

# Powder Magazine in Mt. Shasta Remains

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Mount Shasta — Across Spring Hill, the sharply-point-

ed hill a mile north of the town of Mount Shasta, an old rock building sets under a small clump of bushes, its rear end backed into the hill. It is a powder magazine, known by its build and appearance to every person who ever saw many western towns. Usually they are associated with mining, or railroad buildings. This was used in neither.

ations came to Mount Shasta in 1924, too. He operated the machines that laid concrete, used the powderhouse at times, and stayed at Mount Shasta when Kaiser moved. Today he is still here. But he hasn't stood still. His name is Wilborn Berg. Recently he sold to a promoter a tract of

land he had bought and held for "the right man." Soon this tract will bloom into Christmas Meadows Estate beside the town Kaiser paved for just such an occasion. The powder magazine is still standing. It may be used in this building boom, too.



**STILL STANDS**—This powderhouse still stands tucked in the side of a hill north of the town of Mt. Shasta, Calif. It was used about 1924 when the town decided to pave its streets, and hired Henry J. Kaiser to do the job.

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## Stevenson Named to Post With Company

Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, has been appointed associate director of Stockman's Life Insurance company of Portland, according to James H. Maloney, president and chairman of the insurance company board.

Dr. Stevenson is well-known among Pacific Coast educators, according to Maloney. Dr. Stevenson is active in community affairs and operates a ranch.

## Few Disease Cases Reported in County

Only a few communicable disease cases were reported last week, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county public health officer, said.

Medford had one case of scaly ringworm, one of measles, one of mumps and two of influenza. Phoenix reported one case of mumps and Ashland two cases of influenza.

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## Medical Assistance to Aged Is Changed; Amendments Noted

The 1963 session of the state legislature amended the medical assistance to the aged program to increase certain of the benefits and to relax eligibility requirements, David Kuhn, Jackson county public welfare administrator, explained Friday.

The assistance program was established to provide medical assistance to aged persons of low income. These people generally are able to provide their own maintenance except for medical care, Kuhn noted.

The program is financed by a combination of federal, state and county funds through the Kerr-Mills bill passed by Congress in May, 1961, and has been effective in Oregon since Nov. 1, 1961.

## Eleven Tracts of Timber Offered at BLM Oral Auction

Eleven parcels of timber containing 23,328,000 board feet were offered at oral auction by the Medford district, bureau of land management last week.

## Oil Production

Kuwait — O.P. — Oil flowing from wells in the tiny, obscure Middle East sheikdom of Kuwait amounts to 600 million barrels a year, making it the world's fourth largest producer.

is the clearing house for applications, eligibility determination, questions and problems which may arise. Persons may enroll at any time, even after hospitalization. There are no dues, fees or premiums.

Medical assistance for the aged is the only plan in operation in the state now outside the most important costs of illness. The local office telephone number is 773-6621. No appointment is necessary. The program will be fully explained and application taken if the inquirer wishes, Kuhn concluded.

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Applications fell short of anticipating the first year, but there has been an upsurge, especially in Jackson county, during 1963," Kuhn said. "Local doctors and hospitals have been cooperative in informing persons of the program although there has been a lack of publicity."

**Eligibility Requirements**  
General eligibility requirements are: must live in Oregon, be 65 years or over, are permitted an annual income of \$1,750 if single and \$2,500 if married, may have liquid assets of \$1,500 for single persons and \$2,000 for married couple.

The \$1,750 for single persons is an increase from \$1,500. The \$2,500 for a couple is an increase from \$2,000, the welfare administrator noted. If the cost of chronic nursing care is being met, liquid assets must be applied toward this benefit down to \$250 for a single person and \$500 for a couple, Kuhn explained.

A beneficiary may own his own home and additional real property with a fair market value up to \$5,000 subject only to claim after death of the recipient or spouse.

**Claim Clause**  
The claim clause in the state law reads: "The state has a claim against the estate of any deceased medicare beneficiary for reimbursement only for the amount used through the plan. This claim does not encumber the property during the lifetime of the beneficiary. He is free to sell it or dispose of it in any way he wishes. The agency has no claim on the property until the death of the beneficiary."

"The claim is not enforced against the home property so long as it continues to be occupied by the spouse. Sale of property to settle an estate is not forced. This claim is paid only if assets are received from the estate after preferred claims have been met. Preferred claims include such items as expenses of last illness and burial, certain mortgages, notes and taxes. Settlement from the estate is divided proportionately among state, federal and county governments."

Benefits offered through medical assistance for the aged are on an annual basis. They include (1) up to \$500 for surgery, any place, paid in full according to welfare fee schedule, (2) all physician care while hospitalized, (3) up to \$100 laboratory and diagnostic x-ray services. Hospital services include:

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