



EMPLOYEES MEET GOAL—The Employees' committee of Sacred Heart hospital has "gone over the top" in meeting the announced goal pledged to the Development Program of the New Sacred Heart hospital. Pictured above posting the results are (left to right) Richard Vance, chief technician; Mrs. Marise Whitlock, cashier in the business office, and Mrs. Helen Bowman, emergency room nurse. (Knackstedt Photo)

Welfare Budget Represents \$22 for Each Oregon Person

By ZAN STARK
Salem—It's a long way from the poor farm of past decades to the socially conscious welfare programs of today—both in terms of service and money. The one-year \$44 million budget approved last year by the state public welfare commission represents a yearly expenditure of more than \$22 for every man, woman and child in Oregon.

The \$44 million includes \$21 million in federal funds, \$16.1 million in state money, and county expenditures of \$6.9 million. Biggest single item is \$14 million for the aid of dependent children program. An additional \$1 million is budgeted for ADC medical payments.

This program is the most famous, and most controversial of the welfare services available. The ADC caseload has exploded 183 per cent in the past 10 years, and more than 31,000 people are expected to receive ADC this year. ADC is available to any child under the age of 16—or 18, if in regular attendance at school—who has been deprived of parental support "by reason of the death, continued absence, incapacity or unemployment of a parent."

Critics claim ADC encourages illegitimacy. Supporters admit there are some abuses, but argue that by keeping families together the program helps people who want to help themselves, and eliminates the need for other types of welfare aid.

Other major programs included in the public welfare budget for 1963-1964 include \$8.9 million for old age assistance, \$6.3 million for old age medical care, \$3.8 million for aid to dependents, \$3.5 million for general assistance, \$1.8 million for foster care, \$1.5 million for medical aid to dependents, and \$1.5 million for medical aid to the aged.

In the commission's summary of special services for children during March, a net gain of 110 cases was noted. On March 1, 6,438 children were under care. During the month 498 were "discharged." But 608 children were added to the statewide case load, and on the last day of the month, 6,348 children were receiving care.

Of this number, 3,148—48 per cent—were living with their parents or other relatives. Another five per cent

Science Students Present Report on Bear Creek Area

Ashland—Four Southern Oregon college students presented an interim report on the Ecological Reconnaissance of Bear Creek Drainage research project at the 28th annual Oregon Student Science conference at Reed college, Portland, recently.

George Gilman, Medford, presented the introduction and background information relative to the project which is being sponsored by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Bruce Witters, Grants Pass, reported on mammals observed during the course of watershed study; Larry Waite, North Bend, on the topic, "Plants," and Dick Reiling, Klamath Falls, reported on "Diptera."

Bear creek, which lies in south central Jackson county, originates near the California border, runs north through Ashland and Medford, joining the Rogue river several miles northwest of Medford.

According to Dr. Irene Hollenbeck, SOC professor of science and education, who accompanied the students, the reports represent the first few months of a long term project to describe the communities of the area.

Work at this time is devoted to determining which species of vascular plants, flies, and mammals are present, their seasonal activities, and their interactions with other species in 40 acre plots.

Two such plots, located at an elevation of 5,000 feet on northwest-facing slopes, are under study. One is in the Siskiyou mountains and the other in the Cascades, Dr. Hollenbeck reported.

Bridge Expert Dies In Portland Hospital

Portland—(UPI)—Mrs. Alice Laughton Fisher, 61, well known bridge expert, died in a hospital Wednesday.

Mrs. Fisher conducted bridge classes in Portland and Salem for several years following the death of her husband, Dr. Robert L. Fisher. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Don E. Phillips, Salem, and a son, William, Portland. Funeral will be Friday at 11:30 a.m. at J. P. Finley's Chapel.

CRASH KILLS EIGHT

Medellin, Colombia—(UPI)—A Colombian air taxi of Canadian design crashed near this provincial capital Wednesday, apparently killing all of the eight persons aboard. So far as was known, there were no Americans in the party.

The state of Washington has 2,656 miles of salt water shoreline, including 1,114 miles of island shoreline.

Cronkite Says Nixon Moving To New York

New York—(UPI)—Walter Cronkite, CBS news managing editor, said Wednesday night that former Vice President Richard M. Nixon will move to New York to continue his business and political career. Cronkite said Nixon will establish a legal residence here to make himself eligible as a presidential candidate from New York.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

HOW ARE WE going to dissuade military generals from writing their memoirs? There was a top-drawer military reception in Washington recently at which Prime Minister Macmillan of Britain encountered former President Eisenhower. "I dare say you've never seen so many generals in one place in your life before, eh, Harold?" ventured the former President. "Indeed I have," contradicted Mr. Macmillan, "but I've never seen so many authors!"

Perian Conerly, lovely wife of Charlie Conerly, great football star of yesterday, tells in her spirited book, "Backseat Quarterback," of the time one of Conerly's teammates broke into the gossip columns by romancing a famous Hollywood pin-up girl. A wit posted this notice on the Giants' bulletin board: "Miss So-and-so learned more defensive maneuvers in one evening than our amorous back was able to absorb in two whole years as a pro."

A sturdy Texas lad came down to breakfast one morning and declared, "What a day! I feel like a million dollars." His mother, deeply concerned, cried, "Darling! What makes you so depressed?"

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