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GASOLINE SHORTAGE is not one of the problems faced by Miss Kristi Jensen of Portland, a 22-year-old paraplegic, who has a wheelchair from the equipment loan pool of the Easter Seal Society. The society has over \$300,000 worth of special equipment which was loaned to over 1,600 Oregonians last year.

S.S.I. Benefits Told By Rainsberry

Supplemental security income, a federally funded program administered by the Social Security offices, may be a source of income to persons aged 65 or over and to other persons at any age who may be blind, mentally or physically disabled with limited resources for financial assistance, according to Al Rainsberry of the Ontario social security office. The purpose of this program is to provide monthly checks to qualified persons so they can have a basic cash income of at least \$140 a month for a single person and at least \$210 a month for married couple. Persons qualifying for supplemental security income are also eligible for some medical assistance from the local welfare agency. Rainsberry spoke at the February meeting of the Treasure Valley Association for Handicapped and Retarded Children, Inc. when they met in the Treasure Valley Opportunities, Inc. facilities.

Dr. Jerry McGee, executive director of the Oregon Association for RetardedCitizens from Salem, also appeared on the program. He spoke about the 22 bills pertaining to handicapped citizens that were passed during the 1973 legislative session. He stated the purpose and activities of the OARC which is a voluntary organization doing whatever it can to reduce discrimination and to educate and develop public awareness of the problems of the handicapped and then to encourage them to provide equal treatment, not necessarily preferential treatment. However, specialized programs may be necessary in some cases to provide education and training which is a

legal right of every citizen.
President Dale Campbell,
Payette, presided during the
business meeting. The members were told that a building fund drive is being launched to raise some \$20,000

by June 15, of this year to help in the purchase of the former WEMO building for the sheltered workshop and activity center known as Treasure Valley Opportunities, Inc. Mrs. George Saito, Nyssa, and George Tiger, Ontario, were named to the Spearhead Committee for the building fund. The TVHRC, Inc. has designed \$5,000 to the fund.

The TORCH president, Karen Marshall asked for some help and cooperation in their projects for the handicapped which the Association agreed to provide.

The annual rummage sale was discussed and turned over to the Ways and Means committee for further planning.

Campbell read a proposed ammendment to the by-laws to change the word children to read citizens in the name of the organization.

It was reported that numerous and some sizable contributions have been received for the Mary Kay School during previous months.

Among those contributors are: First Mission Baptist Church ladies, Nyssa; M& Market, discount on food: Church Women United Nisei Women's Society (Community United Metho-Tom Mio. dist Church): Dame Moulding; Ira Ure; Woods; Malheur Maude County Cowbelles; Carmen E. Webb: Confirmation class of St. Bridgets; Daily Argus Observer; Friendly Neighbors Extension Club; Busy Bee Group, First Christian Church; Bye Lanes, candy machines; Bob Mosso, Mgr. of Grizzly Bear; Mary Ann Edwards; and the Salubria Club. Cambridge.

Memorials have been received from numerous sources in honor of the following: Fred Trenkle, Linnie Thayer, Charlotte Rees, Mr. Goodner, Mary Carvaho, Roy Palmer, Mrs. Jim Hawley and Robert McConnaha, Jr.

Red Cross Volunteers Give of Themselves

The volunteers of the Malheur County Chapter of the American Red Cross are your neighbors--housewives, farmers, retired persons, business men and women-all willing to extend a helping hand.

One of the programs that has extended its hand to many people in this country is Service to Military Families (SMF). Over 60 local families or servicemen from Malheur County were assisted last year through SMF. Local volunteers that handle this program are Mrs. Phyllis Grasty and Mrs. Julie Van Matre, both of Ontario.

Another vital program the Red Cross offers to Malheur County residents is Disaster Services. Rex Tolman of Ontario is in charge of this area. In the aftermath of the Weiser River and Harper floods last spring 23 familes were assisted by the Red Cross. Our Red Cross also assists families that have been burned out of their homes when no other assistance is available.

"Many people have looked to the Malheur County Red Cross Chapter for help," states Julie Van Matre, publicty chairman. "Now we are looking to Malheur County residents for their financial help during our March fund drive."

Melissa Loera Receives Letter From Packwood

Melissa Loera, a Brownie in Troop #169 won a second prize ribbon in a Valentine contest. She recently received a letter from Senator Packwood for the prize winning valentine which she sent him. The letter reads as follows:

Dear Melissa:
A belated but nonetheless sincere thank you for the delightful Valentine. You are obviously a very clever young lady, and I'm proud of you being a winner in your Troop's Valentine contest. I'm also very honored to have personally received your win-

ning entry.
Thanks again, Melissa, and good luck.

ood luck. Cordially, Bob Packwood REMARKABLE

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