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JUVENILE PROBLEM NOT EASY

Not simple is the problem of devising a law which will set up a proper juvenile court for Lane county or for some of the other counties which are wrestling with delinquency problems. Representative Earl Hill has introduced a bill at Salem which would enable any county with more than 65,000 population to have an extra "County Judge No. 2," who would be a man with legal training, and he would take over the probate and juvenile functions now delegated to "County Judge No. 1" whose main job is as chief of county commissioners and in administration of county business.

To get the matter before the legislature and hold a place on the calendar, Rep. Hill has dropped this measure in "the hopper." But this is a makeshift plan, and Judge Hurd's advisory committee on juvenile problems has asked a group of lawyers and others interested to see if a more satisfactory substitute measure can be drafted. There are several objections to the "County Judge No. 2" plan:

1. It falls short of circuit court status and does not include divorces and domestic relations which also bear on delinquency.
2. It leaves authority divided between circuit court and county court.
3. It does not complete the separation of county administration from judicial functions.

That leads to a perfectly natural question:

"Why shouldn't we have an extra circuit judge who would take over all duties pertaining to divorces, domestic relations, juveniles, probate and insane?"

The answer is that Lane county is part of the five-county tieup with Lincoln, Douglas, Coos and Curry in which we elect three circuit judges, the present being Skipworth, Wimberly and King. This setup is excellent for the major court work, and these judges should not be burdened with juvenile duties. Neither does it seem desirable to split or rearrange the district at this time. That produces the question:

"How can you write a law so that you could have a fourth judge for Lane county alone in this district and have him assigned to domestic relations and juvenile work?"

That carries you back into the constitutional entanglements. In our Oregon consitution we have two Article VII's, one adopted by the people in 1910, which seems to provide that we shall have judicial power vested "in one supreme court and such other courts as may from time to time be created by law." But "Original Article VII" still stands with its provisions as to Circuit Courts and County Courts.

Multnomah county some years ago established a Court of Domestic Relations but found it had to be brought into the Circuit Court Structure. In Klamath, and Clackamas, the Circuit Judge also acts as juvenile judge. In Marion county at the last session they got an extra circuit judge who is juvenile judge. Jackson and Josephine counties which now share one circuit judge are asking for two and want to adopt the Klamath-Clackamas plan.

It needs to be kept in mind that all laws must be "of general application," that is applicable to all counties of the same class or size. Multnomah and Portland usually get what they want by legislation worded for "counties over 100,000 population." By dropping that figure to 65,000, Lane could come in, were it not for the fact that judicially Lane is part of the five-county district hookup which is working so well that bench and bar generally do not want it changed.

From the political-legislative point of view there are some other hurdles—many Oregon counties are still largely "rural," not interested in "growth headaches"; there will be some yells about expense of an extra judge of circuit court status for Lane alone. Oregon is a state in which there is great diversity of conditions, and it is difficult, within the framework of a constitution written nearly 100 years ago to meet new conditions when they arise, as they have arisen here.

However, there are some other considerations which are quite as important as law and constitution—CHILDREN. These figures from Judge Hurd's records are only a partial measure of the "delinquency problem:"

	1942		1943		1944	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Total cases	79	33	324	91	302	87
Wards of court	35	28	59	31	64	25
Committed	16	20	13	16	17	17

It is difficult to reckon the COST TO THE STATE of delinquency here and elsewhere. Of course it is difficult to say how much could be saved by an improved juvenile setup, but there is a strong opinion here and elsewhere in Oregon that SOMETHING MUST BE DONE.

We need for Lane county the best law we can get at this session, even if it is not perfect, but perhaps with that should go a constitutional amendment to be submitted to the people which would make it possible to relieve all county officials of judicial functions and set up a system of courts to deal with these very human problems.

Harry Hopkins explains the recent squabbles of the White House inner circle by saying that they are "like wives in a harem who have been together too long." Can't blame Eleanor, at any rate.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

TIME TO GET MAD, MISTER

ANY way you look at the current shortages of munitions they are difficult to understand and in many respects they don't make sense.

You may read all the handouts on critical items, listen to all the speeches about them, memorize all the statistics of demand, supply and consumption, rationalize all the alibis offered by military or civilian production experts, develop blind staggers reading their graphs, curves and pie charts. In the end you are dizzier than a blonde who has been through the works in the tunnel of love, and you still don't know the answers.

This is where you came in. All the columns of news dispatches you now read from the fronts and from Washington, all the editorials trying to interpret the shortages of ammunition, tires, trucks, guns and even manpower are of the same tenor as 1940 and '41.

The cumulative impact of the current production crisis reports is that this is a bigger national disgrace than Pearl Harbor three years ago. Trying to fix the blame for whatever it is that has happened on the home front may be about as fruitless as trying to fix the blame for what happened at Honolulu on Dec. 7, 1941. But isn't it about time that everybody in the United States, collectively, start getting mad?

We're Good, But—

BONDS have been bought by the billions. Production "E's" and "A's" and "M's" and probably Ah's and Oh's have been awarded by the convoy load to management for the swell job it has done. Labor with a capital L has alternately been kicked on the backside and patted itself on the back for the job it has done. The Army and Navy are bigger and better than any Army or Navy have ever been before. The wowen, God bless 'em, have rocked the kiddie car with one hand while heading up a rivet with the other. We're good—there's no denying it.

Yet from the reports of generals Eisenhower and MacArthur to Somervell, we haven't begun to fight and we can't until the home front passes not only more ammunition but a couple of production miracles as well.

What happened? It isn't enough to kiss this off as mere misfortune of war.

Why should there be billions of dollars worth of surpluses to dispose of when there are billions of dollars worth of shortages of critical items? Why millions of surplus, over-age dry cell batteries when the dry cell battery production program is behind schedule? Was that bad planning?

Why should supply ships have to ride at anchor unloaded? If a people is smart enough to plan in advance for "mulberry" unloading docks and build portable railroad bridges in England to replace those bombed in France, why hasn't the same people enough genius to lick the supply problem to the Siegfried or Gothic Lines?

Who Is the Real Villain?

WERE civilian production chiefs and private business men too eager to plan too much reconversion too soon?

Were service chiefs wrong in cutting back production of such things as small arms and cotton-duck?

Was the Senate Committee Investigating the War Effort a bit off base when it criticized the Army for ordering too many trucks and tires—in view of the present shortages?

Was Congress wrong in refusing to consider a National Service Act a year ago, in view of present manpower difficulties?

Was the White House laggard in demanding a substitute?

Were appropriations committees short-sighted when they refused the War Manpower Commission sufficient funds to reorganize the Employment Service and enforce their Certificate of Availability program to control job transfers?

Have labor leaders, now claiming so large a share in shaping national policies, been as smart as they claim to be in their opposition to stricter labor regulations?

You may blame everybody or anybody for this thing that has happened on the production front, but finding sacrificial goats to offer on the altars of national wrath will not remedy the situation. All you can do is recognize that it has happened and then—

Isn't it every individual's responsibility?

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

ARGUMENTS ON DOGS

The woman who came into the hotel lobby cuddling a woolly scrap of a creature set the old gentlemen talking of dogs. Though they didn't consider the handful of fur a dog at all, I could see, for all it had ears and a tail.

"Now you take my retriever—there's a dog as is a dog," said one of the old gentlemen: the pompous one. He harrumped loudly to get the attention of the others. "My retriever can scent a duck in the water better than some hounds can a rabbit on land."

It was none of my business but then who ever knew a woman to tend to her own business if there was the business of another she could butt into. So now I said no dog could do what he'd just claimed his could. Water, I said, destroyed scent. Look how criminals took to a creek when they wanted to throw dogs off their trail. He gave me the pitying look with which I'm so familiar from having received it so many times from my husband when I've put in my two bits worth about logging.

He said humans didn't give off oil like ducks. Let a wounded duck dive and the oils from its plumage rose to the surface and made the water smoother where it had gone down than was the surrounding water. These oils carry the scent of the bird. And his retriever was just the dog could find that scent, dive and bring up the bird.

He felt that put me in my place. Which it had for I could see the logic of what he had just told me.

Two salesmen joined in the conversation and soon turned it into an argument. Most anything can be used for argument material now that election is over. It's pretty tough to get your arguing machine going in good order and turning out increasing production, then have to shut down for lack of material.

So now they got to arguing about, of all things, how the Irish setter got started. The man traveling for Cozy Cottons said an Irish setter is a cross between the English water spaniel and the poodle. A body would have to be blind not to see that. Look at its curly coat and smooth face.

But the salesman for Suzy Q Sockets said Irish Setters dated back to the Irish kings. No dog with poodle blood in it could be as intelligent as an Irish setter is.

The woman with the bundle of fluff in her arms flared out, "My dog's plenty smart and don't you say different. That's why he growled at you a minute ago." I guess her dog was a poodle. Just guess, mind you, I wouldn't know.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

MISS CARKIN IS WED HERE ON SUNDAY

At a beautifully arranged wedding held at the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority house Sunday evening, Miss Jean Carkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Carkin of Salem, was married to Cpl. Nelson J. Sanezi, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Joseph Sanezi of Los Angeles. The service was a candlelight one, solemnized at eight o'clock, the couple standing before the fireplace which was decked with greenery and white flowers. Twelve sorority sisters of the bride formed an aisle of ribbons through which the wedding party marched to take the places at the fireplace. Rev. Wesley Goodson Nicholson of the First Congregational church performed the service.

Miss Billie Grimm of Salem was maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Miss Barbara Radmore and Miss Jean Mellies.

In White Satin

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore the traditional, formal wedding dress of white satin, made with train; and with the dress wore a veil that was arranged from a cap of real lace and also fell in a train. The bride carried a white prayer book with orchid.

Miss Grimm wore orchid taffeta, Miss Mellies, blue taffeta, and Miss Radmore, yellow taffeta, each attendant carrying a nosegay of flowers.

George Williams was best man and the ushers were Clay A. Barnes and David Rodway.

For the music, Miss Gladys Stevenson played the violin and Miss Ruth Van Boskirk sang.

Reception Held

Following the service, a reception was held. About eighty attended the weddin gand reception.

Mrs. Clay A. Barnes presided at the coffee urn and Mrs. A. F. Rapp served the cake. Assisting in serving the guests were members of the sorority. The bride's table was set with white spring flowers and silver.

Among out-of-town guests were the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Carkin, and her grandmother, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. and Mrs. Grimm, all of Salem; Misses Yvonne Torgler and Leila Telfer of Portland.

The bride is a senior in music on the campus and a member of Alpha Omicron Pi. She plans to continue her school work. Cpl. Sanezi is stationed at Herlong, Calif. He formerly was with the ASTP here, studying languages. He is a former student of the University of California at Los Angeles.

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THREE ENTERTAIN AT RECENT PARTY

Mrs. Marvin T. Warlick, Mrs. F. C. Carlson, and Mrs. D. J. Carrithers were hostesses last Thursday at a party to honor Mrs. Frank Johnson, Jr., at the Warlick home.

Guests included Mrs. Johnson, her mother, Mrs. W. B. Hilton; Mrs. Neal Johnson, Mrs. P. J. Bartholomew, Mrs. R. E. McIntyre, Mrs. W. H. Christopherson, Mrs. P. J. Bartle, Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mrs. W. O. Starbuck, Mrs. Frank L. Chambers, Mrs. Mary C. Brockelbank, Mrs. Hilda Pederson, Mrs. R. E. Lafferty, Mrs. D. H. Armitage, Mrs. Dan Bloom, Mrs. Tom Warlick, Mrs. Lloyd C. Thomas, Jr., Mrs. B. S. Cole, and the three hostesses.

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IN NEW YORK

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ingham, Eugene, were among recent guests at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City.

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DELPHIAN GROUP

Delphian Women's Study club is meeting Thursday morning, nine-thirty o'clock, Eugene hotel.

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DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben J. Radabaugh are receiving messages of felicitation upon the birth of a daughter, Judith Ann, at Sacred Heart general hospital, January 13. The baby is a granddaughter of Mrs. J. H. Radabaugh and of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bauer, all of Eugene.

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OBSIDIAN EVENTS

Obsidian club members and friends will gather at the home of Mrs. May D. Cherry for a party Thursday evening, seven-thirty o'clock.

The Obsidian Princesses club met the past Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Robert H. Lemon, Miss Ruth Hopson assisting. Colored slides were shown by Miss Adeline Adams and colored movies by Miss Hopson. The next meeting is to be with Mrs. Ray Sims.

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HOSPITALITY CLUB PARTY HELD MONDAY

About thirty-five attended the semi-monthly card party of the Hospitality club, Monday evening. Mrs. E. E. Hiltibrand, Mrs. Ry Humphreys, Mrs. Nora Barton, and Mrs. R. B. Hill won the prizes.

Mrs. Edwin A. Peterson was announced as a new member. Guests included Mrs. G. R. Bevans, Mrs. Clara Cunningham, Mrs. N. W. Bufton, Mrs. Albert Kaufman.

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PUBLIC INSTALLATION HELD FOR LODGE

Public installation was held by Helmetta Temple, Pythian Sisters, Tuesday evening, with Mrs. Will Grimes acting as installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Roy F. Smith as grand manager and Mrs. James Furnish as grand senior.

Those installed were: Most excellent chief, Mrs. Arthur Warberg; excellent senior, Mrs. Earl Luckey; excellent junior, Mrs. Wilbur Rayburn; manager, Mrs. Dale Rumford; mistress of records and correspondence, Mrs. Vale Parker; mistress of finance, Mrs. Andrew Nissen; protector, Mrs. Alfred Brooks; guard, Miss Mina Zebley.

Committees for the year were announced. The degree staff exhibited special drills, as an item of the program following installation.

Next meeting will be a potluck dinner, the committee to be Mrs. Will Grimes, chairman; Mrs. James Furnish, Mrs. L. C. DeBurgh, Mrs. Tony Overgard, Mrs. V. J. Poindexter, and Mrs. S. B. Strawn. Secret sisters are to be revealed at the meeting, and the committee in this regard will be Mrs. Marion Patton, Mrs. Francis Shrode and Mrs. V. L. Brooks.

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HARMONY CLASS

Plans to entertain the Harmony class of First Baptist church at the March meeting were discussed by Loyal Friends class of First Christian church at its dinner meeting Monday evening. The February meeting also will be held as a potluck dinner, it was announced. A business meeting followed the dinner.

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SEWING GROUP

Ninety-eight Inner circle met at the home of Mrs. A. F. Steele in Springfield, Monday afternoon. Mrs. David Mitchell presided at the first business meeting of the year. It was agreeded to contribute a dollar to the "march of dimes." Mrs. John Gates was appointed as sewing chairman of the group for the new year. Members worked at individual sewing, and the hostess served refreshments.

Black markets in meat usually cause a sharp reduction in leather supplies, since black marketeers often destroy hides to conceal their operations.

MISS KICKBUSCH IS WED IN PORTLAND

WALTERVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kickbusch of Waltervile announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Winifred, to Eugene Spencer of Vancouver, Wash. The wedding was on Sunday Jan. 7, at two o'clock at the Kenton Presbyterian parsonage in Portland, in the presence of a few friends and relatives. The couple were attended by Miss Zula Kickbusch, sister of the bride, and William Spencer of The Dalles, brother of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Spencer is a graduate of Springfield high school and of Oregon state college. They will make their home in Vancouver, Wash.

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CIRCLE MEETS

Mrs. Charles Duncan led devotions at the meeting Tuesday evening of Imo Ruyle circle, of First Baptist church, on the theme: "Our Missionaries." Those assisting in the program were Mrs. Leo Deffenbacher, Mrs. Henry Peck, Mrs. Ed Harms, Mrs. Calvin Forrester, and Mrs. Eugene Lockard. Plans were made for a rummage sale to be held Feb. 17. Hostesses were Mrs. Harold Pitcher, Mrs. Walter Schmieding and Mrs. Paul Schiewe.

Bill Would Make Fees Of Sheriffs Uniform

SALEM, Ore. —(U.P.)— Among the new measures which have appeared before the house was one which would make uniform the fees collected by sheriffs of the state.

Justices of the peace would be elected for a term of six years instead of two, under the provisions of a bill by the committee on the revision of laws, and a third bill would reduce the fees of jurors on inquests from $1.50 to $1 daily.

Fund For Columbia Fish Studies Slated

WASHINGTON — (AP) — One hundred thousand dollars has been earmarked by the army engineers, says Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.), for fisheries studies in the Columbia river basin.

Stockman told a reporter he had learned this in the course of an inquiry to prevent Oregon's salmon industry from suffering through the construction of new dams along the Willamette river and its tributaries.

Stockman said Maj. Gen. E. Reybold, engineer chief, told him that $25,000 has been allotted to the fish and wild life service for fisheries investigations in the Willamette basin and an additional $75,000 for other tributaries of the Columbia. The Willamette studies, Reybold said, probably will be completed early this year.

The law, Reybold said, requires that engineering plans make provision for the migration of fish and he assured Stockman that the department's program is carried on "with due regard for fish and wild life conservation in the Willamette basin."

War department projects, he said, are operated in such a manner as to result in maximum benefit to fish and wild life "consistent with the primary [illegible] bilities" of the depart[illegible]

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