



## Consumer League fires top man



### Senior citizens enjoy Thanksgiving dinner

The George Carter Loaves and Fishes Center served Thanksgiving dinner to elderly citizens. The diners, dressed as Indians and Pilgrims, had turkey and dressing with all of the trimmings.

The program, which provides meals both at the center and in the homes of shut-ins is located at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

### McCall to request child care funds

Governor Tom McCall said today he will ask the 1973 Legislature to commit up to \$2 million in state funds for the support of the Coordinated Community Child Care (4-C) program in the 1973-75 biennium.

McCall said the money would be used to supplement contributions by federal and local governments and private donations to provide more than \$12 million for 4-C day care programs in the biennium.

McCall wrote to officials of all cities and counties where 4-C programs exist to ask that they join the state in helping to pay for day care services for children of welfare and potential welfare clients. He asked that local governments commit \$4 million for the program.

The 4-C program for the current biennium is financed by the federal government, along with local matching money primarily in the form of in-kind services. Recently

Congress voted to limit spending on social services programs, cutting Oregon's receipts by \$5 million.

McCall said that since the state has many mandatory responsibilities in providing services to children and public welfare recipients, federal support for 4-C day care programs will be limited to \$3 million in the next biennium.

He said the overall reduction in financial support to the state for social services is

### State ordered to collect taxes

The U.S. District Court in Portland ruled that the State of Oregon may no longer grant tax exemption status to the Elks Lodge because it discriminates on the basis of race. The court ruled in a case filed a year ago by Clifford McClotten, a Black, and Michael Falkenstein, who is

White. The complaint charged that tax exemptions for organizations that practice racial discrimination violate the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution. The action was filed by The American Civil Liberties Union. Last January the District Court in Washington, D.C.

withdrew federal income tax exemptions from these lodges, saying that by giving tax exemptions the government was "supporting and encouraging discriminatory behavior."

The Oregon Department of Revenue said the court decision could bring the State of Oregon between \$600,000 and \$800,000 annually in property tax from the Elks Lodge alone.

The suit was not brought against the Elks for discrimination, but against the State of Oregon for in effect subsidizing racism with tax exemptions. The defendant in the case was the State Department of Revenue and its director, Charles Mack. Attorney General Lee Johnson argued the case for the state, saying the state's policy did not have any relation to the club's membership policy.

Judge Gus Solomon ruled that "Tax exemptions for fraternal organizations benefit both the state and fraternal organization. Oregon relieves fraternal organizations from the burden of property and corporate excise taxes and in return, the public benefits from the charitable and benevolent activities of these organizations.

Solomon said, "These mutual benefits constitute a degree of state involvement in discriminatory activity that the 14th Amendment prohibits."

Other judges on the Judge panel were Senior Court Judges Fred Honley of San Francisco and Fred Taylor of (Please turn to p. 8 col. 3)

### Parent-Child Services charged with racism

The Office of Economic Opportunity is investigating charges of racial discrimination in the Parent-Child Services Program. Parent-Child Services is a counseling program for families with children under three years of age.

Parent-Child has been ridden with problems since its inception. The program was closed last summer, then reopened with an entirely new staff.

The program located in the Central Eastside, serves families from the OEO Southeast Target area and from Albina. Of the 21 staff members, 6 are black.

The charge of discrimination was made by Margaret Iron, an employee who was terminated by the director, Gretchen Astorino. She was later reinstated later by the board of directors.

Members of the staff feel a racial division is occurring because of a series of incidents have occurred. In order to clarify the relationship between Parent-Child Services and the Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee and

PMSC's concerns for the program, Erma Hepburn of PMSC spoke with the staff. During this meeting and in following discussions, racial inferences were made and racial questions discussed. Also discussed was the future of PMSC and of Parent-Child Services should the Green Amendment be invoked by the City of Portland, taking the OEO programs from PMSC.

Ms. Astorino then wrote to Congresswoman Edith Green, saying that PMSC was fostering racial dissension and division among the Parent-Child Service staff. Mrs. Green is an opponent of OEO and has long advocated the take over of OEO programs by city and local government. Black staff members felt this letter was directed against them and that it promoted the distrust along racial lines that had begun to develop.

An Equal Opportunities Officer from PMSC is investigating the racial climate at Parent-Child Services this week.

J. Alton Page, Director of Consumer Protection Agency, has been fired, it was learned Monday night.

Page told Observer reporters that he did not have a thing to say to the press. "I'm sorry, I don't have any comments," Page said. "I respect members of the press and have always cooperated; however, any information you want will have to come from the board of directors." Page stated, Page refused to say whether he was terminated or whether he was going to resign. Several board members including Charles R. Williamson, Rosadelle Summers were contacted and all stated that they did not have any comment. Jack Taylor and Molly Weinstein could not be reached.

State Senator Don Willmer, founder and Past-President of the Oregon Consumer League, and Past-President of the National Consumer League, said he was not aware of the action that had been taken. He said the Oregon Consumer League is a private organization, but that since it is receiving Model Cities money it should not withhold information from the public. On the national level, the National Consumer League has about 30,000 members and is a voluntary association that feels it should make its own decisions regarding personnel practices. In the case of dismissing personnel, it is not publicly discussed, but he reported again that since public money is involved, the OCL should not withhold this information from the press.



J. ALTON PAGE

The Oregon Consumer League is the sponsoring agency for the Model Cities Consumer Protection Agency.

Page was the first director of the program and was responsible for establishing and staffing the office. Many citizens of the Model Cities area feel that the board of directors for the program took over most of the responsibility from the director, leaving him without authority. A management committee was formed, which hired personnel and made all of the major decisions. Page often was not able to move ahead on projects until the committee could meet and approve every move he was (Please turn to p. 8 col. 3)

### Salvation Army center receives approval

Woodlawn residents voted at the November 14th meeting of the Woodlawn Improvement Association overwhelmingly in favor of a proposed Salvation Army Community Center being built in their neighborhood.

The Salvation Army had wanted assurance of neighborhood support for the \$1 million dollar center which would contain a gymnasium, large swimming pool, kitchen, and meeting rooms and would offer such services as recreation, crafts, music, day care, and senior citizen activities.

Land acquisition, site clearance, and relocation for the proposed center would be accomplished with Federal assistance under the Neighborhood Development Program administered locally by the Portland Development Commission.

Five sites are under consideration for the center. They are triangular sites bounded 1) by Dekum, Bellevue, and Leonore Streets; 2) Dekum, Winona, and Durham Streets; 3) Dekum, Oneonta, and Bellevue, and Oneonta Streets.

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### Government guilty race discrimination

The Winema National Forest, Klamath Falls, Oregon, was ordered on November 8 to reinstate with back pay Benjie L. Moore, a black Engineering Equipment Operator who was fired in November, 1970.

The order was based upon a finding by the Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Jerome Shuman, that "Mr. Moore was discriminated against because of his race."

Mr. Moore was represented by the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon at a hearing December 7-8, 1971, before

Equal Employment Opportunities Appeals Examiner George A. Hoyem, on whose recommendation Shuman acted.

Moore had filed a complaint alleging that he was terminated from his employment because of his race, citing Gideon Parker, his immediate supervisor as the discriminating official. He had been given a temporary appointment on March 5, 1970. He was terminated for "unsatisfactory performance" on November 20, 1970.

Richard Smith, a Klamath Falls attorney, handled the case for the ACLU.



EDMOND W. GREEN

### Green coordinates school transportation

Edmond W. Green is Transportation coordinator for the Portland Public Schools. He coordinates the busing program which transfers children to public schools throughout the school district. He supervises approximately 65 employees, including bus drivers, mechanics, clerical persons and transportation teacher aids. Approximately 7500 pupils are transported every day. These include those who live over a mile from their neighborhood school, and those who are enrolled in special programs such as administrative transfers, and those who are physically handicapped, the deaf, those with language dis-

orders, the blind and the mentally retarded.

Approximately 1400 children participate in the "administrative transfer" or voluntary busing program designed to relieve racial isolation.

Green is a graduate of University of Maryland and has done graduate work at the University of Washington. He is currently enrolled in a Masters program in Business Administration at Portland State University.

Green and his wife, Brenda, enjoy outdoor activities, such as skiing, camping and deep sea fishing. He also enjoys oil painting.



### Fire Bureau appoints first blacks

Four fire fighters were appointed to the Bureau of Fire Fighters. All four successfully completed a civil service examination for fire fighter and placed high on the fire fighters eligibility list issued on October 24, 1972. All are residents of the city of Portland, three are married, and three are war veterans.

These men will be stationed at the Fire Bureau's recruit training station, Engine 23, in the vicinity of SE Milwaukie and Powell. It is anticipated that they will complete their recruit training in less time than former recruits since these men have completed a trainee program in the fire department's training station No. 2 at N. Killingsworth and Interstate. They will serve a probationary period of one year.



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