

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

FIDDLECASE, GENTS' SHOE SALESMAN, RANTS ON AND ON—ABOUT LENGTH AND WIDTH—AND ABOVE ALL, COMFORT—

OH, YEAH? BUT THE WAY HE TIES THOSE LACES! BROTHER, IS THERE ANY CIRCULATION LEFT?

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NOW—UGH!! OOF!! (TUG-TUG) THERE YOU ARE!! JUST—UG-GH! WALK OVER TO THE MIRROR AND (PUFF-PUFF) TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR FEET!!

YE OLDE CHINESE BOOT TORTURE



Welfare Work Program in Area Said Success; To Continue Plan

By GREG NOKES

Mail Tribune Staff Writer
Jackson county's welfare work program has passed the experimental stages with flying colors, and seems destined to play an important role in the county's welfare program from now on.

This is the opinion of a reporter who talked Friday with County Judge Earl Miller and County Welfare Administrator James Pullman. Both men agreed that the program has been a success, and that it should be continued as long as the need for it exists.

Jackson county is one of 16 Oregon counties to adopt the work program since Polk county first started it in September, 1959.

Outside of Oregon, only Salt Lake City, Utah, and Siskiyou county, Calif., have similar programs. And Siskiyou county only recently started the program after looking northward and seeing the success with which it has been met here.

Looking to Experience

Jackson county entered the program in October of last year, after Polk county's initial experiment received the approval and encouragement of both Gov. Mark Hatfield and the state public welfare commission.

The work program is a cooperative effort of the county and the welfare commission. The commission supplies the workers and gives them their assistance checks, and the county assigns the men to work projects and provides transportation, insurance and supervision.

Averages 16 Per Day

The size of a welfare work crew has averaged about 16 men a day. Since the program's start, approximately 1,500 work days have been assigned to welfare recipients.

The kind of work done by the welfare crew ranges from cleaning up the Jacksonville cemetery, to cutting firewood at Howard Prairie lake; and from clearing weeds and debris from county roadsides, to removing snags and stumps at Savage Rapids dam.

The essence of the program is that instead of simply receiving a welfare check once a week, the welfare recipient, if able, will work for that check.

Welfare Administrator Pullman listed the objectives of the program:

Provides Opportunity

"It provides an opportunity for men to work for the assistance they're given."

"It provides an opportunity for us to eliminate those men who refuse to work."

"It provides an opportunity to do something useful for the community for the money that's distributed."

"It provides an opportunity to temporarily find work for men who find it very hard to compete in the labor market."

"And it eliminates some chiselers."

Accomplishes Objectives

Pullman said the program is accomplishing all of these objectives.

Welfare laborers receive just what they're entitled to under general welfare assistance, which usually amounts to \$1 an hour. The laborer must, of course, first qualify for welfare assistance.

Pullman said one example of the success of the program is the "great turnover" among laborers on the welfare crew. Most of them soon find other jobs, he said, and added that only two men have been on the work crew continuously since its start in October.

Pullman feels that most of the men appreciate the chance to work for the money they receive. It is a lot less like charity, he said, since they are earning what they get.

The welfare administrator said all reports indicate that the welfare laborers work

"exceptionally well," everything considered.

Judge Miller pointed out that the prime object of the county's participation in the program is not to create employment, but to assist and work cooperatively with the welfare agency in order to reduce welfare costs and to do something beneficial for the county at the same time.

Miller indicated that when there is no longer any need for the program, it will be stopped.

In a recent broadcast, a nationwide radio commentator noted Oregon's welfare work program and likened it to the Works Progress Administration (WPA) of depression-days fame.

Asked about this, Pullman said the two programs are entirely different. The WPA, he said, provided jobs for unemployed people, where the welfare work program gives men a chance to work for welfare assistance that would be given them anyway.

Jackson County Has Lower Cancer Death Rate Than Country

New York — Prospects for a reduction in the heavy toll taken by cancer each year in Jackson county are seen in the encouraging reports coming from the research laboratories.

The outlook for cancer patients who receive early and adequate treatment is better than it has been at any time and is improving steadily.

Even now, although the researchers have not yet attained the major breakthrough they have been seeking, it has become possible to save half of all cancer victims, states the American Cancer Society.

Attracts Special Attention

The subject is attracting special attention at this time because of the approach of April, designated Cancer Control Month.

Jackson county has been experiencing a somewhat lower rate of mortality from the disease than have most areas of the United States.

This is shown in the latest comparable figures, covering the entire country, released by the U. S. public health service for the year ending Jan. 1, 1959.

It attributes a total of 72 deaths of Jackson county residents in the year to cancer and other malignant growths. Not included are deaths in Jackson county of non-residents.

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