

# Alcoholism Delegates Plan Fight

WILSONVILLE (AP) — More than 100 delegates to a conference on alcoholism made plans today for a new assault on the problem by increasing facilities for its treatment.

They learned that Portland is the only city which has adequate facilities for treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics.

The conference, held at Dammasch State Hospital, was sponsored by the state Board of Control, Oregon Alcohol Education Committee, and the state Board of Health.

Gov. Mark O. Hatfield told the delegates they weren't placing enough emphasis on abstinence. He scored liquor advertising as making drinking attractive.

He took issue with doctors who say alcoholism is a disease.

He gave much credit to the Women's Christian Temperance Union for reducing alcoholism, but he said prohibition isn't the answer.

The governor said Oregon ranks 44th among the states in the percentage of alcoholics. Other speakers said Oregon has about 30,000 of them.

The superintendents of Oregon's three state hospitals said they are shortening the length of treatment. They restore the alcoholics to mental and physical health in a few weeks, and then turn them over to community agencies.

But, it was pointed out, cities outside of Portland don't have such facilities.

Henry Schlink, chairman of the Portland Alcoholic Rehabilitation Association, said that 95 per cent of rehabilitation comes from within the alcoholic. He said an important factor is to have former alcoholics help with the treatment.

"If an alcoholic talks to somebody who's been there," Schlink said, "he understands his problem because he's looking in a mirror."

George Dimas, executive director of the Oregon Alcohol Education Committee, said Oregon's program for alcoholic education in schools is recognized as one of the best.

This program, he said, teaches that you don't have to drink to have a good time, but if you drink learn the consequences beforehand. Then, he said, the children are taught that if you become an alcoholic, treatment is available.

He said there should be many more community facilities, and more research.

Dr. Martin Gish, psychiatrist at Eastern Oregon State Hospital, said much patience is required. He said one alcoholic had been in the hospital 15 times before apparently being cured.

But he said some of his patients try to make liquor in the hospital, and others go downtown to buy it. They are punished by being restricted, he said.

He said some patients get resentful at being confined too long, so they are released as soon as the resentment builds up.

# Portland Builds Dens Despite Earl Criticism

PORTLAND (AP) — Four applications for permits to build blast and fallout shelters were reported Thursday by the Portland Bureau of Buildings.

Stanley Earl, Portland city commissioner, who is a critic of civil defense policies, had charged the day before that no persons in Portland had applied for such permits.

C. N. Christiansen, director of the Bureau of Buildings, said one application had been filed Sept. 14, but had been referred to another bureau at the time Earl checked the records.

The other three applications were reported Thursday and referred to the Building Code Board.

No permits have been issued pending a ruling by the planning commission on requirements for shelters, Christiansen said.

Another part of the civil defense controversy came up Thursday when Jack Lowe, civil defense director, said a recent statement by Gov. Mark O. Hatfield, urging every person in Oregon to build a shelter regardless of where he lives, contradicts present local policies.

Lowe said the statement will be examined at an Oct. 10 meeting of the Portland Target Area Civil Defense Directors' Council.

Lowe said evacuation still is preferred. He said fallout shelters would not be adequate to withstand the blast effects of a nuclear bomb, nor could they withstand the ensuing firestorms.

Hatfield made his statement without any prior consultation with civil defense officials, Lowe said.

Nevertheless, he added, the de-

cision on any survival action rests with the individual family. Copies of official publications on the subject of shelters are available through any civil defense agency in the Portland area, Lowe said.

Earl, a critic of both evacuation and blast shelters, said he thinks the only way to ensure survival is to have peace. And the only way to have peace is to remain strong, he said.

# Surplus Food Distribution Times Change

## Bend Job OK

SALEM (AP) — The state Highway Commission was authorized today to build the Third Street overcrossing in Bend as part of the Bend bypass section of The Dalles-California Highway.

Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill approved the 279-foot reinforced concrete overpass that will carry two lanes of traffic over the Oregon Trunk Railway Co. tracks.

A new distribution schedule for surplus foods has been announced by Jim Watson, distribution agent for the county court.

Food will be available from 3-5 p.m. Monday through Friday the first three weeks of every month starting with Oct. 2, Watson said.

He has mailed out an alphabetical schedule to each surplus food recipient. The new schedule was adopted because Watson is attending Oregon Technical Institute and is now working part time for the county.

Commodities available for the next distribution are dried eggs, oats, corn meal, flour, dry milk, rice, lard, butter, pea beans and peanut butter. There will be choice between canned pork and gravy and canned chopped meat.

This is the seventh month of the surplus food program in Klamath County, the second county in the state to adopt it. The county court, which is responsible for distributing the food, has expressed pleasure with public response. Welfare and low income families are eligible for the federal surplus

food. The county welfare department certifies recipients for eligibility. An average of 1,400 persons have been served each month since the program began. Approximately 60 per cent of this number are also receiving some form of welfare assistance.

The cost of the program, originally the main obstacle, has been less than nine per cent of the wholesale value of the food. The county must pay freight plus a small unit charge to the State Department of Finance and Administration.



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# Cabbies Ask NLRB Election

PORTLAND (AP) — A petition for a union representation election among Portland taxicab drivers — now members of the Teamsters Union — has been filed with the National Labor Relations Board, a spokesman for the Motor Coach Employees union said Wednesday.

Gene Watson, business representative of local 757 of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, AFL-CIO, said an estimated 450 drivers for two cab companies are involved.

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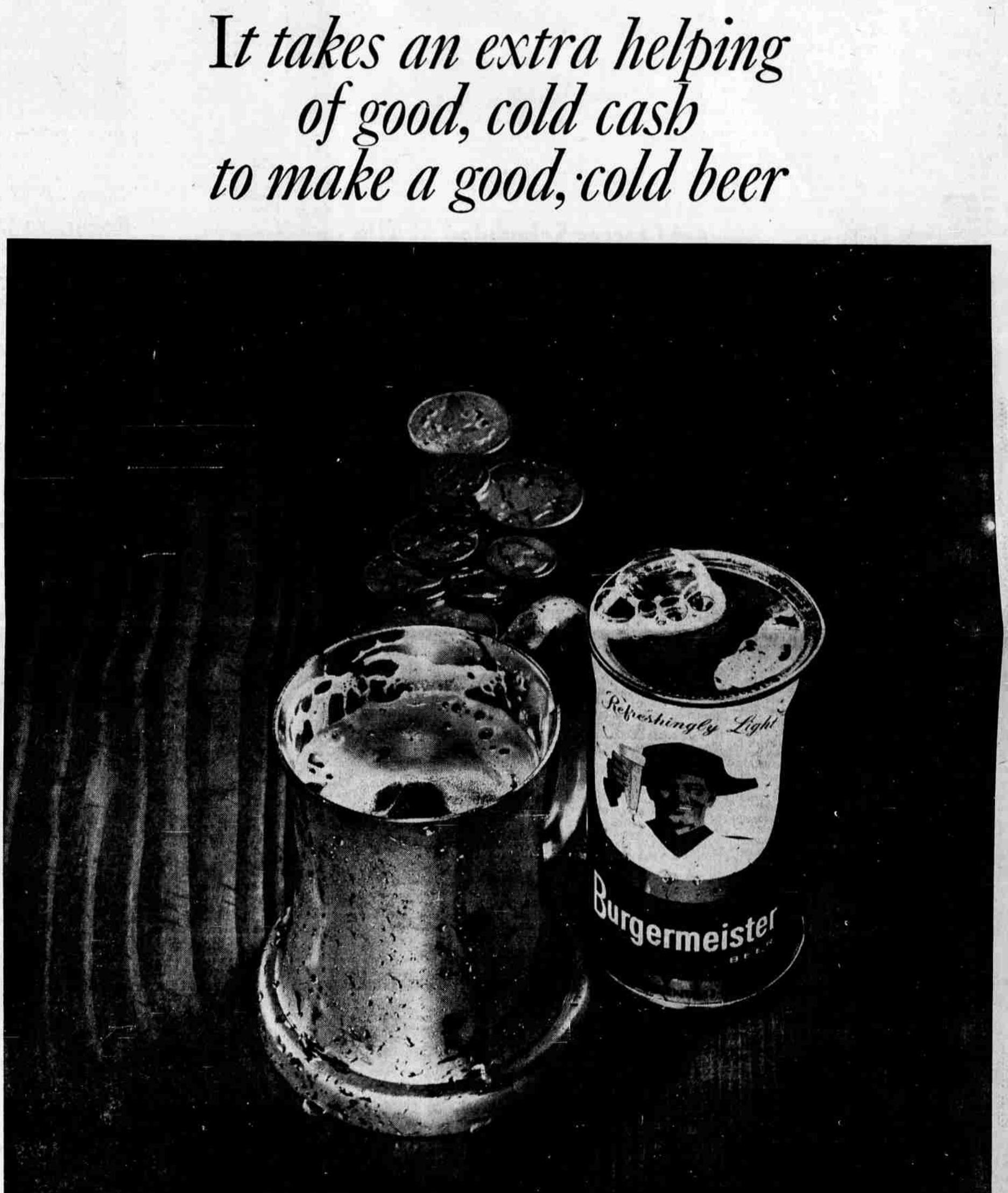
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