

Kellogg Grant Ready to Build County Health Unit; Action of Public and Court Held Vital

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In 1924 a "pot of gold" fell on Marion county—when it was selected by the Commonwealth fund as a county for child health demonstration. Now, 24 years later, another such event may occur.

Twenty-five years ago the public health organization in Marion county and in Salem was rudimentary, indeed. There were a part-time county health officer, a part-time school physician, a Salem school nurse and a county nurse paid by the Tuberculosis association. In addition, there was a sanitary inspector in Salem. That very small group of people was responsible for the public health needs of nearly 50,000 people. Despite that state of affairs, the Marion county voters in 1924 turned down the proposal to pay the salary of a county nurse.

Then, late in 1924, the Commonwealth fund came along and offered to pay, for a limited term of years, the greater part of providing a public health staff which, cooperating with physicians, dentists, schools, and other community agents, would build up a sound working public health organization. The emphasis was to be placed on child health work in the county.

Local leadership responded eagerly to this offer of the Commonwealth fund. The Salem Chamber of Commerce rallied public and private agencies, including many community clubs, in a joint application for this aid. Marion county was finally selected over many other competing counties to receive the grant.

Fine Unit Established

Early in 1925 a staff was organized and the Marion county child health demonstration was begun. (A book, "Children of the Covered Wagon," was written about this.) By the time the demonstration period was over, in 1930, a fine public health organization had been established, including a full-time health officer, a full-time assistant health officer, a half-time dentist, a public health nursing supervisor and seven public health nurses. In addition, there was a dairy inspector, a sanitary inspector for the county, and two clerks besides the sanitary inspector for Salem. The county population in 1930 was around 50,000.

Today, 18 years after the close of that demonstration period, the combined city-county health department is very little larger than the one set up in 1930. The only additional personnel now are two more clerks, one more nurse, one more sanitarian and a health educator. Yet, the county population today is nearly twice as great as in 1930.

'Far Too Few' Nurses

A public health organization is based primarily upon its public health nurse. Marion county has far too few. A public health nurse should serve a population no greater than 5,000. However, in this county, each staff nurse now carries a population-load of 17 to 18 thousand people! That means, of

course, that thousands of people are not receiving the public health service they deserve and need.

The demands imposed upon its health department by the large population of Marion county are met as well as they are only because the staff expends time and effort far above that which is reasonably expected of a public health organization.

Since 1930, community need, community population, and the assessed valuations of the community have all risen at a rate greatly in excess of the slow increase in the budget allotted to the health department.

Another Chance Here

But today, through the generosity of the W. K. Kellogg foundation and the help of the United States public health service and the Oregon state board of health it becomes possible once again for Marion county to strengthen its public health department in a manner that would not be possible under the limitations of its small annual budget. Through these agencies, a large grant has been made available, with no strings attached, whereby the Marion county department of health may provide for the salaries, expenses, and materials of such additional personnel as may be necessary to raise this local unit closer to the minimum standards of the American Health association, U. S. public health service and the state board of health.

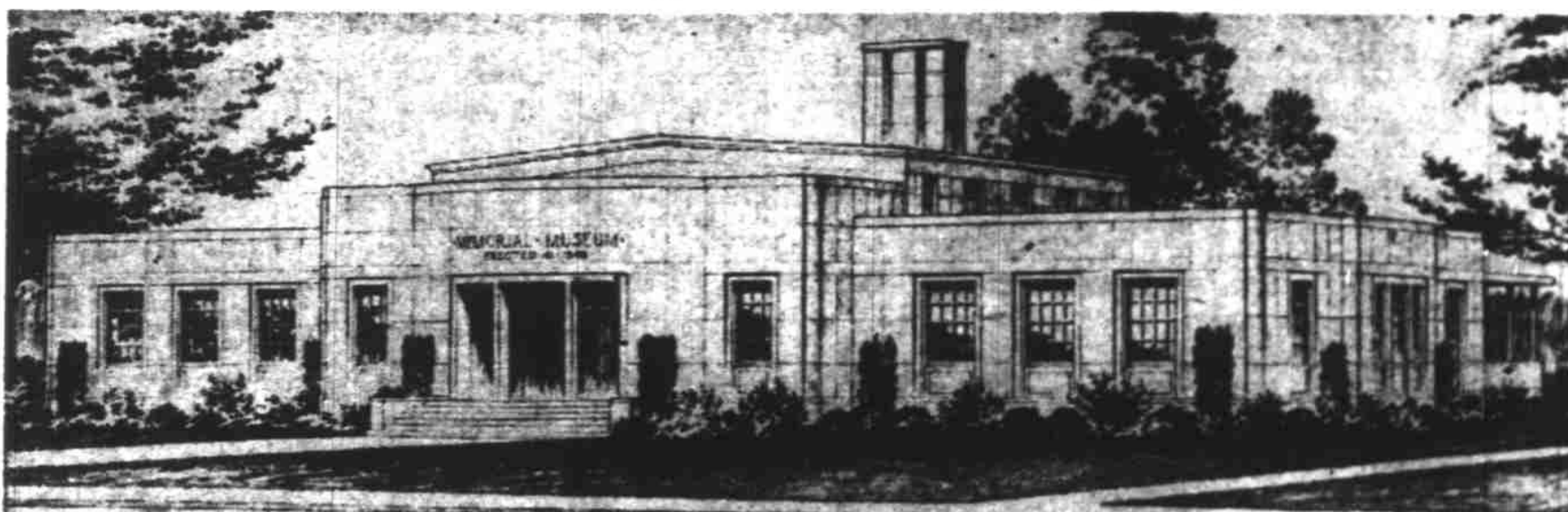
In return for this magnificent grant, the donors would expect very little indeed.

The agencies contributing would like to see Marion county health department grow towards the minimal standard, and then to establish itself as a field training center for health officers, public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, and others who need or would like field training in a more nearly ideal health organization.

The establishment of such a field training center here would cost the community nothing extra, but on the other hand would contribute greatly to the prestige and renown of the county and its health department.

At its second quarterly meeting for 1948 in Medford, the state board of health approved the establishment in Oregon of two training centers for public health

Artist Draws Proposed Champoeg Memorial



The proposed memorial and museum at Champoeg state park, birthplace of Oregon provisional government, would look like this, according to plans viewed this week by the state highway commission. The \$125,000 structure would be east of the present pavilion on the river's bank in the park, which is in northern Marion county. S. H. Boardman, state parks director, was directed to confer with officers of the Oregon Historical society on the building, for which funds have been included in the state parks budget.

Moose Plan Installation

Installation of new officers will be conducted by Salem lodge 144, Loyal Order of Moose, at a meeting Thursday night at Moose hall, 12th and Leslie streets. Cliff R. Ellis will be installed as governor, succeeding Matt Sherfield.

Other new officers are Melvin Govig, junior governor; O. A. Chastain, prelate; Elmer Hedine, secretary; Roy Downing, treasurer; J. Oscar Cooter, trustee; Orval Prunk and Carl O. Simmons, sergeants-at-arms and assistant; R. B. Danielson, inner guard; Wilbur Goodall, outer guard. Installing officer will be Harvey Schuebel, past governor.

The lodge is planning to sponsor a quadrille set for the old time fiddlers' contest Friday night.

Auburn Mothers Plan For Rummage Sale

AUBURN—Sixteen members of Auburn Mothers club were at Mrs. Loren Richeys Thursday. Rummage has been collected for the sale Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24 over Greenbaum's store in Salem. Articles were sorted and priced. Officers for the new year will be elected in May and on the nominating committee are Mrs. Arlo McLain and Mrs. E. C. Sunderlin.

Plans were made for the sale by the club members of pie, pop and cake at the open house meeting for the school May 4.

personnel, and plans were laid to help establish these centers in cooperation with the county boards of health of Marion and Jackson counties. This plan was immediately approved by the health departments of both counties. The community and the county court of Jackson county promptly submitted a request for the grant.

Up to People, Court

It remains now for the people and the county court of Marion county to approve a request for such a grant for this county.

The Children of the Covered Wagon, those thousands of children who benefited by the Marion county health department expansion in 1925 through the aid of the Commonwealth fund, are now the adult population of Marion county. These people, and all others here who have seen the benefits of their public health department's efforts, will welcome now, as they did in 1924, the pot of gold which is now being offered.

Salem Schools

By Donna Cam

LESLIE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL High Honors Awarded

Thirty-one Leslie junior high school students made the high honor list by having not more than two Bs as grades for subjects and in citizenship and all other grades of A for the last nine weeks. Eight of the high honor students received straight As. They were: seventh graders Barbara Klunder and Barbara Bonesteele, eighth grader Helen Booth, and ninth graders Louise Matter, Doreen Cavender, Marcelene Smith, Judy Wood and Virginia Bickell.

Other high honor students were: 9th grade — Arnold Evans, Bruce Goldblatt, Irma Lockard, Margaret Miller, Marilyn Foxley, Lois Roseler and Jim Verdieck; 8th grade — Wallace Carson, Michael Deeney, Carolyn Seay, Shirley Brockart, Roselle Howland, Barbara Wagness, Emily Hubbard, Beverly Kayser and Janie Lambert; 7th grade — Glenna Allmer, Patricia Deeney, Arda Lien, Gloria Wood, Diane Burkland, Sidney Kromer and Donald Agnew.

Honor Students Named

One hundred forty-five honor students having a B average in both citizenship and scholarship were named at Leslie for the past nine weeks period. Receiving honors from the ninth grade were: Robert Bruce, Roger Emmons, Norma Hamilton, Shirley Kenyon, Norman Lee, Patsy Sayles, John Templeton, Shirley Dixon, Valorie Dunn, Roxann Hussey, Robert Luther, Shirley Newberry, Donna Nutheller, Lois Reeves, Elizabeth Williams, Sharon Brown, Joann Carter, Bonnie Hagen, Reva Jones, Carolyn Parker, Walton Reeve, Patsy Walker, Eileen Anderson, Harland Brock, George Carlisle, Ramona Green, Mary Lou Hatch, Barry King, Shirley Kimple, Marie Marquardt, Lawrence Ostren, Leona Stude, Joyce Wood, Bernice DaMoud, Florence Ingram, Harold Nichols, Marilyn Penhor-

wood, Rosemary Starr, Dick Adams, Richard Adams, Jean Brown, Jerry Brown, Joy Davis, Venetta Gaylor, Bob Holden, Marilyn Blakley, Hertha Long, Pat McGuire, Agnes Smith, Margie Atwood, Victor Johns, Marion Putnam, Waldo Willecke, Marie Rogers, Beverly Nunn, Gary Bourgeois, John Leshar, Arnold Manke, Larry Martin, Max Morris and Marlin Nelson.

Eighth graders receiving honors were: Shirley Bingenheimer, Hjalmar Davis, Gaylor Hall, ella Carlisle, Maureen Gustafson, Verna Long, Todd Salisbury, Doris Spaulding, Roberta Boyer, Hazel Eyer, Nadine Gilman, Larry Paul, Carolyn Real, Jerry Agnew, Cecil Weaver, Lynn Davis, Darlene Johnson, Steve Merchant, Jeff Walton, Elmer Winegar, Greta Ann Schrecengost, Pat Rath, Marjorie Little, Sharon Laverty, Norma Baker, Marilyn Goodrich, Otlie Grieve, Clarine Woolery, Lloyd Bonenko, Milton Bishop, Gordon Juve, Norman Cocking, Roberta Neuenschwander, Donald Perlich and Joyce Younger.

Seventh grade honor students were: John Neal, Margaret Seeger, Phyllis Shrake, Loretta Stewart, Patty Sunderlin, Curtis Adair, Tom Hunt, Peter Loder, Dorothy Dixon, Delores Eggleston, Wanda Mayden, Beverly Roy, Margaret Baker, Elaine Beier, Jim Folston, Laurel Herr, Robert Barnes, Carol Lee, Marilyn Olson, Judy Shmele, Carol Schmidt, Patsy Snider, Betty Barnwell, Betty Carda, Merle Griebelton, George Meyers, Ruth Pankey, Alfred Blake, Dale Borchert, Alvin Friesen, Bill Ringnald, Luan Chandler, Glenn Hall, Barbara Franzwa, Justine Lewis, Betty Lund, Lynn Minifie, Richard Morris, Darlene Radke, Jack Schroder, Patricia Adams, Sharon Collins, Gail DeBow, Mary Harger, Marcia Maple and Julie Miller.

Jaycees 'Meet' New Officers

The Junior Chamber of Commerce officially "met" their officers for the coming year at the club's regular luncheon Tuesday at the Marion hotel.

Outgoing President Al Schaefer introduced the officers including Gordon Keith, president; Robert Gormsen, first vice president; James Buchanan, second vice president; Paul Lippold, secretary, and Dennis Reener, treasurer.

Air show chairman Dick Schmidt explained features of the June 6 event to club members.

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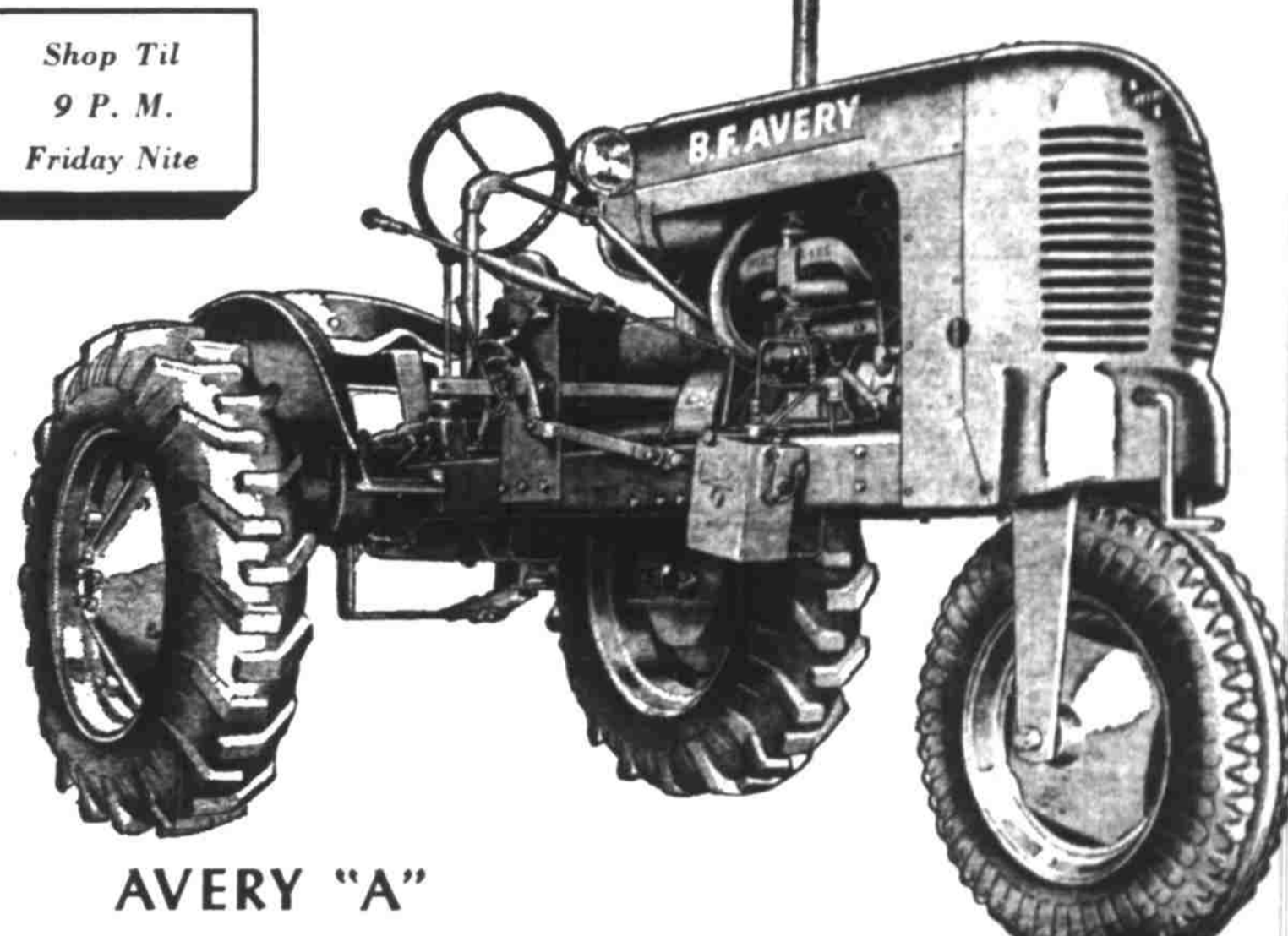
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