

Juvenile Delinquency Topic At Myrtle Creek Meeting

A clear picture of juvenile delinquency, its causes and treatments, was given by Wayne Durrell of Portland Monday afternoon in a talk at Myrtle Creek High School.

Durrell, juvenile protection chairman for the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, was asked by several Myrtle Creek townspeople to make his talk, according to News-Review Correspondent Ruth Evans. Among the 40 to 50 persons at the meeting were Municipal Judge G. D. Mylenbeck and Police Chief James Haun.

Durrell indicated a lot of the

cause for juvenile delinquency rests with parents. Boys and girls can best be handled like canoes, he said, with paddling from the rear.

He emphasized that God must not be left out of children's lives. Don't send your children to Sunday school or church, he added, but take them yourselves.

Durrell gave his listeners this portrait of children in trouble: Most of them have a normal IQ, are popular (even if just in their own group), of average ability, live in any part of town, earning money at the time, are emotionally unstable, are hyperactive, have an unhappy school life and have no religious life.

Prevention, detection and rehabilitation phases of juvenile delinquency were outlined by the speaker. As to detection, he said parents often hide the fact or do not want to recognize the fact that their child is doing something wrong. If it is brought into the open, the habit may be broken before it starts.

Regardless of what anyone thinks, juvenile delinquency is on the rise, the speaker warned. Quoting national publications and statistics, he said the following percentage of crime in 1953 was committed by youngsters under 18: Robbery, 47 per cent; arson, 47 per cent; rape, 55 per cent; assault, 11 per cent; murder, 11 per cent, and auto theft 70 per cent. One out of every 43 U.S. children in 1953 had a police record.

Oregon has even a higher percentage of auto thefts by juveniles, Durrell noted.

In 1953, there were 4,162 boys and 1,300 girls on the delinquent lists. The largest number comes from the 16-year-old group, with a total of 1,603 boys and girls. Durrell said statistics show juvenile prison offenses have increased 126 per cent during the last 25 years.

The first delinquent acts of a child occur, on the average, at an age of 9 years 7 months. The first arrest averages out at 13 years 5 months. The age at which the delinquent youngster most often is arrested is 17.

After his Myrtle Creek talk, Durrell headed for Grants Pass for another speech on juvenile delinquency.

Sheep Killing Dogs No Friends Of This Rancher

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stern warnings for dog owners. He said his office was doing everything in its power to track down owners of rampant dogs. Meanwhile, sheepmen were forming posses at trouble spots to eliminate dogs running wild in the flocks. Poisoned meat is also being planted.

Stringer explained that owners of dogs may not only lose dogs caught on such forays but must pay for the sheep killed. If they do not pay, they may be sued or indicted.

Stringer scoffed at the idea that most such damage was caused by stray dogs. He said: "Ninety-nine per cent of it is caused by some body's pet dog or even some little boy's pet."

County To Raise Funds For Survey

Douglas County appeared ready to raise its quota of \$600 for survey of the state's facilities to determine if an international exposition can be staged in the state in 1959.

Secretary-Manager Harold Hickerson reported Monday night that the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce was taking the lead in an effort to raise the money. He said he was certain other cities of the county would raise their shares.

His remarks followed an explanation of the need for the money by Gen. Curtis T. Beecher (Ret.), who is a member of the Survey Subcommittee of the exposition committee.

Beecher said each area of the state had been allotted an amount to raise for the survey to be made by the Stanford Research Council, a non-profit survey agency. He said the Council would take about 60 days to survey the state and determine whether an international exposition in conjunction with the state's 100th birthday would be feasible.

County Court To Open Bids On Courthouse Wing

The Douglas County Court will open bids on construction of two new courthouse wings Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Addition of the wings, to be built at each end of the present building, will more than double present floor space. The present building has 32,000 square feet of space, and with the wings added, it will be increased to 80,000 feet.

Prominent features in the building will include a county library in the west wing on Main Street. The library will occupy the ground floor, with stacks and other appurtenances in the basement.

Farm Youth Exchange Funds To Be Discussed

Raising of funds for the International Farm Youth Exchange program is docketed for discussion by members of the Central Douglas Leaders' Assn. meeting Wednesday in Roseburg.

The group will gather at 7:30 p.m. Other items of business will concern a report on the recent 21st annual 4-H Club Week in March.

According to Miss Jane Gates and Frank von Borstel, 4-H agents.

LITTLE RAIN EXPECTED

Little or no rain was expected in Roseburg through Thursday according to the U.S. Weather Bureau's five-day forecast. Cloudy or foggy mornings were expected. Afternoons should be partly sunny. Maximum temperatures will range between 55 and 60; minimums between 32 and 38. Cooling weather is forecast as the week progresses.

GIRLS' NAMES IT IS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. Weather Bureau says it will continue to use girls' names to identify East Coast hurricanes despite occasional public protests. They're "short, easily pronounced and readily recognized," the bureau said.

Community Hospital Now Observing Fourth Birthday

By LAURA OLSON
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Douglas Community Hospital Roseburg, is four years old. Nearly 25,000 patients have been treated at the Roseburg hospital since its doors opened Feb. 13, 1951.

Administrator Harry Sanislo said Monday the exact figure was 24,376. Of the number 11,870 were so-called "out patients." "Out patients" in hospital terminology are those who come and are treated—but don't remain. They have X-rays, get blood counts, have a finger treated, etc., according to Sanislo.

The remaining 12,506 were "in patients." Or, the opposite of the outs, since they stayed.

Sanislo believes the patient load for the hospital at its present 67-bed size has "leveled off." He explains there will probably be no increase in hospital size until the area's population booms on up.

Roseburg Would Benefit Under Proposed Bill

SALEM (AP)—Sen. J. O. Johnson, Tigard, said Tuesday he is introducing a bill to change the formula for giving state basic school aid to local districts.

Its purpose, he said, is to provide more money for distressed school districts, such as those in areas near large cities.

He asserted that his bill would achieve more closely the original aim that the basic school fund would provide equality of education throughout the state.

The Portland school district, which now gets \$5,000,200 a year, would be cut to \$3,897,000.

Amounts now being paid to other districts and the amounts proposed in Johnson's bill include:

Baker, \$164,600; \$161,000; Corvallis, \$294,500; \$320,000; Astoria, \$144,100; \$164,000; Coquille, \$160,200; \$170,000; Coos Bay, \$31,100; \$60,800; Roseburg, \$445,600; \$480,600; Hood River, \$72,400; \$77,900; Grants Pass, \$392,700; \$413,500; Klamath Falls, \$294,500; \$193,400; Eugene, \$839,900; \$931,400; Lebanon, \$165,100; \$171,100; Salem, \$743,300; \$839,800; Pendleton, \$212,300; \$231,200.

Farm Bureau Cooperative Reports Excellent Year

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and reelected another. They also heard the latest information on fertilizers from Karl Bauer, manager of the chemical division of Pacific Supply.

Main speaker Baker had a few more pertinent facts for the farmers.

He told them the organization was outstanding "because of your support to it."

Baker also predicted three basic trends ahead for America. He saw greater consolidation in business and merger of big industries. Agriculturalists to stay ahead must "consolidate their operations of buying, selling and growing."

Family-size farms were leaving the American scene, Baker added. Equipment expense was the culprit, he said. The farm expert stressed the co-ops with small farmers buying equipment cooperatively.

Finally he foresaw a population increase equalizing food surpluses. President Arthur Marsh, Lookingglass, presided over the meeting.

Special noon entertainment was provided by 47 members of the Douglas High School "Sweethearts" operetta cast. The students were directed by Mrs. Irene McLoughlin. Mrs. Margaret McCord was accompanist.

DRUNK DRIVER PENALIZED
Clarence Delbert Givens, 22, Sutherlin, Monday was fined \$100 and given a five-day jail sentence by Dist. Judge Warren A. Woodruff when Givens pleaded guilty to drunken driving. Givens was arrested Saturday by state police. Judge Woodruff also recommended that his driver's license be suspended for 90 days.

ELECTION SCHEDULED

The annual election of officers of the Umpqua Gasoline Dealers Assn. is to be held tonight at 7 o'clock at Carl's Haven, according to Steve Harriman, president.

Legislative bills pertaining to the automotive field will be discussed as part of the night's program.

DADS MEET TONIGHT

Fullerton Dads Club will meet at the school tonight at 8 o'clock. A film on Mexico and Guatemala will be shown following the business session. All members are urged to attend.

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Oakland Native Dies Recently

Funeral services were held in Portland recently for Sylvester Starr. He was born at Oakland, Nov. 12, 1889, and attended Oakland schools. He was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors are his wife, Bertha; his mother, Mrs. James Starr, of Roseburg; three sisters, Mrs. Veta Underwood and Mrs. Goldie Cockeram of Oakland, and Mrs. Eula Montgomery of Phoenix, Ariz.; and one brother, Beryl Starr of Oakland.

Higher Teacher Minimum Wage Bill Protested

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Teachers with less than bachelor degrees would be boosted from \$2,100 a year to \$3,400, and the minimum for teachers with such degrees would be upped from \$2,400 to \$3,700. Teachers with master's degrees would get at least \$4,000.

Mrs. Joy Hills Gubser, assistant superintendent of public instruction, didn't take any position on the bill, but she said that about half of the 1,200 new teachers hired in Oregon every year come from outside the state.

She said school boards have to retain teachers who don't want to teach, that immature teachers have to be hired, that many are allowed to teach with emergency certificates, and that there is much overcrowding because of the teacher shortage.

More Red Cross Help Requested By Chairman

A request for more workers in the production department of the Douglas County Chapter, American Red Cross, has been made by Mrs. S. E. Wilhemly, chairman.

Mrs. Wilhemly said the need came because of heavy calls for quilts and other items during the past month to help burned out and needy families. The production department group will meet Thursday in the RC chapter rooms in the Roseburg Armory from 1 to 4 p.m.

Non-Existent Charity Solicitation Charged

Leonard John Petrick, 28, Douglas Hotel, is in the county jail charged with soliciting for a non-existent religious organization.

City police said he was arrested Monday afternoon on complaint of local businessmen. Police said he gave two stories—that he was collecting for an Alaskan church organization and the he was soliciting for a home for unwed mothers in Los Angeles.

He was to be arraigned in district court today.

Hospital News

Douglas Community Hospital Admitted

Surgery: Bobby Mitchell, Roseburg; Kenneth Hull, Dillard; Mrs. J. T. Hobbs, Myrtle Creek.
Medical: Mrs. Robert Hansen, Mrs. William Arnold, Nettie Ulmer, Roseburg; Rex Lucas, Myrtle Creek.

Discharged

Marcella Franks, Winchester; James Smith, Mrs. Rodney Hague, Mrs. Elbert Trank, Sutherlin; Mrs. Lyle Lundy, Glide; Mrs. Donald Stapleton, Mrs. Francis Benefiel, Ronald Bromley, Roseburg.

Mercy Hospital Admitted

Surgery: Mrs. Frank Webster, Leta Busenbark, Roseburg; Clinton Somerville, Oakland.
Medical: Mrs. Lewis Hunter, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. John Davidson, Winston; Alvin Bosworth, Charles Walley, Roseburg.

Discharged

Mrs. A. J. Bartley, Canyonville; Robert Harvie, Wilbur; Mrs. Robert LeBlanc and son, Charles Edward, Lilely Park; Mrs. Elton Stone and daughter, Katherine Florence, Dillard; William Boise, Candace Lou Kennerly, Roseburg; Mrs. Clarence Frazier and son, Roy Allan, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Richard Hiner and son, Rex Warren, Winston.

Parks Superintendent Predicts Development

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Parks Dept. head, rounded out the picture. He said the BLM had indeed made land available for recreational purposes—some 800 acres to the county.

Collins went on to report on the county parks activity. He said the nature of the Susan Creek park proposal, Armstrong said development may be done jointly or by the state alone, but first the highway commission must decide whether to go ahead with the project.

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Superintendent Of Parks Speaks At Chamber Meet

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areas. Facilities have been increased about 100 per cent since 1950. In 1948 about 2 million people visited state parks. Last year the number was about 6 million, and Armstrong predicts the state will be able to take care of 10 million by 1964.

In comparison to programs of other states, Oregon is eighth in attendance, 15th in area and expenditures, first in number of areas and 37th in the amount of money collected from individuals for use of the parks.

He said ways are being studied to increase recent programs such as overnight camping and youth camps. His department is pondering a way to develop more weekend use of parks, Armstrong said.

With the superintendent at the Chamber forum luncheon in the Hotel Umpqua was Asst. Parks Supt. L. V. Koons. The men are on a tour of southern Oregon parks.

Armstrong was introduced by Charles S. Collins, county parks department supervisor, who reminded the speaker during a question-and-answer period that nearly one-third of Highway 99 in Oregon is in Douglas County and there is no state park along the stretch.

In his introduction, Collins told the audience it should become better acquainted with Armstrong and his work. Some of the problems of developing the county's recreational facilities are bigger than can be handled locally, Collins said.

Also in the question-and-answer period, Armstrong said there will be continued roadside development along Highway 99, but reminded that that work does not come under his jurisdiction. When asked the nature of the Susan Creek park proposal, Armstrong said development may be done jointly or by the state alone, but first the highway commission must decide whether to go ahead with the project.

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