

White Bird opens detoxification center

With \$175 in the kitty White Bird Sociomedical Aid Station is opening a center for detoxification and rehabilitation. Providing service for heroin, barbiturate and amphetamine abusers, the center will be the only agency in Eugene offering a detoxification program, according to Roberta Housen center coordinator.

The center will officially open on Thursday at 837 Lincoln St., the site of the original White Bird Clinic. Housen says services available will be "intake screening for prospective clients, medical evaluation, detoxification, on-going and group counseling, family counseling, vocational guidance, occupational therapy, and referrals to other agencies (that) could be of assistance."

Initially the center will handle up to 6 addicts a month on a live-in basis and perhaps 60 others on an outpatient basis.

A staff consisting of a medical doctor, two paramedics, a psychologist and ten counselors, many ex-addicts themselves, will all work without pay.

While discussing her plans and hopes for the center, Housen admitted, "addicts were really getting turned off to White Bird." Addicts in the past had discovered that White Bird could not provide the attention and services they needed, so they simply stopped coming.

The coordinator went on to explain some of her goals. She wants the center to be a place where the addict can feel comfortable — "we don't want a heavy police surveillance trip." But at the same time she says it must be a place that commands the respect of both the addict and the community.

"I want it clean," with beds as opposed to mattresses on the floor, halfway-decent furniture and perhaps a stereo or television, Housen stated.

White Bird is applying to several government agencies for grants. If enough money is allocated to the detoxification and rehabilitation center, Housen hopes to expand services by moving into a larger and less dilapidated house. Someday she hopes to be able to pay her staff at least "a token salary."

In its treatment of addicts the detox center will focus not only on getting the addict off drugs but, more importantly, uncovering the sources of the patient's problem and providing him with alternatives to drug abuse. To cure a drug addict involves far more than getting him off the drug, says Housen. That's the easy part, Housen says. The difficulty lies in keeping him off, and many of those detoxified return to drugs.

Housen echoed White Bird's now familiar plea for public support. In addition to money the center will need "arts and crafts materials, records, books . . . and furniture of all kinds; single beds and mattresses, couches, chairs, rugs, curtains, stereo, tv, etc."

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L-COG committees will meet to report year's progress

The Combined Citizen's Advisory Committee of L-COG will hold its annual meeting at 7:30 tonight in the King Cole room of the Eugene Hotel.

Neat. What's an L-COG?

L-COG is an abbreviation for Lane Council of Governments.

Alright, what's a Lane Council of Governments?

The Lane Council of Governments is a regional council that was organized to provide continuity in area-wide long range planning. It is run by a governing board made up of elected officials from the cities, special districts, and Lane County.

The idea is that local governments, like the Eugene City Council, elect a representative to sit on the L-COG board and then when a planning problem that requires the cooperation of a number of communities within Lane County comes up, L-COG does the planning.

Okay, exactly who is a member of the L-COG board?

Well, all the cities in Lane County. Eugene, Springfield, Coburg, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Dunes City, Florence, Junction City, Lowell, Oakridge and Veneta.

Other members include Lane County and the local school districts. The Lane Intermediate Education District, School District 52 (Bethel), 4J (Eugene), 32 (Mapleton), 19 (Springfield) . . . and the Eugene Water and Electric Board,

Springfield Utility Board, the North Lane Soil and Water Conservation District, River Road Park and Recreation District, Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District and the Willamalane Park and Recreation District and the Port of Siuslaw. Lane Community College rounds out the list.

Alright, what do they plan?

All kinds of things. The Comprehensive Health Planning Committee plans for area health needs, goals and priorities. The Transportation Planning Committee plans highways and alternative means of transportation such as rapid transit. The Technical Advisory Committee on Law Enforcement helps coordinate regional police efforts. The Housing Advisory Committee helps in the planning of housing needs and requirements for the area.

Also there is the Manpower Planning Advisory Committee, the Arts Advisory Committee, the Committee for Economic Development, the Social Services Advisory Committee, and the Metropolitan Study Commission.

All of the committees have a citizen's advisory committee attached to them. The citizen's advisory committee is made up of local people interested in participating in the planning for Lane County's future.

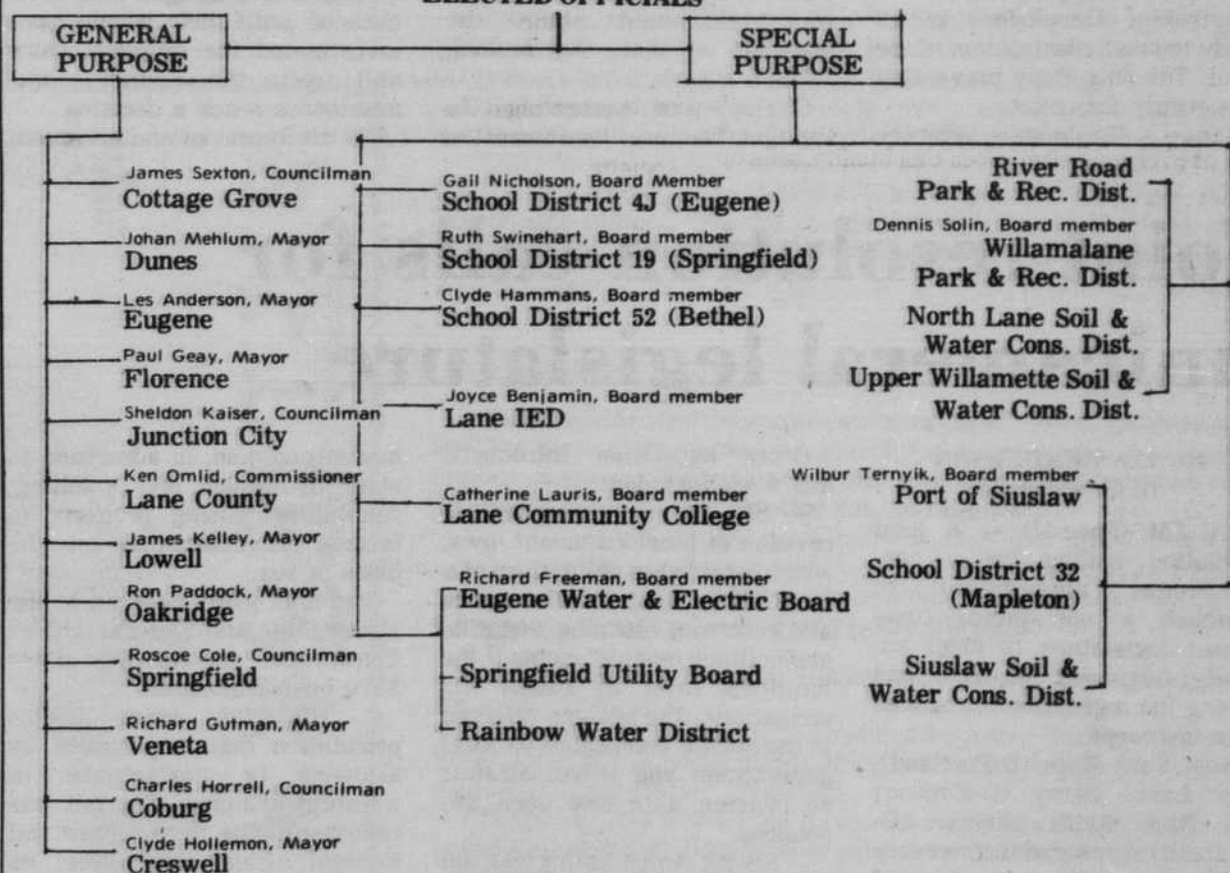
Once a year the citizen's advisory committees to the various L-COG committees get together and issue reports of what they have accomplished in the past year and what they hope to do during the next year.

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Professor of biology dies

Nationally prominent neurophysiologist Donald Maynard, Jr., professor of biology at the University, died

Sunday evening in a Denver hospital.

Maynard, who had been on the Oregon faculty since 1970, was in Colorado to attend the sixth Winter Conference on Brain Research.

He collapsed while skiing on Jan. 18, and was flown by helicopter to a hospital in Denver, where he underwent blood vessel surgery last Saturday.

Maynard is survived by his widow, Edith, who is an adjunct professor of biology at the University, and three children, Kathleen, 16, a student at South Eugene High School; Elizabeth, 14, who attends Roosevelt Junior High School; and Donald Jr., 9, a student at Condon Elementary School.

"This is a great loss to science and to the University," said Sanford Tepfer, chairman of the University biology department.

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