

Welfare Workers Say Office is 'Unbearable'

Two Welfare Division employees who work in a building that is blistering hot in the summer and freezing cold in the winter have asked OSEA to help improve their physical working conditions.

Jeanette Griggs, a clerk 4, and Ruth Anderson, a clerk 3, work in the Abundant Food Center in Gladstone, a suburb of Portland. The building is owned and operated by Clackamas County, and shared by county and state employees.

It is the job of Mrs. Griggs and Mrs. Anderson to certify persons who are eligible for food under the Abundant Food Program. County employees get the food from stocks in the warehouse and bring it to the office and reception area, which is all one room.

A few months ago, Mrs. Griggs and Mrs. Anderson contacted OSEA staff member Paul R. Ward and complained about the building's physical deficiencies.

"In the summertime, our office is like a blast furnace. But the heat is easier to take than the cold. In the winter it is simply unbearable," Mrs. Anderson says.

The office is cold, according to the women, because of three reasons: there is no door between the office and the warehouse where cartons of food are unloaded from trucks and stored; there is no partition between the office and reception area where the food is picked up; and there is only one heating register for the entire office.

Both women wear heavy coats, gloves and fur-lined boots during the winter and early spring months. Despite such clothing, both complain that the cold has caused them an abnormal amount of illness.

Both claim that cold and drafty working conditions are directly responsible for continual bouts with colds, flu, bronchitis and bursitis. What's more, their claims are substantiated by their doctors.

"Ruth Anderson has been a long time patient of Dr. Hildreth and myself as family physicians, and we feel that there is a definite correlation between her poor working conditions and her frequent sinus and bronchitis problems," Dr. R.A. Schultheis wrote to Ward.

Before contacting OSEA, the women asked the Welfare Division to provide portable electric heaters and fans. "We were told they were on order, but that was in July, 1970 and we haven't seen them yet," Mrs. Griggs says.

After talking to the women, Ward contacted Bernice Thomas, welfare's county administrator in Clackamas County. He again asked for portable heaters and fans and, in addition, asked that a partition be built to

separate the office and reception area and that a door be installed between the warehouse and reception room.

She told Ward that the building belonged to Clackamas County and indicated it was unwilling to correct the problems. For that reason, she said, the Welfare Division could do little about the situation.

Ward then asked George J. Wolnez, coordinator of the state's safety and fire prevention program, to look into the situation and recommend corrective action.

Wolnez refused, saying it wasn't a safety problem.

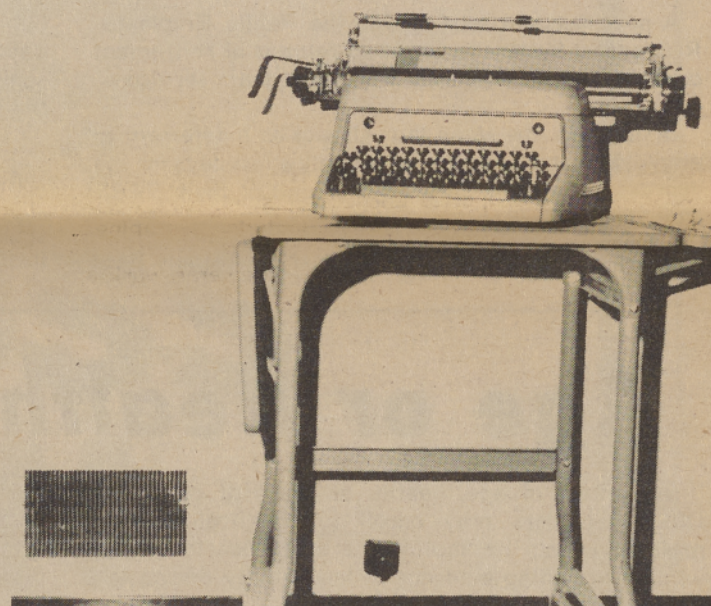
"We don't seem to be any closer to solving the problem than when we started," Ward says. "We just can't get any action."

"The warm weather will soon be over and the women will once again be required to work in a miserably cold, drafty room that has been blamed by their doctors as the cause of illnesses," he continued.

"It seems to me that we should be able to get help at some level of government."



Mrs. Ruth Anderson shows OSEA staff member Paul Ward the opening between warehouse and office that causes a "cold draft." Ward asked Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Jeanette Griggs for their recommendations on how the building deficiencies could be improved. The office has only one small heat register which the women say is "totally inadequate."



Larry Wolfe Wins OSEA Golf Tournament

A two under par gross score of 70 was more than enough to win OSEA's eighth annual golf tournament for Larry Wolfe, a member of Chemeketa Chapter 64, who is employed by the Welfare Division in Salem.

It was the second year in a row that Wolfe has won the tournament.

Roy Selenius, Success Chapter 30, who works for the Employment Division in Portland, was runner-up in the championship flight with a net 74.5.

A total of 135 OSEA members entered the tournament, which was held at Santiam Golf Club near Stayton. Following are tournament results by net scores:

Championship flight: Larry Wolfe, 68.3; Roy Selenius, 74.5; Leon McKenzie, 75.2; David Burgess, 76.5; Garth Lof, 77.3; Emilio Sibayan, 77.7; Jim Roethlin, 78.5; LeRoy Fitzell, 79.2.

First flight: Joe Carter, 79.4; Ward Murray, 79.5; Odell Wood, 80.8; John Campbell, 80.8; Tony Bigler, 81.2; Ben Langston, 82.0; Lloyd Harmon, 82.5; Harvey Ward, 82.7; Dennis Rice, 82.7; Bob Emrick, 82.7; Wayne Schug, 82.8; Maynard Edlund, 82.8; Gary Burd, 83.3; Lowell Seger, 83.5; Clarence Kruger, 84.3; Marvin Bennett, 84.3; George Rankins, 85.3.

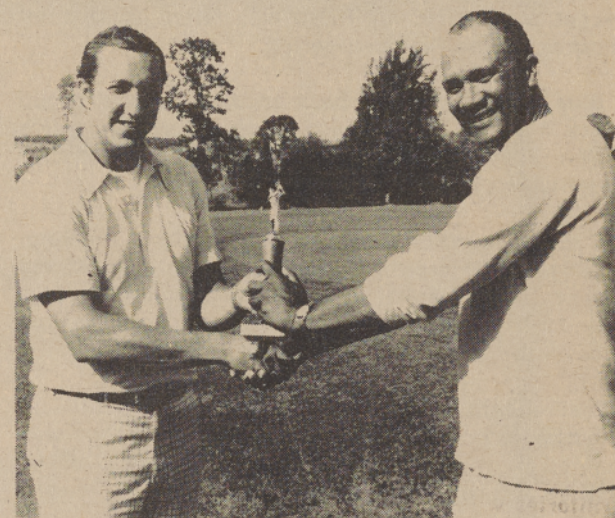
Second flight: Ivan Luman, 83.0; Charles Marquis, 83.8; Hal Hales, 83.8; Larry Quinlin, 84.2; Jack Kizziah, 84.2; George Ouellette, 84.4; Jim Friesen, 84.4; Oran Hutton, 85.0; Bob

Zuleger, 85.0; Steve Nousen, 85.2; Roy Priem, 85.2; Dale Engisch, 85.2; Ken Gowan, 85.4; Gerald Gordon, 85.4; W.S. Phelps, 85.7; Jimmy Brown, 86.4; Ray Rabold, 86.8; Chalmers Jones, 87.0; Claude Phillips, 87.0; Darcy Drennan, 87.2; Sam Haley, 87.7; Bill Kalibak, 87.8; Homer Plunkett, 88.7; Norval Shelton, 88.8; Dick Bain, 88.8.

Third flight: Dennis Jenne, 86.7; R.D. Powers, 88.0; Darrol Davis, 88.7; Bob Lafky, 89.2; Darryl Storm, 90.4; William Bosworth, 90.4; Donald Stadius, 90.4; Richard Gordon, 90.5; Jerry Maness, 90.7; Jack Groves, 90.8; Sam Conratt, 90.8; Ralph Coie, 90.8; Harold McNannay, 91.0; Bud Logan, 91.2; Tom Mommsen, 91.7; Fred Larson, 91.7; Pete Meany, 92.7; Al Brown, 93.8.

Fourth flight: C. Keith Crane, 89.0; Donna Galloway, 92.9; Arnold Aaserude, 89.9; Richard Reimann, 92.4; Chet Lanktree, 92.7; Ted Maul, 93.5; Clayton George, 93.5; Gordon Shattuck, 93.7; Francis Ely, 94.0; Neal Fisher, 94.2; Bennie Hardin, 94.4; Lou Smith, 94.5; Ward Murray, 94.7; Michael Kalberg, 94.9; Jack Bowne, 95.5; Hank McCauley, 95.5; Ray Marvin, 96.0; Ted Kincaid, 96.0; David Norby, 96.2; James Chidsey, 96.7; Robert Graden, 97.7; Gene Hoxsey, 98.4; Ev Stiles, 98.5; Frank Schomus, 98.8; Charles Withers, 99.0; David Jordan, 100.0.

Fifth flight: Les Strickler, 96.4; Bill Miller, 96.9; William Derringer, 98.2; Howard Clore, 98.7; Chris Bartruff, 98.7; James Cochell, 98.9; Paul Bennetts, 99.4; Woody Holderman, 99.5; Lyle Ertsgaard, 99.7; Dick Leith, 100.5; Joe Johansen, 101.7; Ron Hartwig, 101.9; Gary Miller, 102.2; Jess Bryan, 102.9; Don Nelson, 103.2; Hank Rodriguez, 103.5; Ernie Smyres, 103.7; Bill Welch, 103.7; Mark Barrell, 104.4; Earl Loewen, 104.4; Arthur Keating, 104.9; J.C. Drapela, 105.2; Louis McCanna, 105.4; Gil Alsbury, 105.8; Robert Bauman, 107.2; Roy Vick, 107.4; Deryl Currie, 108.2; Richard Thode, 108.5; Larry Talkington, 109.7; Mike Simmons, 110.7; David France, 134.2.



OSEA President Chamlers Jones, right, congratulates Larry Wolfe on his second consecutive win of OSEA's golf tournament. Wolfe, a member of Chemeketa Chapter 64 in Salem, carded a two under par 70 to pace 135 OSEA members who entered the 1971 tournament. He is employed by the Welfare Division.