

QUIZ OF STATE SCHOOL ASKED

Mother of Inmate Who Died Demands Investigation Of Conditions

Investigation by the Marion county grand jury of the administration of the state home for the feeble minded, in connection with the recent death of Georgia Marshall of Eugene, formerly an inmate of the institution, was demanded here Tuesday by Mrs. Isabel Reif, mother of the girl.

Mrs. Reif, in affidavits filed with the grand jury, alleged criminal negligence on the part of Dr. J. N. Smith, superintendent of the institution; Mrs. J. N. Smith, matron, and Dr. J. O. Matthis, acting physician. It was charged by Mrs. Reif that her daughter died in a Eugene hospital September 5 as the result of unexplained injuries suffered while an inmate of the feeble minded home. Mrs. Reif alleged that the girl did not receive proper care.

Girl Has Long Record At State Institution

The records show that the Marshall girl has suffered from epileptic attacks since she was six years old and for more than 10 years had been a patient in the Oregon institution for varying periods of time. The girl was last committed to the home in June of this year. Mrs. Reif charged that she was summoned to the institution July 24, where she found her daughter suffering from a fracture of the skull, lacerations of the face and chin and other injuries. "I remained in Salem several days," said Mrs. Reif in one of her affidavits, "but the officials were reticent to give me any information as to what had happened."

"On August 30 I telephoned to the institution and was told that my daughter was feeling fine. On the following day I was told that my daughter was not at all well. I hastened to the institution where I found Georgia in a straight jacket and bleeding from the mouth. She could not eat and kept repeating, 'Please don't whip me.'"

Matron Refused Aid, Woman Charges

"I then appealed to Mrs. Smith, the matron, but she refused any aid and told me if I did not like the way my daughter was being treated, to take her out of the institution. I also called Dr. Matthis by telephone and asked him if he would not come to the home and treat my daughter. He hung up the receiver, and did not arrive at the institution until the following day. His attitude was brutal. I asked him what happened to my daughter, and he replied: 'Find out if you think you can.'"

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Y. W. C. A. FUNDS DRIVE PUT OFF

Campaign Postponed From February to April of Coming Year

The annual Y. W. C. A. financial campaign will be conducted during April next year instead of in February as has been customary in past years, the board of directors decided Tuesday at the regular meeting held Tuesday noon at Camp Santaly, Girl Reserve camp on the Santiam above Mehama. This extension has been made primarily because of unfavorable weather conditions.

The business meeting, Tuesday, which followed a luncheon hour at the camp, was attended by 17 members. Reports from all committee chairmen were given, showing a health state of affairs for the association. Mrs. George Moorehead, chairman of the Girl Reserve group, reported plans materializing in splendid shape for the reception which the high school girls are planning for fresh man girls, to be held this evening at the Y. W. C. A., and which will open the social season for the girls. An advisors' luncheon is being planned for Saturday noon, and the annual Y. W. C. A. membership tea will be held Thursday, October 17, with Mrs. J. H. Lauterman, chairman of the membership committee, and Mrs. H. M. Hawkins, chairman of the social committee, in charge of general arrangements.

The directors approved a plan to have two members from each department in the association sit on the membership committee and these persons will be selected shortly. Allied groups of the Y. W. C. A. include the 15 Girl Reserve organizations in the schools and the junior business girls.

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Gallaher, general secretary, gave a talk. Mrs. Gallaher said that she hoped to see the membership increased and organization developed to a point where more and more members will be participating in the organization.

CHEMEKETANS CHANGE RULES

Requirements for Membership Cut Down by Vote Tuesday Night

An important constitutional change made by the Chemeketans at their annual meeting held last night at the Y. M. C. A. opens to active membership any person in good standing in the community who has participated in two local walks of the organization. The previous standard for active membership was the climbing of a snow-capped peak. The previous classification of "associate members" was done away with when the more liberal policy for active membership was adopted. A number of other changes were made in the constitution, chiefly of a minor character.

Those who climb the snow peaks under the new membership classification will be entitled to wear the "summit badge" of the organization.

The following were elected members of the executive council for the ensuing year: Ben Rickli, W. M. Hamilton, Geo. Fake, Dr. D. B. Hill, Catherine Gaylord, Augusta Notari, Ruby Eoffneil, Judge O. P. Coshaw, Mike Panek and Dr. C. A. Dowsas tied for a position.

The commission also granted application of the county court of Marrow county for permission to change a private gated crossing at grade across the tracks of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company, approximately one mile west of the town of Irigton, to an open public crossing.

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Under the change, DeWelt will handle the books and all requisitions and checks will be signed by the principal.

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Complaints Say Rogue Fished Out

Complaint that there had been considerable illegal fishing on the Rogue river in Southern Oregon, with the result that the summer run of fish was lighter than for several years, was lodged with Governor Patterson here Tuesday by a number of Medford sportsmen. Harold Clifford, state game warden, attended the conference at the request of the governor. Clifford said he was aware of the illegal fishing last winter, and that he recently assigned a fast boat and five deputy wardens to patrol the stream. This explanation was said to have satisfied the complainants.

The charge that the illegal fishing operations were responsible for the light run of fish this summer, was denied by Governor Patterson and Clifford.

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SPECIAL GROUP OF TEACHERS FORMED

Organization of a Marion county commercial teachers' association was an outgrowth of round table discussion at the departmental session of the annual county teachers' institute in the local high school Tuesday. The organization set up as objectives the production of greater general efficiency in the commercial departments of the county high schools, emphasizing to students an adequate training for actual business positions, mutual benefits to student and teacher alike through an exchange of ideas and methods and the securing of great-

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