

## County Welfare Reveals Second Generation on Rolls

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A warning sounded by Governor Douglas McKay last week before a banquet sponsored by the Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce appeared today to be based more on fact than fiction.

The governor's warning was to the effect that if citizens make a crutch of government they eventually become political cripples. He was assailing the ideology of the so-called welfare state for the psychology it implants and for the inevitable stifling of initiative.

The truth of Oregon's chief executive's statements was underscored by information given to the same group only the week before by a spokesman for the county welfare office.

Speaking of the welfare office's "million dollar give-away" program, facts, figures and problems faced by the department in dealing with old age assistance, blind and aid to dependent children, as well as general welfare work were cited.

But a startling fact became evident from the remarks.

Welfare office reports are beginning to show that numerous second generation clients are appearing on the books. Some families which turned to welfare assistance during the depression of the 1930's still have their names on the records, but now they are the names of the children.

In some instances, young boys who watched fathers and mothers secure county aid or employment on federal work programs, have never held any stable employment. They reached maturity in time to enter military service.

They married and started their own families during the lush years of GI allotments. After being discharged, seasonal work and the "52-20 club" kept them going.

The federal government has ended the special veterans' unemployment payments. Seasonal work is non-existent. The answer is the county welfare office.

The county provides the quick answer to security for meals and for money to keep a roof over the heads of unfortunate families.

Then, why plan for times of

unemployment? Why utilize credit for current needs when it comes for free?

The governor's statement provides a clue to answers to those questions. For those who have made a crutch of government services, their outlook may be crippled.

While such a view adds to the general welfare burden of the county, it also taxes other divisions of the department.

Depression children, never taught or trained to face responsibility, are sometimes guilty of "desertions." Unable to fill the needs of their families they strike out alone, seeking to find work somewhere outside the area, but leaving behind a family which may be added to the county rolls.

In these cases, there is aid to dependent children.

Again, the theme of the governor's warning bears out.

Confronted with the questions which arise from these facts.

Miss Marion Bowen, administrator for the Marion county welfare office, explained:

"The only answer I can see to the welfare problem is work."

"And if work is not available through normal channels and if the problem becomes national in scope as it was in the 'thirties, a federal works program seems to be the answer."

Miss Bowen pointed out that the majority of men and women receiving welfare aid were willing to work. She also recognized the feeling of a portion of the public to the effect that aid should be given in return for work.

**Undressed Desertion**  
Jersey City, N.J., Jan. 23 (AP)—Mrs. William J. Nickerson obtained a divorce on charges of desertion yesterday. She said her husband went for a weekend at a nudist camp two-and-a-half years ago and never came back.



**Their Ouster Rescinded to Avert New Berlin Blockade**—West Berlin police, who took over building at midnight, Jan. 17, stand by in background as last of East Berlin employees of Russian-controlled Reichsbahn (railway) headquarters quit building with their personal belongings. Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, U. S. commander in Berlin, ordered the West Berlin police to vacate the building rather than give the Russians an excuse to threaten a new blockade of the city. (AP Wirephoto)

## March of Dimes Talent Show Set for Tonight and Tuesday

The postponed March of Dimes talent discovery show will be held Monday and Tuesday a 8 p. m., at Salem high school auditorium.

For the first time talented people in Marion county will get a chance to display their talent before an assembled audience.

This talent show will replace the annual "Stars and Stripes" penitentiary show. There will be no penitentiary show this year due to remodeling.

Admission to March of Dimes talent show is free—first come first serve seating arrangement—no reserved seats.

Playing for the show will be Bill DeSouza and his Crystal Gardens orchestra who are donating their time.

The Musicians Local 315

## Program Is Completed for Honoring Harry V. Collins

Details are practically complete for the banquet to be given at the Marion hotel next Friday night honoring Harry V. Collins, retiring district manager for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company.

The dinner, set for 7 p. m. in the Mirror room, will both honor Collins and be the annual state banquet of the Telephone Pioneers of America. About 200 persons are expected to attend. Elmer A. Berglund, Salem manager for the telephone company, is in charge of the program.

The program will be in two parts, statewide and local. For the former Fred Scholl of Portland, general commercial manager for the company, will be the main speaker and F. W. Abbott, president of the Oregon Telephone Pioneers, will be master of ceremonies. Other speakers will be Mary Sutherland, state secretary of the Pioneers, and J. A. Gamble of the commercial department. All are of Portland.

For the local part of the program V. H. Collins, supervising wire chief, will be master of ceremonies. Charles A. Sprague will speak of Harry Collins' civic leadership in Salem, and Justice George Rossman of his social activities.

Ralph Kletzing of Independence and William Blackley of Dallas, golfing partners of Collins, will present him a gift. A presentation from telephone officials and employees will be made by Helen Ruetgers, supervisor of the commercial department. Josephine Albert Spaulding will sing and lead group singing.

B. C. Pickett, who succeeds Collins as division manager, will be a guest.

First place \$50; second \$30; and third \$20.

Judges will determine the finalists and three top winners on audience reaction, stage appearance and talent.

All contestants entered will also be considered by the March of Dimes committee for its traveling unit that will tour the county and put on shows in Stayton, Silverton, Mount Angel and Woodburn.

Capacity auditorium each night is expected by the committees. Everyone is urged to come early for choice of seats.

## Filbert Movie Much Praised

Three governmental groups at Washington, D.C., whose decisions have broad bearing on the economic interests of Pacific northwest filbert growers, have seen advance showing of "The Filbert Valleys", new color and sound movie produced by Northwest Nut Growers, Dundee, Oregon.

It is a pictorial story of filbert growing and marketing.

Oregon and Washington senators and congressmen, prominent department of agriculture officials, and members of the U.S. tariff commission viewed separate showings of the film, and were highly impressed both by the movie and the evidence it gave of the scope of the industry.

John E. Trunk, general manager of Northwest Nut Growers, movement is sponsored by the National Federation of Women's Clubs.

The women explain that the movement here does not strike at the operation of the Sanitary Service company which has the contract for garbage disposal in Salem. A company representative says about 6,000 Salem residents subscribe to the service.

and Roy A. Ward, chairman of the advertising committee of the association, took the filbert movie east for the special showing. Trunk also spoke on filberts before members of the tariff commission.

The picture was shown last week at the National Food Brokers convention in Atlantic City, and then began a general eastern and mid-western tour. Bookings include numerous theaters, clubs and civic organizations, as well as trade groups.

Premiere northwest showing of a duplicate film began this week in Portland, and appearance is already scheduled in many other northwest cities.

Script for the filbert movie was written by Walter Morey, Vancouver, Wash., filbert grower and well known writer. Photography was by Norman C. Dimick. Members and personnel of Northwest Nut Growers cooperated in the production job, which required nearly a year for completion.

Northwest Nut Growers' "Blue Prairie" brand filberts has the feature role. Cultural, harvesting, drying, grading processing and marketing aspects of the filbert industry are all depicted.

## Garbage Plan Hearing Slated

A universal plan for garbage disposal in Salem will be the subject of a hearing before the city council Monday night.

The plan is sponsored by the Salem Women's club with the backing of about 37 other women's organizations that are affiliated with the Salem Council of Women's Organizations.

The moving of garbage to vacant lots and burning or burying on private premises are both found objectionable by the women.

At least four club members will speak at the hearing, according to Mrs. Arthur Jones, head of a committee that started the movement here. They are Mrs. George W. Alling, Mrs. Dolores Braun, Mrs. Robert Hutcherson and Mrs. Ralph Cooley, all officers and members of women's organizations.

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