

January 1 Effective Date For "Implied Consent" Law

Despite the fact that the 1965 Legislature failed to provide funds to cover its operation and administration, Oregon's new chemical breath test "implied consent" law begins work at 12:01 a.m., January 1, 1966. The Legislature, while approving the measure voted no funds for its implementation, and it remained for the State Emergency Board to partially plug the financial gap in late October.

The Oregon law requires that any driver, licensed or unlicensed, suspended or revoked, shall submit to a chemical test of his breath after he has been arrested for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, and if requested to do so by the arresting officer.

If a driver declines to take the breath test under the stipulated conditions of the law, his driver's license may be suspended for 90 days. This action is separate and distinct from charge of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Although new in Oregon, chemical breath testing for intoxication was first used in 1938. The first breath-testing apparatus was the Drunkometer. The latest, and widely accepted as the most accurate, is the Breathalyzer. This machine, the Intoximeter and the Sobermeter are the only ones that have been certified so far by the Oregon State Board of Health.

The Oregon State Police have already ordered 22 Breathalyzers.

A survey made by the Traffic Safety and Education Division of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles in January, 1965 showed that over 54 percent of the Oregon's police departments already have some type of breath test equipment.

Thus, most jurisdictions in the state are ready to put the new law to work when it becomes effective New Year's Eve, while the others will call on cooperating enforcement agencies until they have their own equipment. Many smaller police departments now use the equipment of State Police, county sheriffs or county attorney's offices.

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Commissioners Plan for Parks

St. Helens, Oregon
December 2, 1965

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Park Commission was held in the St. Helens City Hall Council Chambers at 8:00 p.m. on December 2, 1965.

Members present were: June Simmons, chairman; Vernon Griffin, Ray Peterson, Geneva Shadley, W. W. Kimble, Frank Patton, roadmaster; Dorothy Waggoner, secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Electrical outlets at Hudson park were discussed. Patton suggested that five more outlets would be sufficient at this time.

Mr. Griffin moved to have Mr. Patton hire a licensed electrician to install the five new outlets. Mr. Peterson second. The motion carried.

Mrs. Shadley and Mr. Peterson reported on the 6th annual conference of Oregon County Park associations, which they and Mrs. Simmons attended on November 5 in Salem.

Mr. Kimble stated that at the last meeting of the Columbia County Pomona Grange a motion was made to sell Big Eddy park to the county for \$2,500 with a provision of a 99 year restriction that it be used only as a park. This park has been discussed many times. Mrs. Shadley moved that upon receipt of a letter stating these facts from Pomona Grange, the secretary write a letter to the Columbia county court urging them to consider acquisition of this property to be included in the county park system. Mr. Kimble second. The motion carried.

Mrs. B. W. McNeil, a Girl Scout leader from McBride school in St. Helens, wrote to the commission requesting permission for her troop to complete a Promise Project, "A Girl Scout is a Friend to Animals", by placing bird feeders in county parks and keeping them filled as much as possible.

Mr. Peterson moved to permit this project to be fulfilled. Mr. Kimble second. The motion carried. There was a discussion regarding unsightly junk yards in the county.

Consideration was given to locking Camp Wilkerson again for the winter due to vandalism in previous years.

Mr. Griffin moved to contact the Oregon state highway department regarding placing advance signs where possible to advise travelers of county parks. Mr. Kimble second. The motion carried.

Renewal of Mr. Sieberts logging contract was discussed. Mr. Peterson was advised by the commission to investigate and proceed with the renewal.

Beaver Falls park was discussed. The meeting was then adjourned.

Christmas Visitors At The Bob DuPuis Home

BIRKENFELD — Guests Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob DuPuis were Mrs. DuPuis' brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. David Provost and four children, Donna, Linda, David, and Paul. The Provosts returned to their home in Portland Sunday. The DuPuis' son, Billy, went home with them for a few days. Cathy DuPuis is home over the holidays from Monmouth. Mrs. DuPuis was in Portland the first of last week managing the Nordic Motel while the owners were away.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hammerberg and four children from Grande Ronde arrived Thursday to be here at Christmas with the Hammerberg families in this area. They returned home Sunday.

Gary and Lloyd Johnston and Terry Larson went to Portland Monday of this week to attend the Far West basketball classics.

Mr. and Mrs. Arby Mills, Shirley, Nicholas and Erick Berg, and Jepson Lonnquist spent Christmas eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lonnquist. The Lonnquist's son, Jepson, spent Christmas day with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Worthington, Eureka, California, are visiting their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Watson on the Fishhawk. They were here in time for Christmas and plan to visit here until after New Years. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Glick visited with the Watsons and Worthingtons on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Baker spent Christmas day with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Parman, in Portland. Christmas eve, the Bakers had turkey dinner with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baker of Portland.



By Woodrow Moe

QUESTION: What is the difference between Hospital Insurance benefits and supplementary Insurance benefits under the Health Insurance program?

ANSWER: The Hospital Insurance program will pay for a major share of expenses in the hospital, extended care facilities and home health visits. It will not pay any doctor bills. The supplementary Medical Insurance will pay a large share of doctor bills in addition to home health visits and also other medical services such as diagnostic tests, surgical dressings, and splints and rental of medical equipment.

QUESTION: How much of my medicines will be paid for by the health insurance plan?

ANSWER: Except for drugs and medicines administered as part of the care in hospitals and extended care facilities, there is no provision for payment of drugs or medicines.

QUESTION: Has a law been passed that would let a woman get social security at 60?

ANSWER: A woman would qualify for a reduced widow's benefit at 60. However, she would have to be 62 to qualify on her own work record or as a wife who has no children under the age of 18 in her care.

QUESTION: Is it true that I can now earn \$1500 without having any of my social security benefits withheld?

ANSWER: No. This part of the law starts in 1966. The \$1200 limitation continues to apply for 1965.

QUESTION: My father is 80 years old. He was turned down for social security benefits because he had not worked long enough to qualify. Will the new law help him?

ANSWER: It may. Since he is over 76, he needs only three quarters of coverage to qualify, instead of six.

QUESTION: I am 67 and receive widow's benefits. Will this qualify me for hospital insurance benefits?

ANSWER: Yes. You qualify as a beneficiary who is at least 65. It makes no difference whether you get payments as a retired worker, wife, or widow.

QUESTION: My daughter was receiving a monthly check on her deceased father's social security record. She married last year but is now going to college. Can she qualify as a child?

ANSWER: No. In addition to being under age 22 and attending school full-time, she must also be unmarried.

QUESTION: I am a minister who

has never elected social security coverage. Is it too late to do anything about it?

ANSWER: No. The new amendments extend the time within which you may elect coverage by filing a waiver certificate with Internal Revenue Service until April 15, 1966.

QUESTION: Can a divorced wife receive benefits on her ex-husband's social security record?

ANSWER: It is possible under the new amendments if she is at least age 62 (age 60 if survivor), unmarried, was married to the wage earner 20 years and meets certain support requirements. Visit your social security district office for further details.

QUESTION: My dad died 10 years ago and had worked about one year under social security. Mom is 80. Is it possible she could draw widow's benefits now?

ANSWER: Your mother should file a claim for benefits immediately. The recent changes in the law may allow benefits to be paid to certain workers, their wives, and widows, 72 or older even though they had less than six quarters of coverage.

QUESTION: I receive social security disability benefits. My wife and daughter were entitled until February when my daughter became 18. I understand that my daughter can get benefits again as a student under age 22. Does this mean that my wife can get benefits again, also?

ANSWER: No. A wife is eligible only if she is age 62 or has a child under age 18 (or a disabled child) in her care who is receiving benefits. Benefits cannot be paid a mother whose only child receives benefits after 18 because he attends school.

QUESTION: I am a retired worker, age 66. My wife receives a reduced benefit since she is only 63. Can we both qualify for health insurance benefits?

ANSWER: Only you can qualify. Your wife must wait until she is 65.

QUESTION: I am over 65, but never worked under social security. Am I eligible for Medicare?

ANSWER: Probably. Nearly all people 65 or older are eligible for Medicare. There is no work requirement. Get in touch with your nearest social security office for information about enrolling in the program.

QUESTION: I am a 60-year-old widow and my husband was insured under social security. Can I choose whichever is the higher benefit; that is, my own social security or that of a widow?

ANSWER: You cannot be entitled on your own social security record until you are at least 62. However, you may receive widows benefits between age 60 and 62.

QUESTION: Does a disability still have to have lasted for six months before benefits can be paid?

ANSWER: Yes. The 1965 amendments did not change this. The worker's first check will be issued for the seventh month of disability.

Greenwood Here For Holidays

RIVERVIEW — Jack Greenwood arrived home last Monday for a 30 day leave. He is with U. S. S. Oriskany which is docked at San Diego. It had just returned from Viet Nam.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stewart and four children spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stewart at Beaverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lara and family of Portland spent Christmas with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hudson. Mrs. Opal Bechtold went home with her daughter after spending a few weeks here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lloyd entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tomlin and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eckland and boys for Christmas dinner. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Lloyd of Auburn, Washington arrived to spend the night with them.

Mrs. J. E. Rose, grandson Jack Greenwood and his fiancée, Miss Pennie Sweider of St. Johns enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Derrel Rose of Forest Grove. Bud Rose, who is in the U. of O. hospital was to undergo further tests Monday and Tuesday after which they will be able to determine when he can come home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lloyd have a new great granddaughter, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Lloyd of Portland. She arrived at the Portland Sanitarium December 28, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and as yet has not been named. She joins a brother and a sister.

ty. However, the disabled worker should check with the social security office during the six-month period.

QUESTION: I understand that the limit on earnings has been raised from \$1200 to \$1500 before any deductions are made from benefits. Does this apply to earnings in 1965?

ANSWER: No, the \$1500 limit 1966 in most cases. However, it may apply. For more information you have a taxable year that is different from a calendar year, it the Health Insurance program is call your nearest social security office.

QUESTION: I understand that everyone over 65 who wants the Health insurance benefits will have to pay \$3 a month for it beginning July 1, 1966. Is this right?

ANSWER: Not exactly. You see, the Health Insurance program is actually divided into two parts. Part A is the Hospital Insurance program which covers everyone 65 and over without cost. Part B is the supplementary Medical Insurance which is strictly voluntary and will cost \$3 a month to those who decide to take it.

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