

### Juvenile Grange Obligates Four New Members

Grange Hall, June 21 — Four new members were obligated at the regular meeting of the Eastern Star Juvenile Grange last Saturday. They were Linda, Judith, Dan and Buddy Bisbane.

Judy Call, overseer, acted as master because of the absence of the regular officer. She also gave a report on the boys and girls attending 4-H summer school.

Following the business meeting a game of musical chairs was played and refreshments were served by Maureen and Marilyn Burton. Sharon Bisbane was a guest at the meeting.

Mrs. Pete Klobas was hostess to the regular monthly meeting of the Eastern Star Home Economics club at her home last Thursday afternoon. Six ladies were present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank McConnell on Railroad street in Bend.

Mrs. Julius Steen will be hostess for the regular meeting of Grange Hall Ladies Aid on Thursday afternoon at 1:30, at her home, 805 Division street in Bend.

Mrs. Walter Smead is reported improving after a major operation last week at St. Charles hospital.

Mrs. Lyle Carrington and son, Charles, visited last week with friends in Red Bluff, Calif.

Mrs. Dick Tapken and children of Brothers, visited at the home of Mrs. Joe Conrad last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Porter made a business trip to Eugene last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cox and children made a business trip to Albany on Sunday.

Lee Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Paul, is attending 4-H summer school in Corvallis.

Mrs. Everett Walker and her daughter returned from the St. Charles hospital last Wednesday. The girl, named Carol Ann, was born on June 10 and weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces at birth.

Mrs. G. Sphred entertained in honor of her daughter, Evelyn, on her seventh birthday, last Tuesday afternoon. Games were played in the afternoon. Those present included Mary Helen, Mae Ellen and Shirley Satterfield, Ann and Mary Kay Richards, Mary Kathryn Prichard and Kathy Routley and the guest of honor.

According to the Portland Oregonian, Mary Kathryn Prichard of the Eastern Star Juvenile Grange won third place with her Juvenile Grange essay at State Grange and Larry Huettl of Pine Forest Juvenile Grange won third place with his Oregon map in that Juvenile contest. Mary Kathryn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prichard and Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Huettl.

The Eastern Star Grange square dance classes will be held at the hall on Friday evening at 9 p.m. Ladies are asked to bring pie, according to officers.

Hooper Dyer was elected gatekeeper and Mrs. Frank McConnell, musician, at the regular meeting of the Eastern Star Grange last Tuesday evening. Walter Prichard, master, install-

## Crime Syndicates Face Toughest Foe In New Senate Investigating Group

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Washington (NEA) — The big gambling and vice syndicates which have developed crime in the U.S. into a tightly controlled, multi-million dollar business face a brand new foe in the special senate committee headed by Sen. Estes Kefauver, D., Tenn.

Kefauver's group has a weapon the syndicate big wigs never had before. It's authority to weld into one anti-crime task force all of the law enforcing and regulatory agencies of the U.S. government.

Up until now the shocking success of syndicate activities has resulted from the exploitation of a legal no-man's land. Operating across state lines, state officials have found themselves powerless to nail the top syndicate men in clean-up drives. Local officials have been even more frustrated.

### Robot Used In Atomic Plant

Hanford, Wash. (UP)—Development of a remote-controlled, mobile robot that can perform nearly any operation expected of a human hand was announced by General Electric engineers here.

The five-ton, one-armed machine is used at the Atomic Energy commission's plutonium plant. It enters areas declared unsafe for human beings because of radioactivity.

Engineers say the mechanism, resembling a railroad handcar and rolling on narrow gauge tracks, can open doors, turn valves, disassemble and assemble complex machinery and even pick up a dime from the floor.

An operator manipulates the robot from a control panel, viewing it through a three-foot mirror, also remote controlled. Six cables link the machine to the controls, set in an adjacent room.

The arm itself looks somewhat like a small caliber naval gun. It can be telescoped to extend or shorten its reach, be raised and lowered, and be rotated.

The hand part is capable of gripping, pushing, pulling and turning.

Engineers say 30 electric motors, six in the arm and hand, furnish power for the unit. Operators learn to manipulate it in about a week.

ed the new officers. The hospital committee included Mr. and Mrs. Mike Vodvick and Mr. and Mrs. George Rastovich.

A group of the grangers met Sunday morning and finished filling in around the new cistern at the grange hall. James Porter is completing the water system by installing the pump and building a frost-proof room for it.

Mr. and Mrs. Meade Pedersen are parents of a daughter, Jeanette Carol, born on June 10. This is their second child and both are girls. Mr. and Mrs. Pedersen are the paternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clayton are visiting at the E. W. Paul home. They have been visiting in Medford and Ashland where they plan to make their home.

Appeals to federal agencies for help have been just as fruitless. The FBI, for instance, has no authority to investigate gambling. The only thing treasury agents can do about slot machines is collect a tax on them.

The Kefauver committee, however, has the unique authority to borrow any of the personnel and facilities of any of the federal agencies to help it in accomplishing its mission—to expose organized crime in the U.S.

Under its able chief counsel, Rudolph Halley—veteran of the famed Truman war investigating committee—the committee is beginning to make full use of Uncle Sam's law enforcers. In addition to its own staff of about 10 expert investigators, the committee will have use of FBI agents, Secret Service men, postal inspectors, narcotics agents, bureau of internal revenue agents and even the intelligence officers of the armed services.

The experts who have been following the growth of the syndicates have said all along that only this array of law enforcement talent, coordinated into a single effort, would be powerful enough to lay bare the facts on the syndicates' operations. The protection, through political corruption, which the syndicates have bought have made them that impregnable.

Halley reveals that his group

will not operate from any master plan or master timetable. During the first week of operation he received hundreds of tips, hunches and offers of information on various criminal activities around the country. He will begin investigating what look like the hottest leads first, wherever they happen to point.

Investigations in the various cities will be quiet, fast and sure, he promises. All sources, newspaper reporters, local police, informers, public officials and private citizens who have information will be given an attentive ear. His men will use the element of surprise whenever possible.

Members of the committee themselves might hold open hearings in various cities. And that most powerful of all congressional probe weapons, the subpoena, will be used to bring any persons involved straight to Washington for hearings.

Two U.S. agencies have already taken big steps to aid Kefauver's group. The federal communications commission has requested all telephone companies to keep a permanent record of the details of all long distance calls. This is aimed at exposing those who use the long distance lines for gambling operations. The telephone is a very necessary instrument in the bookie business and numbers racket.

The department of justice has



Kefauver: His group has a secret weapon.

asked its attorneys all over the U.S. to start collecting all available information on a list of 150 underworld characters, for use by the committee. The full list has been kept a secret but it has been revealed that the names on it include Frank Costello, Joe Adonis, Ralph Capone, brother of Al, Mickey Cohen of Hollywood, Marty Kromppler, Joey Rao, Meyer (Socks) Lansky and his brother Jake, Waxie Gordon, Charles Fischetti of Chicago, "Trigger Mike" Coppola and Anthony Garfano.

Other members of the committee are Sen. Charles Tobey, R., N.H.; Sen. Herbert O'Connor, D., Md.; Sen. Lester Hunt, D., Wyo., and Sen. Alexander Wiley, R., Wis. Chief investigator for the committee is Harold G. Robinson, recognized as an outstanding prober for his work on the California crime commission.



Senators listen as Frank Costello, extreme right, reputed gambling king, testifies. The senators are Ernest W. McFarland, D., Ariz.; Charles W. Tobey, R., N.H., and Lester C. Hunt, D., Wyo., left to right. Tobey and Hunt are members of Sen. Estes Kefauver's new investigating group.

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**DOG MISSES SIGNALS**  
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