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Poverty rates soar for children

□ Census figures show 16 percent of all Lane County children live in poverty

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Children are replacing senior citizens as one of the most-impo- verished groups both nation- wide and locally, according to 1990 census figures.

Nationwide, 18 percent of all children under the age of 18 ranked below the poverty level in 1989 — a 12 percent jump from 1979. In Lane County, 16 percent of all children fell below the poverty threshold in 1989. That is up from 13.3 percent in 1979.

At the same time, the number of impoverished senior citizens shrank. In Lane County, 24 percent of all people over 65 lived in poverty in 1969. The number has steadily dropped from 11.5 percent in 1979 to 9 percent in 1989.

The numbers seem to contradict the trend toward an older population.

The census indicates that although seniors are grabbing a larger chunk of the population pie, fewer are impoverished. Meanwhile, there are more pov-

erty-stricken children in the gradually shrinking under-18 age group.

Chris Eaton, assistant planner for the Lane Council of Govern- ments, said seniors have suc- cessfully fought for political changes that have improved their standard of living.

"The senior citizen lobbies have been successful," Eaton said, "and they are a growing voting population. Also, there are programs like Medicaid and Medicare that have helped the senior poverty rate."

Eaton said the increasing number of impoverished chil- dren may be the result of de- creased federal funding for gov- ernment child relief agencies during the 1980s.

In addition, requests for help have overwhelmed both feder- ally funded agencies and pri- vate, non-profit support organi- zations, such as the Relief Nursery in Eugene.

Relief Nursery executive di- rector Jean Phelps said the compounded nature of most family problems makes her or- ganization's job very difficult. Poverty is usually intertwined with a number of other issues, such as child abuse, unemploy- ment, mental health and drug and alcohol abuse.

"What we see are people that

have many problems that have gone unaddressed," Phelps said. "If people have one prob- lem, they generally have many. We've never had the resources necessary to impact the prob- lem the way we need to."

Phelps said demands on so- cial service agencies have grown in recent years to the point where today, the Relief Nursery has more than 200 people on its waiting list.

"We've been getting about a dozen calls a week at the Nurs- ery from appropriate referrals," Phelps said.

Poverty usually increases the workload for the Relief Nurs- ery, which is primarily a child abuse prevention program.

"It's very difficult to parent when you're living in poverty without adequate resources," Phelps said.

The 1990 census data shows that in 1989 there were 10,387 children under the poverty threshold in Lane County — 26 percent of all people living in poverty.

Nationally, the average pov- erty rate for a household of four was \$12,674 in 1989.

Food expenses, household size, number of children and annual income are used to de- termine if a household is below the poverty line.

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which sponsored the measure, has not been actively involved in pushing it forward.

"They're taking a hands-off approach," Marchant said. "They have been honest about the fact that they are doing so because they don't want any negative publicity while they work to pass Measure 9."

Measure 9, also sponsored by the OCA, will ask Oregon vot- ers to decide whether they want to amend the Oregon con- stitution to label homosexuality

as a "perversion."

Robert Deu Pree, chief of the Springfield Police Department, said the charter amendment has taken back seat to the state measure.

"Considering the ballot mea- sure coming up for election, the whole issue is somewhat low- key," Deu Pree said. "We have had nothing noteworthy from either the OCA or the anti- 20-08 group."

Other Springfield officials said the city has not recently had even a ripple of harassment concerning 20-08.

Library director Arlo Giles said there haven't been prob- lems with banning books since the library accepted *Daddy's*

Roommate, a book depicting a homosexual couple raising a child.

"Once the initial furor sub- sided, we have had very little talk up to this point on banning books," Giles said.

Deu Pree said there have been no crime-related incidents concerning the measure aside from verbal harassment com- plaints, which cannot be prose- cuted under the law.

Springfield city attorney Tim Harold said nothing has hap- pened as far as challenging the measure legally. Banning the books could have raised a legal question, but since the library accepted the donated book, the issue has not been challenged.

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