

Salvation Army Provides Aid Not Available From Agencies

Many things have changed in this world since 1880, when the Salvation Army, founded by William Booth just 20 years earlier, started to serve people in the Western United States.

In 1880, men and women of the Western World were emerging from a society which featured a bare existence level of subsistence living, compared to today's living in a society which is "high" enough to be labeled "affluent".

Yet, no one can deny that within this "affluent" society, there are people who have need for assistance. Because there are such people, the Salvation Army — whose commanding officer in Medford remarked recently, "people are our business" — still has a job to do.

Job of Serving Is Great
According to Maj. William Ricken, "although we fly in jets today instead of traveling by wagon and horse as when the Army started serving Medford in 1892, our job of serving individuals and families who qualify as 'poor' is just as great today as in yesteryear."

For the most part the people aided by the Salvation Army have a temporary emergency need that cannot be met by government welfare aid.

Major Ricken complimented the role of local and State welfare departments on their work in the Rogue valley, but pointed out that many people — especially families traveling through the valley who need aid — are not qualified for this government assistance.

"Government welfare operates under definite rules," Ricken said, "but some of these rules eliminate emer-

Building Fund Is Endorsed; Drive Set to End June 30
Endorsements for the Salvation Army's building fund program increased immediately following the announcement of impending reduction of Army services and closing of the Transient Shelter should the current fund appeal not succeed by June 30.

The United Crusade's board of directors has issued a letter urging public participation in the \$137,185 campaign, and endorsing the need for Army services in the Rogue valley.

In a letter addressed to Maj. William Ricken, commanding officer of the Medford Corps, the board of the United Crusade said, "(We) heartily endorse the project, as the need for these new buildings is of many years standing. We wish you success in your undertaking to the end that your efforts to alleviate distress among our people will increase to an even higher level of accomplishment."

Frank J. Van Dyke, chairman of the Building Fund's Advance Gifts division hailed the letter as "truly significant."

Eliminates Question
"This type of endorsement should eliminate any question of the support we have from leading business, civic and government leaders in the community. Our United Crusade is composed of men and women — representing these segments of the community — and they are certainly knowledgeable about our need for a new Corps Community Center to complement the Army's program of service," he said.

Van Dyke called for immediate action on the part of workers in his division which seeks corporate and individual support from donors in a gift range from \$1000 up. "We have a commitment to the United Crusade to end our formal campaign on June 30, and if that agreement is to be met, we need to work hard now," he noted.

Van Dyke, commenting on the composition of his Advance Gifts division, said he was pleased with the men who had agreed to assist him in contacting larger business organizations in the community. "We are not trying to over-emphasize the larger gifts to the building fund program," he noted, "but we recognize they are essential to the overall success of the campaign. It is therefore, absolutely necessary that we have the manpower to properly contact these firms and individuals."

agency immediate aid to people in need. This is where the Salvation Army, with voluntarily contributed funds, operating as a private agency, can give the needed temporary aid."

Cites Examples
As an example Major Ricken cited the case of the migratory family who came to Medford to work in the orchards. After working a few weeks the husband became ill. They had a house in the area, but it was unfurnished, and had no modern conveniences. Because they were new residents in Oregon, and did not qualify for welfare assistance from the county or state government departments, the Salvation Army supplied a table, chairs, an ice box, a washing machine, and a separate bed for the sick husband. Besides this aid, shoes — needed by the couple's four children — were supplied.

Another case cited by Major Ricken involved a migratory family whose car broke down as they were passing through Ashland. The family's funds were depleted. A job awaited the father in northern Oregon, but the family could not pay for repairs to the car and live another day.

The Salvation Army committee in Ashland, a group of businessmen who work voluntarily with the Army, provided the funds to get the family to Medford. The Army provided housing and food for the family at the Transient Shelter on Crews rd., and funds were found to help pay for repairs to the car.

Continues on Way
The family, sheltered overnight, fed wholesome food, blessed with friendship in a strange community, was able to continue the journey to a location where they could provide for their own welfare.

The Army was the only place to which these people could turn for help. Without the voluntary gifts of Rogue valley residents who support the Army's operational needs through the United Crusade, or by gifts at Christmas time, this service could not be rendered.

If the Shelter on Crews rd. was not available to provide a place for sheltering and feeding such people, the program would be destroyed.

The current Building Fund Campaign goal of \$137,185 contains an allocation of nearly \$15,000 for repairing and remodeling this 13-year old structure to make it more adequate for serving the ever increasing demand for such aid.

No Long-Term Support
The Salvation Army does not supply long-term support for families or individuals. This is the job of government welfare programs. The Army doesn't have the funds to do a continuous welfare program for a heavy caseload.

Major Ricken said the average welfare case handled by his office runs from one to two weeks. The maximum is about six weeks.

As to the kind of aid given, it takes the form of food, clothing, shoes — the basic personal needs. A family needing food is given an order of a specific dollar amount for groceries. This order is

honored at any grocery store the family chooses.

Clothing needs are most often met by an order from the Army's Thrift Shop, operated at 30 North Holly st. in Medford. Articles in the Shop are donated by the people living in the valley.

These instances of aid to families, residents or travelers, families and individuals, involving amounts from 50 cents to \$150 make up one of the most important service programs of the Salvation Army.

Democratic Picnic Planned in July

A combined Jackson and Josephine Counties Democratic picnic will be held Sunday, July 22, in a park area easily accessible to both counties, according to Democratic County Chairman Jean A. Mills. The location will be announced later.

Plans for the joint affair grew out of requests from several Democratic party candidates who discovered conflicting schedules in both counties on the same date, Mills said.

Ralph A. James, Democratic candidate for county judge, is Jackson county chairman for the picnic, and will meet with Josephine County Democratic chairman and his picnic chairman within a few days to arrange for

the location and other details, Mills said.

Planning to attend and speak at the joint picnic are U.S. Sen. Wayne L. Morse, Democratic Nominee for Governor Robert Y. Thornton; Labor Commissioner Norman O. Nilsen, who seeks reelection, and several Democratic Party officials from Portland and Salem.

Democratic Congressional Nominee Robert B. Duncan has been invited to act as master of ceremonies, while state and county candidates from both counties will actively participate. Coffee and refreshments will be available from the picnic committee in addition to picnic lunches and extra foods brought by guests attending from both counties.

June 30 Important Date On Disability Insurance

June 30 is an important date for people who have been severely disabled for several years, according to Edward B. Jacobson, district manager of the Medford Social Security office.

Until June 30, a person may file a claim for disability insurance benefits and establish a period of disability from the date his illness or injury occurred.

Effective July 1, 18 months prior to the date of filing is the earliest period of disability that can be established for a claimant, regardless of the actual onset of his disability, Jacobson said.

Jacobson pointed out that the date of onset of a disability is important in computing an individual's disability insurance benefits. For example, a man who became disabled in 1957 may establish that onset date if he filed

his claim before June 30, and will get a much higher benefit than if he waits until after the cut-off date to file. If he does not file a claim until

July, 1962, the onset of his disability is deemed by law to be January, 1961, or 18 months prior to the date of his application.

Jacobson said most people are not aware of the significance of the onset date in the computation of a disability insurance benefit. Any person who was disabled in 1960 or before should file his claim for social security disability insurance benefits before the June 30 cut-off date.

Information concerning the requirements that must be met to entitle a person to social security disability insurance benefits may be obtained from the Medford Social Security office at 1005 East Main st., Medford.

Six Area Students Receive Awards

Six Rogue valley young people have been given recognition awards for their work on high school newspapers or yearbooks.

The Eric W. Allen award is in response to outstanding work on a newspaper, and the George S. Turnbull award is given to yearbook workers.

Receiving Eric W. Allen awards were Miss Sue Elder and Joel Gregory, Medford,

and Miss Janis Bateman, Central Point.

George S. Turnbull awards went to Miss Vicki Brumback and John Alansky, Medford, and Miss Charlotte Bush, Central Point.

Students were nominated by their high schools. The awards are made by the Oregon Scholastic Press, an affiliate of the University of Oregon school of journalism.

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NEW ADMINISTRATOR—James Pullman, left, explained his past duties as Jackson county public welfare administrator last week to David Kuhns, Portland, who will replace Pullman Monday. Pullman will go to Salem as head of the state welfare commission's public assistance division. Kuhns recently graduated from the graduate school of social work University of California after serving as administrator of public welfare in Lake and Hood River counties. Pullman assumes his new duties July 1.

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