

Parents of Blind Study Problem of Adjustment To World of Darkness

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"Watch where you're going."
"Look over there!"
"See what's coming? Be careful, now."

These . . . and a multitude of similar parental guides . . . are ordinarily used to assist children in the accepted growing-up process. But teaching their children how to adjust to regular life in a world of darkness is the task being studied by about 40 families during the Fifth Institute for Parents of Visually Handicapped Pre-School Children at the State School for the Blind in Salem.

Especially lauded by parents and staff are the ladies of the Oregon Lions Auxiliary (co-sponsors with the Blind School) with whom the Institute would be nearly impossible, or at least a great deal more difficult.

Ladies Aid Program
The ladies, some 130 strong through the week's session, have come from throughout the state to volunteer their time and to help—at their own expense—while parents of visually handicapped children attend special lectures, classes and panel discussions.

Most helpful is their baby sitting service for children—who come with the parents. This leaves the parents free to absorb the instruction at the institute.

"It's extremely hard to notice the progress of a child whose sight is lost or impaired as he grows up in a world surrounded by children who see," said Mrs. K. W. James, of Grants Pass, mother of 4-year-old Bruce, during an interview Saturday.

"One of the first inspirations in these Institutes is learning how your child can progress actively in a field of study where he is shown correct methods of adjustment," she said. Her boy

starts kindergarten in the fall of 1954.

Methods Outlined
Some of the basic methods of the Institute were outlined by Superintendent Walter Dry and include: (1) familiarizing parents here for the first time with the grounds and facilities and teaching methods; (2) introducing new parents to other parents and to faculty at the Blind School; (3) encouraging open forum discussions in which parents may discuss problems familiar to each and note barriers being overcome by other parents of visually handicapped youngsters; and (4) lectures by persons who have overcome the visual handicap and gone on to achieve a normal working livelihood.

"These are the fruits of our labor and encourage us even more," Dry explained.

Basis for Adjustment
The training offered at the state school was described as a basis for adjusting a youngster into a normal life in a seeing world. Children are only kept at the school until they reach a point when they can leave the school and attend public school with children who see.

"This adjustment helps them live normal lives," Supt. Dry explained, "and it is an understanding of our methods that we try to make clear to parents while they are here for a week."

Mrs. James, attending the institute for the second year, pointed out how much more confi-

Pigeon Trap Snares Hornbill



NEW YORK CITY—Rufus, a restless hornbill, is held cautiously by Joseph Schlesinger at the New York ASPCA shelter after being captured in lower Manhattan. The restless bird fled a pet shop and thrilled spectators as he cavorted amid downtown skyscrapers. He lost his liberty in a most ignominious manner, however, when he entered a trap set for the lowly pigeon. Schlesinger, as can be seen, uses heavy gloves as he handles the bird. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

dent she was in sending her boy all the way from Grants Pass to Salem, and leaving him for training, after having spent time at the Institute.

Parents Worry
"Any parent will understand what qualms must be overcome in sending one so young away for any kind of training," she explained. "The people here are doing a wonderful job."

Another mother, Mrs. George Welter, of Portland, attending her second Institute, explained how the school had readied her 6-year-old Lynne Anne until she is now ready to attend the first

grade at Vestal Public School in Portland.

Program Today
Much of the programming is designed so that fathers can take part, especially on the weekends, and with that in mind, there is a full day today (Sunday) of lectures including "Training for Independence and Self-Reliance—as the Teacher Sees It," 10 a.m., followed by a discussion and a full afternoon of parent's panel discussion on "Training for Independence and Self-Reliance—As the Parent Sees It."

An evening lecture by Dr. Harold W. Bernard, professor of education at the University of Ore-

Sheriff's Office May Set Up Radio Outlet

The Marion County sheriff's office will soon improve its communication methods by adding a radio transmitter.

The office currently is using the Salem city radio to which it calls messages by telephone. The messages are relayed by radio—a call from the dispatcher is placed back to the sheriff's office a call from the dispatcher is with the reply.

The sheriff's radio, parts for which are being accumulated slowly, will operate with 600 watts, 155.3 megacycles and is licensed for 40 mobile units.

"The set will use the city tower and will be capable of reaching anyplace in the county," explained Sheriff Denver Young. Call letters are to be KOG233.

The County radio was approved under the Civil Defense Act. The burden of expense is shared with the federal government (half), the state (one-fourth) and the county (one-fourth). "This makes the set and its facilities especially accessible in time of a national emergency," Sheriff Young said.

It was not known whether the radio would be assembled before the office is moved to the new county building or not. "If the parts arrive before that it will be put together and we'll use it," Young explained.

Oregon Liquor Sales Down
PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Liquor Control Commission reported Saturday that 1,502 fewer gallons of liquor were sold during the fiscal year ended June 30 than in the previous 12-month period. A total of 831,645 cases of alcoholic beverages were sold—a decline of 3,117—the commission said. Sales were \$42,905,713—an increase of 3.32 per cent over the previous fiscal year.

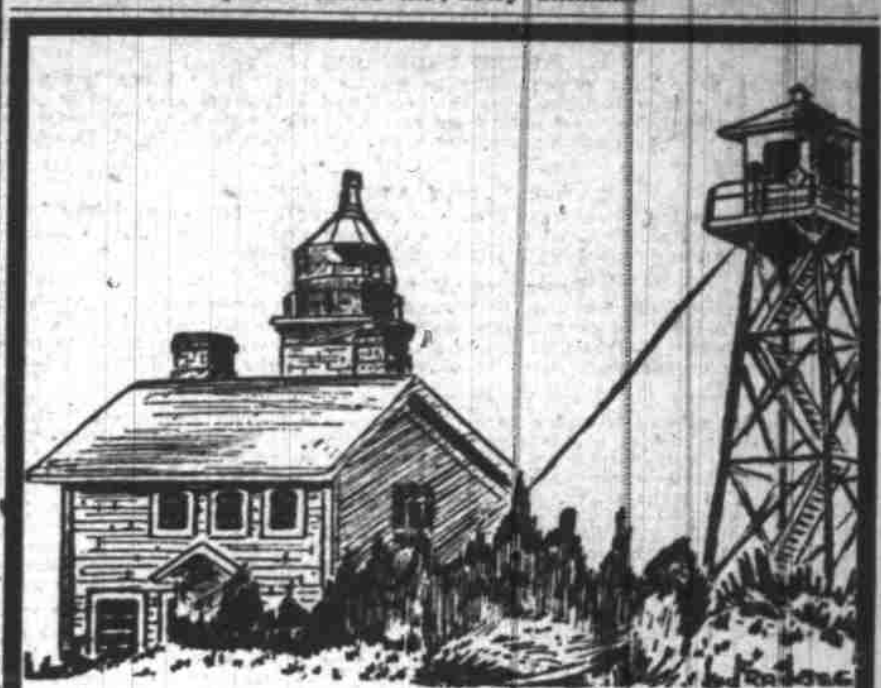
New Look



NEW YORK CITY — The new Paris' short-length skirt is worn to advantage by movie actress Anne Baxter on her arrival at Idlewild Airport, New York City from a European trip. The screen star's outfit is a dark grey wool suit with the designer's new just-below-the-knee skirt length. Asked whether other women will take to the new style, Miss Baxter replied that it "depends on what their legs look like." (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Tipped Tractor Fatal to Youth

JOHN DAY (AP)—A tractor rolled over a creek embankment 10 miles west of Mount Vernon Friday, fatally injuring Jerde Randall, about 18, an employe of a logging contractor. He was pinned inside the vehicle. He died en route to the John Day Hospital. Nearly half of U.S. beef and practically all veal comes from dairy animals.



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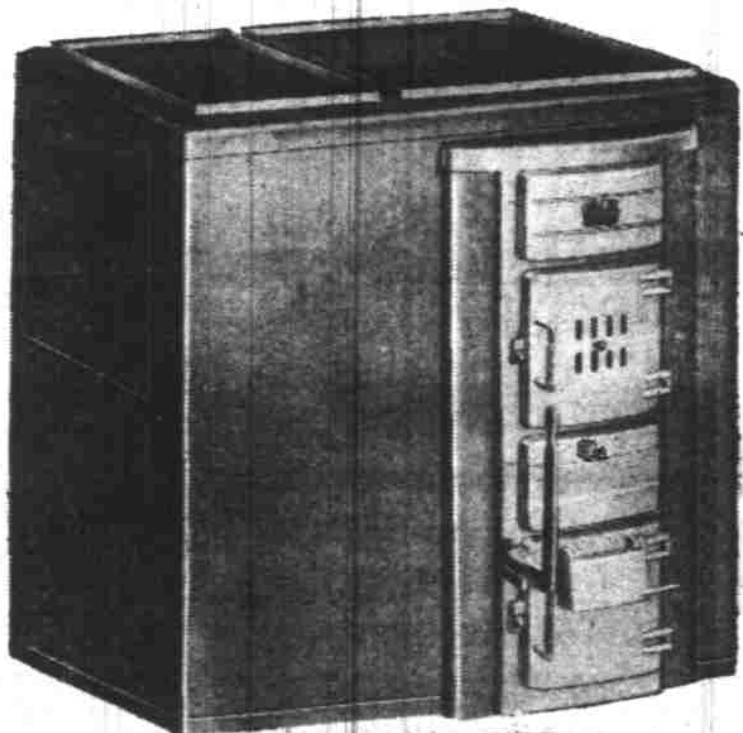
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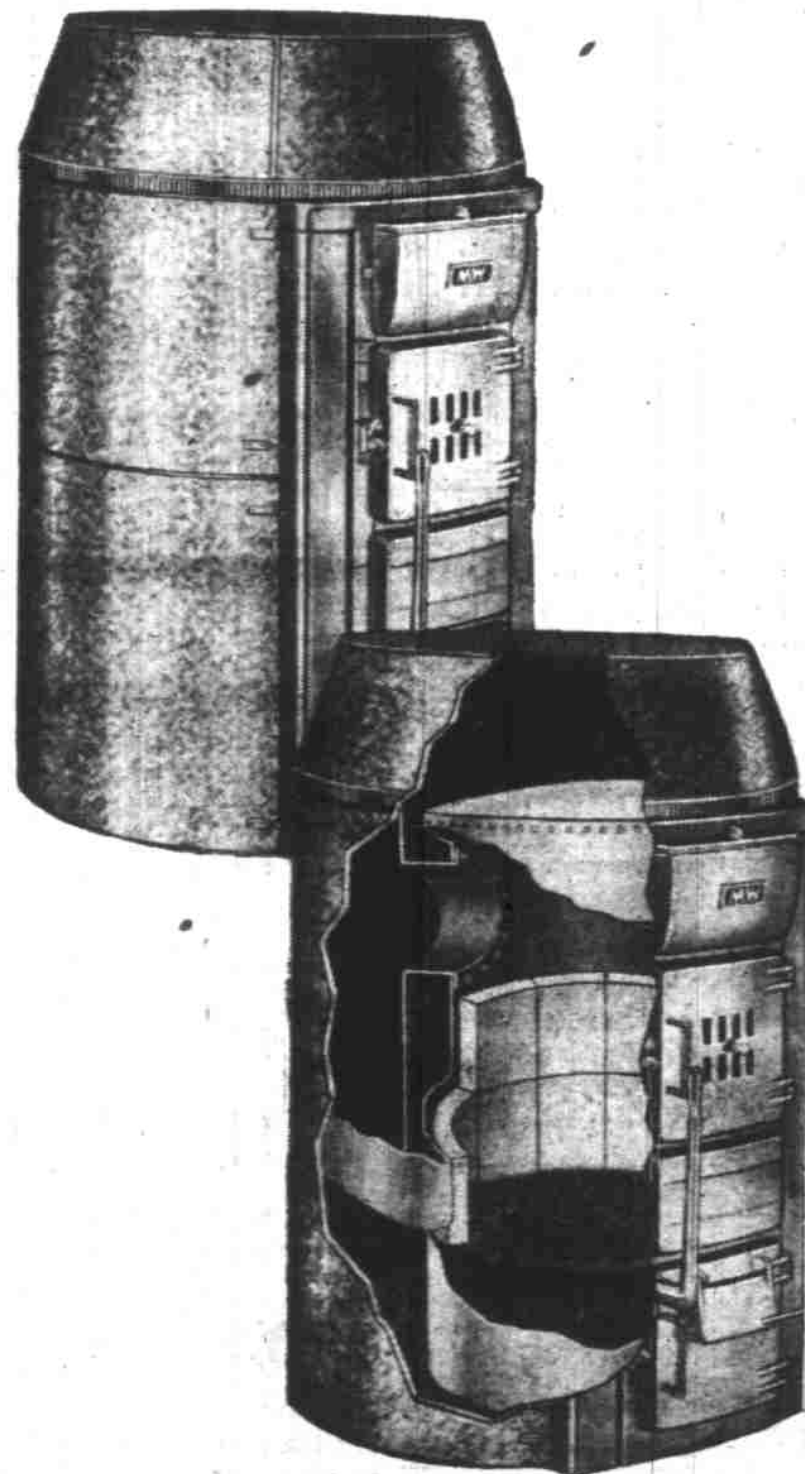
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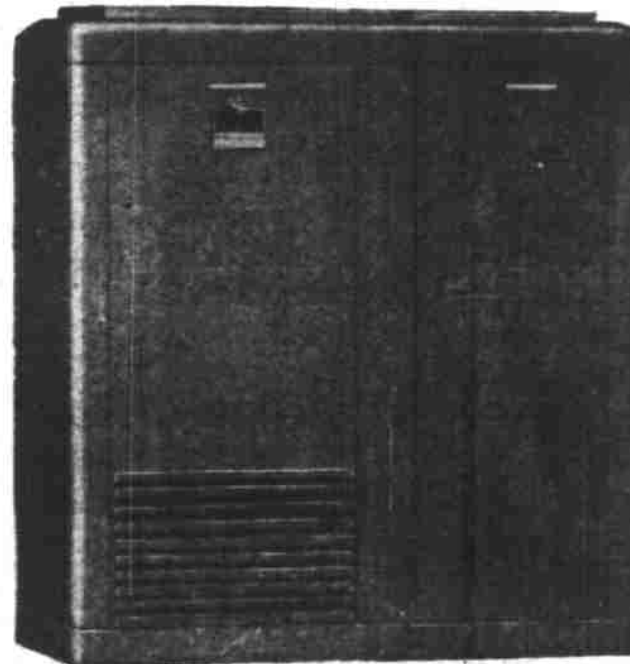
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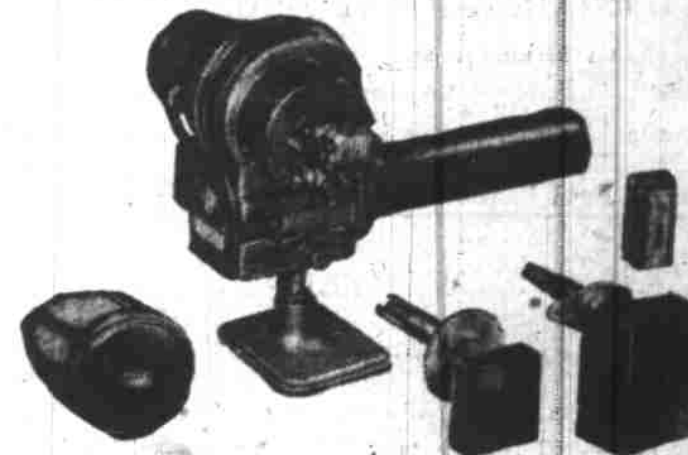
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