

Public Health Training Center Program Advances in County

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Marion county health department has made a "good start" toward establishing a public health field training center since it came under the Kellogg foundation grant program on October 1, according to Dr. Willard J. Stone, county health officer.

The \$60,000 grant, made by the W. K. Kellogg foundation of Battle Creek, Mich., involves a cooperative agreement between Marion county, the state board of health and the foundation. Main purpose of the plan is to provide a training program for public health nurses. Marion county is the only county in Oregon receiving the grant. It is made over a five-year period. The foundation's grant starts at \$25,100 for the first year and declines to \$3,600 in the fifth. The state's contribution starts at \$1,000 in the second year and rises to \$4,000 in the fifth.

In order to properly train public health personnel the foundation desires that the county health department receiving the grant be "brought up to an established standard," Dr. Stone explained.

With this in mind the grant has provided that five additional nurses be hired by the health department and four more cars be purchased. Funds for these expenditures are provided in the grant. To date one new nurse has been added to the staff, Dr. Stone said, and a second is due here early in January. The department is now looking for three more public health nurses, he said.

No Cars Bought
No funds have been spent for new transportation for student use and equipment yet, Dr. Stone added, but two new autos are expected shortly after January 1.

When the project is in full sail the department will be capable of training about 20 student nurses per year—a maximum of five in each quarter-year. Although, the doctor points out, four per quarter is a better arrangement.

The students, of which there are three at the department now, are from the University of Oregon Medical school. A plan is being worked out now, Dr. Stone said, which will bring students from other medical schools in this area.

Receive No Pay
As trainees, the students receive field experience in public health and clerical procedure. They receive no pay while training but are entitled to use the department's transportation facilities. They are supervised here by Mary Rice.

In addition to the regular three-months training course for students, the projects also calls for shorter training periods for other public health personnel. These include health officers, sanitarians, health educators and clerical personnel.

Dr. George Paeth, now health officer in the Washington-Yamhill county area, had his orientation period here during November, Dr. Stone reported. Dr. Stone predicts that many other trainees will avail themselves of this unique plan as the Kellogg foundation project moves ahead in this county.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16—(AP)—Another west coast maritime tie-

Lt. Ralph Leed Named Aide to Adm. Holloway

Lt. Ralph G. Leedy, former Salem resident now with the U. S. naval academy staff at Annapolis, Md., was appointed flag secretary to the academy superintendent, Rer Adm. James L. Holloway, Jr., local relatives have learned.

Leedy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leedy who recently moved from the Lake Labish area to Sacramento, Calif. He is nephew of Mrs. Francis Neer, Salem, and Clyde Leedy, Brooks route 1, and grandson of Mrs. Jessie I. Wilson of Salem.

He graduated from Salem high school about 10 years ago, studied a year at Oregon State college and then went to the naval academy. After wartime combat duty in the Pacific, Leedy studied business methods at Harvard and was assigned to the naval academy staff. He is married and has three children. His wife is formerly of Washington, D. C.

Railroad Act Death Benefits Taxable

Funds paid to beneficiaries of deceased railroad employees under provisions of the railroad retirement act of 1915 are subject to succession taxes under the state inheritance tax law, Attorney General George Neuner held Thursday.

"We must conclude," Neuner said, "that annuities or death benefits received by beneficiaries under the railroad retirement act are not exempt from payment of the state inheritance tax by reason of being classed as insurance."

The opinion was asked by State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott.

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