



DESPITE DAMP weather, a good-sized crowd turned out Sunday for community picnic at Airport Park, sponsored by Don Cavanaugh and Gordon Smith of Cliff's Market. The picnic and barbecue

was given by the market personnel in appreciation for the welcome local residents have given them to Vernonia.

Rules Offered To Bike Riders

The Vernonia Eagle office has received several phone calls in recent days regarding youthful bicycle riders—who apparently are unaware of the "Rules of the Road."

- The following guidelines for safe bicycling are compiled by the Oregon State Department of Motor Vehicles, and are passed along to parents of young bike riders:
- THE LUCKY THIRTEEN**
Johnny Handlebar's Safety Code
1. Obey all traffic signs and regulations.
 2. Keep to the right side of the road—that side is for slow moving vehicles.
 3. Ride single file, at a safe distance behind the vehicle ahead.
 4. Stop to see that sidewalks or streets are clear, before riding out of alleys or driveways or from behind parked cars.
 5. Dismount and walk bike across heavily traveled streets and highways.
 6. Signal your intention to turn.
 7. Carry parcels and books in a basket or luggage carrier.
 8. Never ride two on a bike; passengers interfere with vision and control.
 9. Never hitch on to other vehicles.
 10. Do not stunt on streets and highways.
 11. At night have a white light on front of bike, a red light or reflector on rear; wear white or light-colored clothing.
 12. Keep your bike in good condition.
 13. Park your bike in a safe and proper place, standing upright. Always leave it locked.
- Also, the Vernonia Police Department warns bike riders that it is unlawful to ride a bicycle on city sidewalks, and that action will be taken against offenders.

your retirement date. You will need to make an estimate of your expected earnings for 1973. You will also be asked for proof of your age. Of course, you will need to take your social security card with you and your W-2 form, Statement of Earnings for 1972, if you have it.

QUESTION: I'm 65 and, although I've never worked under social security, I did sign up for the medical insurance part of Medicare as soon as I could. My doctor says I may need surgery soon. Can I get Medicare hospital insurance based on my husband's social security record even though he's 63 and still working?

ANSWER: Yes, you can. Even though your husband isn't retired and not yet 65, he can file for social security just to give you hospital coverage. He doesn't have to get benefits himself, and he can keep right on working.

QUESTION: My son receives benefits as a student. He will become age 22 during his last semester in college. Do his payments stop then?

ANSWER: No. Under the new law, effective January 1973, payments to an eligible full-time student will continue to the end of the semester in which he reaches age 22, provided he is still working on an undergraduate degree.

QUESTION: I have been disabled and have been receiving disability social security benefits for about five years. Am I now covered under Medicare?

ANSWER: You will be covered beginning July 1973. This is the first month any person under age 65 can have Medicare coverage.

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Eagle Ads Get Results

Officials Air Future Status Of Air Agency

Two officials of Columbia-Willamette Air Pollution Authority June 19 issued what they termed a clarification of details concerning the air pollution agency's present and future status.

The two, CWAPA Board Chairman Fred Stefani, Clackamas County Commissioner, and Richard E. Hatchard, CWAPA Program Director, said that a rash of articles and editorials appearing in various media the last two weeks have led to confusion in the minds of the public, and that it is to the best interests of air pollution control that facts be given equal time.

According to Stefani, reports continue to characterize Portland's and Multnomah County's decision to contribute an additional \$11,250 each as funding to replace Washington County's unpaid contribution. "This is not true," said Stefani. "Washington County no longer figures in our budget, except as a contingency. The figure of \$22,500 is made up of contributions normally coming from Clackamas and Columbia counties, figured on a per capita basis. This sum amounts to \$19,287 from Clackamas County, \$3,249 from Columbia County, for the total of, roughly, \$22,500," he added.

"The significant action of additional funding by Multnomah County and Portland means that the regional air authority may operate for another year. Such operation follows the adoption of the operating budget of \$555,570 by the board at its June 15 meeting. These actions by-pass the tiresome theme of Washington County's financial participation although CWAPA will still service Washington County as part of the original statutory requirement.

"In the coming year we will address ourselves to correcting this situation and, perhaps, the Department of Environmental Quality will see its way clear to assisting us by not continuing to play on variations of 'can a county be forced to stay in a regional agency,'" Stefani concluded.

Hatchard said that the agency's difficulties are not only compounded but "probably began when the federal arm of pollution control, the Environmental Protection Agency, signified its approval of doing away with local control by showing its preference to deal with one state agency rather than a number of regional agencies within a state."

The CWAPA program director said that there is a considerable amount of concern now, nationally, from local governments as to whether EPA's change of attitude is in the best interests of pollution control.

He noted that resistance to the EPA stand is stiffening, and cited a special meeting June 27 at an Air Pollution Control Association session in Chicago where such resistance will be a paramount issue of discussion.

"It is this combined thrust of state and federal control agencies which works against the viable, strong regional control authorities which both publicly praise but privately work to phase out of existence," Hatchard said. "And as is usual, in the final analysis the people of the region will get as much as and local control of pollution as they, themselves, desire."

Art Exhibits Loaned by OSU

A catalog of traveling art exhibitions available to Oregon communities has been published by the Statewide Art Services of the University of Oregon Museum of Art. The catalogue illustrates samples from the 34 different exhibits from which community arts groups in the state may choose. The exhibits are pre-packaged, transported and installed by Statewide Art Services personnel.

Included are exhibits of paper collages, cloth hangings, sculptures, photographs, drawings, ceremonial textiles, prints, oils and weavings. Some of these exhibits were chosen in a special competition partially funded by the National Endowment for the Arts through the Oregon Arts Commission. More than 250 artists entered the most recent contest. The other works are from the permanent collection of the U of O Museum of Art.

Some 100 groups had exhibitions last year through this program. Any group interested in having a Statewide Art Service exhibition may obtain a copy of the catalog and other information from Antonio Diez, Director, Statewide Art Services, Museum of Art, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403.



"EASY DOES IT!" Participant in egg tossing contest makes safe catch on this throw, but her apprehension is well-deserved as the fragile projectile shattered in her hands on next round. The egg toss was one of games played at Cliff's picnic Sunday.

Eight Added To KAO Roles

The Kidney Association of Oregon has announced that eight more Oregonians have been added to its life-saving program, individuals who have developed kidney failure and who must use an artificial kidney machine to stay alive.

The new patients are: Mrs. Janice Clavon and Mrs. Geraldine Bentley, Roseburg; Mrs. Ilene Schult, Tigard; Dwight Thompson, Rogue River; Mrs. Norma Putman, Carlton; John Putyrski, Scappoose; Mrs. Juanita Martin, Bend; and Mrs. Janice Scott, Portland.

According to the announcement by KAO executive director Chuck Foster, 35 Oregonians are now being kept alive in the Kidney Association statewide program.

Foster said, "We have admitted 13 new patients to our dialysis program since the beginning of 1973. This," he explained, "is a larger number of patients than have been added in previous years, an average of more than two new patients per month. Prior to 1973 KAO had been admitting an average of about one new patient each month."

Non-profit KAO provides artificial kidney machines, treatment, training and medical supplies to its patients and is financed principally from public donations.



By Woodrow Moe

QUESTION: When I retired I filed an application for my disabled son and it was turned down because he was not disabled before he was eighteen years old. Has there been a change in the law?

ANSWER: Yes. Under the 1972 amendments, Congress extended the law to cover children disabled before they were 22 years of age. It would be to your advantage to file another application for your son.

QUESTION: I am now attending college and receiving social security benefits. I'm running short on money and might have to cut my attendance down to part-time and get a part-time job next quarter. Can I continue receiving checks if I keep my earnings below \$2,100 for this year?

ANSWER: No. Even though your earnings would not prevent payment, the fact that you reduced your attendance to less than full-time would stop the checks. If you return to full-time attendance in the future, you may again apply for benefits.

QUESTION: When I retire this fall at 62, I'll have a large lump-sum payment coming to me for accumulated vacation leave earned during my last year of work. However, I won't actually receive this payment until about 2 months after I retire. When I apply for social security payments, do I include this lump-sum payment in my estimate of earnings for this year?

ANSWER: Yes. Your payment for accumulated vacation leave will be counted as wages earned in the last month you actually worked and will not affect your monthly social security checks for months after you retired.

QUESTION: My oldest son is applying for a summer job and needs a social security number. I also have two younger children—is it too soon to get social security cards for them?

ANSWER: No. There is no age requirement for getting a social security number. If a child is too young to sign an application, a parent or guardian may complete and sign the request.

QUESTION: My daughter was drawing childhood disability benefits until four years ago. She tried to work for three years, but had to quit because her condition became worse. She did not work long enough on her own to receive a benefit. Can she go back on my account again?

ANSWER: The 1972 amendments permit reentitlement to childhood disability benefits for a beneficiary who again becomes disabled within seven years after his benefits were terminated because his disability ceased as a result of substantial gainful employment or medical recovery.

QUESTION: I've been getting social security disability payments for over 3 years, and I know I'll have Medicare coverage starting next month. What will my Medicare insurance cost me?

ANSWER: Because you get disability benefits, you won't pay a monthly premium for your hospital insurance. Medical insurance is voluntary and, if you want this additional protection, the premium will be \$6.30 a month. If you decide to take the medical insurance, your premium will be deducted from your monthly social security check starting the month your protection begins.

QUESTION: My company makes me retire at the end of the month I become 65. This will be in May 1973. I know I will need to file for my social security so I can get a check by the time my pay checks from the company stop. How do I start?

ANSWER: Call or go to your nearest Social Security office. Beginning in January 1973, earnings of \$2,100 or less in the calendar year will permit you to receive all your social security checks. If your earnings will exceed \$2,100 next year, it might still be possible for you to receive some checks before

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