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NEW PROGRAM DISCUSSED

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Creation of a mental hygiene clinic for Douglas county is reported to be under consideration. The program is planned on a part-time basis and, through cooperative effort, should be relatively inexpensive. One important advantage Douglas county would have over many other areas is that of contributed assistance and cooperation from the staff of the Veterans hospital.

Sponsored by the U. S. Public Health service, the mental hygiene program is rapidly expanding throughout the country. It is in operation at present in eight Oregon counties on full and part-time schedules.

Savings to the public through successful operation of mental hygiene programs reportedly are enormous. The work generally starts with children of school age. Mental maladjustments usually are evident early in a child's life. Social workers investigate the child's background and environment. Thorough physical examinations are conducted to ascertain if physiological factors are contributing to the mental condition. Psychiatry then is used in an effort to correct the patient's mental health through elimination of mentally disturbing conditions.

Experience shows that patients responding to treatment immediately improve in their school work, thus saving taxpayers the cost of extra instruction for a retarded child. If the child can be saved from assignment to a state mental institution, the saving to taxpayers would amount to hundreds of dollars annually for each individual. But the best results are in turning a child from a life of dependence into one of productivity and useful citizenship.

The mental hygiene program is predicated upon treatment of mental disorders as diseases which may be corrected. Modern psychiatry has had almost miraculous results in many cases. It has been found that elimination of pressures and strains contributing to anxiety often relieve maladjustments quickly, while psychosis will yield to understanding gained through psychiatric treatment.

Great headway has been made in recent years in the treatment of neurosis and psychosis as a part of the public health program. Prevention of mental diseases is as important to the public as is prevention and treatment of any other disease and much more important from a financial standpoint, for mental disorders, unless successfully treated, lead to dependency upon the public treasury.

The Veterans administration through psychiatric work in its various hospitals has made most valuable contributions to the science of treating mental diseases. The percentage of cures today is exceedingly high when compared with results obtained only a few years ago. Definite patterns have been established and, through research and experimentation, methods of treatment have been formulated and made available to the Public Health service and the medical profession at large.

Discussions now in progress propose to make this service available in Douglas county. It would have cooperation from the U. S. Public Health service, the State Medical board, the county medical association, the county public health department, the county school system and various service groups. The staff of the Veterans hospital would give full cooperation and assistance.

Part-time psychiatrists and social workers would be made available from the state board to direct the work. Clinics would be conducted as needed. Educational work would be conducted at the local level.

The program, we believe, would be extremely effective in lowering the rate of juvenile delinquency in addition to its many other proven benefits.



By Viahnett S. Martin

The other day it occurred to me to interview Mrs. Algernon Bitwuns on the project of How to be Happy Though Married: "What's the secret of being happily married?" I asked.

"Dear me, I wouldn't know," she said, "Algie and I have been married only thirty years. Ask me in 1969, I'll read up on the subject a little more."

"But," I persisted, "you are happily married. Is it because you agree on all the major issues?"

"That depends upon what you call a major issue? Algie makes up our minds who should have our votes for president. But the ballot is secret, isn't it? And of course, I know it's like touching a match to gunpowder to even mention a compost pile. I gave that up about ten years ago. It isn't a good idea either to quote poetry about falling leaves until Algie has the last one swept off the roof."

"How about driving the car?"

"Well, Algie says when I can have the car I can have him to drive it. It's always when he isn't here, or the car either, I find it difficult to drive."

"What about the children? Did you see eye to eye on raising them?"

"We-ell," said Mrs. Bitwuns, "Algie said he had helped raise his younger child." Mrs. Bitwuns became confidential. "If I could do it all over again, I'd save all the breath I wasted talking and use it to blow up a dirigible. Did you ever go up in a dirigible?"

"Let's stick to the subject," I said firmly.

"That's what Algie always says. It takes quite a bit of doing to get him off a subject sometimes. Have you read that new book..."

"Mrs. Bitwuns, I tried once more. 'Should a husband and wife have similar tastes?'"

"Like fishing and things? Oh yes, unless it's too awfully cold. If he sees me shiver then he makes me stay in the 'nice warm cottage' and he has a lovely time out on that cold lake all by himself."

"Mrs. Bitwuns, WHY are you and Mr. Bitwuns happy though married?"

"Why? Because—" Mrs. Bitwuns thought deeply a moment. Then she had the answer: "Because we're married to each other!"

Some Day One of Them Will Lean Over Too Far



I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



You might think to look at this picture that the most important thing about it is the grease job Ralph Harding is giving the baby chariot; or perhaps Rosemary Bashford, leaning above it, somewhat anxiously—or even Bob Bashford as he kneels and gazes approvingly; but if you were to think any of these things you'd be wrong. The most important part is the hidden part—no other than Miss Penny Joy Bashford who, at the age of three weeks, is making her very first visit to the Douglas County Flour Mills with her mother. Also to see her Dad, whom she probably hadn't laid eyes on since noon.

Penny Joy is the fifth generation of Bashfords to find enjoyment at the mill. It has been in the family over 50 years. Established near the old south Umpqua dam and across from Umpqua park, it was purchased by George Bashford, Penny Joy's great-grandfather. It's ownership has descended successively to the late Elmer L. Bashford and now rests with A. W. Bashford, her granddad and Bob's father.

Taxi Firms May Lose Licenses As Rape Case Sequel

SALEM, Nov. 18.—Three taxi firms were faced with possible loss of city licenses today, as the result of rape charges against 10 taxi drivers.

Thirteen men have been charged with statutory rape, in a case involving a 14-year-old Salem girl. Ten of them work for taxi firms here, and one is an owner-operator.

Salem's Mayor Robert L. Elstrom announced he would ask the city council to summon the firms to a hearing, and ask them to show cause why their licenses should not be revoked.

Two of the arrested men entered pleas of innocent in district court yesterday. They were Terrie J. Conway and Troy Crabtree, both of Salem.

Four men were arrested yesterday: Dick Taylor, Dallas; Les Hamrick, Monte Burkhardt, and Eddie Halterman, all of Salem.

The girl, mature appearing, is in police custody.

CVA Top Topic At Counties Assn.

PORTLAND, Nov. 18.—The Association of Oregon counties moved into final sessions today, after discussing highway problems, economic development, and revenues.

Two speakers—one of them Gov. Douglas McKay—warned county officials at the convention yesterday to consider the effect of a Columbia Valley administration on local tax revenues.

Forrest Cooper, counsel for the Interstate Association of Public Land Counties, said an effort would be made to have certain guarantees written into any CVA legislation.

The guarantees would assure local governments of tax revenue.

Cooper said.

The convention heard Ralph F. Moore, chairman of the legislature's Interim Highway committee, recommend a speedy highway improvement program based on long-term financing.

Moore, who made clear that he was speaking as an individual and not for the interim committee, said that poor highways are costing Oregon \$100,000,000 a year. He recommended that the public at large—not merely highway users—help finance the work.

Lane GOP Unit Clashes With State Leaders

PORTLAND, Nov. 18.—The Lane county Young Republican federation and the state executive board of the organization were at sword's point today.

The Lane county group accused the executive board of passing "ill considered and 'purious resolutions,'" and called upon the state-wide group to censure the board at the next convention.

The protest charged that the board has no right to pass resolutions of a controversial nature. That, said the Lane resolution, is the prerogative of the convention.

Apparently referred to the executive board's recent resolutions favoring a pension plan for steelworkers, and asking national Republican Committee member Ralph Calkins to resign.

Vivien McMurtrey, state Young Republican president, promptly retorted that the board was acting in accord with the federation constitution.

She also charged that the Lane federation had not sent its delegates to the executive board meetings. "It has a 100 percent record of non-attendance," said Mrs. McMurtrey. "The Lane county club is the weakest young Republican group in the whole balance."

In the Day's News

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tegration of Germany into Western civilization."

He added:

"We can only hope that the results of these discussions will be THE BEGINNING OF THE ENDING OF THE AGE-LONG FEUD BETWEEN THE GERMAN AND THE FRENCH."

THAT would be something.

For eight or ten centuries the Gallic and Teutonic tribes bush-whacked each other all over what we now call Western Europe. Their wars in these long, long years were waged much in the manner of our American Indians. We have no direct record that their war parties took scalps in their forays back and forth, but they practiced about all the other brutalities known to savage warfare.

The gist of it was that they kept Europe in an uproar, with nobody on either side ever knowing how long he was going to live.

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Optimists have called "civilization" succeeded savagery in the parts of Europe inhabited by the Teutons and the Gauls.

Feudal lords took the place of tribal chieftains. Feudal castles arose where rude tribal huts had stood. But the bush-whacking went on. For centuries and centuries.

At the beginning of the 1800s Napoleon completely walloped Prussia, which by then had become the overlord of the other German states. He rubbed the noses of the proud Prussians humbly into the mud and for a while (quite a long while) it looked like Germany was kaput.

But Napoleon ran his meteoric course, getting crazier and crazier as he won battle after battle, war after war, and eventually his career was ended at Waterloo.

Meanwhile, the Germans had been traveling the come-back trail. In 1871 they tackled France again and rubbed the French noses into the mud even more humbly than their own noses had been rubbed three-quarters of a century earlier.

That was the time they took Alsace and Lorraine, and you know what followed that.

CAME then, as a consequence of what had gone before, World War I. THAT TIME WE GOT DRAGGED IN. With our help, the French walloped the Germans.

The Germans staged a quicker come-back than before, and hell

10 Convicted Of Mass Rape Still Face Civil Suit

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 18.—Ten convicted of the mass rape of a mentally unsound young mother, 10 Tacoma youths today still faced \$150,000 civil court damage actions brought by the woman's husband.

The superior court jury took only one ballot in finding nine of the youths guilty of rape and the tenth of attempted rape. The defendants range in age from 19 to 23 years.

They were convicted of taking part in an all-night sex orgy May 27 with Mrs. Marie Charlton, 21, and later turning her loose in the nude some miles from her home.

The young woman died in August at Western State hospital, St. Helens, Wash., where she had been recommended because of her mental condition.

Attorneys for the youths said the convictions would be appealed if a new trial is denied.

Court officials said the jury's verdict could bring terms up to 2 1/2 years or to life. The three defendants over 21 years old face minimum five-year terms.

No date of hearing has been set on the personal damage actions brought by the attack victims' husband, Pete Charlton. His separate suits, totaling \$150,000 allege that the youths' actions deprived him of the services of his wife.

The one defendant convicted of the lesser charge of attempted rape was Harry K. Christel.

Other convicted youths are Lawrence H. Meyers, Donald W.

Greco, Anders Liljas, Eric Liljas, Jack D. Kerth, Arthur N. Markstone, Robert C. O'Leary, Eugene Wick and Ronald W. Phipps.

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