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"POP" CRABILL, GOOD SHOWMAN.

ONE of the grandest persons in the show business was F. M. Crabill, known far and wide as "Pop." Nobody knows why, but it fitted him. He was another of Eugene's citizens whose fame was greater than most of his friends realized. "Pop" would talk for hours about the show business; he loved it; but very seldom would he dwell on his own exploits.

Take that little stunt of touring with the Arizona Wranglers. "Pop" was sitting in his office down at the Hellie one afternoon thinking about show problems when he had an idea. He got in his car and went down to Los Angeles where the Wranglers were performing on the radio.

Personal appearances for this popular outfit had been attempted but they had been a notorious "flop." The previous managers didn't have the "right angle" as "Pop" figured it—which was to give the singing cowhands a fair break in the set-up. "Pop" outlined a plan to the performers and a long series of road tours started.

During the dark days of the depression when scores of "big shots" in the theatre world were going broke, "Pop" Crabill, of Eugene, was featured in Variety and other publications of the profession as a unique success. His "gross" was the envy of the craft, but the elements in his achievements were very simple—a good show for the public, a fair division with performers, theatre owners and all others participating—common honesty.

"Pop" started his career as a boy, "circus crazy." He had been everywhere and done every chore connected with the show business. He was of the old time theatre, stock, vaudeville and all that. He had had his hand in acting, directing, scene shifting, managing. The movies changed many things but not "Pop" Crabill. He remained a human being, free from all the bluster and affectation which is the curse of the business.

Big and small, in the show business they all knew "Pop." In his time he had helped many whose names are now "in lights." To the youthful stage-struck, he was always willing to give helpful suggestion and sound, sane advice. Some of his important friends often wondered why he "buried himself" in Oregon. As "Pop" put it, he liked to live and he chose his "spot." He made mistakes; he had his full share of this world's troubles, but he also achieved an unusual measure of happiness. To him came success.

In the dressing rooms of important stars and in those shabby little hotels and lodging houses where "hoofers" hole up to wait for work, among magicians and circus roustabouts, there will be regret when the clipsheds bring the item of "Pop's" death. Here in his home town there is sincere regret. His sincerity and decency stood every test.

NEW DEAL IN REVERSE.

NOT so very long ago the federal government was encouraging "price fixing" through NRA. Now we find 23 major oil companies and 58 officials thereof indicated under the Sherman anti-trust law for practicing what the New Dealers recently were preaching. If it weren't an election year it might be a bit confusing. It is not denying the propriety of the action to remark that it seems to have political timing. The prosecution of the oil barons is undoubtedly the answer to the threats against monopoly which have been made by Mr. Landon. The New Deal has gone into reverse on this important detail of industrial policy. It will be interesting to learn if Mr. Landon's small independent oil operations are among those involved directly or indirectly in the situation.

Industrial regulation in this country has been cursed by both stupidity and insincerity. A few months back the oil industry, like the lumber industry, was paralyzed by falling markets and cut-throat competition. The cry was to restore employment by stamping out practices which made operations unprofitable for everybody. Now the markets have been revived, and in the eyes of the government "stabilization" has become "protectionism." If the lawsuits follow the usual course, there will be few convictions, if any, but they will not be all waste motion if they serve to throw light on what is really happening in this basic industry.

There can be little doubt that price agreements exist among the oil companies. Just tour the stations and observe the prices or recall the collapse of the occasional "price wars" in Oregon. The real issue is whether these agreements have been consistent with sound industrial and public policy.

WATER BOARD FIRST AID.

PROMPT action by the Eugene water board makes available to everybody, in emergency, the inhalator which was purchased by the water board some time back for the protection of its own employees who are constantly in danger of electric shock. It corrects the condition revealed Sunday when firemen were unable to locate the water board employees who had custody of the inhalator. Chances are the machine could have done the drowned lad no good, but from now on chance is eliminated. The water board has done the sensible thing in putting the machine in custody of the fire department who always have trained men on duty. The action will be widely appreciated.

Timely, however, is the warning that an inhalator can perform no magic. Every second is precious in saving a person who has been suffocated from drowning or gas or electric shock. The Schaefer method of resuscitation is taught to every Boy Scout and to every policeman and fireman and there are thousands of people who have some training in using it. Without waiting for the inhalator to arrive, the Schaefer method should be started. Beyond that, the season's warning to swimmers and others should be repeated and repeated. Take no chances! Never go in alone! Never try any stunt unless you are absolutely sure of your ability! Be alert at all times for your own safety and that of others.

A columnist says Governor Landon is in a state

of sincerity. Any minute now Farley will claim it.

It's a wonder that, this summer, politicians haven't seen the possibility of a "cold standard."

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

DR. DE BUSK

(The Bend Bulletin)

OREGON'S higher educational system has suffered a heavy loss through the death of Dr. R. W. De Busk, known throughout the country for the results of his work with children who were unable to respond to ordinary methods of instruction.

Definitely Dr. De Busk probed the child mind, sympathetically and understandingly he analyzed the difficulties which handicapped the small pupil. Under his guidance, the backward boy or girl ceased to be backward, frequently more than made up for the lost time. He smoothed away defects and impediments in speech. He taught—and here his work was not confined to children—how to study.

Appreciation of unusual achievement waits too often until the passing of the one who has achieved. In Dr. De Busk's case this was not so. In his life he was recognized and looked to as an authority. New methods were evolved by him, methods which were as admirable in practice as in theory, but modestly remained a characteristic of the man. "It's so simple that perhaps it wasn't thought of before," he once remarked.

In many homes today there is lasting gratitude for the work which Dr. De Busk accomplished. In more homes in years to come, there will also be gratitude for the work which will have been done by the staff which Dr. De Busk selected and which he trained in his methods.

WASHINGTON LETTER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER

(Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The Social Security act will be a year old within a few days, though it was about six months before Congress got around to giving the Social Security Board money with which to operate. The great systems of contributory old age pensions and unemployment insurance called for by the act are still in the offing, but the immediate phases of the program show some progress when comparison is made with previous conditions.

Fifteen states have passed unemployment compensation laws in line with the federal program. These states cover 7,500,000, or about 45 per cent, of the workers who are eligible for coverage by this part of the act.

Thirty-six states have presented old age assistance plans which have been approved by the board and are now matching federal appropriations for old age pensions.

These states include 72 per cent of the population. Twenty-one states are co-operating and receiving funds for aid of the needy blind and 20 for aid of dependent children.

PENSIONS FOR 800,000

About 800,000 persons are receiving old age pensions of up to \$30 a month—an average of \$18.50 a month. More than 200,000 dependent children are being aided with combined federal and state money, and about 25,000 blind persons—representing 25 per cent of the nation's blind.

The poverty-stricken aged are beginning, for the first time, to receive what they need. Comparisons of the number of persons aided and average amounts paid show some big increases.

In 1934 Michigan assisted 3,557 aged persons. Beginning last February, with federal aid, it paid pensions to 19,000 and this number is expected to be 35,000 within a couple of months. The average pension has increased in two years from \$9.00 to \$16.91.

PAYMENTS ON INCREASE

In Colorado the average amount received by the indigent aged has increased in the same period from \$0.74 to \$17.85 a month; in Idaho from \$6.74 to \$21.21; in Nebraska from \$1.22 to \$14.86, and in North Dakota from 60 cents to \$15.94.

About \$30,000,000 has gone from the federal treasury to the states for the aged; the states match the federal grant in each case.

Five states, located in a geographical bloc, have no old age assistance laws and receive no federal money: Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Seven states have passed such laws, but haven't yet submitted them to Washington officials.

PRESS AGENTS GALORE

Overworked Louis Resnick, chief of the Social Security Board's information section, was not impressed by a recent broadcast political attack which pictured his staff as one of 75 New Deal propagandists wasting the taxpayers' money.

There are more government press agents in this town than any government ought to need, including many second or third-rate ex-newspapermen whom other newspapermen have helped to get their jobs.

The idea that this makes a more effective propaganda machine is just funny to those who see it work. Also, when you add up all the employees in various federal information sections and call them New Deal press agents, you're exaggerating.

Take Resnick's section, for instance, which has the job of telling 120,000,000 people what the big social security program is all about.

The section has 65 persons on the payroll. There are five on the editorial staff, who write press releases, speeches, and other material. And the stenographic staff of 25.

Fifteen work in the board's library, the only social security library in the world. Ten or 12 are kept busy answering written inquiries about the act from the general public and six or eight answer the queries of business men about their responsibilities in the program.

This staff has had to answer 8,000 personal or telephone inquiries from newspapermen in the last six months. It also publishes all rulings and formal actions of the board.

It used to work until 10 or 11 o'clock at night, but now usually gets away by 7. Its propaganda consists chiefly of dull, dry releases about individual grants to states and mimeographing of speeches by members of the board.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

BY DR. MORRIS FISHEIN

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine

DURING the last 10 years child psychologists have been giving an extraordinary amount of attention to the control of habits of sucking and their relationship to mental health.

Children suck their hands and fingers, eat dirt, bite their nails, or indulge in similar habits for many different reasons. There is no uniformity of opinion as to how these habits evolve, or which are their primary causes.

One psychologist insists that thumb sucking always is associated with hunger; another contends it is related to sexual manifestations; and others believe that the habit indicates the child is not able to feed satisfactorily.

Thus, one specialist has said that a child develops thumb sucking if the milk comes too rapidly from the mother's breast, or if it nurses from a bottle that empties rapidly.

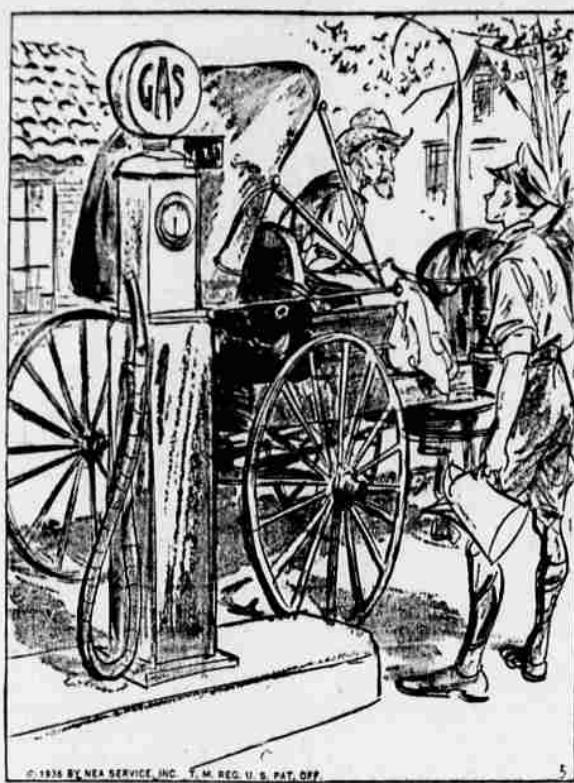
One of the chief objections to thumb sucking is the fact that it may produce an ill-shaped mouth, and may damage the fingers. It stimulates an excessive flow of saliva, and may also disturb digestion for this reason.

Due to irritation of the mucous membranes of the mouth, there may be secondary infection.

Master models of children's teeth and dental arches, made in a recent study of the subject, showed that there was bad formation of the jaws in 24 of 30 cases of children who persistently sucked their thumbs. It, therefore, is desirable that thumb sucking be stopped early, if possible.

There are various methods of treatment. One involves educating the child before a mirror; another has to do with the use of elbow cuffs or rings; another with medicine, or similar devices.

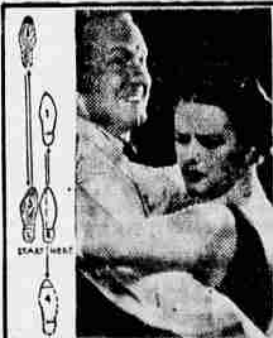
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Family Reunion Is Event of Sunday

A family reunion of twenty met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Gates of Garden Way last Sunday, when Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Schreuders and two daughters from Tacoma, Wash., visited Mr. Schreuders' three sisters, Mrs. Ira Gates, Mrs. W. F. Boring and Mrs. Ellis Richardson, all of whom reside near Eugene. The

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DR. NOBLE MARRIED WEDNESDAY

Miss Heinz Bride Of University Teacher

By MARIAN LOWRY

ANNOUNCEMENT was made here Wednesday of the marriage of Miss Elinor Heinz of Canby, Ore., to Dr. Harold J. Noble of the University of Oregon history faculty. The wedding was an event of Wednesday, the couple leaving at once for Berkeley, Cal., Dr. Noble to be at the University of California this coming year in Oriental history. He has a year's leave of absence from the university here.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Heinz of Canby. She graduated from the normal school at Monmouth, later studying at the University of Oregon center in Portland and in Minnesota. Dr. Noble has been on the history faculty at the University of Oregon the past five years. He is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, receiving his Ph.D. degree from the University of California where he also taught for a time before coming to Oregon.

WEDDING THURSDAY

Of special social interest for Thursday will be the wedding of Miss Kathryn Manerud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Manerud, and Gordon Myrnes of Talar, Peru. The ceremony will be solemnized at six o'clock in the evening in St. Mary's Episcopal church, Rev. Frederick G. Jennings of Marshfield, former rector of the church here, to officiate. Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Boatman of Buenos Aires, Argentina, brother-in-law and sister of the bride, will attend the couple. Shirley Ann Beller and Andre Louise Manerud, nieces of the bride, will be junior attendants. A small group of relatives and friends has been invited to the wedding. A reception is to be held afterwards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford R. Manerud, brother and sister-in-law of Miss Manerud.

VISITING HERE

Mrs. Frim Williams (Peggy Reynolds) of Arlington, Ore., is visiting here for the week as guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Reynolds.

Mrs. Orville Reynolds (Dora McClain) and small daughter from Portland are also spending the week at the Reynolds home.

VISITING FROM SEATTLE

Mr. and Mrs. Burnie L. Hyland and daughters, Bernice and Mary Jane, are here from Seattle for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Hyland.

CARD PARTY THURSDAY

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Ladies of the Elks will be an event of Thursday afternoon at two o'clock in the Elks temple. Mrs. R. E. Biddle will be in charge of the contract tables and Mrs. Charles E. Hunt of the auction tables.

RECEPTION THURSDAY

Department officers of General Lawton auxiliary, Spanish American War veterans, are entertaining with an informal bon voyage reception Thursday at the Cafe Del Rey to honor Mrs. W. R. Hall, department president. Mrs. Hall is leaving soon for Saratoga Springs for the national convention. Hours for the reception will be from three until five o'clock. All out-of-town department officers have been invited to attend the reception as well as local auxiliary members.

CHURCH GROUPS MEETING

Several local church societies have meetings arranged for Thursday afternoon.

The Dorcas society of the First Christian church is to meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Byron Taylor.

The Mary circle of the United Lutheran church will be entertained at the home of Mrs. William Anderson. Members of the Eastside circle of the Central Lutheran church are meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Myrmo.

R. N. A. GROUP MEETING

The Royal Neighbors club of Gitchell camp, R.N.A., will meet at one o'clock Thursday at the home of Mrs. Martha Buck. Those having finished their quilt blocks are asked to bring them to the meeting.

VISITING FROM EAST

W. F. Foster and daughter, Miss Alice Foster, of Wilton, New Hampshire, are visiting here at the home of Mr. Foster's brother, F. K. Foster. They plan to go on to California before returning to their home in the east. This is the second time in thirty-four years that the two brothers have met. Miss Foster is a registered nurse in the Lawrence Memorial hospital, Boston, Mass.

VISITORS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Cameron and family of Hood River are visiting here this week as guests of Mr. Cameron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Barrow, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Baker. Misses Margaret Hubbard and Frances Schenkel of St. Joseph, Missouri, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Baker over the week-end. Miss Hubbard formerly lived in Eugene.

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Foster Burns Weds Tuesday In Portland

The marriage of Dr. R. T. Foster of Eugene was solemnized Tuesday afternoon at a ceremony held at the home of the bride, Mrs. W. A. Dahlberg and Dr. Foster, who was a graduate of the North Dental college.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. R. T. Foster and Mrs. W. A. Dahlberg, who was a graduate of the North Dental college. The ceremony was held at the home of the bride, Mrs. W. A. Dahlberg and Dr. Foster, who was a graduate of the North Dental college.

Plan for Picnic

Members of Canton Hovey and auxiliary are holding their annual picnic gathering at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. McKinney on the McKenzie, Sunday. Those going are asked to take their own dishes and silverware as well as their picnic lunch. All members of the two orders are invited to attend.

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