

THE PUBLIC WELFARE ?

(Questions about public welfare which are of general interest are answered in this column as a public service. Help with individual problems office.)

What documents should I bring when I go in to apply for old age assistance?

It would be very helpful if you would bring with you proof that you are sixty-five or over and that you have lived in Oregon for the last five years out of the last nine, including the year before you apply for assistance. The latter could be in the form of rent receipts or a written statement from some person who has known you during the time you have lived in Oregon. In addition, you should bring all bank books, deeds, insurance policies and other documents related to resources or property transactions.

If a person asks for a fair hearing regarding his right to assistance does he have to have a lawyer?

No. These hearings are conducted on an informal basis and give the recipient an opportunity to discuss his situation in his own words. However, he is entitled to bring with him any other person he wishes, including an attorney if he has one.

If a family gets abundant foods or food stamps can they still get a food allowance through welfare?

The purpose of food distribution programs is to provide low-income people, including public assistance recipients, with a better diet than would otherwise be available to them. These programs are intended to supplement their regular food budget, not to substitute for it. However, a welfare recipient in a county where food stamps are distributed must pay for the stamps with a portion of money included in his grant for food.

Can a person live anywhere he wants to if he gets welfare help?

Public welfare standards decide how much is allowed in a welfare grant for shelter. It is up to the recipient to choose a place to live that will be within his means just as it would be up to any other person with a fixed income.

If I contribute to my mother directly, will I still get a bill from welfare at the end of the year?

It will be necessary for public welfare to make a determination as to your liability, but you will receive credit for any contributions you have made which are reported to your county welfare department.

If caseworkers salaries here are below average, does that mean they hire just anyone without screening or taking an oath that they don't belong to the Communist Party?

No. A thorough screening of applicants is always done, although loyalty oaths are not a requirement. If necessary, a job will be left unfilled rather than hire a caseworker who appears to have less than the minimum qualifications.

Public welfare paid for my uncle's hospitalization but the hospital sent a bill to him too. Does he have to pay it out of his welfare grant?

No. No allowance is included in his grant for payment of medical bills, and assistance grants, by law, are exempt from garnishment, levy or execution. There is no legal way that your uncle can be forced to pay any bill out of his assistance grant.

What is the relationship between public welfare and the welfare recovery division?

Public welfare is administered by the State Public Welfare Commission as a means of providing for needy people who are too old to work, too disabled to work or children too young to work. The Welfare Recovery Division is a part of the Justice Department under the direction of the Attorney General of Oregon. Its function is to obtain enforcement of child support laws and to deal with certain types of fraud cases.

Former Residents Attend Helping Circle Meeting

MIST — The Mist Helping Circle met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Charles Hansen. Mrs. Ira Peterson and Mrs. Reed Holding of Scappoose, Mrs. Sam Devine and Mrs. Albert Blount and Ruth Anne of Vernonia were members attending who formerly lived in the area. Mrs. George Mathews won the hostess box. Next meeting, March 25, will be held at the home of Mrs. Howard Grimsbo. Armour Reynolds was at the H. M. Reynolds home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hemeon, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hansen and Randy visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Busch Sunday evening.

County Court Minutes - - -

February 10, 1965

The Columbia county court having this day met in regular session for the purpose of transacting county business, with the following members present: Judge Earl N. Seawright, Commissioners Louis J. Wasser and O. D. Clark, whereupon the following business was transacted:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A discussion of licensing dog kennels was held, and the court will investigate said matter.

Joe Cranford gave a report on the meeting of the Columbia County Youth Opportunity Program Committee held in Vernonia February 9. The next meeting will be held February 22, at 1 p.m. in the courthouse.

A letter was received from Mr. Leys McCarter, chairman of the Columbia County Development Commission advising that a proof of a brochure about Columbia County will be presented to the court in the near future.

Commissioner Wasser moved and Commissioner Clark seconded that an order be drawn up transferring \$187.76 from the Timber Reappraisal Fund to the General Fund. Motion carried.

A letter was received from the General Services Administration thanking Columbia county for their cooperation with the Port of St. Helens in the purchase of the Beaver Ammunition Site.

A memorandum was received from the County School Superintendent advising that there are 8,085 children now attending schools in this county.

A report was received from the Fair Board, stating that because of a bookkeeping error, there was an additional \$600 balance in their account.

A memorandum was received from Wayne Turner regarding a house bill pertaining to a change in distribution of highway funds by the state. A hearing was held on Tuesday, February 9, 1965.

Mr. James H. McBride, Jr. met with the court to discuss the possibility of the court signing a contract with St. Helens Paving Company for hot asphalt to be used on county roads. Said matter was taken under advisement.

Mr. Mel Knutson met with the court to seek recommendation of a wrecking license for the Rainier area. He was advised to first get the approval of the Columbia County Planning Commission.

Mr. Don Parcher met with the court to discuss work problems in the parks.

A discussion was held regarding the appointment of two additional members to the Fair Board. The following were nominated: Dick Wooten, Dick Howell and Dr. P. J. Jones.

Commissioner Wasser moved and Commissioner Clark seconded that Dick Wooten be appointed for a one-year term, that Dick Howell be appointed for a two-year term, and that Matt Erickson be reappointed for a three-year term to the Fair Board, said terms to be effective January 1, 1965. Motion carried.

A letter was received from Miss Edna Grey, thanking the court for the discussion regarding teen-age problems held during the visit of the 4-H girls to the court.

Mr. Elmer Carlson met with the court to advise that he had some property for sale if the court were interested, for a fairgrounds site. He was advised that the court will view the premises at a later date.

The weekly report of the government trapper presenting report and itinerary, was received by the court.

A letter was received from Harold W. Davis, of Rainier, submitting a bid of \$200 for Lots 1 through 8, Block 3, Florence Addition to Rainier. Because the court has already received a higher bid for this property, he will be advised that his offer has been rejected.

Nothing further coming before the court, the same adjourned until February 17, 1965.

COLUMBIA COUNTY COURT
/s/ Earl N. Seawright, County Judge
/s/ Louis J. Wasser, Commissioner
/s/ O. D. Clark, Commissioner

February 15, 1965

A special meeting of the Columbia County court was this day held, with the following members present: Judge Earl N. Seawright, Commissioners Louis J. Wasser, and O. D. Clark. District Attorney Donald Kalberer was also in attendance.

Upon advice of the District Attorney, Commissioner Wasser moved and Commissioner Clark seconded that the court sign an Order submitting questions as outlined by petitions of the people, and setting the

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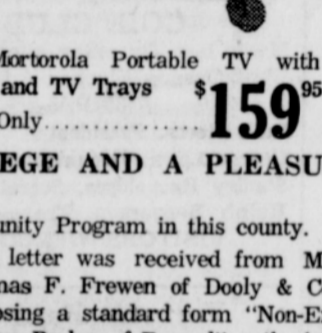
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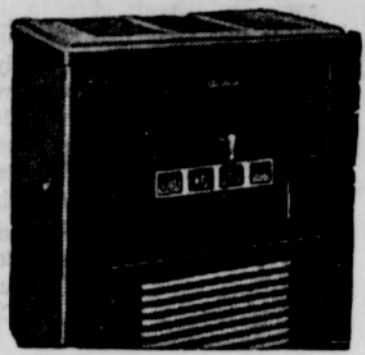
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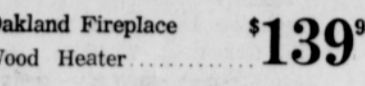
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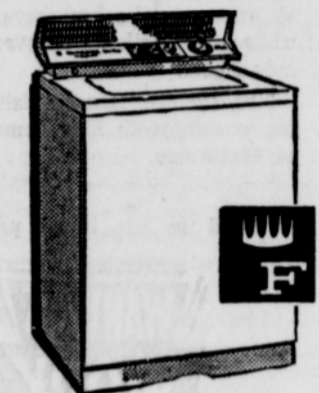
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Little People Families Seen

BIRKENFELD—Miss Shirley Berg visited last Tuesday at Newberg with Mrs. Edith Bartolotti whose seven-year-old daughter, Karen, is a member of the Little People of America organization. Mrs. Ruth Carr of Hillsboro accompanied Shirley. Her son Larry is also a member of the organization. He is an art student in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Richardson and little son were in Portland Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nordstrom and Mr. and Mrs. Bob DuPuis were at Monmouth Saturday to attend a folk festival.

E. T. Johnston and Fred Busch drove to Seaside Monday. Busch went to work on his plane and Johnston took a flying lesson.

Al Berg and Bill Larson took advantage of the nice weather Sunday and played some golf.

Mr. and Mrs. Vick Berg were in Seaside Monday for clam digging. They also visited the Ralph Bergs.

ruary 24, 1965.
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 17th day of February, 1965.

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