

Pre-School Vision Clinic Held

A pre-school vision screening pilot program being conducted in Douglas County may prove to be the key to saving the sight of many a youngster.

This week the Douglas County Health Dept. is testing eyes of children 3, 4 and 5 years old in the Roseburg First Christian Church. The tests for any youngsters in those age groups will continue until 4 today also.

Meanwhile, the only other phase of the program in the county will be conducted at Myrtle Creek. Tentative dates are April 30 and May 1 and 2.

This is the only county in the state in which the pilot study is being carried on. Specifically, the tests are being made to determine if the children have normal vision and coordinated sight.

More significantly, it is hoped the study will reveal if a simple mass screening method can be established for determining sight difficulties in pre-school children so they can be treated earlier.

Dr. Tom Colasuonno, director of vision conservation for the State Board of Health, says the study may prove the feasibility of a mass program and that will bring about correction of eyesight earlier and perhaps save the sight of many.

Mrs. Lavinia Miller, public health nurse, is doing the screening and testing here in Roseburg. The Douglas County Health Dept. is carrying the burden of the program at the request of the State Board of Health. Dr. Colasuonno is coordinating the study.

The project is being financed by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation For Vision Conservation. Oregon was the only state in the Union selected to carry on the program. The board of health in turn, selected "geographical location, availability of communities and necessary child populations. Dr. Colasuonno sums up the choice by saying it "has a good cross section of our average family in the United States."

The amount granted was \$2,500. Actually the determination of feasibility of mass screening is designed for 3 and 4-year-olds primarily. But the 5-year-olds are being tested as a bonus.

Tokyo Raiders Holding Meeting

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP)—About 40 of the famed Tokyo raiders will meet at Eglin today for the 15th annual reunion commemorating their historic aerial strike on the Japanese mainland. This will be their last reunion at Eglin, where the raiders trained in early 1942. Of the original 80 who manned the 16 B25 twin-engine light bombers, 37 survive and 32 are still in service.

The group is headed by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who as a lieutenant colonel commanded the raiders.

The raiders took off from the carrier Hornet April 18, 1942, while 688 miles from Tokyo.

The plan had been for the take-off to be 200 miles off the Japanese coast. It was changed when the task force encountered two Japanese fishing boats and the fear arose that the boats had reported the force's position. The boats were destroyed by gunfire.

Thirteen of the B25s dropped their 2,000-pound loads of bombs on Tokyo, two on Nagoya and the other on Kobe. Then, with fuel supplies dangerously low, they proceeded on to the Chinese mainland.

Seven died in all, including two pilots who were captured and executed by the Japanese. Ten were killed in later World War II actions and others succumbed in crashes in the United States.



REGISTERING for the vision screening test at the Roseburg First Christian Church are the four children above, left to right Debra Brown, Doug Corderman, Sandra Harris and Robbie Glass. With them is Robbie's mother, Margo Glass. Signing the youngsters up is Mrs. Jane Roberts of the Edenbow-Hucrest PTA. PTA women are assisting in the testing. So far, in Roseburg, turnout for the tests has been disappointing. Similar tests have been given in the areas of Reedsport-Gardiner, Oakland-Sutherlin and Elkton-Drain-Yoncalla. (Pictures by Photo Lab).



"THIS WAY" says young Debra Brown as she takes the Snellen "E" Chart test. The pre-schoolers in this test show in which direction the legs of a block "E" point. Grading the test is nurse Lavinia Miller, while fond mother, Mrs. D. Brown, looks on. The tests do not serve for diagnosis or prognosis, but may result in suggestion that a child be tested more thoroughly by an eye doctor.

Dirt And Rock Slide Covers Part Of Highway

Part of Highway 99 about four miles south of Dillard was covered by a dirt and rock slide Tuesday night but was cleared today, according to the highway department.

Traffic was not halted by the slide, which highway officials said was a continuation of the one which plagued maintenance crews last winter.



HEADS POLE CLUB—Rear Adm. Robert A. J. English, U.S.N. (ret.) of San Gabriel, Calif., has been elected president of the American Polar Society in New York City. Adm. English was captain of the "Bear of Oakland" on the late Adm. Richard E. Byrd's Antarctic expedition of 1933-35.

Official Of W. Germany Charged With Espionage

BONN (AP)—An official of the West German Defense Ministry has been arrested for alleged espionage.

A ministry spokesman declined to reveal the man's name or position. Legal sources said the case concerned alleged spying for "an Eastern power."

It was the second arrest of a member of the ministry in recent weeks. Naval Lt. Com. Kari Grafen is awaiting trial on a charge of giving away official secrets. He is now in a hospital after failing in a suicide attempt.



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Meany Refuses To Dicker With Teamster Union

WASHINGTON (AP)—AFL-CIO President George Meany Wednesday refused to dicker with the Teamsters Union over AFL-CIO procedures for handling out-of-state proceedings against Teamsters.

Meany said in a statement that procedures already arranged to weigh corruption charges against the union and Beck will be followed—despite pleas from the Teamsters for prior negotiations and other trial steps.

The AFL-CIO charges—under which Beck has already been suspended as an AFL-CIO officer—were based on Beck's invoking the Fifth Amendment in refusing to tell Senate racketeers about his admitted employment of union funds for personal uses, as well as court charges against other Teamsters officers.

Meany said ethical practices standards set forth in the AFL-CIO constitution would be carried out impartially against all unions "big and small."

He noted that Beck and other delegates representing the 1 1/2 million-member Teamsters Union had approved these constitutional provisions at the AFL-CIO's founding convention in late 1955.

Meany noted that the Executive Council has set May 20 to try Beck on charges of violating AFL-CIO ethical standards, and he added:

"At that hearing," the only accuser of Mr. Beck will be Mr. Beck—his own testimony—his lack of testimony and the record."

Summerfield Had Ike's Approval

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said Wednesday Postmaster General Summerfield acted with his complete approval in curtailing mail service last week.

Summerfield ordered most post-offices closed and mail delivery stopped last Saturday because Congress had not acted on his request for 47 million dollars to carry his department during the remaining 2 1/2 months of the book-keeping year.

Tuesday night Summerfield called off most of the cutbacks. He acted within minutes after Eisenhower had signed a bill, sent to him by Congress late Tuesday giving the postoffice 41 million dollars.

Eisenhower was asked at his news conference if Summerfield's cutbacks were ordered to dramatize administration opposition to congressional budget cuts and whether he approved his Cabinet member's position.

Eisenhower replied that the postmaster general had acted with his complete approval. The President said it was clear Summerfield didn't have the money to carry on.

Oregonian Gets Citation For Rackets Disclosure

CHICAGO (AP)—Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, Tuesday cited the Oregonian for public service in journalism.

The citation said the Portland newspaper "demonstrated how the tenacity of union bossism and vice had tried to reach into almost every department of state and city government."

The award, one of a number, will be presented at a banquet in New York May 16.

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FORMS JORDAN CABINET—Hussein Khalidi (above), a pro-western Palestinian, has formed a new Jordan government in Amman. The cabinet included ousted leftist premier Suleiman Nabulsi, whose removal set off the domestic crisis in Jordan that threatened to erupt into a new Mideast war.

Russian Embassy Staff Member Ordered Out

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Wednesday ordered a Russian embassy employee to leave the country immediately for "highly improper activities" aimed at inducing Soviet refugees to return home.

The State Department said the Soviet employee, Genadi F. Mashkantzov, sought to lure former Lt. Peter Pirogov, who fled Russia in 1948, to return to the Soviet Union.

The department said Mashkantzov also tried to get "others" to go back to Russia but gave no details on these other cases.

The expulsion order was given Wednesday to the counselor of the Soviet embassy, Sergei R. Striganov, by Acting Assistant Secretary Beam who summoned him to the State Department.

Don't Blame Exercise, Work For Heart Attack

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Dr. Paul Dudley White says blaming hard work and exercise for causing heart trouble is foolishness.

"Hard work is generally good for people," said the famed specialist who guided President Eisenhower back to the White House after the President's 1955 heart attack.

"Exercise is as important as eating, sleeping and working," he said.

"Unfortunately, we have gotten away from this. We are in a push-button era and to blame hard work and exercise is a great disservice to our country."

Judge Charged With 'Unlawful Omission'

HILLSBORO (AP)—A Washington County grand jury has returned a charge of "unlawful omission" against former County Judge Harry M. Seabold, 63.

He is accused of failing to tell other members of the county court in 1954 that he knew from a cruise report that a tract of timber land was worth \$10,000. The court let the tract go for back taxes of \$1,147.

Seabold was indicted earlier on a charge of accepting a bribe in the transaction. He has denied this.

Miniature Aircraft Bombs Reported Stolen

EL TORO, Calif. (AP)—The FBI says 2,000 miniature aircraft bombs—some "extremely dangerous"—have been stolen from a practice bombing range near the El Tero Marine Corps Air Base.

An all-points bulletin was issued last night warning law officers throughout southern California to be on the alert for the bombs, some of which may be loaded with high flash black powder, the Orange County sheriff's office said.

PROPOSAL REJECTED

WASHINGTON (AP)—The administration has rejected a proposal to let Jewish refugees from Egypt enter this country under emergency immigration provisions used to admit thousands of Hungarians.

The administration's position was set out by Deputy Atty. Gen. William F. Rogers in a letter to three Republican senators, Case of New Jersey, and Ives and Javits of New York.



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Good Friday Services Set At Oakland Church

Good Friday services at the Oakland Community Presbyterian Church have been scheduled from 7:45 to 8:15 p.m., reports correspondent Edith Dunn.

Meanwhile a meeting of the Eastern Circle of the church has been scheduled tonight at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Vern Little.

COMMUNION SCHEDULED

Communion services have been scheduled at the Dillard-Winston Methodist Church Friday at 7:30 p.m., following communion meditation, reports correspondent Rosa Heinbach.

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