

PROBE SHOWS NO BRUTALITY

Recommendations Made in Report on Training School for Boys

The removal of W. H. Ballie, superintendent of the state training school for boys near Woodburn, is not recommended by the child welfare commission's report filed with the board of control here Saturday. The commission does urge that use of the ankle-iron, otherwise known as the "Oregon boot", as a means of restraining the pereginations of inmates, should be abolished.

The commission further recommended that any restriction upon the ordinary demands of a boy for food should not be used as a form of discipline. Serving of whole milk to the inmates of the school also was recommended.

Other conclusions of the commission follow: That a separate reformatory institution for old offenders and incorrigibles should be provided by the state.

That arrangements should be made for careful segregation of the boys according to age and offense. Boys newly admitted should be segregated for a period of observation.

More Educational Facilities Sought
That greater emphasis be placed upon the educational and training facilities of the institution and that an adequate corps of teachers should be employed to provide thorough-going educational and vocational training, including some high school work.

That mental and physical examinations, and a social and psychiatric diagnosis should be made of every boy committed to the training school and his treatment planned on the basis of the results of these.

That county courts be urged to work out some plan for the care of dependent children and that only cases of definite delinquency be committed to the training school.

That the kitchen and storage rooms be renovated and made more sanitary, and that the cooking equipment and plumbing facilities in the kitchen be made more adequate and modern.

"We realize," read the report, "that some of these recommendations will involve an increase in the per capita cost of operation at the training school, but in this connection your attention is called to the fact that the institution is now being operated on an exceedingly low per capita cost in comparison with other similar schools."

An investigation of the school was launched several months ago by the state board of control, when the parents of Vernon Levy complained that he had been burned while an ankle-iron was being removed from his leg by means of an acetylene torch.

The board of control devoted almost two days to hearing evidence in the case, and later referred the complaint to the child welfare commission. The investigation then shifted from Salem to Portland and Woodburn.

More than 40 witnesses were examined by the board of control, including Vernon Levy and other former inmates of the school. Parents and friends of the boys also appeared before the board of control as did a number of employees of the institution. Mr. Ballie was one of the principal witnesses for the defense.

Burning of Lad's Leg Pure Accident
The investigation was confined largely to three main charges brought against the school, "These included use of the ankle-iron, cruelty in punishment of boys and use of improper and insufficient food, resulting in malnutrition."

"The commission is convinced that the burning of Vernon Levy's leg during the process of removing the ankle-iron with the use of a torch, was an accident and occurred equally by the state board of control and the superintendent of the boys' training school. Mr. Ballie knew nothing of the attempt to remove the ankle-iron with the use of a torch. The usual method of removing the ankle-iron is by means of a hack saw."

The report set out that at the time of the accident Levy was wearing two ankle-irons, one weighing 17 pounds and the other from seven to 10 pounds.

"This unusual condition," continued the report, "was occasioned by the fact that Levy had run away from the school six times and had attempted it a seventh time."

"Strapping is a method of discipline used in many educational and training institutions throughout the country. Strapping at the Oregon training school during recent years has been confined to lashes with one strap, one-inch in width, on the palms of the hands or soles of the feet."

"The members of this commission are not in favor of strapping as an improved form of discipline, but the commission hesitates to recommend at this time the total abolition of this form of discipline. Steps should be taken, however, to substitute other forms of discipline, to the end that corporal punishment may be abolished at an early date. In the meantime the commission recommends that strapping on the soles of the feet be abolished and that lashes on the palms of the hands be reduced to a maximum of 10. No strappings should be given until the offense has been reported to the superintendent and the boy has been interviewed."

The commission recommended that the practice of compelling boys to stand in line or in some fixed position as a form of punishment should be used only in moderation and under strict supervision.

Education Never Finished, Word of Beattie in Talks At the Monmouth Normal

MONMOUTH, Jan. 31.—An interesting visitor in Monmouth this week was W. G. Beattie, a professor in the extension department of the University of Oregon, and one-time head of the Rural department of the Oregon Normal school, who addressed Monmouth's Lions club, also the student body and faculty of Monmouth high school. He presented many interesting observations on the subject of education, stressing the fact that no one ever completes his education, as always there is some medium of its continuance, intentionally or otherwise. Among mature-minded individuals, or those who dropped early from actual school participation, there is a growing trend toward systematic continued study by means of correspondence courses and night classes, which furnish the means of advancement both vocationally and professionally. Then there are the many special-

ized cases, where individual study and research is followed; and the fortunate, though more restricted, group, who can afford travel as a leisurely and colorful method of enlightenment. At the high school he made a brief special address to the senior class at close of his visit, and encouraged his young listeners to ask questions, of him, concerning any colleges of Oregon.

"Sew and So" is Club's Name in Zena Vicinity

ZENA, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Clarence Merrick and children, Audrey and Chester and Mrs. W. N. Crawford of Zena attended the

recent meeting of the Sew and So club at the home of Mrs. Ivan Merrick of Lincoln Wednesday. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in sewing and conversation. Mrs. Merrick was assisted at the tea hour by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dale Ridgeway of Buell who was a special guest of the club.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Clarence Merrick at Zena. Members present Wednesday were Mrs. A. Madsen, Mrs. George Boyd, Mrs. Clarence Merrick, Mrs. W. N. Crawford and the hostess, Mrs. Ivan Merrick. Children who were guests of the club were Merrilyn and Edrudell Boyd, Audrey and Chester Merrick, Alvin Madsen, Jr., Naomi Norman and Delores Merrick and Robert Ross.

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