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By DON BISHOFF

This column from time to time deals with the confusions caused by bureaucracy in various agencies, public and private. But now comes a letter from Mrs. Grover Allison, 910 W. 19th Ave., Eugene, pointing out bureaucracy within our own midst. It has to do with an incident that occurred about ten years ago when the Allisons were moving.

According to Mrs. Allison's letter, they phoned the Register-Guard office, asked that paper at old address be stopped, paper started at new address on following Monday. She goes on: "Monday, no paper—but we are patient people—waited until Tuesday. Tuesday, no paper. Drove downtown to public telephone (were having trouble getting our telephone transferred, too—but that's another story).

"Telephoned Register-Guard. Since it was after 5 there was a long wait, but finally an answer. Tried to explain the problem, but was told 'Sometimes the paper boys are a little slow. If he doesn't show up by 7, call back.'

"A decided 'click' told me we were disconnected. Went home, waited 'til 7 p.m. Drove back downtown to public telephone, dialed, let telephone ring long enough to know there wasn't going to be any answer. Drove home.

"Next day telephoned Register-Guard during business hours. Explained problem. Was assured we'd have paper delivered that evening. Went home and sat on front steps waiting for paper boy. When he came by I hailed him and asked him if he might have a paper for us. . .

"I dunno," he said. "Where do you live?"

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"Next evening waited until 7 p.m. Drove downtown to public telephone. Dialed Register-Guard. No answer.

"Driving home, began to wonder if we really needed the Register-Guard. Decided to try to live without it for a few days.

"A knock on the door one evening. Opened door. 'Paper boy!' I exclaimed.

"Was in the act of snatching a paper from him, but halted my hand in midair.

"'Saw you were new in the neighborhood,' he said. 'Was wonderin' if you'd like to subscribe to the Register-Guard?'

Well, our sympathies, Mrs. Allison. 'But the only thing we can say is that these days our circulation department's doing better.

But if you don't get a paper by 7 p.m., write again. . .

MAN NAMED Jerry More, who lives at 1018 Hilyard St., is a little irate these days.

According to More, his car was parked at Sixth and Oak the other night, while he attended a movie. Came out to find car had been clipped by passing vehicle.

More found a note on car which read: "I'm writing this note to make people believe that I'm leaving my address, but you look like the type who can pay for it anyway."

There was no address.

DON'T KNOW if you've noticed it or not, but the WCTU sign is missing from the position it used to occupy at the point where Railroad Boulevard become River Road.

Since 1952 the sign has warned passing motorists: "One drink is one too many." and "A drink may cost a life." But it disappeared a couple of months ago.

Called Mrs. Charles Cornell, president of the county chapter of the temperance group. She was unaware sign was gone, but said it would be replaced.

Mrs. Cornell had no theories about what happened to the sign, but she did say darkly, "It's getting so these days they don't want that sort of thing around."

Cancer Drive Volunteers To Solicit Homes Tuesday

Hundreds of April Cancer Crusade volunteers will ring doorbells in the Eugene-Springfield area Tuesday, seeking to raise funds to combat a disease which claimed an estimated 275,000 Americans during 1962.

John H. Wilson, chairman of the county-wide campaign, said Friday the goal for the Lane County drive is \$20,000.

He said additional volunteer workers are needed in some areas of the county to assure thorough coverage. The campaign is already underway in a number of localities. Wilson said anyone interested in volunteering a few hours of his time is requested to call the Lane County cancer office, DI 3-8621.

Co-chairmen for the Eugene area are Mrs. Dick Richards and Mrs. Daniel Bond. Mrs. D. F. Swineheart and Mrs. Frank Smiley are heading Springfield's campaign.

During Tuesday's Eugene-Springfield campaign, volunteers not only will seek contributions but also will distribute informational material. "We can save lives just by informing people about the seven danger signals of cancer," Wilson said.

Cancer, a family of diseases characterized by abnormal growth and spread of cells, will strike one in every four Americans, according to present rates, the chairman said.

"Last year more school children died of cancer than from any other disease. This year about 280,000 Americans will die of the disease, if present rates are not checked."

He said today half of those who get cancer could and should be saved. "About 88,000 cancer patients will probably die this year who might have been saved by earlier treatment."

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Speech Trials Due Monday

Area finals for the 18th annual Knights of Pythias public speaking contest for high school students will be held Monday at 8 p.m. at the Knights of Pythias Hall, 1230 Lawrence St., Eugene.

There will be seven contestants representing area high schools in the competition, a member of the lodge said.

"Rights and Responsibilities" will be the theme for the evening's speeches.

Monday night's winner will be eligible to participate in sectional competition, and this winner will then compete in state competition. National finals are scheduled for August, and the top winners will receive college scholarship prizes.

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From Park to Street Use

Change in Deed for Park Studied

Steps to make it possible for the city of Eugene to use a strip of Amazon Park land for the Pearl Street extension were taken Friday noon by directors of the Century Progress Fund.

The land was originally donated to the city by the Century Progress Fund. Deed restrictions limit the land's use to park purposes.

Directors, meeting at the Lane County Courthouse, voted to take "the necessary legal steps" required to make land "usable for street purposes" along the proposed city extension of Pearl Street from 24th Avenue to 30th Avenue "contingent upon a satisfactory financial settlement for the land."

The directors further agreed to authorize Kenneth Nielsen, Century Progress Fund chairman and Lane County commissioner, and Virgil Cameron, treasurer, to represent the Century Fund in selecting an appraiser or appraisers to place a fair market value on the land involved.

The city will probably also name an appraiser. Negotiations will be on the basis of these appraisals.

City Manager Hugh McKinley, who outlined the city's need for the strip of land along the west side of the park, said the city council has indicated a willingness to reimburse the Century Progress Fund for land taken from the park for street use.

The money would then be used by the Century Progress Fund to acquire other park land.

Mrs. Virgil Earl, director representing the Fortnightly Club on the board, spoke out against releasing any of the park land for street uses.

The money to buy the land, she said, came from school children's contributions and should remain a part of the park.

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North Bank Park, plus extensive park lands along the south bank of the Willamette River. Amazon Park is about 75 acres in size. About eight acres would be required for the Pearl Street extension right-of-way.

Dr. R. M. Overstreet, who was on the board which formed the Century Progress Fund in 1943, said he has always felt the fund was "an elastic fund . . . so that we could tie down land for the future that could be used, traded, or dickered for, so long as the ultimate goal was obtaining recreational property."

The Century Progress Fund was established as a non-profit organization to receive gifts for community benefit. It acquired a good part of Amazon Park and also helped in beautifying what became the Franklin Boulevard gateway to Eugene.

Further, Nielsen said, Amazon Park was originally envisioned as being in the center of Eugene and being its biggest park.

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