

Delinquency Of Juveniles Gets Forum Airing

Prison Assn. Secretary Criticizes Conditions Surrounding Problem

In a challenging address before the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce forum Monday noon, Mrs. Claire A. Argow, Portland, executive secretary of the Oregon Prison Association, called upon her audience to fight the conditions that breed juvenile delinquency.

Mrs. Argow branded the State Training School at Woodburn as a "stepping stone to the penitentiary," but declared, "we are not quarrel with the top people who run the state institutions. They are doing the best with what they have."

County Judge D. N. Busenbark, who spoke following Mrs. Argow's address, also delivered a challenge when he described the case of a 14-year-old boy, who has been haled before juvenile authorities for his second offense. Previously he had been paroled to his mother, who is working to support several children.

"It has been my experience," Judge Busenbark said, "that it doesn't pay to give boys like this two chances. Can anyone tell me what you can do in a case like that? I can't parole the boy back to his mother."

The judge said that unless "a responsible man" can be found to work with the boy and be responsible for him, the boy must be sent to the State Training School at Woodburn.

Program Suggested
Mrs. Argow told her audience that citizens must "drain" the swampy areas where delinquency breeds, and she suggested a program for building up the resistance in children to the conditions that cause crime.

She emphasized that children must have decent homes, adequate recreation, good education, and spiritual guidance. In bringing out the latter point, she said that parents must set good examples for their children.

Mrs. Argow declared that statistics showing the prevalence of juvenile delinquency in the community "don't mean too much," because some communities are more concerned with finding "delinquents" than others. She cited one county where children are given five-day jail sentences for "riding four in the front seat of a jalopy."

She added that "Roseburg has a good jail—as county jails go. Some county jails are 'filthy and vermin ridden' and do not segregate children from hardened criminals. 'Even your jail is not adequate for children,' she said.

"Thank heaven that Roseburg has a juvenile officer to help children keep out of jail," she said. "Children will learn nothing but evil in jail." Douglas is one of the few counties with a full-time juvenile officer.

She described the State Training School as a "junior prison," where boys are confined in narrow, dark cells and are to think

Stritch in Time



This is actress Elaine Stritch, otherwise known as the "1948 Sweater Girl of the Theater." She received her title at the 30th annual convention of the National Knitted Outerwear Association in New York.

"what they'd like to do to society when they get out!"

Mrs. Argow branded juvenile delinquency as a "disease," and said that school teachers and police officers should be trained to recognize the symptoms and to call in social workers for their help.

The speaker was introduced by Spencer W. Yates, a director of the Oregon Prison Association. John D. Todd, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided.

Sawmill Workers Date Conference On Pay Hike Issue

PORTLAND, April 6.—(P)—An AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union wage conference is scheduled for April 13 in Eugene with Willamette Valley fir operators.

Kenneth M. Davis, union executive secretary, said the session will take up the question of a 5-cent-an-hour wage increase offered by fir operators in two Washington and Oregon districts—which would bring the minimum up to \$1.45, apparently the new standard for the fir belt.

Davis said union councils for the Puget Sound and Columbia districts have referred the latest employer offer to the membership. Both councils met in Seattle yesterday.

Willamette Valley and Oregon coast operations manned by AFL workers have not yet been involved in the latest wage offers.

AFL plywood workers in northwest mills, except for one operation, have been offered a similar 5-cent boost, he said.

The 5-cent offer brings to 12 1/2 cents the boost for the AFL woods workers since Jan. 1.

Negotiating committees of most CIO fir belt have also referred a 2 1/2 cent increase offer to their members.

Carrying On



Arm amputee patients and bowling enthusiasts at the Army's Walter Reed hospital in Washington enjoy their favorite sport with the aid of a new type artificial arm. At left, Capt. Burke M. Sonw carries the rubber suction cup assembly of Sgt. Archie Noel. At right, Harold Carlson is about to reach the point where the cup releases the ball.

Wilbur

WILBUR — Mrs. Moffitt, Mrs. Eva Kinsel, and Mrs. Menzie Lee spent the day shopping in Roseburg Friday.

Miss Mary Ellen McKay, student of University of Oregon, Eugene, after spending her spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McKay, returned to her work Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Hoagland of Brookings and Mrs. Rola Wilson of Umpqua were visiting their mother, Mrs. Mira Wilson, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Pierce and daughter, Susan, of Venango, Neb., visited this week with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Jenkins and family. Mrs. Pierce is a sister of Mr. Jenkins. They also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Manley Kemper of Sutherlin, who is also a sister of Mrs. Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brown and daughter, Arlyn, went to Portland over the weekend to spend Easter with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Leithner.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith and daughter, Linda Kay, of Eugene,

were visiting the former's mother, Mrs. W. E. Russell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McKay had as their breakfast guests Easter morning Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ritchie and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Edmonds.

Mrs. Kenneth Quine, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ostrander and daughters, Sharen, Penny and Peggy, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harold McKay Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ruth Smith arrived home from Los Angeles Thursday after spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Cutting, in Los Angeles. She brought her granddaughter, Lee Ann Holt, home with her for a few weeks' visit.

The Easter program on given by the Sunday School on Easter Sunday was well attended and enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Rose Parrott of Roseburg and Mrs. Del Jowett were dinner guests of their cousin, Mrs. Eva Kinsel, Tuesday.

Mrs. D. P. McKay and Mrs. Mira Wilson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McKay Easter Sunday.

Winchester

WINCHESTER—Russell Willardson of Parker, S. D., visited with the Ralph Jacobs family Saturday and Sunday. The Jacobs came here from South Dakota.

Mrs. Ray Miller attend a bridal shower at Glangary in honor of her sister, Miss Marie Steiner. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Evenson and two daughters of Eugene visited Mrs. Thona Colby.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stritzke and baby son, and Miss Lorraine Stritzke visited at the Richard Stritzke home Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gentry and Miss Sandra, of Cottage Grove, formerly of Klamath Falls, spent Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil W. Davis of Page Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Johnson and two small sons spent several days in Seattle last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Jackson of Parkside, Ore., are visiting here with their daughters, Mrs. Lloyd Reber and Mrs. Walter Reber.

Mr. and Mrs. George Martinson and their children of Sutherlin, and Charlie Kiss spent Easter Sunday at the David Lewis home.

U. S. Might Join In Plan to Send Troops to Holy Land

LAKE SUCCESS, April 6.—(P)—An American suggestion that foreign troops be prepared for Palestine duty touched off speculation today whether the United States is willing to send soldiers.

U. S. Delegate Warren R. Austin made the troop proposal informally to United Nations Security Council delegates yesterday in outlining a 15-point explanation of the U. S. Holy Land trusteeship plan.

Austin did not commit his government to participate in the international force nor say which countries should dispatch soldiers. He said only that such states as would be specified in a special agreement should accept the burden of keeping the peace in embattled Palestine. "They would send troops if necessary."

The military proposal was the key item in Austin's statement, which spokesmen described as a series of principles and suggestions.

The program was rejected immediately by the Jewish Agency and the Arab higher committee, respective spokesmen for Palestine Jews and Arabs.

Russia's Gromyko refused even to listen to the proposals. On the

basis of the Soviet Union's insistence on sticking to partition, his answer is expected to be no, too.

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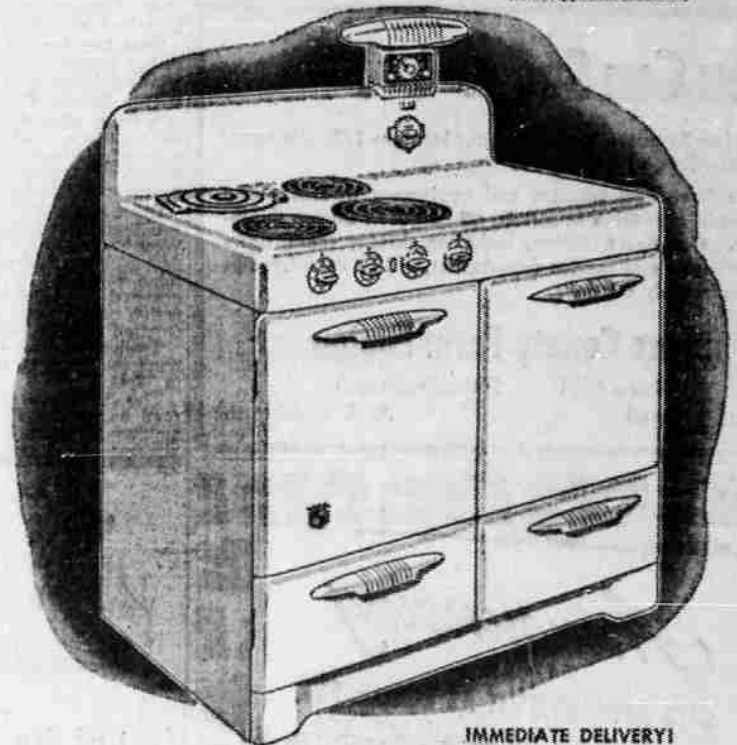
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