a great deal of satisfaction working for my-

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self; it's a great opportunity to be your own boss."

All For One One For All

More and more police officers and more and more jails is not the solution to our rampant crime problem lest we build enough jails to lock the good citizens in for protection and let the criminals roam our streets free. Even today, many older citizens are prisoners in their own homes because they have a justified fear of the public streets and parks.

The present police system does not work and has not worked for a long time. Today, crime pays well and the criminal is seldom brought to trial. It's time for a change. The most capable, legally able, cost efficient, and tax fair system would be to delegate the Multnomah County Sheriff to enforce all Criminal law in Multnomah County. It is time the politicians and City bureaucracies put aside their dreams for bigger and bigger armies (police departments) and support one efficient police organization that would reduce our growing crime rate.

Delegate the Multnomah County Sheriff to enforce all criminal law in Multnomah County. Police departments have tried a number of gimmicks to improve efficiency, mainly new names for the same old game of cops and robbers. In 1985 Portland alone had 17,700 crimes of burglary reported with only 900 cases solved. Its time for a real change. The sheriff is by law the chief law enforcement officer in Multnomah County. This includes the areas of the county's six incorporated cities and all except Maywood Park have a police department. The trend at present is to eliminate the sheriff's patrol section and ignore the fact that the peoples elected sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer in the county and the county commissioners would contract police patrol of unincorporated Multnomah County to Portland, Gresham and Troutdale. This "plot" would free most of the sheriff's budget for the county commissioners to spend on other purposes and make the Portland Bureaucracy a must more powerful body in all of Multnomah County. The public may be led to believe that the county's 5 city police departments would work in close harmony with each other and thus apprehend more criminals and reduce the county's crime rate but I a retired police officer of 27 years experience see it another way. To my knowledge not even the F.B.I. and C.I.A. have a reputation of working closely together and that attitude filters down to the smallest of police departments, it's just the way police departments are. Call it one man's opinion but if the city and county commissioners ignore the elected sheriff's position as the county's chief law enforcement office and move ahead with their plans, Multnomah County will be policed by at least five separate police departments with Portland police big brother to them all, don't look for cooperation or efficiency. Most crimes are solved with information that police officers of the department have in their heads and notebooks or what they hear from other officers in that department or what that department has in its own files and little or none of that information ever moves to other police departments.

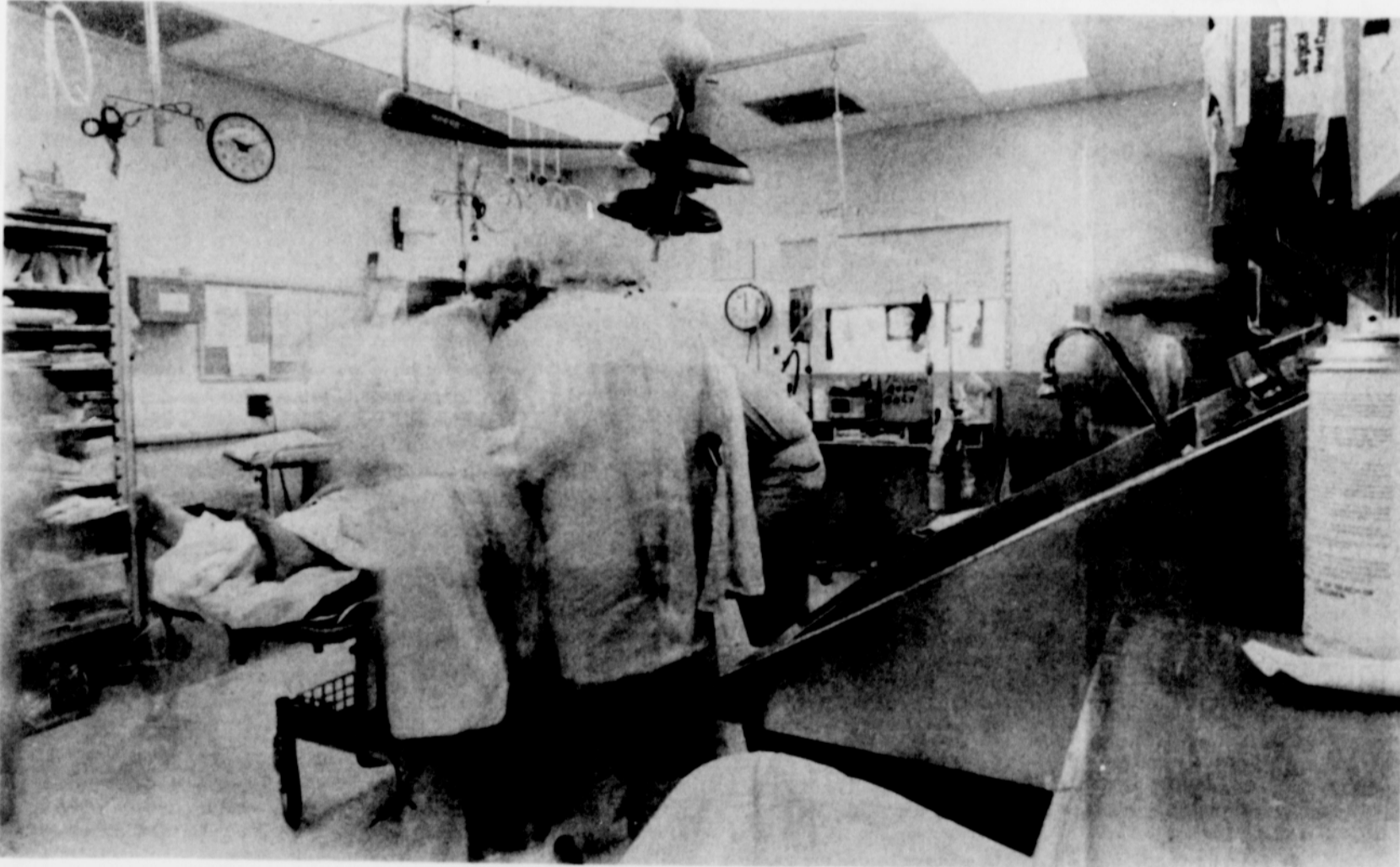
Additionally, it is not human nature for people to give away clues they have to win a "prize" to someone else, and cops are just people, they want the glory for their own department.

The system of cities large or small enforcing criminal law may have worked fairly well when fewer crimes were committed and they were no further away from home than the criminal cared to ride his horse, but times have changed, the police system has grown more and more impotent and crime pays quite well. In todays mobil society "Joe Crook" who may live in Gresham can burglarize a home in Portland, fence the loot in Troutdale, spend the money in Fairview, and be home for lunch, and it's not likely the four police jurisdictions he operated in would ever put it together.

If the county sheriff patrolled and enforced all criminal law in Multnomah County the links of information to solve crimes would be in one chain. The deputies working Sauvies Island or North Portland or Gresham or any other area in the county would willingly trade criminal information that would never pass through the county's five or six city police departments.

I ask the citizens of this county, do you want criminal law enforcement by one efficient agency headed by your sheriff who is elected by the people....or do you want criminal law enforced by five or six police chiefs appointed by the five or six city bureaucrats and or mayors.

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Emanuel Hospital and Health Center, while still offering emergency and hospital care to everyone who needs it, will assist patients in

selecting the best alternatives for medical services.

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Emanuel Offers Emergency Alternatives

Emanuel Hospital has begun a new program of offering alternatives to people who come to the Emergency Department for care.

As in the past, everyone who comes to the Emergency Department will be seen, and if the patient requires immediate treatment, the care will be given, with payment expected if the patient is covered by insurance, Medicare, welfare, or is able to pay for the care.

For those who do not require emergency care, and are not covered by insurance, a deposit will be asked for. At the same time, a brochure describing the alternatives will be presented to the patient, and one of the Emergency Department staff will assist the patient in deciding

which of the alternatives is best for that patient. The brochure contains information about health clinics that provide medical services at low cost

or without charge. These clinics include members of the Coalition of Community Clinics, and Multnomah County clinics.

The Multnomah County clinics are open during the day, and offer a wide range of services. The members of the Coalition of Community

Health Clinics offer both day and evening hours. The telephone numbers of all of the clinics are listed in the brochure for the convenience

of the people who need to call the clinic for an appointment.

Emanuel Hospital and Health Center offers emergency and hospital care to everyone who needs our services, whether they are residents of the community, or are from a distance. By cooperating with the community clinics and Multnomah County, we are working toward the provision of medical care that is matched to the needs of each individual or family that needs help.