

Twenty-Five Youths, Involved in Destructive Party, Told of Need for Social Responsibility

Judge William G. East presided over a hearing last Nov. 17, at which twenty-five youths were told of their responsibility to society. The youths were charged with destruction of property during a party in a house last Nov. 17. The court established that the party was instigated by a few boys who spread the word of the gathering. East stated all those present were guilty to some degree, that damage had been done and that they knew or should have known that "invitations" to a "party" did not give them license to trespass and destroy property.

The youths were asked if any of them were innocent—had not been at the party. None responded.

The judge asked if the instigators would step forward. A mother muttered sternly to her boy "don't you look at him."

HOWEVER, one young man

Germ Warfare Data Sought

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The U.S. Public Health Service is sharpening its lookout for any evidence of secretly-introduced germ warfare.

The agency has expanded its long-established system of keeping note of the communicable disease situation throughout the nation—and one reason for the action is that "the data may provide vital information in defense against biological warfare."

Ten diseases have been added to the list of maladies which state and territorial health officers regularly report to the government each week.

State and territorial health officers have also been asked to report promptly "any outbreak or unusual occurrence of diseases of public health interest or importance."

Legion's Willamette Council Hears Reports

The Willamette Council of the American Legion met in Eugene last week. Host was the Eugene post and auxiliary. Some 65 persons attended.

Plans for the junior conference, to be held in Springfield April 27, were made. Reports were given on the varied activities of the Eugene unit.

The next meeting of the Willamette Council will be in Sweet Home, Feb. 17.

stepped forward and admitted he had been in it from the start. He stated that it was in no way a function of a "gang." When asked, he told the judge that he didn't think a young person raises his prestige by gang membership.

The court was not able to determine who had actually done the damage.

There followed comment by the parents. One man said he thought there was too much pressure on some of the children "for just a little fun at a house." He did state that the damage was wrong. One parent offered to pay his child's share of the damage and another woman asked how parents could be sure of party invitations.

The dean of boys at Springfield High volunteered to share some of the blame as their mentor and civics instructor.

A young girl who did not attend the party, but whose brother was one of the participants, said she thought the school teachers should not be blamed. "But those who were there are responsible for the damage and they should pay."

"YOUNG LADY, I commend you for your attitude," Judge East responded.

Judge East closed the proceedings with the assurance that the incident would not constitute a "record" as such but would be available to juvenile authorities if the young people got into trouble again.

"I think this is better treated as a group affair; you have to learn to work and play, abiding by the rules of the group," he said. "I think this shows a breakdown of respect for authority. If you will search your consciences you will know this was not a proper party."

"I want you to consider this as a lesson in your responsibility to our society and government. So I'll ask you to go your way, to your homes, to your schools, to study diligently, and learn from this it's part of your growing up."



(Reg-Guard photo, Willamette Evening News)

AS FIRST BOY AFTER 13 GIRLS this lad is basking in the glory of his family, uncles and aunts, grandparents, etc. but seemed unconcerned Friday with the fuss he brought to Sacred Heart Hospital. Marian Stillson, 2250 South Cleveland, Eugene, holding her pride, notes she is of a family of five girls: June, Ruth, Lois, Josephine. Then came the granddaughters: Marsha, Gale, Pamela, Patty, Barbara Jo, Carol, Lisa and Geraldine. Of course Pappa, Boyd Stillson, a plastering contractor, had hoped for a boy but Friday found the family with a host of feminine names under consideration and none for a son.

POLICEMEN BLUSHING

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