

State Highway Division Names Rights Coordinator

James L. Butler, a career engineer with the State Highway Division, has been named that agency's first civil rights coordinator, it was announced today by George M. Baldwin, administrator of highways.

Butler is a native of Portland and attended Multnomah College, Portland Community College, and Portland State. He started as a rear chairman in 1951, was promoted to head chairman, then to draftsman, and eventually to his present position of office engineer at Troutdale.

Baldwin said that the new position was created in the Highway Division because of the importance and stress placed on civil rights and equal employment opportunity in the Division. In his new position, Butler will develop and implement an equal opportunity program for the Highway Division.

He will establish a review program to regulate employment practices and provide for training apprenticeship and skill improvement programs. He will also provide advice and guidance to management supervisory personnel on employment practices, requirements, training needs or related pro-

grams. Recruitment for the position was on a statewide basis with a special interview board of Highway personnel, assisted by George Whitney, EEO representative for the Department of Employment, interviewing more than 40 qualified candidates.

Butler has been active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He has been active in founding and operating the Portland Friendship House and the Blanchet House. For the past four years, he has served as a special training officer heading the successful Highway Work-Study Program for minority seniors at Jefferson High School.

Butler will begin his new duties at the first of the year.



Pipes from Texas Go to Alaskan City

The installation of storm drains to improve a highway in the state of Alaska was an engineering challenge which was solved by a Texas product.

Located 150 miles southwest of Anchorage, the town of Soldotna serves as an important junction on the highway serving Alaska's scenic, historic and commercially important Kenai peninsula.

Soldotna is located on relatively flat ground and engineers decided this flat grade required pipe with smoother flow characteristics than the corrugated metal pipe used on the rest of the job.

Reinforced plastic mortar pipe was selected by Green Construction of Anchorage, contractor on the job, and shipped 4,000 miles from a Johns-Manville plant located in Denison, Texas.

The 1970 census showed that the 10 richest counties in the U.S. based on median family income were: Montgomery, Md. \$16,710; Fairfax, Va. \$15,707; Nassau, N.Y. \$14,632; DuPage, Ill. \$14,458; Marin, Ca. \$13,395; Oakland, Mi. \$13,826; Westchester, N.Y. \$13,784; Rockland, N.Y. \$13,753; Arlington, Va. \$13,743; and Bergen, N.J. \$13,597.

Special Legislative Advisory Committee On Aging Persons

One out of every four persons over the age of 65 in Oregon lives below the poverty level. The majority of these poverty-stricken elderly in Oregon live alone. And many of them have the added burden of paying rent, as opposed to the economic benefits of living in a home that has been paid for.

These and many other figures on the condition of Oregon's elderly population are included in "Older Oregonians 1972," a report prepared for members of the 1973 legislature by the Special Legislative Advisory Committee on Aging. Organized this fall through a grant to the Oregon legislature from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Committee on Aging "will provide legislators with background material and practical information about Oregon's elderly, and offer proposals for action at the state level," according to committee chairman Senator Betty Roberts, (D-Port.).

The Committee on Aging is unique, not only in Oregon, but in the nation. It is one of a mere handful of state legislative committees funded by the federal government. And it in-

cludes voting lay members drawn from state agencies concerned with the elderly, university professors specializing in aging, and representatives of the public.

"What we have done," Senator Roberts said, "is draw together into one committee political, bureaucratic, academic and public representatives interested in the elderly, and strictly confined our study area to the elderly. Evidence has been surfacing through the census, from senior citizen organizations, the White House Conference on Aging and other sources that action for the elderly is overdue. Our job will be to identify some of the major problem areas for the legislature, and advise them on the best routes to follow."

In the short period the committee has been functioning, three problems have already been isolated and are being researched by committee staff—transportation, alternatives to institutional care, and health service costs. By the time the legislature meets in January or shortly thereafter, a number of bills in each area will be ready to be placed in the hopper.

"For most of us," Senator Roberts said, "transportation is something we give little thought to. But for the elderly, the lack of it can be an insurmountable barrier to a full active life."

"Mass transportation in the urban areas of Oregon, that is many blocks away from where elderly people live, might as well not exist for all the good it does them. For the elderly in rural Oregon, there is no mass transit," Senator Roberts said.

"And we have to see the problem through the eyes of the elderly. Even in urban areas, the aged must cope with vehicles designed for younger people, with high steps and narrow doors, and inflexible routes that may leave an aged rider half a mile from his destination. Our job, through the Committee on Aging, is to offer legislative remedies."

In the area of transportation, the committee is studying legislation that would allow school districts to use their buses for personalized, front door to destination transportation. "Why not have these vehicles in use when they are not carrying children?" Senator Roberts asked. "The cost might be low, while the benefit to the community would be high."

The Committee on Aging and its staff is currently spending a great deal of energy on identifying alternatives to the admission to nursing homes of elderly Oregonians who can't quite make it on their own anymore, but who don't have any other choices.

Staff research has revealed that in some states as high as 15 per cent of nursing home admissions came as a result of a lack of less costly and more appropriate alternatives. In a preliminary effort to find out what the situation is in Oregon, the staff has devised a questionnaire survey, and sent it to all welfare caseworkers in the state.

"What we need is a continuum of alternative services," Senator Roberts said, "which offers a rising level of care. At the threshold should come assistance in the home—telephone assurance programs, delivered meals, home health care and homemaking-housekeeping assistance. In the intermediate range are daycare centers, which allow for daytime assistance in a group setting. At the next level would be group foster homes and adult foster homes. Institutional care is an important alternative, of course, but it should be for those who need it."

The committee is studying the availability and cost of alternative services, "and I'm sure recommendations will be made to the legislature. We are robbing the community of some of our most valuable members by having nursing home admission come too soon for some patients."

By the time the 57th legislature adjourns next spring, action will have been taken in these and other areas. And if the Committee on Aging's report is an indicator, the need is great. "With rare exceptions, Oregon's elderly live on fixed incomes," the report says. "Although benefits have been increased, 47 percent of the elderly in Oregon now receive less than \$150 a month, and 36 percent receive less than \$100 a month from Social Security."

The report states that "the number of older persons living in Oregon is growing, and will continue to grow, at a rate that

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Gilbert Gonzalez

SAN DIEGO — Marine Pvt. Gilbert G. Gonzalez, of Parma, graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

He is a former student of Sunnyside High School in Sunnyside, California.

is faster than the growth of our total population."

The Committee on Aging, Senator Roberts said, "must put the spotlight on the needs of this growing elderly population. Unless we act, the problems of our elderly will multiply. That is something they don't deserve, and something we, as a legislature and as a people, have a duty to prevent."

OSU Receives Federal Grant For Ocean Study

The Office of Naval Research, which funded Oregon State University's first research vessel, and the National Science Foundation, which provided funds for two ships now used, have awarded grants totaling \$1,500,000 to the OSU School of Oceanography for vessel operations and research in 1973.

The ONR grant is for \$967,392, the NSF one, \$521,600. Research is aimed at understanding the oceans and the seafloor beneath them.

About 91 percent of the \$4.6 million OSU oceanography budget this year will come from federal sources and only 9 percent from state funds, according to Dean of Oceanography John V. Byrne.

Some 60 percent of the studies carried out, however, are oriented to the ocean off Oregon, he said.

"The ocean off Oregon, in fact, is among the most intensively studied and best known in the world today," Byrne noted.

Since the OSU Department of Oceanography was established in 1959 (it became a School in March 1972), the Office of Naval Research has awarded the university about \$8.5 million, NSF has provided about \$8 million, and the Atomic Energy Commission more than \$2 million for a wide range of research projects. These agencies have provided an additional \$4 million for the construction of buildings and vessels used by the School of Oceanography.

As one of the nation's first four Sea Grant Colleges, OSU received \$1,793,700 this fall from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U. S. Commerce Department. Oceanography shares in that grant along with the Schools of Agriculture, Engineering, Pharmacy and Science

NEWELL HEIGHTS ITEMS

NEWELL HEIGHTS — Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pratt, Sr. and family and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pratt, Jr. spent New Years day at the Homer Brewer home.

Selma and Alene Simpson and Scott Gillette of Ontario were New Years dinner guests in the Alford Simpson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simpson were Wednesday evening visitors in the Alford Simpson home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McKinley left Friday, December 22 and went to La Grande where they spent Christmas with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Earnest, and family. After Christmas, they went to Albany where they spent New Years with their son, Mr. and Mrs. James McKinley. They went on to Salem and visited Raleigh's sister, Mr. and Mrs. David Behm. After visiting there, they went to Seattle to visit another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Eddy and family. They came back through La Grande and stopped at the Jack Earnest home for a short visit, returning home Friday evening.

Cherryree Chamberlain and Jed, and Mr. and Mrs. Clint Chamberlain went to the New Years eve breakfast at the Osyhee LDS Ward.

Miss Eda Hokom had lunch with Mrs. Leon Chamberlain Tuesday. She is with the Salvation Army in San Francisco California.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb attended the Open House at the Bill Looney home in Adrian New Years eve for Teresa De La Tora and Domingos Baston. They are Exchange Students here from Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Eason and Jon Jon of Boise were New Years eve and overnight guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simpson. They had been to Coer d'Alene where they attended their daughters wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Brady of Boise spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Topliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Topliff attended a New Years eve party at the home of Merilean Robbins in Nyssa.

Terril Hill visited Mrs. Dale Witt on Saturday.

Mrs. Dale Witt was a New Years dinner guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van DeWater in Big Bend.

Mrs. Gertie Jones of Adrian was a Tuesday luncheon guest of Mrs. Marie Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hirsch were Thursday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Marie Moore.

Vern Hirsch Jr. of Juneau, Alaska, came to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hirsch, Sr. He spent a week with them, then left for Mexico for a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hirsch Sr. spent a week in San Lorenzo, California, visiting his brothers and sisters, returning home last Sunday.

Cherryree Chamberlain left for Provo, Utah Tuesday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chamberlain and family.

Terrilyn Chamberlain and Paul Butler went to a New Years eve party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Butler in Vale.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Barnes went to Hermiston and spent the holidays with the Finch and Wattenbert families.

Mrs. Carl Fenn was a New Years day dinner guest of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Walker, Jr. and family in Nyssa. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Walker, Sr. of Adrian were also dinner guests.

Mrs. Rollo Fenn and Mrs. Mary McConnell of Nyssa were New Years eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Carl in the Elsmore Fenn home in Hometown.

Years dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Rollo Fenn.

Thursday, Mrs. Rollo Fenn went to Hometown and visited her former sister-in-law, Mrs. Tom Churchhill.

New Years eve guests in the Gerrit Timmerman home were Mr. and Mrs. John Timmerman, Caldwell; Boyd Rayburn, Caldwell; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller and family, Big Bend, Mrs. Clara Holly and Mrs. Ted Holly of Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Timmerman took their daughter Joan back to College at La Grande, New Years Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Brady were guests at a New Years eve party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brewer in Big Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koopman of Ontario were Sunday afternoon visitors of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Luet Stam.

Mr. and Mrs. Klaas Stam were New Years eve guests in the Luit Stam home.

Mr. and Mrs. Brent Schulthies were Christmas dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schulthies and afternoon visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Munn.

Lisa Sykes, who attends College at La Grande, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sykes. Their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shell of John Day and Mrs. Sykes' mother, Mrs. Geneva Mikkelsen of Caldwell were New Years day guests in the Charles Sykes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conant and family spent New Years eve at the home of Mrs. Lester Stacy and family in Apple Valley.

ADRIAN — Mrs. K. I. Peterson and Mrs. Edna Cowling called on Mrs. Pearl Brown, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deffer had New Years dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Williams of the Owyhee Area.

New Years dinner guests in the Vern Parker home were, his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Parker and Mrs. Vern Parker's sister, Mrs. Mary Hatt.

Mrs. Bill Looney and Mrs. Don Case had an Open House at the Bill Looney home New Years Eve for Teresa De La Tora, the Exchange Student from Brazil who is staying in the Bill Looney home, and also for Domingos Baston, the Exchange Student from Brazil who is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Don Case in Big Bend. Thirty guests attended and lunch was served by the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris and Kathy were New Years eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer.

Mrs. R. G. Neer and girls of Salem spent from Tuesday until Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. I. Peterson.

Mrs. Marie Moore was a Sunday luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. K. I. Peterson. Later in the afternoon, they went into the nursing home in Nyssa for the choir program.

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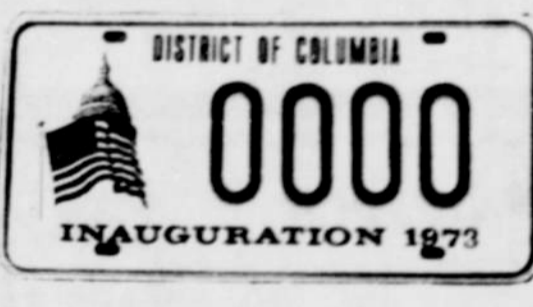
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