

# Members of ACLU, Venn Clash Verbally On Obscenity Issue

Verbal fireworks erupted in the Eugene lewd literature committee meeting Monday night as ex-Dist. Atty. Eugene Venn, a committee member, clashed with members of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Venn accused ACLU members of adding "confusion" to the so-called obscene literature problem.

And one of the ACLU members, Eugene attorney Judith MacInnis, countered that Venn was trying to say he could judge what's best for other adults to read.

## INVITED TO ATTEND

Three members of the local ACLU chapter's executive committee, Miss MacInnis, Eugene attorney Ed Fadeley, and The Rev. Robert Burtner, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, had been invited to the lewd literature committee's meeting to present the ACLU's viewpoint toward so-called obscene literature. The ACLU is an organization devoted to defense of constitutional civil liberties.

The Rev. Burtner said the ACLU has no "official" position on the matter. It was discussed by the local executive committee, he said, "but we have no pat answers." Asked whether the ACLU believes there is a "problem," Rev. Burtner said the ACLU members "assumed" a problem

exists, but didn't try to determine how much.

And, he added, they had considerable trouble in legally defining what's obscene and what's not.

## BOOKS DISPLAYED

Venn, displaying a number of paper-back books, told the ACLU members: "I think the trouble with your committee is that you haven't read this stuff as a whole, and yet, you speak with authority."

"You add more confusion to this committee," the ex-district attorney charged, "but you people never stop to read this stuff page to page."

Moments later, Rev. Burtner asked Venn if he really cared if he—Burtner—goes into a newsstand and buys the kind of material which Venn doesn't like.

"Yes, I do care if anybody reads it," Venn replied.

Miss MacInnis spoke up: "You're saying you can judge what's best for me..."

Replied Venn: "This stuff is not best for you..."

Venn called the material in question "anti-Christ." "I know that if things are anti-Christ they will eventually whittle away our whole society," he declared.

## QUESTION RAISED

"Do you care if I sit at home in my living room and read pornography?" continued Miss MacInnis.

"I do care if people read with freedom anything that is pornographic," Venn replied. "We have laws against sodomy, adultery, fornication and incest... this type of materials seeks to justify, extol and condone this... It seeks to encourage it..."

Miss MacInnis replied: "Until it's propelled me into something, it's done no harm."

Replied Venn: "You're just one part of society. To make it available to you (and thus make it available to everyone else) is to destroy society."

## IDEA CRITICIZED

Miss MacInnis earlier had criticized the idea of saying: "This is all right for me, but I must protect these other people over there."

"Each of us is expected to know enough to vote. Why should we be considered weakminded and easily corrupted when it comes to our reading material?" she asked.

Members of the lewd literature committee commented during the meeting that they are opposed to censorship. Mrs. Stanley Richmond told the ACLU members: "We are not sure any action will be taken. Some members think no action will be taken."



**BUSINESS LUNCH** — These two young robins have established themselves in the midst of Eugene business activity, under the eave of Gray Feed and Seed Co., 737 W. Sixth Ave. Their mother made a comfortable nest in a fuchsia basket, then guarded them from half a block away. Register-Guard photographer Phil Wolcott caught the young birds as they prepared for their noon day meal.

# Woman Fined In Lane Court

Glena K. Edwards, 28, of 1601 Brooklyn St., was found guilty and fined \$75 on a charge of vagrancy as a common prostitute, in Lane County District Court action Tuesday morning.

The case was heard by Judge William Beckett. Oral notice of appeal was given by the woman's attorney, Bert Ferris, following the verdict.

Mrs. Edwards was one of 14 persons arrested June 11, in a police vice raid on a dwelling known as the "Ranch" on West 11th Avenue near Fern Ridge Lake.

Richard Bogle, a member of the Portland Police Dept. who worked as an undercover agent for the Lane County Sheriff's office, testified that Mrs. Edwards accepted \$10 from him for immoral purposes, but that the act was not consummated. The act was alleged by the state to have occurred in the early morning hours of June 4, at the Fern Ridge house.

The defendant stated that she had no memory of ever having received the money from Bogle, but that she did remember being in a bedroom with him.

# 'It's Up to Us' to Point Out Attractions

## Clinic Suggests What to Tell Tourists

By DEAN REA  
Of the Register-Guard

"There's something for just about everybody" when it comes to recreation in Lane County, those attending a tourist information clinic were told Monday night in Eugene.

Tourist industry representatives were on hand to learn how they may persuade out-of-state tourists to remain in Oregon an extra day this season.

Hal Boone, chairman of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce tourist committee, explained the meeting was part of a \$40 million for One Club being sponsored throughout Oregon.

Oregon estimated that \$40 million revenue might have been added to business coffers last year if out-of-state tourists had lingered a day longer.

"It's up to us to keep them here and one of the things we can do is to suggest attractions for them to see," he added.

Twenty-five representatives of motels, hotels, service stations and food establishments attended the clinic. Boone said he had hoped for more than 100.

## LANE PARKS

Niel Ledward, assistant parks superintendent for the Lane County parks and recreation department, told the 25 persons present that "recreation is big business in Lane County."

The 25 tracts which have been developed as parks in the county the past seven years had an estimated 468,000 visitors last year, he said.

Among the outings he suggested for out-of-state visitors were: Dexter north bank park, Dorena Baker Bay and Siuslaw Harbor Vista on the coast.

## EUGENE ATTRACTIONS

Eugene offers a number of tourist attractions, according to Tex Matisler, city parks and recreation director.

Four major attractions which

## Library Program Planned for Children

The River Road PTA's summer library program for children starts Thursday.

The River Road School library will be open every Thursday from 10 to 12 a.m. for children of pre-school age through the eighth grade, according to Walt Phifer, PTA president.

Books may be checked out or reference sources used at the library by children in that district. The library room may be reached through the back school entrance.

# NEWS BRIEFS

**NEBRASKA Club** will close its club year with a potluck luncheon Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Free Methodist Church, 4th and B Sts., Springfield. Hostesses will be Mrs. A. J. Bier and Mrs. Lila Dent.

**EUGENE OBSIDIANS** will take an overnight camping trip to Cove State Park, in central Oregon, Saturday and Sunday. James Stovall, leader. Sing-up sheet and description of trip at Gilbert's Shoe Store, 49 E. Broadway. Open to public.

**EMERALD EMPIRE Chapter** of Sweet Adelines, Inc., will meet at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Leabo, Jasper, Wednesday. Members meet at the Osborn Hotel, Eugene, at 7:30 p.m. for transportation.

**JUPITER AND ITS SATELLITES** will be the topic of discussion Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at a meeting of the Amateur Astronomy League of Eugene. Meeting will be in the Eugene Public Library auditorium. After the meeting observations of the planet Jupiter will be made, weather permitting, through several telescopes. Open to the public.

**EUGENE** — Members of the Senior Activity Center will meet at the center, 490 13th Ave., from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, with all senior citizens invited.

**TEEN-AGE SUMMER** dance program at Washington Park Recreation Center will begin Wednesday with a 7 p.m. tennis court dance. Dance ends at 10 p.m.

may be suggested to the "traveling motorist" were named by Matisler as follows:

- Amazon Park swimming pool—open 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily. One of the finest pools in the Northwest.

- The swimming pool at W. 16th Avenue and Jefferson Street.

- George Owen municipal rose park at the north end of Jefferson Street. More than 1,000 roses on display.

- Hendricks Park south of Judkins Point. Picnic facilities and a rhododendron garden.

For a scenic view, Matisler suggested a trip to the top of the butte at Skinner Park. There are zoo and picnic facilities at the park, he said.

For a hike, Matisler suggested a 30 to 40 minute climb of Spencer Butte, six miles south of Eugene off Willamette Street, as "one of the most rewarding views" of the southern Willamette Valley.

## FOREST FACILITIES

There were 520,000 visitors to the Willamette National

Forest last year, according to R. L. Worstell, Forest Service recreational staff officer, Eugene.

There are 36 improved camp sites and 436 family units for camping and picnicking in the Lane County area under the Forest Service jurisdiction, he said.

Worstell suggested that visitors who desire the latest information on recreational facilities in the national forest to contact someone at a ranger station. These are located at Blue River, McKenzie Bridge, Lowell, Rigdon on Highway 58 and Salmon Creek.

The ranger stations are manned seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., starting July 1 through Labor Day, Worstell explained.

"Our facilities are the more rustic type," Worstell said. But for the outdoorsman, here are just a few samples of things he suggested for outings:

- There will be blackberries to pick in cutover areas after July 1. "They're free," says Worstell.

- Wild flowers bloom alongside the highway, although it's beginning to be a "little late" in the season.

- Hunting attracts many persons interested in pigeons, grouse, quail and big game.

- For the rugged recreationist and mountain climber, there are the Three Sisters and wilderness area in the Cascade Mountains.

- A favorite "take off" point for hikers on a one-day walk or 10-day pack trip is Frog Camp, 72 miles east of Eugene on the McKenzie.

- For a short trip, take Highway 58 to Lookout Point Reservoir, drive over the Patterson Mountain Road to Layng Creek Road and then to Dorena and Cottage Grove.

The Clear Lake Road will be passable weekends this summer; delays will occur during the week, Worstell said.

Maps, information folders and other tourist materials are offered through the chamber of commerce office as aids to business firms, by Fred Brenne, chamber manager.

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SECTION B EUGENE, OREGON, TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 1960

# Officers of Council of Kadosh To Be Installed in Ceremony

Lloyd C. DeLess of Eugene will be installed as commander of Eugene Council of Kadosh, Scottish Rite Masons, in ceremonies Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The installation will be held at Eugene Masonic Temple, 992 Olive St., Eugene.

Other officers to be installed include Rollin E. McIntyre, 1st Lt. commander; Roy M. Crawford, 2nd Lt. commander; William L. Young, chancellor; Harold K. Lounsbury, orator; Harry H. Hobbs, almoner; Worth Harvey, recorder; Linley H. Lutz, treasurer; Murray D. Adams, marshal of ceremonies; J. Marion Jackson, turcopoler; Ira D. Leake, draper; Ray C. Ramey, first deacon; William A. Grout, second deacon; Lyman F. Coburn, bearer of beausant; William B. Bowser, bearer of second standard; Nicholas Schnell, bearer of third standard; Arthur B. Stillman, lieutenant of guard, and Olaf E. Johnson, tiler.

# Lobbyist Hired By Peace Group

David Stadler, a geneticist on the faculty of the University of Washington, has been hired as a lobbyist at Washington, D.C. by two Northwest "Platform for Peace" groups.

Stadler will be in Washington all this week to interview congressmen from Oregon and Washington on the question of disarmament. He will ask senators and representatives their views on disarmament problems and seek their ideas about what steps the government of the U.S. should take to solve the problem.

Stadler has been hired by Platform for Peace—1960 of Seattle, Wash., and by the Platform for Peace group of Eugene.

# School Reorganization

The Lane County Schools reorganization committee will hold a regular meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be in the county school superintendent's office, in the courthouse.



LLOYD C. DELESS  
Installed As Commander

# Vital Statistics

## BIRTHS

**AT MCKENZIE-WILLAMETTE HOSPITAL**

(June 19, 1960)  
GARRETT—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Garrett, 246 S. 34th St., Springfield, a daughter.

(June 20, 1960)  
WEBB—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Webb, Rt. 1 Box 337, Springfield, a daughter.

JORDAN—Mr. and Mrs. George Jordan, 174 W. K St., Springfield, a son.  
DARE—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dare, 1363 C St., Springfield, a daughter.  
GALLINGER—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gallinger, 1545 N. 16th St., Springfield, a son.

## AT SACRED HEART HOSPITAL

(June 19, 1960)  
PROUDFIT—Mr. and Mrs. Keith O. Proudfit, 1331 Dalton Dr., Eugene, a son.

GROSZ—Mr. and Mrs. David W. Grosz, 2444 Portland St., Eugene, a son.

WRIGHT—Mr. and Mrs. George L. Wright, Rt. 1 Box 444, Veneta, a son.

BEARDEN—Mr. and Mrs. E. Harold Bearden, 1451 Water Ave., Springfield, a daughter.

HUNTER—Mr. and Mrs. Garland D. Hunter Jr., 2141 Patterson Dr., Eugene, a daughter.

WHITAKER—Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Whitaker, 3920 N. Shasta Loop, Eugene, a daughter.

STEVENS—Mr. and Mrs. William J. Stevens, 2955 Hillyard St., Eugene, a son.

BONIN—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd J. Bonin, 1412 Jefferson St., Eugene, a son.

SULLIVAN—Mr. and Mrs. Gene D. Sullivan, Rt. 1 Box 598, Veneta, a son.

WEBBER—Mr. and Mrs. Merle Webber, 225 River Rd., Eugene, a daughter.

(June 18, 1960)  
MULLINS—Mr. and Mrs. John R. Mullins, 1941 Tinamou Lane, Eugene, a son.

COOP—Mr. and Mrs. Duane L. Coop, Lorane Rt., Cottage Grove, a son.

## DEATHS

FERRELL—Grace L. Ferrell, 71, of 445 1/2 W. 19th Ave., Eugene, died June 18. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Poole-Larsen Chapel. Interment will be in West Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

FISHER—Funeral services for Lawrence Allen Fisher, 75, of Rt. 1, Creswell, will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Mills Mortuary. Interment will be in Walker Cemetery.

LARSEN—Karen M. Larsen, 84, of 551 N. 19th St., Springfield, died June 20. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

MARTIN—Sadie M. Martin, 82, of 68 Ascot Dr., Eugene, died June 21. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

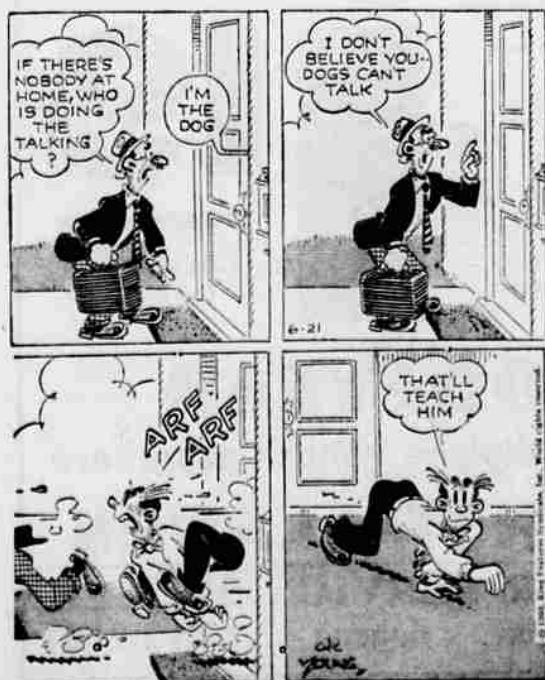
McMILLAN—Aizina McMillan, 89, of 1140 N. 21st St., Springfield, died June 21. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

STONE—Funeral services for Helen G. Stone, 50, of 40 Oak Ct., Eugene, will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Poole-Larsen Chapel. Interment will be in Rest-Haven Memorial Park.

SMALLEY—Brenda Jo Smalley, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Smalley, of 1524 McKinley Ct., Eugene, died June 20 at Roseburg. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

# BLONDIE

By Chic Young



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