

Official Tells Welfare Story

• Oregon's public welfare department is second only to the highway department in the expenditure of state funds—it lays out more than \$50 million a year.

• A total of \$3½ million a year is spent on welfare in Lane County.

• A public assistance case worker is required—under federal and state welfare laws—to ask a welfare applicant a minimum of some 200 questions to determine the applicant's eligibility for aid.

• The average case worker must have a college education, handles an average of 180 to 190 separate cases, and receives a starting salary of \$380 a month.

• About \$3,000 in welfare funds is spent every month in Lane County to bury welfare recipients.

These were some of the facts and figures that Max Dudley, Lane County welfare administrator, paraded before a meeting of the Eugene Active Club Thursday, giving club members a brief glance at the complex state and county welfare picture.

Not Worth \$14

The question-and-answer session following his talk hadn't gone very far before the inevitable question came up. What about the unmarried women who keep having children so they can collect ADC (aid to dependent children)?

Dudley's reply: "I can't think that any woman is going to go through nine months of pregnancy to get \$14 a month when the child arrives."

He went on to acknowledge that there are abuses of welfare, but said they are no worse than abuses in other public fields.

Can't Be Restricted

In welfare programs supported in part by the federal government, the department cannot place restrictions on cash grants paid to qualified recipients, Dudley said. "We cannot say 'You have to pay it this way.' If they use the money ill advisedly, we can put them on requisitions, but then we lose the federal support."

Of each welfare dollar spent in Oregon, the federal government contributes 45 cents, the state 39 cents, and the county 16 cents, he said.

Dudley indicated that he feels the complexity of welfare laws and the large case load each welfare worker handles prevent any closer investigation of possible abuses. "Welfare laws are among the most complex pieces of legislation passed," he said.

Wells Would Provide Water for 22,500

A Register-Guard news story erroneously reported Thursday that the drilling of four new wells would provide sufficient water for the Springfield Utility Board and Rainbow Water District to serve a population of 60,000.

Actually, the new wells would provide sufficient water to serve about 22,500 customers. At present, the SUB and RWD jointly own four wells along the McKenzie River that provide water for an estimated 10,000 people.

Rock, Horse, Dog Shows On Weekend

If you're looking for something to do this weekend and don't want to spend a great deal of money doing it, you've got a choice of a rock and gem show, a horse show, or a dog show.

The Eugene Mineral Club opens its 12th annual Gem and Mineral Show at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Lane County Fairgrounds. The show will be open until 10 p.m. Saturday, and again from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Fire Opal Display

About 60 closed cases and several hundred square feet of open displays will be featured in the show. Exhibits from several Western states will be on hand, including a \$30,000 fire opal display from California.

Admission will be 25 cents for adults, with children under 12 admitted free when accompanied by an adult. A portion of the show's proceeds will go to send an area high school student to a geology camp this summer.

The horse show takes place Sunday, also at the fairgrounds. It's the Eugene Hunt Club's third annual "Horse Capades," which serves as a sort of warm-up to the club's big June show.

Points to Winners

There'll be 11 events on the program, including a rarely held ladies' side-saddle event and an Appaloosa horse event, featuring riders in Indian garb. Winners will earn points toward yearly awards given by the Oregon Horseman's Assn. and the Associated Hunt Clubs.

Show time is 1 p.m., and admission is free.

The dog event will be held Sunday at the Monroe Park Recreation Center. It's the beginners class graduation for the Emerald Dog Obedience Club. The graduation will be held under regular show conditions. Time is 1 p.m., and admission is free.

Fraternity Pledges To Work at School

Ten pledges from Sigma Chi fraternity at the University of Oregon will work Saturday morning at Pearl Buck School in Eugene as part of their initiation into the fraternity.

This is "help week" for the ten pledges, a fraternity spokesman said, and the pledges will do repairs and janitorial work at the school.

U.S. History Institute To Be at Reed College

The Advanced Placement Institute in American History this summer will be scheduled at Reed College in Portland, according to Roland Bartel, director of the Oregon Council on Advanced Placement.

The institute is for selected teachers of high school honors classes who might be participating in Advanced Placement programs. The American History Institute at Reed College will be from July 16 to 27 for those who did not attend last year's institute, and from July 23 to 27 for those who did attend last year's institute.

The institute staff will include Henry Bragdon, Phillips Exeter Academy; Paul Holbo, University of Oregon; and David Tyack, Reed College.

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UO Geologists To Attend Meet

Two members of the University of Oregon department of geology faculty will attend the combined meetings of the Geological Society of America and the Mineralogical Society of America in Los Angeles next Monday through Wednesday.

Lloyd Staples, head of the geology department, and Vernon McMath, assistant professor, will take part in the meetings of the GSA and Staples will attend meetings of the MSA.

Following the California meetings, Staples will go to New York to attend an April 20-21 meeting of the Council of the Geological Society of America. He is chairman of the policy and administration committee of the Society.

Candidate Appoints Campaign Officials

Michael C. Thompson, 185 Jefferson St., Democratic candidate for Lane County assessor, Friday announced appointment of a campaign chairman and treasurer.

He said Pat O'Loughlin, 163½ E. Sixth Ave., will serve as chairman of his campaign and Billy Williamson, 2162 Laura St., Springfield, will be his treasurer.

Thompson is running unopposed in the Democratic primary election.

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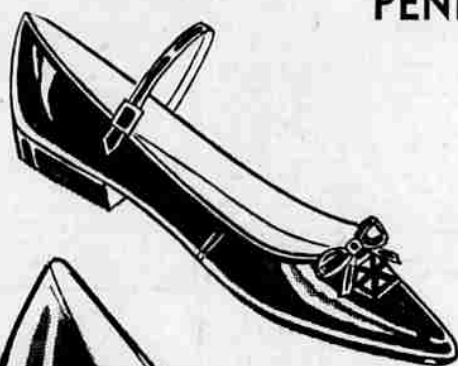
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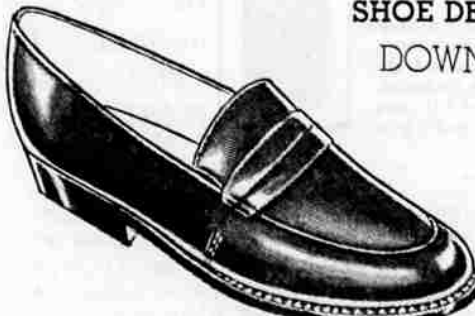
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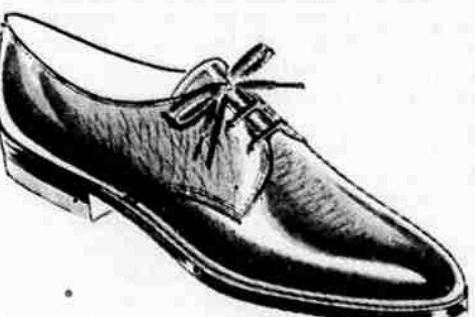
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