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Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Work Release Program Good Transition Plan

Think it's tough finding work right now?

Your ought to be in prison and try getting a job.

Even when times are good you'd imagine it would be difficult finding work under those circumstances. Nevertheless, during the last four years some 367 Oregon businesses, industries and institutions—quietly and without fanfare, have employed 1,230 prison inmates. They have worked for almost every type of employer imaginable and collectively have earned \$1,466,278.

This segment of the Oregon labor force came into being after the 1965 Legislature passed a law creating the Corrections Division's "work release" program. Work release is designed to provide transitional employment prior to parole and release.

"It goes a long way toward easing the shock between the highly structured life behind bars and the freedom of the outside world," according to Garland D. Godby, director of transitional programs.

And it's proving its worth also in inmate rehabilitation and as a saving to Oregon taxpayers. Those same gainfully employed 1200-odd work release participants have paid something like \$300,000 in taxes during the four-year period. Another \$320,000 has been returned to the Oregon economy for purchases of clothing, incidental spending money, transportation and minor medical expense. And a like amount has been "saved" because work release participants pay their own board and room.

Gov. Tom McCall, then secretary of state and long an advocate of prison rehabilitation reform, hired one of the first two work release applicants as a Capitol grounds keeper. Another went to work for the governor as a field employee at \$500 a month less than two years ago and now is being considered for an administrative position directing 14 other persons at \$1,000 a month. Another outstanding example of the program's value involves a participant employed as a teacher in another state institution. He enjoys his work so much he turned down parole to stay on the job and has \$4,000 in the bank.

These are exceptions, maybe. And not all applicants find their niche in work release. Over the four years administrators report 77 percent have been returned to society in a productive capacity—with a job and money in their pockets on their day of release.

Of the remaining 23 percent, Gov. McCall says it would be improper to label them all failures. "The percentage is 'tolerable,'" the governor claims. "Seldom are perpetrators of violent crimes permitted to participate in work release. Nonetheless, many of the participants are being trusted for the first time and there is an element of risk."

"If we didn't take any chances," he declared, "the percentage of failures might be as low as three percent."

Participants naturally are carefully screened by prison rehabilitation people and closely supervised throughout the program. Average tenure in work release is about six months before the inmate wins parole.

The State Employment Division recently has been assisting the Corrections Division in actual job placement. Men chosen for work release live in closely supervised quarters, travel to and from work on a strict time schedule by public transportation and are required to "bank" their earnings with the program.

There's no stopping off for a beer with the boys on the way home from the job for work release participants. Visits to girlfriends, owning or driving a vehicle of any kind and many other restrictions mean an extremely straight and narrow path they must follow.

And for those who flunk the experience, it's likely to be one

of these transgressions that put them back behind bars rather than an outright escape or return to crime.

Work release is not unique in Oregon. It had its U.S. beginnings in Wisconsin in 1913, expanded into North Carolina in 1958 and today some 34 states have similar programs.

Firmly established in Oregon now, the program has few critics and is well accepted by employers throughout the state. But work release participants do have something in common with the so-called free segment of the labor force. They obtain and hold their jobs on their own merit. When jobs are scarce they find it as difficult as anyone else to get work.

Usually there are from 10 to 15 qualified work release applicants waiting for jobs. Today, with Oregon unemployment at relatively high levels, the Employment Division reports 20 to 35 work release applicants willing but unable to work.



Took the tribe and dashed off for an afternoon at the Curry county fair Saturday. Enjoyed it, too, in the main that is...but I sure miss seeing the Curry local yocals manning all the carny booths.

There was a time, a few years back, when all the game operators were Curry clubs and organizations. And you never had the feeling that they were only out to fleece you...like I sometimes get now with all them outlanders making their commanding pitches at everybody strolling down the midway.

Used to help operate a booth or two myself and it was always a good feeling to give the little tots the big edge when they were putting their money on the line to win a prize. Professional operators tend to look at the money instead of the youngster.

Plainly...I didn't mind losing my cash to the local folks. Fact is, I always dropped more than I do now...or will in the future.

Now I'm not bad-mouthing the efforts of fair manager Sandy Sanders and his very able crew...they did a top job...just spouting off with my own thoughts.

Learned this week that a change had been made in the Jubilee Junior Court princesses. Sharon Coyne, daughter of the Jim Croys, was a princess 'stead of Erin Burke as published. Somebody forgot to tell us.

A University of Oregon scientist has developed a theory which claims that a bullet might hurtle through space before it is fired, and that an astronaut may someday grow younger in outer space.

Dr. Paul Csonka, a 33 year old physicist at the University is challenging the universally-accepted concept of causality. His theory could become the most exciting scientific development of the decade, according to Dr. Michael J. Moravcsik, director of the Institute of Theoretical Science with which Dr. Csonka is affiliated at the UO.

Roughly speaking, the Csonka theory says that the universe may create itself—that the future can cause the past, and vice-versa.

You may not believe this but...Vinegar has another litter of

LETTERS to the Editor

Likes Edson Creek Park

TO THE EDITOR

Saturday at 5 p.m. Humboldt State Park campsites were full so the attendant suggested we try Edson Creek County Park. (Thank you, Ma'am!) We want to express our appreciation to the people of the area for your provision of camping facilities in such a lovely spot. This has been one of the most peaceful places on our entire vacation. We leave contented; full of gigantic blackberries and memories of green trees murmuring around a serene golden meadow.

I wonder, though, if maybe the local residents don't take their surroundings a bit too much for granted.

We picked up a large grocery bag full of garbage (including a lot of beer cans) just in the immediate vicinity of our campsite.

Please take care of this place for yourselves and us—we may be back someday—permanently. Manfred and Judy Schmidt

Ann Arbor, Michigan P.S. Take care of those lovely beaches too—they are precious.

Asks Dunes Area Support

TO THE EDITOR

Hearings on a bill (H.R. 778) sponsored by Congressman John Dellenback to create a 32,000 acre Oregon National Recreation Area on the coast between Florence and Coos Bay are to be held in the new Florence high school, on August 28, beginning at 1 p.m.

Oregonians who would like to see this stretch of coast set aside for recreation should plan either to attend the hearings or write to the committee. Letters should be addressed to: Hon. Roy A. Taylor, Chairman, Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation, House Interior Committee, 1324 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515. If mailed to the subcommittee, one's statement or letter should be typewritten in triplicate, double spaced. Anyone who wishes to present a statement orally at the hearings should notify the chairman by Aug. 18, and have 25 copies to hand in when he speaks before the subcommittee.

Efforts in the past to create a dunes seashore under the National Park Service were not successful because it would have reached inland five miles, taken in about 17,000 acres of private property, including some 400 homes. This would have wiped out a large percentage of the tax base needed to support local schools. Also state parks such as Honeyman, would have been turned over to the federal government.

Under the present bill, H.R. 778, the administration of the dunes area will remain under the U.S. Forest Service. There will be no need of condemnation of private property and the State of Oregon will keep its parks.

This proposal has almost unanimous support along the Oregon Coast. We urge all citizens who would like to see the National Recreation Area created—the fifth of its kind in the United States—attend the hearings or write to the subcommittee named above.

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younguns. She went all out this time and produced five cute, fuzzy little ones...only four are left. They are in a box in the garage and almost ready for delivery so get your orders in early. And just in case anybody is interested in raising cats...I'll even throw in ol' Vinegar. (Please!)

Ol' friendly County Agent Walt Schroeder will be heading up a committee at the annual meeting of U.S. County Agents Aug. 16-20 at O.S.U. It's the 55th annual get-together of agents...but Walt missed the first few.

Gov. Tom McCall plans to appoint Associate Justice Gordon Sloan of the Oregon Supreme Court as a commissioner to study out a new timber harvest plan for O&C timber lands in Western Oregon that has been proposed by Sec. of Int. Walter Hickel and the BLM. All he needs is approval from the State Emergency Board...who will also be asked to provide \$65,000 in financing. The report is



Dellenback Reports

by Rep. John Dellenback

Fishermen To Air Problems

The extensive schools of fish off our coast have long been among Oregon's most valuable natural resources. Our commercial fishing industry has been an important factor in the growth of Oregon's economy. Yet today, our fishing fleets are faced with declining fish catches, increased competition from massive and technologically superior foreign fleets, and inability to obtain workable financing for upgrading of their own equipment.

In the past few weeks, Congress has finally begun to move on legislation affecting the fishing industry, and international discussions are underway on the 12 mile limit and exploration and use of the seabed. As a member of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, I have been working in Congress and with the Executive Branch in an effort to develop solutions to some of our fishing industry problems. The House recently passed legislation which would extend the life of the Fisherman's Loan Fund another 10 years. I supported this legislation, but considered unsuccessfully for an increase in the amount of the fund so our fishermen would be able to obtain larger loans at lower interest rates. This committee is now considering legislation which would raise the fines levied on foreign vessels fishing too close to our shores.

International law is not at all clear as to how far off a nation's coast it can legally control foreign fishing activities. This holds true for giant nations like the U.S. and Russia in addition to smaller ones like Japan and both Korea. Thus, international treaties and negotiations are extremely important.

To get the full facts, I have arranged for a conference on the subject of foreign fishing limits to be held Tuesday, August 18 at Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. Ambassador McKernan, chief U.S. negotiator with foreign countries on the subject of limits on offshore fishing, and a man with strong Oregon ties, will be our chief participant. Others will be representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard, the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries of the Department of the Interior, and the Oregon Fish Commission. Unfortunately the conference will be held during our fishing season, but the difficulties in picking a date agreeable to all ruled out a date after the close of the season. I earnestly hope that a representative group of our Oregon and District fishermen will attend, for this is a wonderful opportunity to impress upon these key government officials the seriousness of the problem affecting our fishing industry. I feel that the information developed at the conference may well be an important factor in national efforts to help our fishing industry on this critical issue.

Seafood, Sport Fishing Top Industry Activities

"The business and employment indicators for the South Coast area in July merely suggest an upward trend," said Edward J. Konkka, manager of the Coos Bay Employment Office.

"There was a slight upturn pattern in some categories, but not in the degree hoped for at this time of the year," added Konkka.

EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

"Seafood processing and sport fishing lead the way in activity over all other segments of industry. Canneries reported that generally full crews were needed throughout the month. Most of the work was in shrimp, salmon and bottom fish. The tuna boats are operating to the North, but starting in August, catches are expected to be landed in the South coast area.

"Retail trade employment increased as expanded sales pro-

motions necessitated additional hiring of personnel. August employment should benefit from back-to-school sales.

"Longshoring benefited from the greater than normal amount of logs and lumber shipped out, plus the usual activity with wood chip ships. Indications are that August will be an equally busy month.

"Service industry sources indicated a generally satisfactory month. The influx of conventioners and tourists, plus fairly favorable weather conditions contributed to seasonally stable conditions.

"There was very little turnover and not too much hiring in logging and lumber. Part of this was due to the annual scheduled shutdowns for vacations and mill maintenance work. Increased hiring is not foreseen for the immediate months ahead. The most often comments heard were that work would be steady but at a sluggish pace.

"The construction trades reported that generally, July was slow, and August didn't promise any change.

"New and used car sales were up, as two dealerships reentered the market in the area.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

July vacation closures, for two weeks, by several major employers account primarily for the increase in new and continued claims, compared to June 1970. There were no layoffs of significance in Curry County," he concluded.

July Traffic Deaths Down

Oregon traffic crashes killed 44 people during July, the lowest toll for that month since 1960 when 40 were killed, according to the Oregon Motor Vehicles Division.

The reduced July toll brought the state's seven month traffic death toll to 360—a 4½ per cent decrease over the comparable period in 1969.

Twenty of the month's victims were under 25 years of age.

Last July 63 people died in Oregon traffic. The Division said the reduced July toll this year is difficult to explain, particularly since deaths during the first half of the year had been running ahead of 1969.

The Division said it may find, when reports of gasoline used during the month are compiled, that travel declined in July this year but that will not be known for several weeks.

Whatever the reason, officials said they hoped the reduction trend continues throughout the remaining months of the year when traffic deaths generally go up.

GRANDCHILDREN VISIT

Visiting at the Pete Hileys last week were two grandsons from Ophir, sons of the Cuy Hubbards. Also visiting was a granddaughter, Sandy LaChance from Grand Ronde.

SHOP PORT ORFORD

"Little Stroke:" Warning To Heed

It happened all of a sudden. An active housewife, several times a grandmother, was doing her ironing one evening. The iron fell from her hand and her whole arm went numb; she felt weak but didn't faint.

Alerted by the sound of the iron hitting the floor, her husband rushed into the kitchen. His wife could not speak. He helped her to a chair—although her symptoms disappeared in two or three minutes and she could voice her objections—he called the doctor who found she had had a "little stroke".

All strokes, big or little, occur when the blood supply to a part of the brain is cut off, depriving its nerve cells of oxygen and other nutrients. Oregon Heart Association notes.

An important consideration in stroke is hypertension, high blood pressure. Elevated levels raise the risk of stroke in two ways. First, an abnormally high pressure accelerates the progression of atherosclerosis, the condition in which arteries are narrowed by fatty deposits. When an artery is clogged, a stroke occurs. Secondly, increased pressure may put an added strain on an already damaged blood vessel in the brain, causing it to "blow", and produce so-called hemorrhagic stroke. Your doctor can help you lower your blood pressure, if it is too high.

The big stroke, which is more dreaded, can paralyze an entire side of the body. But the little stroke is by far the more frequent, according to the Oregon Heart Association.

The symptoms of a little stroke are usually minor and may last only a few seconds or up to a few days. They vary widely and may include numbness or weakening of one side of the face or an arm or leg. Or there may be temporary loss or blurring of vision, difficulty or slurring of speech.

The brain, of course, is the control center for the whole body. Specific areas of the brain control body, arms, legs, face, speech, reading and sight. The effects of a stroke depend on which control center is deprived of blood and for how long.

Because little strokes have comparatively minor symptoms which usually pass quickly, many people ignore them. It is a dangerous thing to do.

Symptoms of a little stroke should be reported to your physician immediately. More often than not, a little stroke is a warning which should be heeded. Prompt medical attention may forestall a more serious stroke.

The doctor may prescribe medication; he may suggest you modify your living habits regarding diet, rest, activity. Whatever his instructions, it's important that you follow them closely.

Sometimes little strokes go literally unnoticed by the person experiencing them. This is one of two good reasons for having a regular physical examination. Often the doctor's questioning may bring to light certain information that suggests a little stroke may have occurred.

The other good reason for having a physical examination regularly is to enable your doctor to discover and control any condition—whether it be high blood pressure or overweight—which may affect your health. Regular physical examinations can prevent some diseases. Maintaining good general health improves your fighting chances against any disease that might strike.

This is the second in a series of articles on stroke.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

The Wednesday Night Duplicate Bridge held a club tournament with nine tables playing. First went to John and Jim Whitty of Coos Bay; Second and third were tied to Mrs. Carothers and Susan Fisher of Coos Bay and Mr. and Mrs. Oland of North Bend; Fourth, C. G. Lemanski and Dr. J. S. Laird of Coos Bay; Fifth, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dixon of Brookings; and Sixth, Jim Redburn and Jack Longworth of Coos Bay.

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Attractive Nuisances

Repeated tragedies by now have pointed up the potential deadly peril of abandoned ice boxes and refrigerators to small children.

But many other hazards, less publicized but potentially as likely to kill or injure youngsters, still are not uncommon. Some of these the law classes as "attractive nuisances"—potential perils attractive to children.

Persons who maintain such "nuisances" may, in certain circumstances, be liable for youngsters' injuries—even sometimes in cases where they have specifically warned the children about the danger.

Here is how the court defines the law:

One who maintains an instrument or condition which may reasonably be expected to attract young children and to endanger them has a duty to take the precautions that a reasonable prudent person would take to prevent injury to the children.

Examples from cases in which the court has applied the law include an insecurely fastened railroad turntable, untended explosives left where children were known to play, easily accessible machinery and an untended scraper vehicle left temporarily on a school ground.

All potential dangers to children are not, of course, regarded as nuisances which would make the owners liable. The court says the instrument or condition must be dangerous in itself—that is, likely to result in an injury; it must be alluring to young children; the children must be too young to recognize the danger; the danger must be where children play or could be expected to play or attracted out of curiosity; and it must be reasonably practical to prevent access to the danger or to eliminate it without hurting its reasonable purpose.

(This column is written to inform not advise. Facts may change the application of the law.)

Senior Citizens Meet With Bandon

Port Orford Senior Citizens met for a joint picnic with the Bandon club at Bullards Park Monday where several members' birthdays were celebrated.

The local group will meet Aug. 17, at the American Legion hall here for a p.m. potluck. Any person over 60 years, resident, tourist or visitor, is invited to attend.

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Conlees Head Weaver Camp

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Conlee of Gold Beach have been named co-chairmen of the Curry County "Weaver for Congress Committee," it has been announced by James H. Weaver of Eugene, Democratic candidate for Congress from the 4th District.

Conlee is a U.S. Plywood employee and Mrs. Conlee is a housewife and mother. Both are active in the Democratic party in Curry county.

In announcing the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Conlee, Weaver said "I'm extremely pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Conlee heading up the 'Weaver for Congress' activities in Curry county. They are fine, hard-working people and are representative of all the good people of Curry county."

Weaver is seeking the Congressional seat currently held by Republican John Dellenback in the November 3 general election.

IN COOS BAY

Mrs. Sam Tripp and mother Mrs. Linda Guerin, were Coos Bay visitors last Tuesday and Friday. Mrs. Tripp left for Bodega Bay, Calif., to visit with her husband for a few days where he is deep sea fishing.

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