

Lane Plans First Forest Youth Camp

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Time is short, but Lane County officials plan to set up the state's first public experimental forest youth camp program by July 1, County School Supt. Dale Parnell reported last week.

He said that with the \$10,000 recently allocated for the project by the County Budget Committee, about 20 boys—"perhaps we can crowd in 25"—will take part in the first camp.

Parnell emphasized that the camp will involve "rough, hot, dirty, nasty work" and that the living conditions for the boys will be "far from ideal."

But he stated that the boys who take part will receive many benefits, not the least of which is money. Parnell said that it has been tentatively decided to pay the boys \$50 a month for the first month, \$75 for the second, and \$100 the third.

MUCH DISCUSSION

The youth camp program is in large manner the work of State Sen. Robert Straub of Eugene. Appearing before the county budget committee last Monday, Straub said the program would benefit boys "who have never developed a work discipline."

There was much discussion at

the meeting of the few opportunities available to boys to learn how to work. Committee member Earl McNutt said "there just aren't things for them to do." Parnell said that many 15-year-olds "want to work, but there is nothing for them to do."

The program is designed to take 15- to 19-year-old boys and have them live at a forest camp in tents. They will clear brush, make picnic and camping sites, do minor tree pruning, make fire roads and clear stream beds.

The county commissioners prefer the camp to be held at the county's Blue Mountain Park near Cottage Grove.

The county's \$10,000 contribution will be used to pay the boys' wages and to furnish their food. Straub said the State Forestry Dept. estimated food will cost 85 cents a meal per boy.

STATE TO PROVIDE

Under the bill enacted by the 1961 legislature, the state will provide \$50,000 to experiment with the forest camps this year and next. The money was authorized to be spent in Lane and Multnomah counties.

The state will provide the forest department supervisors, the tools, the campsites and the tents. Straub agrees with Parnell

that the work to be done is not easy. "This will be no summer recreational camp," he told the budget committee. "It will involve healthy, useful work."

He emphasized that the program will not tolerate loafers. "If the boys boondoggle and refuse to work, they will end the program," Straub said. "I don't want it if it ends up as summer camp only."

One point that worried budget committee members was the possibility that the program would swell to unmanageable proportions. "I think the program is wonderful," said Commissioner Kenneth Nielsen. "But if the program turns out to be a huge success, 20 boys are nothing. There are about 7,500 boys in Lane County who could qualify."

PROGRAM ENVISAGED

But Parnell pointed out that the program should not be intended for just any boy in Lane County. He envisages a program to help "the riderunner," the boy who is treading a fine line between juvenile delinquency and promise.

"We're talking about boys who are not prospects for Skipworth Home or the McLaren School for Boys," he said, "but the boys who are also not prospects for school, either."

Parnell believes the camp could prevent boys from slipping

over into juvenile delinquency, at the same time finding an opportunity "to contribute something to society."

"There is no way to estimate the value in terms of eliminating the necessity to care for these boys after they get into trouble," he said. Parnell believes that at the most the camp would deal with about 100 Lane County boys.

He and other proponents of the plan are fearful that the camp might be branded as a juvenile delinquency camp. "It won't be that, it will be just a work camp," Parnell said.

One method to prevent the delinquency brand is the provision that boys can be fired from the camp if they fail to work. Thus camping is an earned privilege, not a three-month sentence.

Parnell wants to operate the camp on a team basis, including himself, Straub, the county commissioners, and Circuit Judge William Fort.

The first task of the team will be to set up criteria for the selection of boys. When this is done, high school principals all over the county will submit names for possible choice.

But the boys who want to attend must be sure of one thing. "This is no panty-waist operation," Parnell said. "They must be willing to produce."

Hospital Gets Funds

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Maurine Neuberger, D-Ore., says the U.S. Public Health Service had approved an application of Oregon for \$98,672 in Hill-Burton funds for work at the F. H. Dammasch Hospital at Wilsonville. The federal money will help construct the \$366,289 new multipurpose unit for occupational and recreational therapy.

Labor Parley Set

COOS BAY — The state AFL-CIO convention is expected to bring 450 delegates to Coos Bay June 12. Gov. Mark Hatfield is scheduled to address the convention that day, said J. T. Marr, state AFL-CIO executive secretary.

Burglars Use Truck to Haul Enough Stuff for Giant Picnic

Some burglars in Eugene may be planning a weekend picnic with lots of guests.

That's one theory behind a burglary at the River Road Market, 645 River Rd., Thursday night or early Friday.

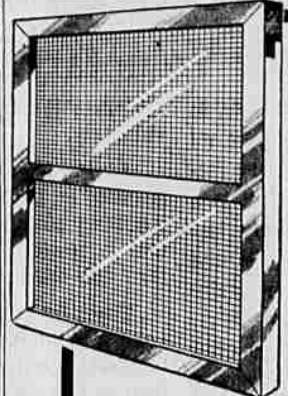
The loot, enough for a king-sized soiree, included 24 steaks, a case of wieners, 4 canned hams, 2 rolls of lunch meat (which the burglars took time to slice up), 10 cases of beer, some soda pop, 5 cases of coffee (in two-pound cans), and 8 cartons of ice cream slices. Total value of the "makings" was estimated at \$350 to \$400.

Deputy Sheriff Don Hughes said the burglars, judging from the tire tracks, apparently used a truck to haul everything away. The truck also was apparently used to break in a rear door through which the burglars gained entry to the building.

Meanwhile, Eugene police Friday were investigating a burglary which occurred during the night at the Gerald D. Arliss Mobil service station, 1694 Willamette St. A bank bag containing about \$100 was missing, police said.

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Three Eugene Students Win UO Scholarships

Three Eugene high school students have been awarded full tuition and fees scholarships to the University of Oregon as winners of second annual "Oregon Award for Creativity."

Rosemary Trump and Joseph S. O'Brien, both of South Eugene High School and Sandra Lee Coleman of North Eugene High School have been named.

Also named is William R. Friday of Roseburg High.

Miss Trump won first place in the non-fiction field and Miss Coleman in poetry. O'Brien was first for his short story, "The Savage" and was also first in the graphic arts category. Miss Coleman's poetry entry was entitled "Yes Yes" and Miss Trump's non-fiction piece was entitled "I Remember the Valley."

The winning entries, chosen from a field of 144 from throughout the Northwest states, Canada, and Alaska, are for the specific fields of graphic arts, short story, non-fiction, and poetry.

Virginia Henzler, North Eugene, placed third in non-fiction, and in short story. Stan Darling, South Eugene, and Gayle Lueck, Junction City, won honorable mention.

Court Settles Land Claim For \$77,000

A dispute over the price the state of Oregon should pay for land it took for a portion of the Pacific freeway north of Eugene was settled by a Lane County Circuit Court jury Thursday.

The jury awarded a price of \$77,000 to Kenneth W. Wylie, whose land on Garden Way was used for the freeway. Evidence presented at the trial showed that the state acquired about 30 acres of Wylie's property for the new road.

Wylie was asking for a price of \$125,000. The state highway department had offered \$74,000. The jury's award came to \$3,000 more than the state had offered, and \$48,000 less than Wylie had asked.

The case was tried in the court of Judge William Fort. It began on Tuesday and the jury returned its decision Thursday evening.

Leslie Hampton of Salem represented the State Highway Department. Wylie was represented by attorneys Gordon Wylie and George Mead.

Speedy Flight Planned

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — A B58 is expected to be flown non-stop across the Atlantic faster than sound. The performance is scheduled for the international air show in Paris opening May 26, the Star-Telegram said.

UO Symphony Band to Play Original Work

University of Oregon symphony band concert Thursday will mark several firsts and a last.

The concert will be the last of the season for the band, conducted by Robert Vagner.

It will be the first performance of "Symphony for Band," the first major composition for band by a student at the university. The four-movement symphony was composed by

Madsen Farrell Dean Madsen Jr. of Chico, Calif.

Madsen, who is a graduate student in the School of Music, plays clarinet in the symphony orchestra and the symphony band. He was solo clarinetist with the band in 1959. A concerto for orchestra which he composed was performed by the university orchestra last week.

The band will also present for the first time two works scored by Eugene musicians.

Vondis Miller, music teacher in the Eugene Public School System, arranged one—a Gabrielli work. Rae Fetherstonhaugh, a graduate student in the School of Music from Vancouver, B. C., arranged Brahms Variations on a theme by Haydn.

Other works on the program include the music of Strauss, Berlioz, Handel and Bruckner.

The concert will be at 8 p.m. in the Student Union.

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