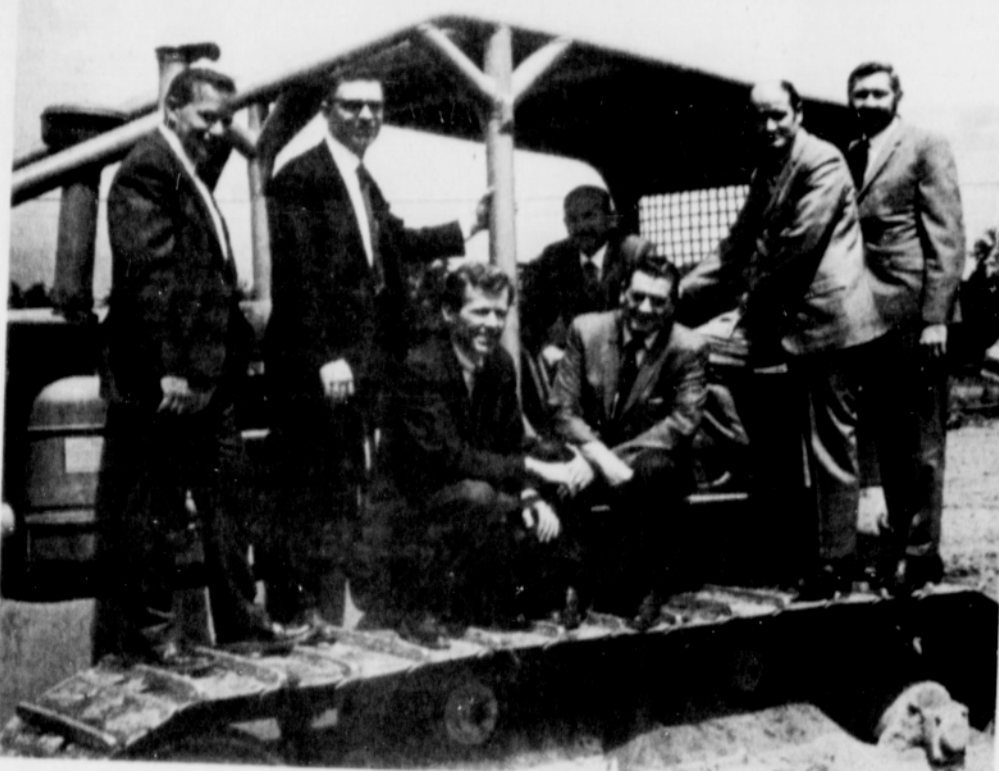


Hospitals co-op services in laundry



Seven of the ten Board of Directors of the Portland Hospital Service Corporation visit the site preparation for the Central Laundry. Left to right: Neil Millburn, Dick Kackmeiser, Tom Bergfall, Oscar Gustafson, James DeLong, James Sauer, James Mitchell.

Five Portland non-profit hospitals have formed a co-operative corporation for the purpose of building and operating a central laundry to service their institutions. When finished and operating this autumn, it will be the largest laundry in the state of Oregon. Cooperating hospitals are: Providence, Emanuel, Bess Kaiser, Physicians and Surgeons and Holiday Park.

Construction of the one and one-half million dollar total facility began with site preparation in mid-June on a ten-acre plot in Fairview at N.E. Halsey and Arista Road. Plans were prepared by Richard E. Mann, Architect, and the building contract was awarded to W.C. Stevens Company, a Portland construction firm. The building of tilt-up concrete construction will contain 42,000 square feet and will be equipped with the most modern laundry machinery available. Projected completion date is November. More

than adequate land was purchased and the building's expansion potential is being maximized.

Initially, the laundry will process twelve million pounds of linen a year but will have a capacity of fifteen million pounds. Approximately sixty persons will be employed on a 5-day, 40-hour week to service over 1500 patients per day of the five hospitals. A single hospital patient averages eighteen pounds of clean linen a day, making a total of approximately 30,000 pounds daily. This represents approximately a 50% greater poundage than is being processed by any Oregon laundry today.

In accordance with predetermined standards, the facility will process, make-up and deliver linens in bulk to the five hospitals. Each institution will be responsible for internal distribution. All soiled linen will be picked up in contamination-free bags to

insure quality control and standards exceeding those set up by the Public Health Services. Linen specifications and standardization have already been agreed upon by the participating hospitals.

The total savings accruing to the hospitals is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$500,000 a year. Today all hospitals are searching for means of cutting costs and the emphasis of a community approach to capital needs is economically a giant step forward. By entering into such a cooperative venture the five Portland hospitals insure the most cost containment in this important area.

A central laundry facility has many advantages. Most hospitals today are faced with a need for expansion and/or modernization of their present inplant operations if they have them. They find themselves hard pressed for both space and funds especially when professional departments are also clamoring for equipment and additional room. This strain on hospital finances does not solve the handling of hospital linens, a complicated process. Likewise, smaller hospitals who previously could not afford inplant laundries are finding commercial service cost increasingly high because of their own institution's quality demands and rigorous schedules.

Automation in a large central laundry is another factor favoring substantial economies as very few hospitals alone can invest in such costly machinery. Also, cooperation in this type of service relieves administrators from such managerial duties and assures them the benefits possible from a self-owned linen supply. They are guaranteed quality standards and a prompt delivery service and are protected against infection. The price they pay is low to begin with as well as in the future. Average overall costs in the Portland facility are projected at 11¢ a pound which includes depreciation and complete linen replacement.

The 1960's saw a worldwide swing to cooperative central laundry facilities. The first such large scale American enterprise was started in Boston in 1961 which in five years time had grown to include twenty participating hospitals.

In Portland the first such step in this direction occurred in July 1967, when initial discussions evolved into a search and eventual hiring of a consulting firm, the Victor Kramer Company of New York City. Eight local hospitals participated in the feasibility study which was completed in April, 1968.

Translation Service WEE PALS

"Communication is the driving force of world economy, and we are able to guarantee total communication." These are the words of Mr. Sam S. Markson, translation coordinator and spokesman for the firm of Professional Translators. This is a new, sophisticated service organized in the Portland area specializing in quick, accurate translations from or into any of nearly twenty-five foreign languages. Professional Translators say they can deliver insured, certified translations with accuracy, speed and dispatch. Their service includes not only the usual German, French, Italian, and Spanish, but also other European tongues such as Russian, Polish, Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian, Portuguese, Greek, Dutch, and Hungarian, as well as the more exotic Japanese, Chinese, Hebrew, Korean, Kikuyu, Swahili, Vietnamese, and Yiddish.

Professional Translators is capable of handling a variety of language problems, including business forms and letters, contract bids and specifications and legal documents. One client a lawyer, had the problem of legal papers in Greek. One of the translators began work, and soon realized that nearly half of the document was sheer nonsense. A Greek lawyer, whose home office is in Athens, Greece was apparently trying to confuse his American friend with reams of totally unneeded verbiage. However, as the translator was a native of Greece, and while the document did present some difficulties, a full, accurate translation was available in but a few days. Mr. Markson feels very strongly on this point: the only people he will hire as translators are native speakers down an application from an American who had learned French in an American University and had lived several years in France. He later explained that the goal of Professional Translators is total communication, and feels that this can only be accomplished by "mother-tongued" personnel who understand all the idiomatic connotations and hidden meanings of a language.

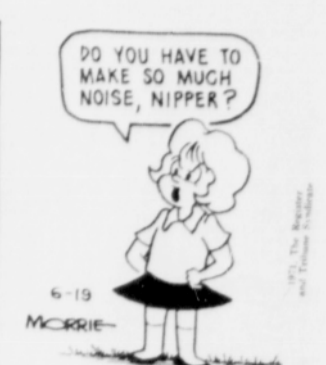
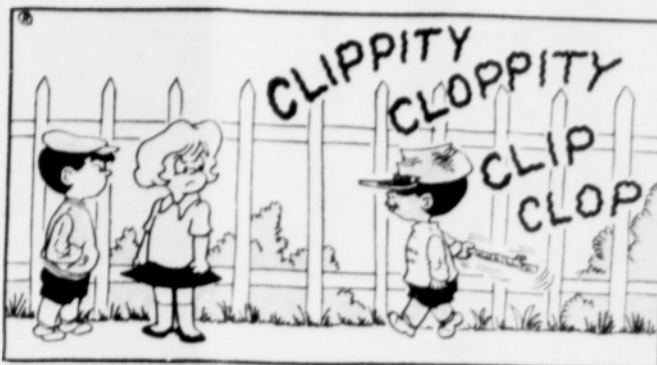
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'In the Clink'

The word "clink" was coined during the 14th Century to indicate a chain and the sound it made when dragged across the floor. In the 16th Century its meaning was changed to indicate a prison or jail because of the sounds coming out of England's infamous Southwark prison, where the convicts were tied together by chains around their feet. As they shuffled over the stone floors their chains made loud clinking sounds, causing people outside to refer to the gloomy prison as "The Clink." Those on the inside were considered "in The Clink."

Spice CABINET BARBECUED CHICKEN

Place broiler-fryer chicken halves or quarters, skin side up, on grate 3 to 6 inches from charcoal briquettes at the light-gray ash stage. Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper. Cook until tender, turning and basting occasionally. Allow 45 minutes to 1 1/2 hours total cooking time, depending on weight of chicken and distance from heat. About 15 minutes before chicken is done, begin brushing frequently with a barbecue sauce. To test for doneness, leg should twist easily out of thigh joint and pieces feel tender when probed with a fork.



Think on these things

by Joyce Hiffer

A spark in time may be that happy whistle in the dark that comes to change my mind from gloom to something worth thinking about. You know, we do not have to see the flowers to catch their fragrance—the good influence wafts everywhere. How often the things remote are those which lift and sustain us. Someone's whistle, some unasked favor, for which we know no reason except that someone wanted to give. What an overwhelming investment in other people, that added spark of life that may well be the reason for life itself. It is an investment that will return again and again to give us courage.

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In total, 790 stoppages were in effect during May 1971, and 774,000 workers out of 3,437,000 man-days lost. The comparable figure for the previous month are 750 strikes in effect, 254,000 workers, and 2,184,000 man-days idle. Stoppages in effect in May 1970 numbered 960, idled 580,000 workers, and lasted 7,965,000 man-days. Seven large strikes (5,000 or more workers involved) accounted for 74.5 percent of the total number of workers out and 41.3 percent of the man-days idled. The stoppage in the railroad industry alone, involving 540,000 workers, was responsible for 69.8 percent of the total figures.

Two of the seven stoppages, at Teledyne Motors and Crown Zellerbach Corp., were carried over from the previous month. The Teledyne stoppage ended in May, as did walkouts at two other firms. At the end of the month, workers remained idle at Crown-Zellerbach, Consumers Power Corp., in Jackson, Michigan, and the construction industries in the Delaware - Philadelphia area, and in Harrisburg.

CPA Grants To Blacks

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants has promised grants totaling \$250,000 to five Black colleges to aid needy students majoring in accounting. The institutions that will receive \$50,000 each over a three year period are Howard University, North Carolina Central University, Southern University, Florida A & M University and Virginia State College. The US Department of Labor estimates that 32,000 new accountants are needed each year but only 16,000 are being graduated annually.

Black Population Becomes Urban

Nearly half of the nation's Black population lives in 50 cities and a third of the total in 15 cities. Blacks are a majority in six cities: Washington D.C. (71.1%); Compton, Cal. (69.1%); East St. Louis, Ill. (71.3%); Newark, N. J. (54.2%); Gary, Indiana (52%) and Atlanta (51.3%). New York City has the most Black residents, about 1.7 million, although they make up just 21% of that city's population.

Shortcuts and Money Savers

No need to buy wooden hangers for heavy duty storage jobs; wire hangers can be strengthened to do the job as well. Simply tape three of them together at the base of the "question mark" and at each end of the crossbars. You'll have a hanger sturdy enough to hold a man's suit. Clean, empty roll-on deodorant containers make convenient dispensers of toilet water and cologne. They take up no space in the drawer of a kitchen cabinet or a desk or your handbag - right where you want them for a quick fresh-up. When an electric plug won't pull out of the wall socket easily, you can loosen it up by rubbing an ordinary lead pencil over the prongs. The lead, or graphite, in the pencil, does the "oiling." Give your old car a new look. Wipe the chrome trim with a cloth dampened in clear and undiluted ammonia. The shine will come up without streaks.

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