

Elderly and disturbed top survey concern

Providing assistance for neglected and disturbed children and for the elderly in a primary social concern in the area, according to a survey conducted by the local United Way chapter.

The results were part of a donor preference survey conducted by the United Way during last fall's annual fundraising drive. More than 8,000 responses were turned in.

The United Way survey included workers at 21 participating places of employment in Clackamas County as well as Clark, Multnomah and Washington counties—the area served by the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette.

Those polled were asked to select five service areas they felt were of concern from a field of 11 human services currently funded by United Way.

The areas included child care, counseling, elderly, emergency, health, information and referral and community planning, mental health, neglected and disturbed children, recreation and social programs, and services for handicapped and mentally retarded citizens.

Services for neglected and disturbed children received an 81 percent response; elderly was second with 72 percent; retarded and handicapped were third, 67 percent; and emergency services was fourth, 52 percent.

Next came mental health, 42 percent; health care, 41 percent; counseling, 35 percent; youth services, 29 percent; child care, 21 percent; recreation/social, 10 percent; and information referral and community planning, six percent.

Volunteers with the United Way plan to consider the donor preference survey along with other decision-making factors as they make funding choices for the 92 social service agencies in the United Way fold.

Funding decisions, however, are too important to rely on just one source of input, United Way officials noted.

Of the top three priorities, United Way supports 32 agencies providing services to neglected and disturbed children in categories ranging from direct and residential care, to foster home care to counseling services.

These include agencies such as the Parry Center, Waverly Children's Home and Jewish Family and Child Services.

Aid to the elderly is provided by 26 agencies in the form of home care, health care, drop-in centers and emergency assistance. Northwest Pilot Project, the Salvation Army, Metropolitan Family Services and Volunteers of America are some of those agencies supported by the United Way that assist seniors.

Care and services for the handicapped are provided by 15 United Way agencies involved in direct care, health care, rehabilitation and placement. The United Cerebral Palsy Association of Northwest Oregon, Sho-Craft, Inc. and the Oregon Association for Children with Learning Disabilities are among United Way agencies working with the handicapped.

More than 480,000 persons in the four counties last year received assistance from agencies that receive some or most of their funding from the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette.

Speaker slated for pioneers

Dr. Lee Nash, professor of history at George Fox College and chairman of the social science division, will address the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers study group this Monday, March 23, at 2 p.m. in the Beaver Room of the Oregon Historical Society, 1230 S.W. Park Ave., Portland.

Nash has been an avid student of the history of the Oregon Trail for many years. He has prepared numerous essays and theses on Oregon history and biographies of Oregonians. His topic this session will be "Tracing a Family Across the Oregon Trail."



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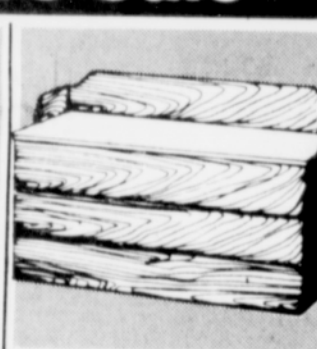
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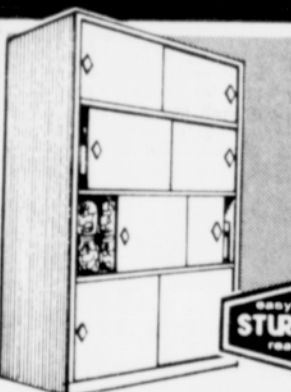
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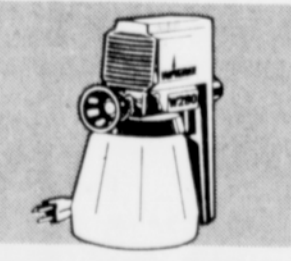
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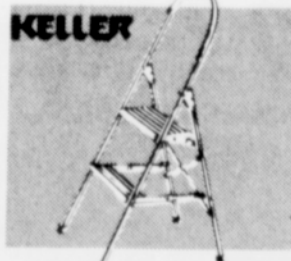
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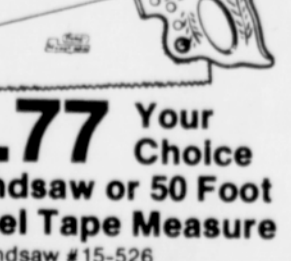
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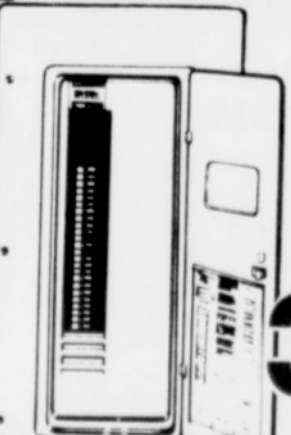


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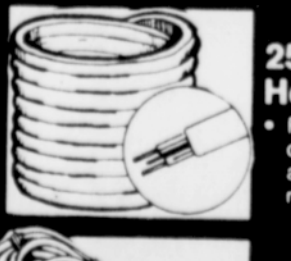


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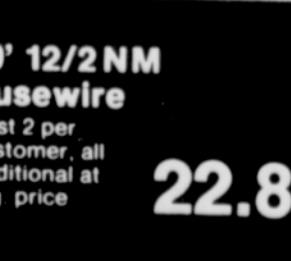
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