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### Sec. of Interior McKay Finds Himself Running Divorce Mill

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WASHINGTON—Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay has the makings of a society divorce mill on his hands, another of the odd-ball problems which dramatize the diversity of his department's undertakings.

The Virgin Islands, a territorial possession administered by the Interior Department along with nearby Puerto Rico in the Caribbean Sea, is the scene of this social malady.

The Secretary found this to be a tourist paradise upon his first inspection trip to that end of his empire last February, but not until recently has it become known that divorces of the quickie variety have been on the upgrade.

The Virgin Islands still can't come to matching the nearest American soil, Florida, where 18,000 couples were torn asunder by the courts in 1950. Florida requires a 90 day waiting period, which means it may be losing its divorce trade to the islands which require only 44 days residence.

Eastern well-to-dos may find it more convenient and even pleasant to fly to St. Croix to get shed of their mates rather than heading out for Reno, where the waiting period is only two days shorter. Actually, Nevada in 1950 was the scene of only half as many divorces as were granted in Florida.

As with these two states, the Virgin Islands considers the tourist trade a major industry. But the fact that anyone can get a divorce there on grounds of "incompatibility of temperament" means that possibly the courts and not the climate will offer the greatest appeal to Americans who want a change of scenery.

Anyway with an increased tourist trade there has been an increased divorce count in the islands of late—and the Department of Interior is looking into the matter.

Just like every other American who has received a government check at one time or another, President Eisenhower is paid with the regulation cardboard type check which has all the holes punched in it. But Ike gets two each month, one for his \$100,000 a year salary and another for his \$50,000 expense account.

But his checks, too, are shriveled by deductions before he gets them. Income taxes clip Eisenhower \$2,477.79 every payday—which indicates that the president has a pretty fair stake in his current stand against tax reduction until the federal budget is balanced.

Eisenhower also buys a defense bond a month with a payroll deduction, thus being the first president to participate in this payroll plan. So his checks each month are for \$6,688.86 salary and \$333.34 expenses, or just over 10 grand a month.

But Ike never sees them. One of his military aides is the last man in a long line of officials who handle the president's paychecks, and he turns them over to a local bank for deposit in the Eisenhower account.

When all the figures were in from the 1950 census, Oregon was shown to have had 1,521,341 residents—nearly a 40 per cent jump over its 1940 population. Which meant that Oregon was attracting residents of other states as well as keeping its maternity wards humming.

Now the Census Bureau, after much adding and subtracting, has concluded that in 1950 there were 853,750 natives of Oregon—and that they had been scattered over the nation like pollen in the wind. Which meant that other states in turn have been luring away, perish the thought, native Oregonians.

California seems to have been the strongest magnet, New Hampshire the weakest. Of all the natives of the Beaver state, here is how they had moved about:

Over 609,100 stayed home in Oregon; 76,505 went north to Washington state, 14,370 east as far as Idaho, and 96,100 south to California. Colorado, Illinois, Texas and New York each accounted for about 3,000, followed by Arizona, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada and Utah with about 2,000. Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming each drew 1,000 or more.

Even before the McKay era in Washington, D. C., the nation's capital had 605 Oregon natives. All states, in short, have their share of Oregon stock, although in New Hampshire the number is only 55.

### 4-H Cake-Bakers Supreme



Marilyn Page (left), 3225 Fisher Road, judged Salem's champion 4-H cake maker, is shown here with two other contestants whipping up sponge cakes prior to the annual cake baking contest Friday night, as part of the city's annual 4-H Spring Show. Other girls shown are Kay Smith, 1693 Longview St., (middle) a blue ribbon winner, and Carolyn Bishop, 2595 S. 12th St. (right) who won a second-place red ribbon.

### 4 Salem High Girls Win 4-H Style Revue

Four Salem school girls were judged champions in dressmaking and modeling at the 4-H style revue Saturday night, which climaxed the three day annual city 4-H Spring Show.

Champions of the colorful revue at the State School for the Blind auditorium were Lee Coffey, 520 Tryon Ave., St. Vincent de Paul School club, first year sewing; Judy Forster, 13, State School for the Deaf, work dresses; Carolyn Bishop, 2595 S. 12th St., Leslie Junior High, school dresses, and Sandra Smith, 16, 285 W. Rural St., best dresses.

Blue ribbon awards went to Marie Griepentrog, Anne and Mary Jo Meusey, all St. Vincent, first year; and Judy Reeves and Lois Hansen, both State School for the Deaf.

Twenty-nine contestants modeled the dresses and other garments they had made as they paraded across the auditorium stage. Mayor Alfred Loucks made the awards.

The revue climaxed a busy three days of baking, cooking, sewing, judging and other contests and handiwork exhibits, participated in by about 260 members of Salem's 40 4-H clubs.

Other judging results include: Stitching contest—Vivian Ripp, 2011 Myrtle Ave., champion, and Susan Marker, 3370 Rawlins Ave., blue ribbon.

Wool sewing—Sandra Smith, blue ribbon. Clothing making—Anne and Mary Jo Meusey, both 1740 N. 18th St., red ribbons.

Beginners knitting—Joan White, champion, and Beulah Wolford, blue ribbon, both State School for the Deaf.

Intermediate knitting—Audrenee Ross, champion, and Naomi Ross, Nedra Schulke, Dorothy Linden, Carol June Todd and Jackie Quiring, all blue ribbon, all State School for the Deaf.

Cooking I (cup cakes)—Susan Hamstreet, champion and Carolyn Hamstreet, blue ribbon, both 630 Idlewood Dr.

Cooking II (plain muffins)—Jo Anne Bourne, 850 Thompson St., champion, and Vondra Anderson, 1800 N. 19th St., blue ribbon.

Cooking III (sponge cake without baking powder)—Marilyn Page, 3225 Fisher Rd., champion, and Suzanne Jockinsen, 690 S. High St., Lucille Wonderly, 1305 S. 12th St., Janice Bishop, 2595 S. 12th St., Pam Morrison, 1348 S. 12th St., Mary Terry, 3785 Bartlett Dr., and Sandra Smith,

all blue ribbons.

Cooking III (white bread)—Kay Smith, 1639 Longview St., champion.

Rabbits were unknown in England until introduced from Central Europe in the 12 Century.

### P. L. Barber, 58, Turner Grocer Dies

Pearley Leone (Lee) Barber, 58, long-time Turner grocer, died in a Salem hospital Saturday.

He retired two years ago due to ill health after 24 years in the grocery business.

Barber was born Dec. 2, 1894 in Rockwell City, Iowa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barber. He came to Salem with his parents at an early age and was graduated from Salem High School and Capital Business College.

While in Salem he was employed at the George Allen Hardware Store. He went to Turner in 1927 to enter the grocery business. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ruth Barber, Turner; daughter, Mrs. Geneva Whitehead, Turner; sons, Kenneth E. Barber, Delmer L. Barber, both of Turner; sister, Mrs. M. C. Leadley, Mallard, Iowa; brother, Lester H. Barber, Lebanon; and 10 grandchildren. Funeral services will be announced later by Virgil T. Golden Co.

### LIGHTSHIP MOVED

WASHINGTON (INS)—The "Crossroads of the Atlantic" has moved 15 miles to the east. The famous Nantucket lightship, first United States light seen by many vessels inbound from Europe, has been placed in a new position by the Coast Guard. It is now 50 miles southeast of Nantucket Head light on Massachusetts' Nantucket Island, says the National Geographic Society.

### Hair Grows Six Feet Every Day, Says Expert

NEW YORK (AP)—Your head can grow six feet of hair daily, if you have a healthy crop of it, says hair expert Charles Antell. He adds that hair grows faster by day than by night, and that the average scalp has 1000 hairs per square inch. Blondes have the most, with some 140,000; brunettes are second with 120,000; and red-heads may have as few as 90,000.

### Australia Sees Crocodile Crop Failure Ahead

SYDNEY (AP)—Professional crocodile shooters may desert Australia's Northern Territory after this year. Shooters and hide agents say that crocodiles are becoming scarcer in all rivers within reasonable distance of Darwin.

Only four shooters are going out this year, although the price of hides has risen by 20 per cent. Shooters say there are still plenty of crocodiles in outback rivers, but not in numbers large enough to cover the heavy expenses of hunting.

The number of crocodiles has been steadily decreasing since be-

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### Cornerstone Ready for New Hospital Wing

A large, modern structure more than half way to becoming a Salem General Hospital wing, will be given its cornerstone next Saturday.

Still out in the open will be part of the concrete walls of the three-story building and many of the facilities that will make it highly efficient when it is completed late next fall. It will be for obstetrics and pediatrics.

The cornerstone ceremony will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, adjacent to the main entrance, at the northeast corner of the building, the first of three wings. The Rev. George H. Swift will give the invocation; Milton L. Meyers, president of the hospital board, will give the address, and Dr. Paul N. Poling will give the benediction. Several public officials are expected at the program, to which the public was invited.

### Rain Delays Building

Meyers said that rain has held up the brick veneer on the exterior, but that Ross B. Hammond Construction Co., general contractors, is ahead of schedule. Work began last September.

Streets from both Center and D Streets will lead to a landscaped entrance, with a 75-foot curved concrete canopy providing shelter for persons alighting from cars. A generous lobby and vestibule are in the north end of the structure, which will be the central unit, housing offices, ambulance entrance, four elevators (one of which is being installed now) and central power and telephone connections.

### Delivery Room Included

The main floor includes admission offices, three delivery rooms and labor rooms. The delivery rooms are completely air-conditioned, with full-tiled walls and spark-proof floors.

In the basement are utilities, lecture and staff rooms and the entrance to a 7 by 7-foot tunnel which will bring heat and will allow passage between the present hospital 300 feet southeast. Kitchen and laundry facilities remain in the old structure.

The two upper floors will have one to four bedrooms and nurseries as well as a pediatrics section and large playroom.

### Partitions Planned

In addition to the brick veneer, workmen now are engaged in installing hollow-tile partitions, which will be plastered or paneled.

Featured installations are the piped oxygen and vacuum facilities to each room, which will be usable by plugging into wall outlets.

Some delay has been experienced in delivery of aluminum sash for the large windows, but the material is expected soon.

Architect for the \$757,392 building is James L. Payne of Salem.

### Brazil Attracting Counterfeiters

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP)—Brazil's new free exchange law, permitting the exchange of dollars at an advantageous rate, already is attracting counterfeiters.

Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro police now are seeking a gang which has put a small amount of "bad" dollars in circulation in the two cities.

It is thought the counterfeiters have their headquarters in Sao Paulo.

Previous to the free exchange law, effective Feb. 21, dollars could be exchanged legally only at the rate of 18.72 to one. Now, "free" dollars are bringing as much as 42 to one.



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