

# Health Association Observes 41st Year

## Group Pioneered In Raising Health Standards in Area

The group which pioneered in raising the standards of health in Jackson county, financed for the most part by the sale of Christmas seals, is observing its 41st anniversary this year.

A great number of health activities, many of which have since been taken over by other agencies, have been started and improved since the Jackson County Public Health association was formed in 1917.

More than 60 residents from all parts of the valley established the Health association (the name was changed last year to Tuberculosis and Health association) in February, 1917, stating its object as "providing skilled nursing care for the sick in their own homes and teaching of hygiene and sanitation; and to initiate and support such activities as may raise the standard of the health of this county".

### Work With Group

During the years, hundreds of valley residents have worked with the association in its various phases and other organizations such as the Red Cross, the Greater Medford club and official agencies such as schools and county offices have cooperated with its efforts.

Because everyone who has purchased Christmas seals or who has made a contribution to better health in the community is considered a part of the work of the association, thousands upon thousands of people in the county have helped throughout the past 41 years to establish the present standards.

The eradication of tuberculosis has been the main objective of the association. It was early recognized that the foremost weapon with which to accomplish this was a generally healthy condition, both physical and mental. For this reason, the program of the association has extended into all fields which raise the standards of health.

### Christmas Seal Sale

The annual Christmas seal sale program, which started Nov. 15, is the 40th to be held locally. Seals are sold through a charter granted by the National Tuberculosis association.

The tuberculosis control program has included an intensive effort throughout the years, using all methods available, to find every case of tuberculosis and to see that treatment is provided to prevent its spread.

Chest x-rays and tuberculin testing of children have been found to be the most effective for this, and the mobile chest x-ray units were brought to the valley when available, and until establishment of the permanent chest x-ray center at Sacred Heart hospital. Chest x-ray machines were purchased in 1954 for the two largest hospitals to x-ray all patients, considered to be a high tuberculosis incidence potentially, as well as for employees and the public.

**Tuberculosis Huts**  
During the days when hospital beds were not available and before the discovery of the newer drugs, tuberculosis huts were provided for local residents so they might be isolated and treatment started.

Because of the fast changing picture in tuberculosis control, the association's program has had to be flexible enough to keep up with the new trends. With the advent of the newer drugs and with hospital confinement shortened, the local tuberculosis control program is becoming more important than ever.

Rehabilitation of tuberculosis patients, by seeking help where needed for the patient, and holiday and birthday remembrances for patients, are programs which have continued throughout the years.

**Accomplishments of Group**  
Some of the other accomplishments credited to the group include:

1. First visiting nurse program in the state started in 1918. This was at a time when there was no public health department and no health facilities other than private resources. Duties of the first visiting nurse included calls in homes where tuberculosis was present to teach family members how to care for patients. Helping the schools with their health problems was another of the visiting nurses' jobs.

2. Establishment of health centers. The first health center was located in the Sparta building, later moved to the Liberty (Leverette) building,

Another health center was located at Central Point. These were staffed by volunteers from the Health association under supervision of the visiting nurse and local doctors.

### Need Recognized

As the need became recognized this function was gradually assumed by the county and became the County Health department, located in the courthouse and considered to be one of the finest in the nation. The Health association paid salaries of the first health officer, nurses and sanitarian, purchased equipment, and gradually withdrew financial support as protection of the public's health became a part of the county government. Today only a small portion of the association's budget is used to strengthen health department facilities.

3. Under such leadership as that of Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, Portland executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association and the late Mrs. Alice Holloway, and the late Miss Mildred Carlton, both early presidents of the Jackson County Public Health association, this group was the one through which better community health laws were brought to the county and the state. Early leaders who are still assisting actively today include Mrs. Lewis Ulrich and Miss Helen Bullis.

**Groups Organized**  
4. Under the guidance of the health association, many health groups were organized throughout the county to promote health activities in their areas.

The Gold Hill Health Unit has been an outstanding example of this activity for many years. All health functions such as cancer, tuberculosis and polio programs are handled in Gold Hill through this group. They help with well-baby and school clinics, provide layettes for needy families, make bandages, and recently have been assisting with work of the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital auxiliary. These are but a few of their activities through the years.

5. One of the first important activities of the association was the maintenance of a dental clinic for children whose parents could not afford proper dental care for them.

### Clinic Equipment

Equipment for the clinic was purchased and local dentists donated one day a month to the clinic. This operated successfully until the beginning of World War II when the dentists were no longer available. Last year, the clinic was reopened by the Medford Kiwanis club and the Dental society and is now financed by them.

6. The first blood donor program was sponsored by the association and a list of donors was kept for use of local hospitals and doctors.

7. The first cancer education program was conducted by the Health association with Mrs. John Day as chairman until organization of the American Cancer society in 1945 when a separate organization was established for cancer.

**Crippled Children's Clinic**  
8. The first crippled children's clinic was financed and organized by the association until assumed as a part of the official health department function.

9. Through the years the association has provided, or assisted with, professional in-service training programs which included such things as sending county health nurses to clinics to learn the technique of the hot-pack treatment for infantile paralysis, cancer clinics and other clinics.

10. Mental health has become recognized as an important aspect of public health and during the past several years it has been one of the strongest programs of the association.

**Parent Study Groups**  
Beginning in 1944, when the association was asked to institute an educational program to strengthen family life, parent study groups have been active. From this has evolved the mental health committee, which has cooperated with other county groups in establishing the child guidance clinic, the program for parents of mentally retarded children, mental health education programs, and which now is cooperating with the establishment of a marriage counseling service and the Council for Senior citizens.

11. Health education has been a predominant feature of the association's work since the beginning. Television programs under the direction of Mrs. Ivan Burton have been prominent in health education for the past five years.

Through the cooperation of the local television station,



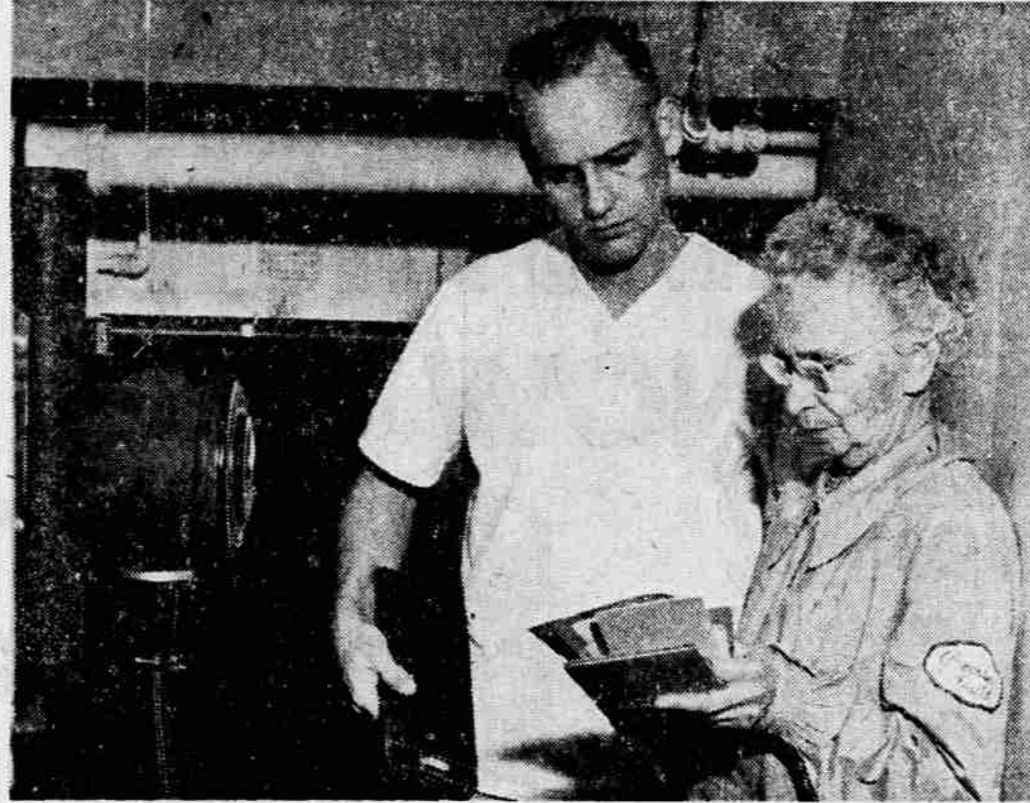
**TELEVISION HELPS**—Fifty-five physicians and surgeons have appeared on television shows as part of the Public Tuberculosis and Health association's health education program. Shown above taking part in a program concerning rheumatic heart disease are (left to right) Dr. Martin L. Vorheis, with x-ray of enlarged heart; Mrs. C. Ivan Burton, moderator for the bi-weekly show; Dr. John T. Brandenburg, holding heart model;

Dr. John L. Welch, listening to heartbeat with stethoscope; "patients" Danny Vorheis and Jackie Hibbs; Dr. Ralph E. Hibbs, "off-stage" operating tape recorder used for sound effects in playing amplified heartbeats. More than 65 live television shows, covering many public health aspects, have been produced in cooperation with the Jackson County Medical society.



**LETTERS SENT**—Seventeen thousand Christmas Seal letters were sent last week to residents of Jackson county. Working in the Jackson County Public Tuberculosis and Health association to mail the annual greetings were (above, left to right) Mrs. Edward Knapp, who has been active with the Gold Hill Health unit and now seal chairman; Mrs. Edward Sickles, chairman of volunteer

services; Mrs. Lawrence Tweedy, executive secretary; and Mrs. Louis Ulrich, chairman of the Sparrow Memorial clinic for children. Mrs. Ulrich has been one of the most active members, working with the association since its formation. Policy decisions of the group are made by a volunteer board of 38 members, about half of them men.



**CHECKING RECORDS**—Miss Helen Bullis, who has been active with the Health association for many years, and Richard Vance, x-ray technician with Sacred Heart hospital, look over records at the chest x-ray clinic. Miss Bullis is patient care chairman for the

association and for many years has seen to it that each patient from Jackson county confined to the sanitariums receives birthday and Christmas remembrances. She is also a member of the Providence guild who assists with the clinic.

which has noted the time, a half-hour program has been produced without interruption every other week, and has covered all types of health subjects. The Jackson County Medical society has assisted with this and nearly every local doctor has appeared on one or more programs, discussing health subjects.

Radio programs and distribution of literature to schools and community groups are other educational media employed.

12. The Sparrow Memorial clinic was founded by the association as a memorial to a former county judge, Alex Sparrow, who had been helpful in establishing health facilities for children. Since then memorials have been donated for many county residents.

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## Education Board Plans To Appeal

Portland—UPI—The state board of higher education Friday went over the \$7,674,305 worth of cuts made by the state finance department in its biennial budget and planned to appeal to Gov. Robert Holmes.

Members plan to appeal on those budget cuts which do not come under the department of finance's definition of additional or expanded service totaling over one million dollars and others on the ground that they are of key importance and should not be cut.

The governor has indicated earlier that budget recommendations from his office will be kept within bounds of what present taxation will support.

Some tribes of the Pueblo Indians live on land grants in New Mexico that date back to the Spanish crown.



**VOLUNTEERS**—An inestimable number of volunteer hours have been contributed by individuals and by civic groups in carrying on the work of the association during the past 41 years. Prominent among these since the opening of the chest x-ray clinic is the Providence auxiliary of Sacred Heart hospital. Seated at the typewriter is Mrs. Lawrence Duff with Mrs. Robert Duff, president of the Guild beside her. Members of this group have volunteered more than 10,000 hours in assisting at the x-ray clinic each week. Other volunteers help with programs on mental health, dental health, rehabilitation and health education.



**PRESIDENT**—Mrs. John Keaveny, Jacksonville, now president of the Tuberculosis and Health association is a living testimonial to the effectiveness of modern treatment. Mrs. Keaveny was a victim of tuberculosis but with early detection of her illness, hospitalization and modern methods of treatment she is now completely cured. Despite the newer treatments, the number of new cases of tuberculosis in the county each year is about the same as 30 years ago. Jackson county also shows a higher percentage of advanced cases than the state as a whole which indicates more emphasis needs to be placed on early case finding.

## Incumbent Spent Less In Campaign Than Challengers

Salem—UPI—Oregon's four congressional incumbents, all of whom were re-elected, spent less money in their campaigns than the candidates who sought to unseat them, according to the state elections division.

Rep. Charles O. Porter spent \$10,702 on his campaign compared with the \$18,924 spent on the campaign of Paul Geddes, Republican who opposed him in the fourth district.

Rep. Walter Norblad, in the first district race, spent \$7209 versus \$17,748 spent in the campaign for Democrat Robert Y. Thornton.

Democratic Rep. Edith Green's campaign expenditure was \$9796, against \$18,

## Two Sports Fans Succumb At Events

Portland—UPI—Two sports fans died, apparently from heart seizures, Friday while watching sports events here.

Earl L. Tebo, 66, was pronounced dead at St. Vincent hospital after collapsing while watching a wrestling match at the armory.

Leslie Carl Mizner, 66 was dead on arrival at Portland Sanitarium after suffering an attack at a bowling alley.

## JACKSONVILLE Cub Scout Pack Meets

By BETTE HOSKINS  
Jacksonville—A Pack meeting of Jacksonville Cub Scouts was held recently in the Presbyterian church basement.

Bobcat pins were presented to Mike White, Stormy Russell, Daniel Stoner, Tommy Maddox, Danny Maddox, Larry Winona, Patrick Swanson, Bill Snow and Bill Rundle. Gold arrows went to Henry James, Charles Logan, Bob Glather, Joe Davis. Silver arrows were awarded Bill Hinkle and Joe Davis, and Charles Logan received a bear badge. Denner badges went to Den 2, Joe Davis; Den 3, Larry Winona; Den 4, Charles Logan. Assistant denner badges were awarded Den 2, Gary Matheny; Den 3, Danny Maddox; and Den 4, Henry James. Refreshments were served by Den 4.

According to City Recorder Mrs. Jean Hewlett, any resident within city limits planning any type of building, remodeling or building repairs, should apply to Frank Carter, building inspector, for a permit and submit plans for work to be done. The work will be inspected to conform with the Oregon state building code. A \$250 fine is the penalty for failing to comply with the law, Mrs. Hewlett noted.

Mrs. Lora Young was surprised at her home Nov. 22 with a group of friends and relatives honoring her birthday. Guests present were Mrs. Fred Christean of Central Point, Mrs. Lee Wright, Mrs. Milton James of Jacksonville, and Mrs. Young's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Huston Grant, of Medford.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wall were Mrs. Homer Wall of Upper Lake, Calif. and Mrs. Vincent Wall of Corpus Christi, Tex.

Mrs. Olive Blackford and Riley Potter of Central Point were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton James.

Mrs. Ralph Lawrence was hostess at her home for a baby shower honoring Mrs. Harold Lawrence recently. Guests were Mesdames Charles Young, Alvin Shepard, Eugene Pressitt, Jim Lawrence, Alice Hibbert, Nina Fryer and Pearl Whitney of Jacksonville; Albert Anderson and Loyd Whitney of Medford; Mrs. O. J. Fisher of Roseburg; Mrs. Jim McGlone of Grants Pass, Mrs. Eugene Lemmon of Ashland, and Mrs. Ella Russell of Medford.

Hayden Noe of Lincoln, Neb., was a recent guest at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller.

Mrs. Si Johnson recently went to San Leandro, Calif., where she attended funeral services of her uncle, Thomas Riley.

New patients reported at Mitchell sanitarium last week were Mrs. Janet Lilly of Gold Hill, Mrs. Lora Brennan of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Vera Adams of Medford, and Mrs. Lewis of Roseburg. A new employee at the sanitarium is Miss Vallee Haven of Central Point. She is a nurse.

Guests expected at the Mitchell home Thanksgiving were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gleaves and children of Seattle, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Morris of Ft. Klamath.

Recent guests at the home of Mrs. Louise Johnson broke her thumb recently at home and is in Rogue Valley hospital where she underwent surgery. Mrs. Johnson is in her late 70's and this is the first time she has even been in a hospital.

Mrs. Harry Belau was in Rogue Valley hospital last week for surgery.

Mrs. Earl Chester is reported recovering at home from a recent illness.

Recent guests at the home of Mrs. Lois Fretwell was Mrs. Donald Johnson and children of Eugene.

Miss Joan Fretwell is home for Thanksgiving from Willamette university in Salem.

Miss Linda Hardy is home from Oregon State college for the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Rock and son, Joe, former residents here, now of Agate Beach, are spending the Thanksgiving holiday in Central Point at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Watts.

Thanksgiving dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Noble were Mr. and Mrs. Milton James and sons, Pat and Henry, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hamaker and children, David and Jaclyn, of Medford, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoskins.

New residents here are Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Bostwick of Grants Pass.

## Klamath Falls Girl Rests After Surgery

Portland—UPI—Carolyn Hurley, 12, of Klamath Falls, who underwent heart surgery Wednesday at the University of Oregon Medical Center here was resting well yesterday, according to hospital officials.

A tiny hole in Carolyn's heart was closed by surgeons and they reported that the slight heart murmur detected before surgery has disappeared.



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