

Court-Martial Delayed For Colonel Nickerson

ATLANTA (AP) — The general court-martial of Col. John C. Nickerson Jr. has been postponed from May 15 to June 25.

Nickerson is charged with making available to unauthorized persons secret information on the Army's rocket program at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala. Third Army headquarters here announced the postponement Monday.

The 41-year-old guided missile expert originally was scheduled to be tried April 23.

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Inadequate Budget, Housing Threaten Rehabilitation Of Youths At MacLaren

(MacLaren School For Boys is the last-resort step taken by Circuit Judge Charles S. Woodrich in disposing of juveniles who have committed crimes in Douglas County. He and others have contended that an intermediate step between the foster home and MacLaren is needed. He has called for a juvenile work camp in the county.)

By DAWN PESEAU
How to house, feed and educate more than 300 boys in quarters inadequately geared for 265 on a budget set for 280 is among the current problems which James Lamb, superintendent, and the staff of the MacLaren School for Boys are learning to live with.

It is but one of the complex of problems, tangible and intangible, which makes a chronic day-to-day crisis at the state school for boys, and which looms out of the future, threatening all effectiveness of Oregon's juvenile rehabilitation program.

Eye Objectives
Such, in bald terms, is the thinking of Supt. Lamb and the staff which tries to keep alive their objective while coping with the hour-to-hour emergency conditions. It is a belief which also colors the awareness of those working closely with the juvenile problems in the local and county communities, such as Circuit Judge Charles S. Woodrich and the Douglas County juvenile department. They share, with a grim humor, the reaction of the MacLaren administration each time they transport a boy to the school.

Among the tangibles which can be reduced to statistics is the immediate physical reality, as outlined from school records by Lamb, and substantiated graphically by a tour of the six cottages.

Most of the buildings were constructed in 1927. One cottage-like structure houses the new enrollees during what should serve as a period of testing, diagnosis and screening. Oregon's juvenile statutes eliminate condemnation and punishment as the basic objective. They define diagnosis and rehabilitation as society's job for the of-

fending juvenile. Here the boys of all ages are given uniform clothing, their conduct and behavior is analyzed, and their cases are studied by three psychiatric consultants who, together with counselors and psychiatric social workers help the classroom and cottage instructors.

'They Are Boys'
Following a period of several days to several weeks in the temporary group, the boys are assigned to cottages according to age grouping. The offenses against society's laws which caused the boy to become juvenile problems, defined by court order or unofficial decision, to be delinquents vary. But to the staff of MacLaren, they are boys. They are not convicts, or so many homicides, parent-killers, burglars, arsonists or bad check writers. As explained by Supt. Lamb, the program accepts the present fact of the boy's existence, including the violation, serious or minor, imbedded in his character, and perhaps contributing to the warping of his direction.

The MacLaren faculty also accepts the future reality of the boy's existence. He will be a person in society somewhere, with some kind of status, either asset, neutral or

Sutherland Mentors Elect Ruth Waugh

By MRS. BRITAIN SLACK
Ruth Waugh has been elected president of the Sutherland Class-room Teachers Assn.

Other new officers are: Charles Siskstrom, vice president; Gladys Wolfhagen, secretary; and Elma Knechtel, treasurer. At the election meeting, plans for a picnic were also discussed, but no action taken. Miss Carol Firman of San Francisco, an airlines stewardess for Pan American, showed slides taken by her in the Pacific and Orient. Miss Firman is a former Sutherland pupil. She also showed her slides to the seventh graders at Sutherland.

Visit Rushes
Mr. and Mrs. William King of North Bend were recent guests at the home of R. L. Rush.

Recent weekend guest at the Edward Blomell home was Mrs. Blomell's brother, Orville Merritt, and family from Coos Bay, and her sister, Mrs. T. E. McGinnis, of Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Garrett, formerly of Lakeside, visited the Charles Kingsford home recently, prior to taking an airplane trip to Anchorage, Alaska, to visit their son and family.

Wins Prize
Mrs. Zelma Kingsford won the door prize at the last meeting of the Neighborhood Club of Nonpareil at the home of Mrs. Lenora Waggoner. The meeting was attended by 11. The next meeting is scheduled May 16 at the home of Ora Lang.

A total of 140 people turned out last Friday for the potluck supper and presentation of achievement awards for Cub Pack 158 at Sutherland. It was announced that Monday training classes will be held for three weeks for den mothers. Anyone interested may attend.

Two Killed, Four Hurt In Two-Car Collision

BAKER, Ore. (AP) — Two automobiles collided head-on on Highway 30, east of here Monday night, killing two persons and critically injuring four others.

The dead were identified as Charles L. Diven, 33, Boise, and W. D. Robinson, 73, Moses Lake, Wash.

Diven was a passenger in a car driven by H. A. Smith, Boise. Smith and two other passengers, Jesse Cortabartarte, Meridian, Idaho, and Joe Epelde, Boise, were seriously hurt. All are employees of Idaho Power Co. The name of the driver of the car in which Robinson was a passenger was not determined immediately. He also was reported in critical condition.



DEAD END of a lonely route is dramatized by this scene in the full security or segregation division of the MacLaren School for Boys. It is a route which state, county and court officials, directing juvenile guidance and rehabilitation efforts, try to avoid. Segregation or full security is used at MacLaren only for extreme cases for "cooling off." Direction into constructive group activities of a rewarding nature is the routine.

Liability.
The present and future reality is today dealt with under conditions demonstrated by the following statistical factors:

Quarters Crowded
Living quarters designed for a maximum of 30 boys, now house 50. Bunks are double-decked, and crowded into aisles. Boys take turns relaxing in the overstuffed chairs because there is not sufficient floor space for enough chairs.

Lavatory facilities for 50 boys are limited to one room, with two toilets, a urinal, and four wash basins, circumstances which the average small family with one bath room can appreciate.

Such conditions eliminate any degree of privacy and enforce an elbow-rubbing association, relieved only by the cottage or section reserved as a temporary "cooling off" full security quarters.

Confinement Stressed
Here individual cells and gridded windows emphasize the fact of confinement for those boys who show severe disturbance. Supt. Lamb and Vern Neal, director of the full security facilities, point out that the boys are confined to the segregated section for only brief periods, as such confinement, while making for tractable boys, defeats the objectives of the school: The development of character capable of making day to day decisions which are the necessity of citizens in a Democratic society.

Besides the 360 boys housed at the MacLaren school, the administration also has charge of 45 foster-home cases, and 25 in the state-operated boys' camp.

An average period of 12 months, Lamb points out, should be allowed for effective rehabilitation of the young offender. Under present conditions, with the closing of intake impossible, legally and actually, boys are released in five months, frequently, in the face of the realization that they have received little benefit.

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