

Ione woman says Center saves lives

Renewal of funding for the Oregon Poison Control and Drug Information Center, OPCDIC, is being considered by the State Legislature and an Ione woman says its services have helped her safeguard the life of her five year old son.

Linda Tullis says she used the agency's information service twice this year when her five year old, Dalton, ate Dieffenbachia, a common houseplant and was suspected of eating the miniature pod of a tulip called "Golden Charm."

About a year ago, Dalton, known affectionately by Tim and Linda Tullis as "Digger", ate the Dieffenbachia while the family was visiting her brother's home in Portland. Dalton started vomiting and his tongue swelled up.

A nurse living in the house next door responded to the emergency, taking Dalton's pulse and phoned the poison information center. Fortunately, said Mrs. Tullis, an antidote was not needed.

Two weeks ago, the boy

reportedly ate the pod of a tulip as witnessed by his brother, Ken. Mrs. Tullis phoned Jackie Yeaman, a poison specialist from the center and was told that if his lips blistered, it would be a sign of poisoning. That day, she gave the boy a great deal of liquids in hopes of diluting the suspected poison; the treatment worked and Dalton is carrying on like a normal, healthy five year old.

"The poison specialist called back four times," Mrs. Tullis said, "to find out Dalton's condition."

Because of these two incidents and the availability of poisonous plants in the home, Mrs. Tullis urges area residents to write Sen. Ken Jernstedt and Rep. Bill Belamy, urging renewal of funding for the center. The center handles over 50 calls a day.

Funding is derived from a variety of non-renewable sources which will run out by June, 1979. To continue, the OPCDIC needs to have state legislative approval and funding. Center officials say that the funding will cost taxpayers about ten cents a year for the 24 hour emergency service.

Besides providing immediate medical help in poisoning cases, the center dispenses "Mr. Yuk" stickers which have proven effective in preventing poisoning among children. It also acts as a clearinghouse for information about possible sources of poison.

A number of plants found in the home and county's yards are considered poisonous, according to information supplied by the center. They include dumb cane, asparagus (uncooked shoots and berries), Azalea, geraniums, English ivy, mistletoe, oleander, snow on the mountains, African violets, coleus, hibiscus, jade plant, palm and wandering jew. Considered "questionably toxic" are poinsettia, begonias, cactus, ivy and orchids.



Mrs. Linda Tullis shows her five year old son, Dalton, "Mr. Yuk" stickers at their Ione home as a preventative measure to instruct him not to eat household plants. Mrs. Tullis has used the services of the Oregon Poison Information and Drug Control Center twice because Dalton swallowed a piece of Dieffenbachia and was suspected of eating a tulip called "Golden Charm", both poisonous.

Symptoms of poisoning may include skin irritation, nausea, vomiting, swelling of the mouth and tongue and a burning sensation.

Mrs. Tullis said a common plant found locally, water hemlock, is another poison which should be avoided.

The Ione housewife sees a need for the poison control center and urges residents to write their lawmakers in support of renewed funding.

Group selects new officers

New officers for 1979-1980 will be Dorothy Warren, president, Elmer Heath, vice president, Cindy Breidenbach, secretary and Ron Davis, treasurer, according to Grand Squares secretary, Cindy Breidenbach.

Fireman attend school

Fire Chief Ed Baker and Captain Bill Sheirbon of the Lexington Volunteer Fire Department recently attended FMC Operation and Maintenance School in Tipton, Indiana.

Certificates for the two day course were awarded based on actual classroom work and field exercises covering basic and advanced apparatus operation and maintenance.

The pair also purchased the city's new fire truck from the corporation. Headquartered in Chicago, FMC is a major international producer of machinery and chemicals for industry and agriculture with 1977 sales of \$2.29 billion.

Time to Speak Up!



It's time to speak up, if you have an opinion on what the Bonneville Power Administration should charge others for the use of our transmission facilities.

We're just starting to develop our 1980 transmission rates. We'll be accepting suggestions for our initial proposal until June 25, 1979.

There'll be additional opportunities later on, of course, for you to have your say on this question. After the draft rate proposal is ready, and before adopting a final rate proposal, we'll be scheduling Public Information Forums and Public Comment Forums. But if you'd like to have your say now—during the initial shaping of our proposed 1980 transmission rates—we must hear from you by June 25, 1979.

That's why we say now is the time to speak up.

How This Affects You

You probably know that BPA not only sells power at wholesale to utilities and industries and other Federal agencies, but that we also provide other services. One very important extra service is carrying power for others over our lines. We call this "wheeling."

OK, but why should you care what we charge others for the use of our transmission system. How much is it going to have to do with your bill?

Not a lot, true—at least not if you're an average residential or small business user of electricity.

But some

The Issues

And, most importantly, there's an issue of equity here. What's fair?

It should be a simple question, perhaps, because all we're required to do is repay the Federal Treasury the full cost of the Federal investment in power facilities. It ought to be easy to figure out how much others use our lines and charge accordingly.

But it isn't all that simple. Setting transmission rates fairly and precisely always requires some judgment and interpretation—especially as regards the proper allocation of costs for use of our lines.

How much of the costs should each group bear? That's the basic issue.

We'd also like to hear any ideas you have about rate design alternatives which would not only produce the revenues we should have for "wheeling" services, but which also would promote the development of a regional power grid that is the most economically and environmentally sound while meeting high engineering standards.

Please do not confuse this deadline for suggestions on our transmission or "wheeling" rates with the dates and the processes for changing our wholesale power rates—they're separate matters.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact the BPA office in your area or me.

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Senior Citizen News

Seniors wishing help with or information about Social Security matters should come to the Heppner Neighborhood Center on Friday morning, June 8.

On Tuesday, May 29, there was a small attendance at the May meeting of the Morrow County Senior Citizen Advisory Council. Doris Gollyhorn, Ione, council vice-president, presided in the absence of president Ardith Hunt, Lexington.

Budget problems were discussed and officers for the coming year were elected. Reports were heard concerning special programs such as the Homemaker system and

the county's three mealsites.

Officers chosen to head the council after July 1 are President, Doris Gollyhorn; Vice-President, Justine Weatherford; Theta Lowe will continue as council secretary.

Coming meetings for seniors include the June 25 Area Agency on Aging monthly meeting at John Day and the June 27 Morrow County Senior Citizen Advisory Council meeting at Ione.

One of my interesting European experiences was a bus trip with 50 senior citizens of Bielefeld, West Germany. We traveled about 45 miles up into

forested mountains to a large and famous health resort at Bad Pyrmont. There we walked through the spacious, lovely gardens, drank some mineral water from the renowned springs, viewed the large clinic and sanitarium and had a coffee and cake break and social time. Everyone was so friendly to me and despite our language difference, made me feel most comfortable.

I regret having missed the senior bus trip to Pendleton to attend BMCC's "Fiddler on the Roof" with friends here but found it easy to make

senior friends in West Germany.

Menus for the senior dinners on June 11, June 12 and June 13 will include: Tuesday, chops and mushrooms gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrot-pineapple-apple and raisin salad, hot biscuits and jelly and chocolate sundae cake; Wednesday, the Father's Day dinner, will feature at Ione and Heppner: orange juice, turkey supreme with dressing and cranberry sauce, candied sweet potatoes, tossed green salad, buttered corn, hot breads and jelly and rhubarb sauce cake with topping.

Pair chosen to attend Boy's State

Terry Starr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Starr and Larry Snider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snider, Ione, have been selected for Boy's State in Eugene, June 10-16 at the University of Oregon.

Both are seniors at Ione High School and were selected by the Ione American Legion on the basis of scholarship and leadership qualities.

Terry is next year's student body president, has been active in National Honor Society as secretary-treasurer, a member of Letter Club and plays in a variety of sports.

Larry Snider served as vice president and has been active in J.V. basketball and track.

Summer reading in Ione

The Ione Elementary Library will again hold a summer reading program from June 19 through July 24 on Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the school library, according to Library Aide Mrs. Betty Carlson.

From June 19 through July 31, from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., the AAUW will sponsor a storytime program for youngsters. And on July 31, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., an awards party for summer readers and parents is scheduled at the Ione Elementary Playground.

Mrs. Carlson said children who enter the program will be able to read books for lion's paws.

The summer reading program is sponsored by Ione Schools, AAUW and Ione City Library.



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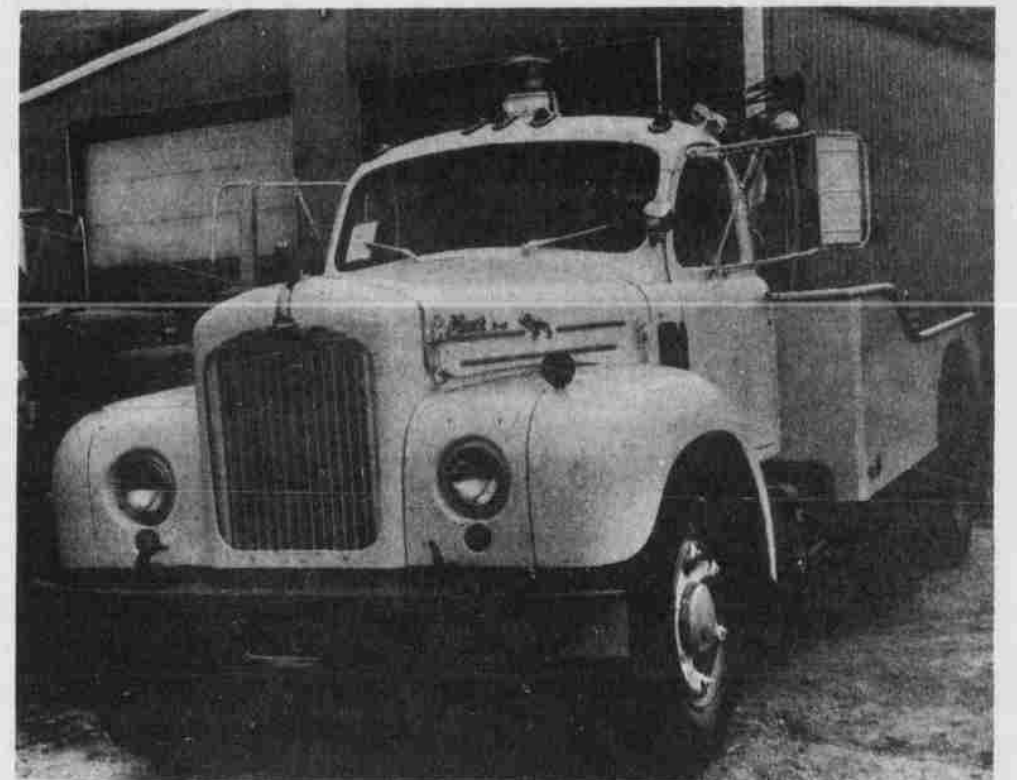
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