STARDUST, the white-face steer pictured with Barbara Bailey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Don Bailey, will not actually be the steer to wind up as the source of barbecued beef for the chuck wagon dinner set by area Methodists May 5. However, one just like him will be served to some 500 to 1,000 Methodists as they gather at the Fairgrounds for the "Aldersgate Family Festival" Shown with Stardust and Barbara is Bill Kissinger, chef for the dinner, who is reading up on how to prepare for the huge crowd. (Photo by Chris)

Umpqua District Methodists Slate 'Chuck Wagon' Dinner

Methodists from the nine churches in the Umpqua Subdistrict will join together in a giant singing festival for families and friends on Sunday afternoon, May 5, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. The event's schedule includes a chuck wagon dinner which will be under the direction of Roseburg Methodists.

Bill Lasswell, local chairman, has charge of tickets for the dinner and sing. Tickets are on sale early in the hope that sales will be some indication of participation. There is a potential of over 1,000 Methodists in the area. The Methodists of Drain and Yoncalla will plan the program and have scheduled Robert S. Gibbs, minister of music from First Methodist Church, Boise, Idaho as the song leader. Esther Geddes will be at the piano and organ.

The event is held in commemoration of John Wesley's "Aldersgate Experience" 225 years ago, and will feature the singing of old time and favorite hymns as well as some of the great hymns of the church. It is held on this Sunday in order that families from all over the county will plan to be together at the beginning of National Family Week, according to the Rev. H. James Jenkins of the Roseburg Church.

VA Staffers Attend Meets

It's a busy week of travel for several staff members at the U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital in Roseburg.

Dr. Robert Ellsworth, research psychologist, and Dr. Arthur Bryant, staff psychologist, will be in Santa Monica, Calif., Wednesday through Friday for a meeting of the Western Psychological Association.

Dr. Ellsworth will present a talk on the schizophrenic patient and psychological aid based on a study he made while serving at a veterans' hospital at Fort Mead, S.D.

Gale Wegener, chief of the social work service, is in San Francisco attending an area conference on social work. This session, which continues through Thursday, is being attended by VA hospital staff members from stations located throughout the western states.

Three other staff members are at the Salt Lake VA hospital for a training visit referred to as an "intra-VA detail." They are W. M. Watters, coordinator of the physical medicine and rehabilitation service; William Brickey, corrective therapy chief, and Harold Fix, chief personnel officer. The visitors will be specifically interested in activities which are related to their duties and service at the local hospital, officials stated. They will be at the Salt Lake facility all week.

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TB Association Meets Thursday At Golf Club

The annual meeting of the Douglas County Tuberculosis and Health Association will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Roseburg Country Club.

A business meeting for election of officers and directors and reports is scheduled.

Speaker for the evening will be Dr. Ralph B. Reaume of the Thoracic Clinic in Portland. His subject will be "Signs and Symptoms of Respiratory Disease," supplemented by a film called "Sign Posts."

Dr. Reaume is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reaume of Roseburg, Mr. Reaume being secretary-manager of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Reaume received his doctor of medicine degree at Washington University in St. Louis in 1953. He served his residency in internal medicine at the Veterans Administration Hospital and the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland.

He has been in private practice in Portland since 1959, limited to heart and lungs. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine; a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians, and clinical instructor in medicine at the University of Oregon Medical School.

Entertainment will be furnished by a musical ensemble from Roseburg High School.

A few reservations remain and may be obtained by calling OR 3-6312, it is announced.

Winston School Budget Adopted

The Winston School District 116 budget committee adopted the proposed school budget for 1963-64 after a hearing before a dozen interested persons in the district, correspondent Phebe McGuire reports.

Considerable friendly discussion took place during the hearing and participants were seemingly in accord at its termination, according to Mrs. McGuire.

The 1963-64 budget calls for voters to cast their ballots on May 6 for a sum of $468,489.51 outside the constitutional 6 per cent limitation. This figure amounts to an increase of $56,997.84 over the 1962-63 limitation.

Increases Noted

The existing tax base in the amount of $29,903.98 is an increase of $1,692.68 over the 1962-63 tax base. The new operating budget (general fund) amounts to $864,418.49, which is an increase over last year in the amount of $77,215.52. This figure, less the total estimated receipts and cash balance of $411,025 (which is an increase of $18,525 over last year) and the bond and interest payment of $109,600, a decrease of $6,932.50 from the 1962-63 payments, will necessitate a tax levy of $672,993.49 or an increase of $51,758.02 additional taxes required in the district.

The reasons for the increases are the hiring of additional teachers, salary increases and predicted enrollment increase in addition to the cost of text books or a total increase in instruction in the amount of $45,452.18. Other increases are due to an additional bus for transportation in the Lookinglass and Tenmile areas, building repair, Social Security and retirement increases and capital outlay increase. This includes the cost of furniture for four new classrooms to be built at Douglas High School this summer.

Another Issue Set

When voters turn out to cast their ballot on May 6 they will find a separate ballot on a special tax levy in the amount of $15,000 for the construction of a sewer pipe line between Douglas High School and Winston.

The present septic tank and drainage field has failed to operate and the Oregon State Board of Health has given the school district until next fall to correct the situation.

The connection with the City of Winston sewage disposal plant was recommended by engineers from the state Board of Health as the most satisfactory and economical in the long run. This recommendation was accepted by the budget committee and a decision to run a special levy for this purpose was made at the recent budget hearing.

The $15,000 according to the engineers, will cover purchase and laying of 6,000 feet of pipe and installation of the necessary pumps.

Members Named

The budget committee is composed of five residents including Marion Krebs, chairman; Dr. H. L. Van Dermark, Milford Dowdy of Tenmile, Alvin Heard from Lookingglass and Mrs. Oren Ledgerwood of Dillard, in addition to school board members Everett Johnson, chairman, Jim Richey, Charles McCord of Dillard, George Marsh from Lookingglass and Ted Benedict of Tenmile.

Included in the district are the Winston, Dillard, Tenmile and Lookingglass areas.

Also on the ballot on May 6 will be the name of Louis Lorenz, manager of the Winston Branch of the First National Bank of Roseburg, who is the only petitioner for election on the school board. He will run for the vacancy to be created by the termination of the term of the present chairman, Evetett Johnson.

RETURN ADMIRAL'S BARGE

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UPI) — Three Long Beach policemen chugged up to the aircraft carrier USS Hornet Monday in Rear Adm. G. R. Luker's barge.

"Where do you want us to park this thing?" one of the officers shouted to an astonished duty officer who didn't even know the craft was missing. It had been found banging against a dock by the policemen

APTITUDE TESTING is one of several important aspects of psychological research currently in progress at the U. S. Veterans Administration Hospital in Roseburg. Above, examination sheets are distributed to patients during a group test. Hospital officials report that several new psychological research projects were initiated at the VA hospital in 1962. (News-Review Photo)

VA Hospital Tests New Methods In Treatment Of Mentally Ill

(This is the first in a series of articles which will describe the significant work under way at the U. S. Veterans Administration Hospital in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of neuro-psychiatric patients. Today: Research)

By HAROLD DICKMAN, Ph.D.
Chief, Psychology Service

The psychology research unit at the VA Hospital in Roseburg was first established in 1959.

However, a new and significant research program was inaugurated during the past year under the direction of Dr. Robert Ellsworth, research psychologist.

Dr. Ellsworth, who is nationally known for his research in mental hospital programs, joined the psychology staff in August of 1962. The new research is being conducted on three large psychiatric wards and involves approximately 400 patients. Purpose is to determine what kinds of treatment programs are most effective in helping the hospitalized veteran recover from his emotional illness and return to family and community.

The psychiatric treatment programs on two of the three wards represent two new directions in the treatment of the mentally ill. Except for the treatment programs, the three wards are carefully matched with an equal number of personnel and types of patients. Periodic measures are made of patient progress, evaluating the patient's improvement in the hospital as well as measuring each patient's social and work adjustment after discharge.

In addition, a study is made of each patient's attitude toward the program to which he is exposed. It is anticipated that this study, which will be carried out over the next two years, will yield valuable information regarding the relative effectiveness of each of the three treatment programs.

In addition to this program, seven other research projects were initiated in 1962. Among these was participation of the Roseburg VA Hospital in a nation-wide chemotherapy project. In this project, veterans all over the country are given one of three medications, with half of those on medication participating in socialization groups.

From studies of this kind, it is hoped that the VA can determine which type of medication helps the veteran to not only participate more effectively in hospital programs, but to show significant improvement in his illness.

Demonstration Given At Drain Club Meet

By IRENE AMES

Members of the Eager Beaver Cooking Club in Drain held a demonstration on the making of salads at their recent meeting. Sharry Becker and Linda Clark were in charge.

Tom Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Thompson, was recently elected to membership in the National Honor Society at Drain High School.

'Flu' Strikes

Influenza has taken its toll in the Curtin area, with many persons reported ill recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Suiter have had as a recent house guest their niece, Andrea Suiter of San Francisco.

Equalization Board Sets Hearings

The Douglas County Board of Equalization will begin hearings next Monday, with the first meeting scheduled to examine the county assessor's posted ratio.

The committee will meet again on May 13 to begin a study of appeals filed against assessed valuations of property within the county.

Deadline for the filing of such appeals is May 20. Forms for filing appeals are available at the county assessor's office. They must be filed with the county clerk.

Appeals may be filed against the assessed valuation of a parcel of property, not against the amount of taxes to be paid.

Roof Fire Doused

The Roseburg City Fire Department was called at 8:11 this morning to extinguish a roof fire at 831 West Harvard Blvd.

Firemen reported that the fire was caused by a borken flue at the roof line. Damage was estimated at $25. The house is owned by the Methodist Church and is occupied by Charles Bly.

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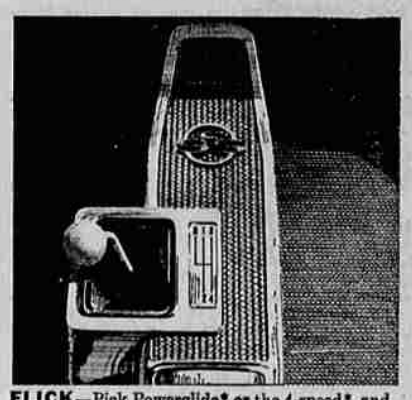

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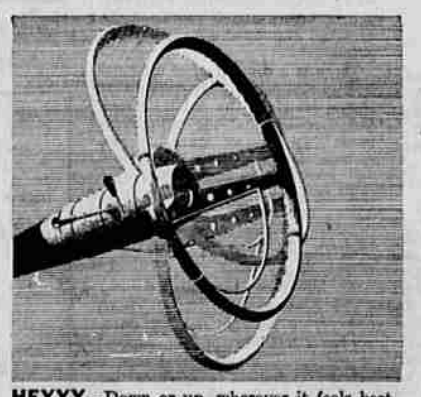

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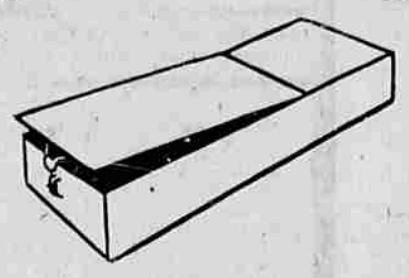

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