

# Welfare Commission Pleased With Local Pilot Project

Both the state legislature and the welfare commission are pleased with the results of special caseload programs started as pilot projects a year ago in Jackson county and part of Multnomah county, it was reported.

The new program is being instituted in Lane county now and is expected to spread to other Oregon counties in 1965. The new program here was started under former Jackson County Public Welfare Administrator James Pullman who is now with the state welfare commission in Salem.

"Under the intensive program each worker had about 35 families so he could do little things like talking to the boss to iron out employee difficulties," Jackson County Public Welfare Administrator Dave Kuhn explained. "Besides rehabilitating the welfare recipient, the case worker kept after him or her about getting a job. It also revealed that cooperation is required from a number of public agencies. Welfare can't go it alone."

### Instruction Courses

The local welfare commission hopes to place some women later in formal instructional courses such as beautician training or in a work and learn program. This would mean welfare recipients would be assigned to the library or to some other county office to develop work skills. Other agencies would be called on to help, too.

Spade work to prepare for the pilot program started early last summer. The entire caseload of the Jackson county welfare commission was carefully reviewed according to a plan devised by the Oregon state welfare commission staff.

"Generally, the idea was to identify the basic problem of a family, assess the family's strengths and weaknesses, and then come up with a realistic set of goals and plans to satisfy these needs," Pullman had explained at the program's inception.

### No Additional Caseworkers

Families needing extra services by social workers were assigned to caseworkers who were responsible for a fewer number of cases. Yet no additional caseworkers were hired due to this program. The family received more attention in hope problems could be worked out and self support accomplished.

The local commission had been giving services on this basis for some time, but this was a better organized and better supervised plan.

Pullman earlier felt there was an urgent need for this program for young adults. These are the people who quit high school, marry, then discover they have no real training for a job. For a while their families may help them. By their mid-twenties the young men and their families are on welfare rolls.

At the same time, the welfare commission proceeded with extensive on-the-job training and educational programs for caseworkers which helped improve their services to people.

### Classification Work

During the first four months of this year, caseworkers maintained their regular jobs and completed a tremendous amount of work in extensive classification and planning.

Pullman estimated he spent 240 hours on the road traveling to and from the state welfare commission headquarters in Salem. Each of the caseworkers involved averaged about 30 hours of extra work. A minimum total of 400 hours was spent on the program by the local staff.

Specific advantages of the new program have meant better use of time, better organization of caseloads, better emphasis on casework services, better supervisory control of work, better consultation on casework plans, and a more regular review of problems.

### Example Cited

A good example of how this new system has worked is the case of a woman we will call Elsie B., now moved out of the state.

She was 39 years old with fourth and fifth grade youngsters. She had applied for aid-dependent children because her husband had been drinking continually since their marriage, was unemployed and later deserted her.

She was living on a ranch in a remote part of the county, had never worked out of the home. Her appearance was poor and a missing tooth made her self-conscious and reluctant to seek job interviews.

### Contacted Employer

After a caseworker insisted she find some work she did some ironing at home. She was put in a special caseload and rehabilitation was stressed. She received dental work. Then, following more encouragement found a part-time dishwashing job in a nearby restaurant. Although she was not completely self-supporting, her grant was released.

Later the caseworker found she wasn't being paid regularly and had to contact her employer. At the same time the proprietor was given her background so he could work with her and teach her something about the restaurant business. After Elsie B. gained new confidence in her ability to support herself, the local welfare commission began working closely with the district attorney's office.

The husband was located, reciprocal non-support action brought, but the couple was reconciled when the case came to court. He claimed he had stopped drinking and Elsie and her youngsters moved to California with him where he is working as a caretaker.

Whether the husband has licked his drinking problem or not, Elsie now knows she can support herself and children. She continued working in California.

"Many of these people and families under the special case-load program are multi-problems. We don't really know if we can change the adults in this generation. But next generation of these families will be less of a community problem. We learned that money alone won't solve the welfare problem. Caseworkers have been convinced of this for a long time, but now we have shown the public what we can do with a properly administered rehabilitation program," Kuhn said.

Dr. Elliott D. Becken, 1211 Queen Anne ave., vice chairman of the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross has been appointed one of the fund campaign consultants for the Cascades district by Frank Holmes Jr., national fund vice chairman for Oregon.

### Appointments Are Announced for Red Cross Chapter

Dr. Becken will assist Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties, according to Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, chapter board chairman. The appointment was announced at a recent monthly luncheon business meeting.

Mrs. Lillian Salade, 140 Greenway circle, has been appointed volunteer chairman for the coming year and Mrs. John Winton, Eagle Point, as Red Cross representative to the United Crusade board.

A "friendly visitor" service to convalescent and nursing homes and homes for the aged has been started, according to Mrs. Frank Fairweather, 3013 Dark Hollow rd. The Red Cross will be responsible for orientation and training of volunteers in cooperation with the state board of health and public welfare. First training session is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 10 a.m., at the Medford First Methodist church, 607 West Main st.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Medford Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 12 and 13. There is a severe shortage of blood available in the Portland center for state distribution, according to Mrs. Joe Burba, 2543 Old Military rd., bloodmobile chairman.

Jackson county chapter helped sew over 700 hooded winter capes for Algerian refugees which were sent by the Portland chapter.

The Red Cross home nursing film will be shown again this fall, it was stated. Community courses in mother, baby and home nursing care will start in September.

Arthur Flemming, University of Oregon president, will be guest speaker at the annual meeting Thursday noon, Sept. 12, at the Red Cross building on Hawthorne ave. Those wishing to attend should call the office for reservations.

Alfred S. V. Carpenter thanked Dr. Stevenson for three years of service as a board chairman. His term expires in September.

Three students of the recent youth aquatic school talked briefly of the skills and knowledge they had gained.

### Arms Delegates Return to Table

Geneva - (UPI) - Disarmament negotiators returned to the bargaining table today with little expectation that the nuclear treaty would lead to further East-West arms accords immediately.

Delegates to the 17-nation disarmament conference scheduled a resumption of talks this afternoon following a recess during which the partial nuclear test ban agreement was signed in Moscow. The Western delegations met privately in the morning for strategy consultations.

The atmosphere was relatively free of the tension which often has marked the disarmament talks here in the past, but informed sources said the delegates ruled out any new moves until at least after the next meeting of the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain and Russia.

The three foreign ministers, who initiated the nuclear treaty for their governments in Moscow last Monday, are expected to meet again at the United Nations General Assembly opening Sept. 17.

**REMAINS CRITICAL**  
Washington - (UPI) - Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture association, remained in critical condition today from the effects of a stroke. Johnston, 66, was admitted to George Washington university hospital June 17.

# Five Drug Firms Accused of Fixing Tetracycline Prices

Washington - (UPI) - Five leading U.S. drug manufacturers have been charged by the Federal Trade Commission with conspiring to fix prices of a widely-used miracle drug.

The commission Saturday ordered the companies to tear up all price lists for tetracycline, a drug used to cure a great variety of bacterial infections, and publish new prices independently.

A basic ingredient of the drug is Aureomycin, the FTC said.

The five-man commission also claimed, in an unprecedented move, the authority to take action to limit or completely halt enforcement of drug patent rights held by two of the firms, Chas. Pfizer and Co., Inc. and American Cyanamid Co.

The FTC charged they had obtained the patents unfairly by withholding important information from the U.S. Patent Office.

The other three firms charged were Bristol-Myers Co. and Bristol Laboratories, Inc.; Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. (Squibb), and the Upjohn Co.

The FTC said it considered Bristol Laboratories a subsidiary of the Bristol-Myers Co.

**Deny Charges**  
Pfizer and Bristol-Myers promptly denied the charges, and along with Cyanamid, said they would appeal the order in federal courts.

The FTC said that Pfizer's 17-year patent on tetracycline could yield potentially more than a billion dollars in sales. Sales of the drug, "probably the leading antibiotic on the market today," it said, have run more than \$100 million annually.

**Deputy Sheriff Accidentally Shot**  
Mapleton - (UPI) - Lane County Sheriff's Deputy Dean Lingafelter was accidentally shot in the leg while attempting to serve a subpoena here Friday afternoon.

According to the sheriff's office a youngster ran up to the deputy, grabbed his pistol, and it discharged.

The bullet entered Lingafelter's leg at the top of the calf and emerged about five inches below. No bones were damaged.

The deputy was released from a hospital at Mapleton after undergoing emergency treatment.

The FTC order, which overruled its examiner's recommendations made after two years of study, told the companies that new price lists must be based on individual manufacturing and overhead costs, desired margins of profits and "other lawful considerations."

The regulatory agency gave each firm a deadline of 60 days from the date of its final order, which was not specified. An FTC attorney explained that the commission would first study and issue a second order dealing with the Pfizer and Cyanamid patents.

As the basis for its authority to prevent a patent's enforcement, the FTC cited Supreme Court decisions and its own powers inherent in the Federal Trade Commission Act. It said it used this power to prevent the public from being "classied among the mute and helpless victims of deception and fraud."

**Charge Conspiracy**  
The commission charged the firms conspired by having frequent contacts, including exchange of up-to-date price lists, issued uniform price lists, identical bids to purchasers and identical dosage forms.

Pfizer, in a statement, said "We have not fixed prices. We obtained our tetracycline patent in good faith and without any impropriety."

Dr. Philip I. Bowman, president of Bristol Laboratories, said his firm would appeal "with confidence that our position will be ultimately vindicated."

W. G. Malcolm, chairman and chief executive officer of American Cyanamid Co., said his firm's lawyers "assure us that the examiner's initial decision exonerating Cyanamid and the other defendants was well founded."

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