Oregon's Loveliest to Compete in Seaside Pagaent of Talent and Beauty

These 11 girls, representing 11 Oregon communities, will participate in the sixth annual Miss Oregon Pageant at Seaside, Ore., July 25, 26 and 27. They will be judged on a basis of talent, personality, poise and beauty, and the winner will be crowned "Miss Oregon" and will represent the state at the Miss America pageant in September.

No. 1 above is "Miss Hood River," Betty Jo Bucklin, 22; No. 2—"Miss Wallowa County," Joan Davis, 18; No. 3—"Miss Eugene," Mary Lou Teague, 18; No. 4—"Miss Portland," Joyce Farnstrom, 18; No. 5—"Miss Gearhart," Margaret Greene, 20; No. 6—"Miss Lincoln County," Katherine Carol Litchfield, 18; No. 7—"Miss Yamhill County," Dolores Cary, 18; No. 8—"Miss Washington County," Marlene Gayle Olson, 20; No. 9—"Miss Hermiston," Loretta Mason, 18; No. 10—"Miss The Dalles," Marilyn Ann Lundell, 18; No. 11—"Miss Linn County," Norma Mae Glaser, 22.

Picture of Ragged Boy's Prayer To Make Parents 'Stop Fightin' Helps Judge to Save Marriages

(Editor's note: Following is the third and last portion of a story on Marion County's new Court of Domestic Relations.)

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"Dear Lord, please make Mama and Papa stop fightin', 'cause it s hard to take sides when you love them both, an' besides, I'm ashamed to face the kids."

That prayer by a ragged boy, pictured behind Circuit Judge Joseph B. Felton's desk in Marion County Courthouse, has had some powerful effects on potential family disasters. But longer range effects are expected, and are beginning to show, from the new court of domestic relations established here a year ago.

As with juvenile problems, one of the chief accomplishments of the new court is the providing of more time for consideration of marriage problems and for counseling. These two functions of the court are connected — statistics show broken homes to be a heavy contributor to juvenile delinquency, and Felton and others of the department are anxious to prevent trouble rather than have to cure it.

Given by Eagles

The ragged youngster's picture, given by the Fraternal Order of Eagles, has brought tears to the eyes of several parents contemplating divorce, said the judge.

It doesn't hang behind the bench but behind the desk in Felton's chambers, since that's where most of the action in this court occurs. It's informal, especially for juveniles, with the idea of promoting understanding rather than fear of the court.

The important thing, to Felton, in a divorce action is the disposition of the children—important to the development of the nation's future citizens because of the emotional problems which a family split creates.

To Maintan Marriages

The court has no regular counselor but counsels as much as possible through Felton and the juvenile workers, especially where children are involved, as in 89 of the first 184 decrees issued by the court. He stresses the court's objective as maintaining marriages. With limited facilities, reconcilliations are being attempted, although this can best be done before the actual divorce complaint is filed.

Judge Felton gives most attorneys of this area credit for aiding reconcilations and referring the case to the juvenile department for aid if the couple has children. Some referrals come also from such agencies as the welfare department.

Felton commends the Salem Ministerial Association on its recent study of pre-marital counseling holding that such guidance "could prevent many broken homes, since numerous couples have no conception of the responsibilities involved in marriage."

Must Wait 6 Months

Divorces granted by the court, under Oregon law, are final. The parties cannot be married, legally, to third persons for six months, but there is no specific penalty for violation. Felton would favor an interlocutory type of decree, under which the divorce would not be final for six months or a year, as a means of slowing the rush into illegal marriage. To do his share until that legislative change is made, the judge specifies that all decrees of his court include the provision that the divorcees may not remarry for the six months, as a reminder.

Another change desired by Felton, regarding his deep interest in the children involved, would be legislation giving the court authority to investigate disposition of children after the divorce is granted, rather than making it part and parcel of the divorce action. Now the court can look into the matter afterwards only if both parents agree to it.

Many Uncontested

In recent months the court has begun hearing default divorce cases every Monday rather than twice a month. Though at first glance this might appear to be making these decrees quicker or easier, it means rather that the judge can give more time to consideration of the cases. Of the decrees granted in the new court's first six month, 153 or more than 83 per cent were by default, uncontested.

During 1951 Marion County granted 265 divorce decrees, three more than in the previous year. That raised the ratio of divorces to marriage from 27 to 32 per cent, since marriage licenses had dropped from 947 to 828.

During his first six months, Felton signed 184 decrees. The perponderance of divorce actions during the latter half of the calendar year continues a trend of at least recent years. For four years the July-September quarter has had more such cases filed than any other quarter, by 10 to 40 per cent, and the October-December period has usually been second highest.

Sign Painter Reports Theft

Roy Farley, a sign painter of 1040 Broadway St., reported Tuesday to Salem city police that a machine, valued at $157 and used in painting, was taken from his paint shop sometime during the night Monday.

Farley said he saw nothing disturbed in his ship but the machine, used by painters and woodworkers to cut designs in wood or metal, was missing.

Three Building Permits Issued

A new roof, a new location and an alteration of a dwelling were listed Tuesday in three building permits issued by the Salem city engineer.

Permits were issued to Robert McLauchlan, alter a dwelling at 770 N. 16th St., $250; Dean Robinson, reroof a dwelling at 1695 Lee St., $200, and Laurence Peterson, relocate a garage at 2285 Lee St., $50.

Prospects for Late Summer Fruit Crops 'Above Average'

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
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Despite frosts and late heavy rains that caused spotted damage to Oregon's 1952 fruit crops, prospects for the later summer and fall fruits appear better than average, a survey disclosed Tuesday.

Apples, peaches, peas and nuts are showing excellent prospects, growers reported.

The peach crop is particularly surprising in many areas. In some places, the crop was caught badly by frosts during blossoming time, while in others the blossoms escaped frost altogether and the crop is showing every indication of being "heavy".

Only the prune crop is expected to be somewhat smaller than average.

The peach crop was estimated to be about 50 per cent larger than last year's crop of 400,000 bushels. Here in the Willamette Valley reports from the Jefferson area show a particularly fine crop expected.

The apple and pear crops in Oregon are both estimated to be larger than average in contrast to the nation's apple and pear crop which as a whole is estimated to be considerable smaller than the 1951 crops.

Oregon's prune crop, however, estimated at 58,700 tons, is smaller than last year's crop and way below the previous 10-year average. A sizeable increase in eastern Oregon prunes is offset by poorer prospects than usual in Western Oregon.

But Oregon's filbert and walnut prospects indicate above average production in 1952. The walnut tonnage was estimated to be smaller than last year, but quite a bit above average. Filbert prospects are being estimated at a good third larger than a year ago.

Harvesting of Oregon's caneberries continued the second week in July, with processors' prices remaining unchanged. However, a number of the fields wound up their picking Saturday, with others going on into the third week of the month.

Some processors were reporting that berries received during the second week at their plants showed some damage from recent high temperautres. Red raspberries in particular were showing signs of sun scald and blistering.

Full scale operations on apricots are expected this week, although processing got underway during the past week. One large processor in Salem reported paying $75 a ton f.o.b. shipping point for apricots.

Ben W. Olcott Rites Thursday

PORTLAND (AP)—Funeral services will be held here Thursday for Ben W. Olcott, 79, former Oregon governor who died Monday.

The services will be private, limited to members of the family. Commitment will be at the Mount Crest Abbey in Salem.

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