

State Heart Fund Workers Prepare For Annual Drive

A core of dedicated volunteers is the heart of the Oregon Heart Association, according to Dr. John J. Murphy, president, and other Heart Association leaders at the annual state meeting for 1968 Heart Fund Drive workers held at the Lloyd Center auditorium, Portland, January 24.

The important role played by the individual volunteer was stressed by Lyman Seely, State Heart campaign chairman, and other speakers throughout the day's indoctrination program for Heart Fund Chairmen from 33 Oregon counties participating in the "heart month" drive which traditionally begins February 1.

Speaking at the general session geared to Heart Drive organization and the work of the Heart Association were key state officials spearheading the drive with Seely; Mrs. A. A. Johnson, Heart Sunday chairman, Coos Bay; Leo Adler, special gifts chairman, Baker, and Joseph Bennett, public relations chairman, Portland. George Hagan, state program consultant for the Oregon Heart Association, outlined the fund raising program.

This year's slogan, "Give . . . so more will live" describes in essence the need for funds to support the association's battle against the nation's number one killer and crippling cardiovascular diseases, which are responsible for more than half of all the deaths in Oregon.

Heart Fund dollars received in the drive are used to help finance Oregon Heart's year-long research, educational and community service programs. The organization is proud of its record in the distribution of these proceeds. The amount channeled to research over a number of years has averaged over 60% of the total received with the bulk of the balance going to educational and community service projects and approximately 8% for administration.

Oregon Heart's research dollars are credited with helping many of the significant scientific attainments by the state's medical profession, such as the Starr-Edwards artificial mitral valve which has saved many thousands of lives since its invention in 1960.

State Vets' Loans At High Figure During Year 1967

The state Department of Veterans' Affairs had its second highest year in dollar volume of loans in 1967, as 4,244 veterans borrowed \$54,369,050 to acquire their own homes and farms. H. C. Saalfeld, director, reported today. Only the record year 1961 was higher when 5,944 loans were granted for \$62,859,550.

Last year's loan volume was awfully close to that of 1966, when 4,254 loans were granted for \$51,885,950.

In Morrow county last year, loans were granted to three veterans in the amount of \$43,200, compared to 11 loans in 1966 for \$115,450. Since the start of the program, loans have gone to 107 veterans here in the amount of \$823,000.

The 1967 statewide figures bring the totals for the program since 1945 to 60,519 loans in the amount of \$561,338,324. Saalfeld said that of this amount, veterans have repaid more than \$290 million in principal and \$98 million in interest. They are repaying at the rate of nearly \$4 million a month, with interest payments alone averaging more than \$1 million.

The veterans' repayment record continues to be excellent, according to Saalfeld. The rate of serious delinquencies is slightly over three delinquent accounts for every 1,000 loans outstanding, and foreclosures number less than seven for every 1,000 loans granted.

The program has earned more than \$23 million in profits in its 23 years of operation, with last year's earnings amounting to \$2.9 million. These earnings have been re-loaned, thus reducing the amount of bonds that have to be sold to obtain financing.

Winters Takes Part In College Workshop

Eugene P. Winters of Heppner, Morrow county chairman of Colleges for Oregon's Future, participated along with other chairmen of the twelve-county eastern Oregon area in a leadership workshop in La Grande Tuesday, February 6.

The workshop featured Dr. Roy E. Lieuellen, chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, who is the kickoff speaker for CFOF activities this year.

The purpose of the workshop of county chairmen is to gain information to suggest plans and outline informational program procedures related to Ballot Measure No. 3. This measure concerning higher education and community colleges will appear on the ballot at the primaries in May.

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Cong. Al Ullman Lists Budgeted Items in District

Congressman Al Ullman released today the list of Second Congressional District public works contained in the President's Budget Message.

Ullman pledged a major effort to obtain Congressional appropriations for each 2nd District project listed and for several that were not included. "I am particularly pleased that the Budget recommended new starts at Catherine Creek in Union County and bank protection along the John Day River," the Oregon Democrat noted.

Corps of Engineers Construction: John Day River (new start), \$370,000; John Day Lock and Dam, 26,300,000; McNary Lock and Dam, 1,000,000; The Dalles Lock and Dam, 7,500,000; and Willamette River Bank Protection, 375,000.

Advance Engineering and Design: Catherine Creek (new start), 100,000; Cascadia Reservoir, 429,000; and Bonneville Lock and Dam (2nd Powerhouse), 500,000.

Project Investigations: John Day River and Tribs., 150,000; Willamette River Basin, 160,000; and Klamath River (Calif. and Ore.), 80,000.

Beas of Reclamation Construction: Baker Project (to complete), 75,000; Crooked River Project Extension, 16,000; and Klamath Project (Ore. portion), 370,000.

Basin Surveys and Feasibility Investigations (wholly within Oregon): Columbia South Side reconnaissance, 41,300; Upper John Day Project (reconnaissance), 10,000; Willamette River Basin Survey, 154,400; Burnt River, 15,000; Deschutes Project, 38,000; Grande Ronde Project (irrigation study), 15,000; Umatilla Basin Project, 94,000; and Willamette River Project, 268,500.

Basin Surveys and Feasibility Investigations (partially in Oregon): Columbia River Basin Survey, 129,000; Columbia-North Pacific Comprehensive Region Survey, 482,000; Upper Klamath River Basin, 50,000; California Region Comprehensive Survey, 480,000; Klamath Project Upper Lost River, 63,000; Upper Owyhee Project, 78,200; and Walla Walla Project, 20,000.

Advance Planning: Willow Creek (irrigation study), 29,000.

Couple Spends Month With Arizona Family

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munkers returned to their home last week from a six-weeks trip into California and Arizona. They spent most of their time at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Harris and three children in Phoenix, Ariz. During their stay, their daughter underwent major surgery, but was making satisfactory recovery at the time of their leave and was able to be back at her work as teacher's aide in the schools. They helped in caring for the family during Mrs. Harris' hospitalization.

While in Phoenix they visited former Morrow county residents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beach, who are associated with the Donaldson Air Cleaner Co. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Baker of one, who are vacationing in Mesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Turner, Jr., and family visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Winchester, before returning to their home in Santa Rosa, Calif., early this week.

U of O Dads Day Slated March 2

Fathers of University of Oregon students are urged to plan now to attend the 1968 Dads Day on the campus Saturday, March 2, according to John Luvaas, Eugene, president of the Oregon Dads club.

Highlighting the day will be discussion groups where fathers can ask questions and express themselves on matters of interest to them and to the University, Luvaas said. A panel of resource people will be present for each discussion section.

This year, discussion topics range from such subjects as how much the University cares about good teaching, student financing and athletics, to student power and the current status of fraternities and sororities.

Reports from the discussion groups will be made during the Dads club's general meeting and any recommendations for action will be considered then.

At noon, Oregon Dads will have lunch with their children in the Erb Memorial Union and then choose between the Oregon-University of Washington basketball game and open houses in University departments and student living groups. An evening program and open house in the Erb Memorial Union will end the day.

All fathers will receive reservation forms for the luncheon and game soon, Luvaas said, and luncheon reservations are due February 28. A committee of Eugene Dads has been working with Luvaas and student leaders in planning the program.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Dean F. B. Nickerson, executive secretary, Oregon Dads Club, Office of Student Services, University of Oregon, Eugene 97403.

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Social Security 1967 Amendments Told in Summary

The following summary of the 1967 amendments to the Social Security law was prepared by the Social Security district office in La Grande as a service to Heppner Gazette-Times.

A more detailed explanation of the recent changes is in pamphlet 1967-1 which may be obtained at the Community Action Service Center, South Main Street, Heppner, or from the Social Security Administration, P. O. Box 1027, La Grande 97850.

1. Most benefit checks due the first week in March will be increased 13%. Those who retired at age 65 who now receive \$44.00 will be increased to \$55.00 per month. Those people over age 72, who are receiving the special \$35.00 per month payment, will get \$40.00. The increase is automatic. You do not have to apply for it.

2. The amount a beneficiary under age 72 can earn and still draw all his benefits has been increased from \$1,500 to \$1,680 yearly, starting with 1968. Those who work full time part of the year and earn well over \$1,680 can receive benefits any month they do not earn over \$140 in wages or render substantial services in self-employment.

3. Widows age 50 and over, who are totally disabled, may be eligible (starting in February) for reduced benefits on their former husband's account. The total disability must begin within seven years of the death of the husband or within seven years of the time the youngest eligible child reached age 18. In some cases totally disabled dependent widowers and divorced wives may also be eligible. The payment to widows applying under this new provision of the law will be less than the full widow's benefits, which is payable at age 62.

4. Young disabled workers, under age 31, no longer need five years of work under Social Security to qualify for payments. Those totally disabled before age 24 need only 1 1/2 years of work out of the three years before becoming disabled. Those disabled between age 24 and 31 will need work credits for half the time between age 21 and the time they become unable to work.

5. It is now easier for some dependents of women workers to qualify for monthly payments. Previously a mother needed 1 1/2 years of work in the three years before her death, disability, or retirement in order for her children to be entitled on her account. Beginning with March, children may receive payments if their mother has worked long enough at any time to be "fully insured." This change could also affect the rights of some dependent widowers and husbands. Benefits under this provision may be paid in March, 1968, but they may be based on a death or disability that occurred at some time in the past.

6. People now over 65 who did not enroll in the medical insurance (doctor bill payment) part of Medicare during the original enrollment period or who have dropped out may now sign up. The current enrollment period will end March 31, 1968. After that, periods will run January through March each year but a person must enroll within three years after the first opportunity to enroll. This current period will be the last chance to sign up for most people who were 65 when Medicare started July 1, 1966. Those who wish to cancel their enrollment may also make this change during the current period.

7. People reaching age 65 this year will need at least three

quarters of covered work under Social Security to qualify for hospital insurance unless they can qualify as the dependent of an insured worker who is eligible for monthly benefits.

8. Medicare coverage has been extended in many areas. A lifetime reserve of 60 additional days hospital coverage in which Medicare pays all but \$20 per day of costs has been added, easier payment procedures of doctor bills, the shift of out-patient hospital costs to medical insurance and elimination of a special deductible, plus many others.

Trail Riders Meet

The second meeting of the 4-H Trail Riders club was held at the home of the president, Christina Lindstrom. The roll call was answered by telling the names and color of our horses. Each of us took a turn in telling what we would look for when buying a horse. We are also learning the parts of the horse, bridle and saddle. We are saving coupons to raise money for flags and banners and other things that we need for parades and horse shows. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served by Karen Crowell and Susan Piening.

Susan Piening, reporter

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Heppner High school and Elementary school
For Week of February 12-16
Monday, February 12 — Beef stew, rolls, Jell-O salad, fruit, and milk.
Tuesday, February 13 — Hot dogs, potato chips, pickles, salad, apple crisp, and milk.
Wednesday, February 14 — Sloppy Joes, whole kernel corn, cole slaw, pudding, and milk.
Thursday, February 15 — Beans and frankies, peas, corn bread, carrots and celery, and fruit.
Friday, February 16 — Toasted cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, green beans, cake and milk.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Albert of North Powder visited in Heppner over the week-end at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Prock and family, before returning to their home Saturday.

April 1 Deadline Set on Exemptions

Disabled war veterans and veterans' widows must apply for their annual Oregon property tax exemptions by April 1, the Department of Veterans' Affairs reported today. Application is filed with the county assessor.

The exemption amounts to \$7500 of the true cash value of the property. Those entitled include:

1. War veterans 40 percent or more disabled. Any person who had military service for not less than 210 consecutive days, any part of which was after January 31, 1955, now qualifies as a war veteran under Oregon law. Veterans of previous wars need only 90 days of service during a war period.
 2. Unremarried widows of war veterans.
 3. Spanish-American War veterans equally regardless of disability.
- A separate benefit is provided for disabled veterans and widows residing in house trailers, consisting of an annual license fee reduction of up to \$100. Application for this benefit is filed with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

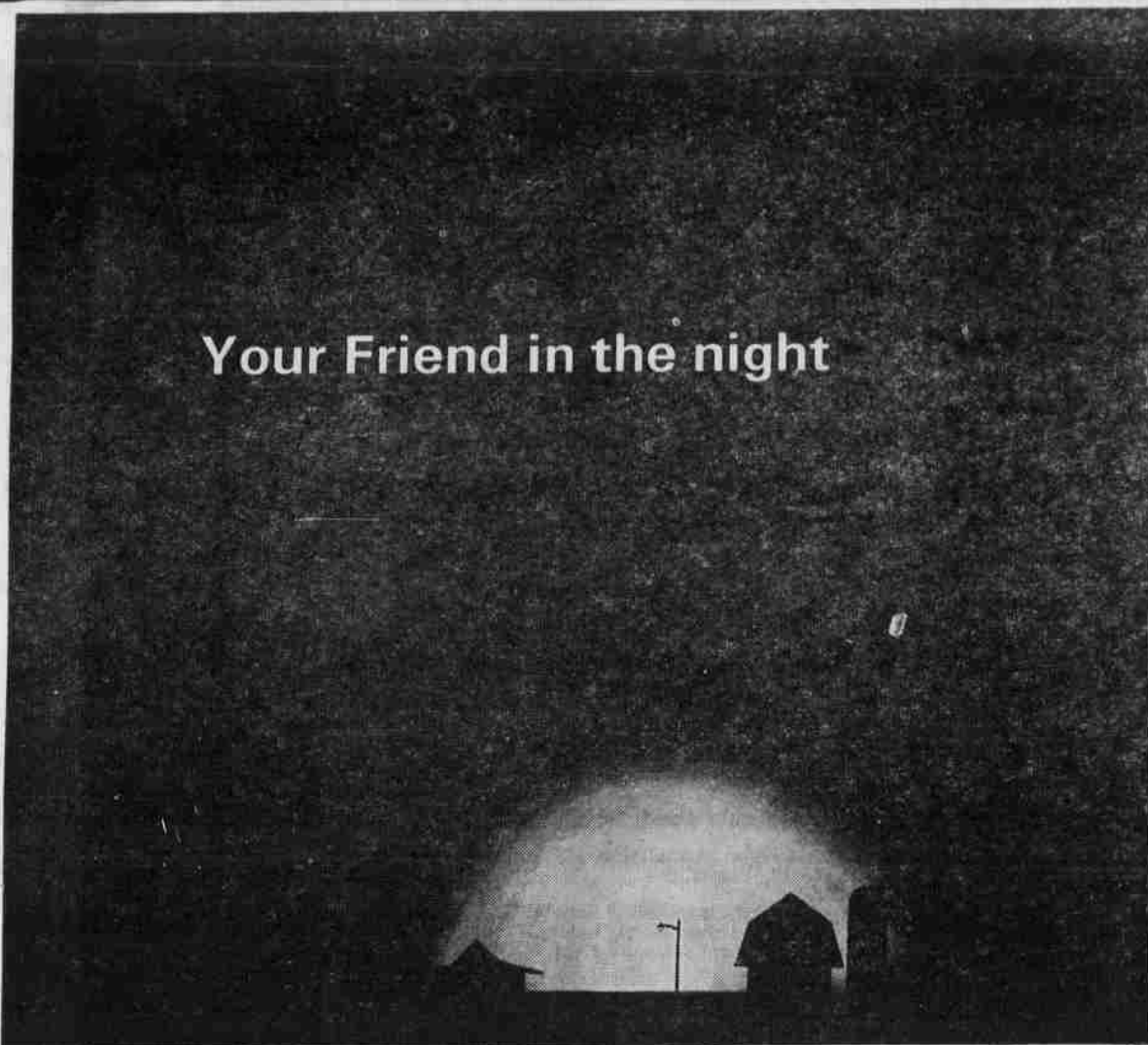
Norman Supple of the Heppner branch, First National Bank, attended a credit school of the banking system in Portland throughout last week. Another week of the school is planned at a later date for credit officers in the system.

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