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DA Announces Federal Grant Received Here

Receipt of a \$17,000 federal grant to continue aggressive investigation and prosecution of drinking drivers in Columbia County was announced recently by District Attorney Robert A. Lucas.

The grant, awarded through the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission and totalling \$26,800 with inclusion of local matching funds, will pay for the drinking driver program for a second year. Termination date will be August 31, 1974. This will be the second year of the project with federal funding of a third year expected.

This project represents a cooperative effort by the District Attorney's office and police to reduce traffic deaths caused by drinking drivers and negligent drivers through a stepped-up enforcement and prosecution program.

The program started in October 1972. Since the start of the project, several training sessions have been held for the police officers in Columbia County to assist them in spotting the drinking driver. Video tape equipment has been purchased and is located in a room in the Columbia County Jail. This video tape equipment allows the police officer to record on video tape, persons charged with Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor. The person is asked to perform certain dexterity tests to assist the police officer, and perhaps the court to determine whether or not the person is intoxicated.

District Attorney Lucas said that this program is successful primarily because the police officers in Columbia County have placed more emphasis on reducing the number of drinking drivers on the highway. Consequently, the number of DUI arrests has increased. This, in turn, has helped reduce the number of fatalities in Columbia County relating to the drinking driver.

Job Center To Continue

Senator William H. Holmstrom, (D) Gearhart, and Representative George Cole, (D) Seaside have announced the U.S. Department of Labor's awarding a contract extending the operation of the Tongue Point Job Corps Center for Women.

Action on behalf of saving this center came after the Congress of the United States has been memorialized by the 57th Oregon Legislative Assembly urging continuing "the programs and services provided to women by the Tongue Point Job Center at their present level and at their present location."

Because of a 12 percent cut-back by the Department of Labor for all the Job Corps programs for the 1974 Fiscal year, the future of Tongue Point was in a hazardous position.

Holmstrom and Cole said the present level will be maintained at 440 corpswomen because of the significant contribution the program is making for the youth of Oregon and the Northwest.

Earlier this summer, Senator Holmstrom and Representative Cole received citation plaques for their efforts in keeping Tongue Point at the same location. Recognition by the Department of Labor to the two legislators preceded the Department's decision.

Holmstrom, Senate Majority Leader, said, "I am very happy to receive this news which will allow the continuance of an outstanding program in our area. That department's decision will not now seriously impede the manpower training and development currently being done at Tongue Point."

Watermaster Visit Set

Clayton J. Gardner, State Watermaster, is in Room 308, Columbia County Courthouse from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. to answer any questions pertaining to water rights. His next visit will be on November 21.

KAO Launches Fifth Annual Fund Drive

The Kidney Association of Oregon has launched its fifth annual statewide fund drive in order to raise \$200,000 in public contributions. The money will be used during 1974 to help provide 40 kidney failure victims now on artificial kidney machine treatment throughout the state with necessary equipment and supplies they cannot afford, in order to keep them alive and productive. Funds also will be used, KAO officials say, to add as many new patients as possible during 1974.

KAO president, Al Lemke, Portland, said in announcing the opening of the 1973-74 fund drive, "The Kidney Association of Oregon continues to be dedicated to provide artificial kidney machine treatment for anyone in Oregon who qualifies for our life-saving program. We are continuing to be successful in maintaining the lives of kidney failure victims with public support and with the help of the Oregon Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Medicare."

"The number of patients we are treating," he pointed out, "has almost doubled the past year, and we are admitting new patients at an increasing rate. As a result," he explained, "our responsibility for raising funds through public contributions to help care for these Oregonians has increased." He emphasized that, "We do not receive financial support from any United Fund organization in the state."

"KAO," he stated, "is fortunate to have highly qualified medical personnel at the training center at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland who train and treat our patients. We have the medical know-how and there is no shortage of kidney machines. All we need is the continuing support of the people of Oregon to help pay for the machines and medical supplies for these people."

Contributions which are tax deductible from Columbia County should be sent to the Kidney Association of Oregon, Post Office Box 342 in St. Helens.

Bureau Plans Local Survey

Local representatives of the Bureau of the Census will interview a number of households in this area the week of November 19-23 to obtain information on employment here. The bureau is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Social and Economic Statistics Administration.

John E. Tharaldson, Director of the Bureau's Data Collection Center in Seattle, in making the announcement, said the households are among 50,000 across the country that have been scientifically selected to represent a cross section of the American people.

The survey, which the bureau conducts each month for the U.S. Department of Labor, provides a continuing measure of employment and unemployment for the Nation. For example, overall employment rose sharply in September, while unemployment remained unchanged. Total employment increased by 700,000 to a seasonally adjusted level of 85.1 million, the first monthly increase since June. The unemployment rate was 4.8 percent, essentially the same as in the preceding three months but well below the 5.5 percent level of September a year ago.

Information supplied by individuals participating in the survey is kept confidential by law and results are used only to compile statistical totals.

CORRECTION

Well, the gremlins were at it again last week. They put their busy hands to work causing an error to appear in the city council story which should have read:

After a somewhat lengthy discussion as to the pros and cons of fighting court action on the new city charter, it was decided by a vote of three nays and two yeas that the suit not be relinquished by default.

Sorry it happened and, hopefully, the gremlins will stay away from now on—or at least for awhile.

VHS Harriers Tie For Fifth Place At State Saturday

A wet and boggy track hampered runners who traveled to Lane Community College in Eugene last Saturday for the annual State Cross Country Meet at which Vernonia Varsity Cross Country Team tied for fifth place out of 16 teams participating.

Placing first in the field of 112 in the 2.5 mile course was Mike Mason from Canyonville Bible Academy with a winning time of 12:33 with Vernonia's Pat Curl hard on his heels in second spot with a time of 12:46.

Following Pat across the finish line for the VHS harriers was

AT RIGHT—Pat Curl crosses the finish line well ahead of the field but failed to make top spot, coming in second at Saturday's State Cross Country Meet held at Lane Community College in Eugene. Mike Mason from Canyonville Bible Academy took first place in the meet. Below: No. 190 Kelly Smith, who placed second for the Vernonia squad and No. 195 Dale Webb paced themselves among the field of 112 participants in the top cross country meet of the year. Only the top teams compete in this annual event with harriers coming from all over the state to match their speed and endurance with their contemporaries.

Kelly Smith and just a fraction of a second behind him was Jeff Curl. Both times were approximately 14:05. They fill the 35th and 36th position in the race. They are both freshmen and are expected to do much more for the team in the future seasons.

Chris Collins took 45th place at the meet, with a time of 14:18. This was Chris' last chance to be on a State Champion Cross-Country Team, because he will be graduating this year.

Rob Hanson finished 47th two seconds behind Chris. Rob is a junior and will be running next year.

Fifty-first place was taken by Lane Daughtry, who had a time of 14:32. Lane ran for the JV squad part of the year, but since has moved up to fill a Varsity position.

Dale Webb finished 7th on the local team, and 67th in the race. Dale's time was 14:56.

Coach Roberts took eight runners to the state meet in case of sudden illnesses or any other occurrence that would prevent one of the runners from participating in the race. The eighth man was Brad Garner.

The team ending up with the first place State Trophy was McKenzie, who the locals defeated by 30 points at the Western Minonite Invitational. McKenzie totaled 105 points. Taking the second place trophy was Pacific City. Pacific placed one ahead of Vernonia in the State Meet last year, when the Loggers took 7th place. Pacific scored 112 points.

The third place trophy went to Munroe High School, with 113 points. Western Minonite took fourth place, with a total of 120 points. Western Minonite was beaten by Vernonia at the Catlin Gable Relay, and at the North Marion Invitational by 40 points.

Fifth place presented a tie between the Loggers and Gilcrest. Both teams scored 165 points.

Other teams and point standings were, North Douglas; 236, Wallowa; 243 Griswold; 248, Jefferson; 257, Crow; 258, Portland Christian; 278, Canyonville Bible Academy; 278, Perrydale; 305, St. Paul; 315, and Salem Academy had 401 points to end to end the Class A running.

The team will be losing only one member, Chris Collins who has been running in fourth position most of the year.

Post Office Offers Safe Mailing Tips

In an effort to help holiday shoppers with their "mailing worries", Postmaster Thomas Tomlin offers the following helpful tips.

If a single item is being mailed, it should be cushioned with shredded paper, excelsior, compressed tissue paper, cloth or expanded foam. If two or more items are mailed in the same carton or box, cushioning material should protect all items from contact with each other, and each item should have its own individual wrapper.

Cardboard containers, including large soap, cereal boxes, etc., larger than the gift being mailed should be cut down to about the size of the gift to minimize shaking and breaking in transit.

Fragile articles must be individually cushioned, and all four sides of the container should be padded with cushioning material.

Tape used to seal containers should be durable type and should cover or secure firmly all flaps.

Paper for the outer wrapping should be at least equal in quality and strength to the kraft stock used for grocery bags. Incidentally, such bags, in good condition, provide excellent wrapping when trimmed to the proper size to fit the package snugly.

Wrapped packages also should be secured with strong twine, not ordinary light string. Twine should be knotted at several intersecting points to keep it from loosening.

All packages that contain delicate articles should be marked FRAGILE. Each package should contain the name and address of the person to whom it is being mailed inside the package as well as outside. An address contained inside the package is insurance that it will be received promptly even if accidentally opened or if the outside address should become obliterated. Be sure to put your return address on the package also.

And finally, address the package correctly and legibly. Be sure to include the Zip Code. Call the local post office if in doubt as to the Zip Code. Mail with the proper Zip Code is processed more rapidly than without codes.

Weather Conditions Alter Driving Habits

This is the time of year when Oregon drivers need to adjust their driving habits to changing road and weather conditions and a change in time.

The Oregon Motor Vehicles Division receives many reports of accidents this time of year, some serious but most of the "fender-bender" type, because drivers fail to make these adjustments.

Here, briefly, is what the agency suggests as driver responses to changing conditions.

First, turn on lights in fog or on dark, rainy days. Lights may not help a person to see ahead, but they will alert oncoming and following drivers of another's presence.

Next, remember that the change from daylight to standard time means heavier traffic during early evening hours of darkness. Since pedestrians are a part of that traffic, be especially alert for pedestrians crossing streets who may be wearing dark-colored clothing.

Adjust speed downward to make up for wet streets and highways and to adjust to driving during more hours of darkness.

Finally, the agency quotes a paragraph from the state Driver's Manual: "Sometimes, fog lies in patches. Slow down before you enter a fog patch."

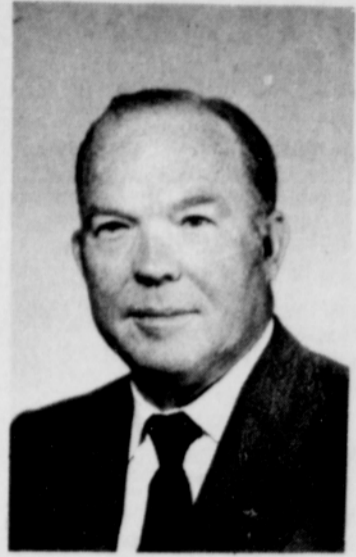
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Detectives Begin Work In DA's Office

District Attorney Robert A. Lucas reports that two detectives have begun work in Columbia County in his office under a federally financed program designed to assist small municipal police agencies with their investigative work.

Because of the limited manpower of the small police departments and the Sheriff's department in Columbia County, these agencies have difficulty conducting follow-up investigations while maintaining the regular day-to-day duties of the department.

The new investigative unit - financed on a 75 percent federal - 25 percent local basis - was designed to assist the smaller police agencies in the county with the investigative work that is often sidelined by the everyday press of events. A unique and experimental aspect of this project will allow for very close coordination and cooperation with the District Attorney's office as the project team members are employed by and will report directly to the District Attorney.



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officer, and Bruce Oester, a Columbia County Deputy Sheriff, have assumed duties as the investigators.

The federal share of the program financing amounts to some \$30,000 will be expended on salaries for the investigators, a radio-equipped vehicle, and general investigative equipment.

The grant is of one year duration, and officials here are hopeful that the program can be continued in the future with funding through the Sheriff's department.

Tennant comes to the program with 30 years' experience with the Portland Police Bureau. He retired in May 1972, and after traveling and relaxing for slightly more than a year, accepted one of the two detective positions.

He spent 25 of his 30 years in police work in the investigative units and detective division with the Portland Police Bureau, and headed the homicide, robbery and burglary details. During Tennant's career, he was in charge of most of the units within that division.

His educational background includes a multitude of special schools and classes, perhaps the most challenging of which was a criminal police science program at the University of Indiana. Tennant also served as an instructor at the Police academy for 10 years, and instructed fraud classes for the League of Oregon Cities. He makes his home at Seappoose.

Oester has spent the past 5 1/2 years with the Columbia County Sheriff's Department as a deputy, and prior to that time was a firefighter with the St. Helens Rural Fire District. A graduate of Lower Columbia College at Longview, Oester earned a degree in Administration of Justice in Administration of Justice. He is currently attending Portland State University.

Oester joined the investigative unit early in October and will retain his commission with the Sheriff's Department while being assigned to the District Attorney's office for a year.

He and his wife and family reside at Columbia City.

OACLD Meeting Set At PSU November 15

There will be a meeting of the Oregon Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, November 15 at 7:30 in Room 338, Smith Memorial Center at Portland State University.

Speakers for the meet will be Mrs. Floy Pepper, coordinator of Emotionally Handicapped Program for Multnomah County Intermediate Education District; and John Bischel, M.D., Child Psychiatrist, serving both Multnomah County Mental Health Department and Multnomah County IED.



RECEIVING their National Safety Council Safe Driver Awards from Chief of Police Jack Cunningham are Vernonia Post Office Employees Gerald L. Russell, Ten year pla; Gary D. Dinger, six year pla; and Marie Bellingham, three year pla. The Safe Driver Award, a trademark of

the expert driver, and recognized as the nation's highest award for professional safe driving, is issued in a variety of employment situations in which the operation of a motor vehicle is involved.

