

Judge Aids Bailiff in Setting Up Haven for Alcoholics

Seattle, Aug. 17 (AP)—After watching a quarter of a million alcoholics shuffle past on their way to jail cells or back to the streets, Bailiff Archie McGrath got fed up.

He and Seattle Municipal Judge John H. Neergaard put their heads together and figured out a scheme for reclaiming hopeless alcoholics at a cost of \$1.29 a day per head.

The plan didn't work out quite as expected. The reclaimed men paid their own way and also the cost of those who failed.

To begin with, the bailiff and the judge took three basic principals of human life—food, clothing and shelter, and fitted them to a theory of their own. Their theory was that if a man with a disease gets well, he'll get restless and want to go to work.

After operating for 18 months, McGrath ticked off the following statistics:

Since Dec. 1, 1947, a total of 384 men have been treated at what is now incorporated as the Seattle rehabilitation center.

Of that number, 110 men have returned to steady drinking. But 274 men got started on a new life. One hundred and thirty-five of them have jobs in Seattle now. The other 139 have spread across the country, to Alaska and even Arabia. They are keeping in touch with McGrath by mail and all of them have been on the wagon at least seven months.

The rehabilitation center began with a flat of empty rooms in a three-story frame building across from police headquarters and 16 men who had been drinking steadily from three to seven years. No more.

The rooms were donated by a bail bondsman who owned the building. The men were donated by society, through Judge Neergaard.

Five members of the local Alcoholics Anonymous organization raised \$800 to fix a leaking roof and agreed to indoctrinate the men with A-A procedures. McGrath got the first consignment of food, furniture and clothing on the cuff.

After the men moved in, McGrath and Judge Neergaard sat back and waited for them to get restless. They had no idea how long it would take a man to get

Fined \$1000 for Stealing \$10.90

Wausau, Wis., Aug. 17 (AP)—The \$10.90 that Peter Knutson embezzled from the Northwestern State bank at Cumberland, Wis., cost him \$1000 today.

Knutson, 56, of Forest Lake, Minn., pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday to two counts of embezzling from the bank when he was its cashier. District Judge Patrick T. Stone placed him on probation and fined him \$1000.

U.S. Attorney Charles Cashin said, however, that Knutson had admitted that in addition to the \$10.90, he also helped himself to about \$12,000 in bank funds over many years but paid it back recently.

Barber Shop Opening

Lebanon—Paul's barber shop, located on south Main street will open Thursday. It will be a union shop, Paul Carroll, proprietor, announces. The new business man is a former Lebanon resident, having lived in the Tennessee district and graduated from Lebanon high school in 1933. He worked at the barber trade in Salem before moving to Lebanon.

back the strength lost hitting the bottle over a period of years. In two weeks they found out. Eight men asked for jobs and got them. They began paying \$10.50 a week for board, which paid for their food and clothing and for the other eight men too. It also gave them a feeling of responsibility.

As soon as one of the remaining eight went to work, another man came out of jail.

There are only two rules for living at the center: One—don't drink inside. And two—if you drink outside, don't come back.



Elderly Twins Feted—Alertly attentive to the entertainment of their twin grand aunts are Jean, seated left, and Joan Carlson, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carlson. The elderly twins, ages 77, are Mrs. Anton Anderson, standing left, and Mrs. Dina Johnson, both from Minneapolis, made their first trip to Oregon this summer to visit their brother, C. Carlson, and nephews, Victor and Albert Carlson, all of Lebanon. For their pleasure many sight seeing trips and family parties have been planned. (Express Photo)

Group to Study Stayton Airstrip

Appointment of a special committee to further an airstrip for Stayton marked another step in this direction this week when W. M. (Jack) Bartlett, Salem, director of the state board of aeronautics, spoke at a meeting of the Stayton Chamber of Commerce. Also on the program were Ralph Scroggin, owner of the Lebanon airport and Floyd Johnson, Troutdale aircraft dealer.

Oregon now has more private-owned planes than any other state on a per capita basis, Bartlett pointed out. There are 1400 licensed aircraft, he said. Scroggin told of the develop-

ment of the Lebanon airport in the last four years with 35 planes now housed in 23 hangars as compared with two small planes when the airport opened. Establishment of an airstrip would also place Stayton on the geodetic survey maps, he said.

Named to the committee by F. M. Forrester, presiding in the absence of Fred Camp, president, were Don Roach, Wilbur Lesley and G. W. Schachtsick.

Recluse Leaves Fortune

Seattle, Aug. 17 (AP)—A 75-year-old recluse who lived in a shack-like home and lived on stale bread and potatoes left an estate valued at \$103,000, probate court records showed today.

Fred S. Willson gathered driftwood in the Lake Washington ship canal for a living. He died July 29.

WEAR FOREVER

Long Lasting Articles of Today Don't Please Some

By SAM DAWSON

New York, Aug. 16 (AP)—Products good for a life time—or a reasonable facsimile thereof—are beginning to worry some folks. If goods last forever, doesn't it put a limit on the market for replacements? Can some of the drop in retail sales, production schedules and raw material demand be traced to the longer life consumers are getting out of old products?

It may be fine to own a necktie good for a lifetime—fine that is, if your wife doesn't get the willies looking at it across the breakfast table every morning. But how about the haberdasher? Even things that won't last a lifetime, are lasting much longer these days than they used to. People don't turn in their autos for new ones as quickly now as they did 20 years ago.

And what about the pettycoat situation? Many a merchant can remember when his grandmother wore more pettycoats at one time than the modern girl has hanging in her wardrobe for a full year's supply. Nowadays, of course, girls go in more for slips.

So let's look at slips. If we're to believe the ads, it's theoretically possible now for a career girl to get by with one nylon slip

and one nylon nightgown. She washes the gown in the morning, and the quickdrying nylon is ready to don when she gets home at night. So she washes the slip and goes to bed. In the morning the nylon slip is dry and wearable. This could go on indefinitely—replacements coming along in rhythm with the yearly fashion changes in the length and fullness of dresses.

But what about the poor merchant? He sells one slip and one nightgown to a gal who used to keep at least two week's supply of each on hand.

Stockings last longer nowadays, too, they say. Good news for everyone but the hosiery mills.

And menswear is not immune to the trend. Shirts and underwear of nylon, they tell us, can be washed even by a clumsy male, hung up to dry, and be

Postal Unit to Train at Lewis

Six enlisted men and their commanding officer from Salem 894th Army Postal unit, type G, are leaving Salem Sunday for Fort Lewis, Wash., where for two weeks they are to train with a regular army postal unit in operating an army post office.

The unit August 1 was changed from a type F unit to a type G unit, which permits 16 enlisted men and is of the size that would serve about the same number of men as found in a division. Activated in November, 1948, under the sponsorship of Postmaster Albert C. Gragg and composed entirely of veterans, the unit this summer is taking summer training.

Now having openings for two privates or privates first class who are former service men with either mail or post office experience, the unit July 26 was ready for wear next morning without ironing. That's fine. It's a little hard on the laundries. But then turn-about is fair play. Some of them have been pretty hard on our shirts.

inspected by Maj. Ivan N. Bradley of the northern military district for change to class A status. Bradley has recommended the change, which will allow it full strength of officers and men and a weekly drill, and it now awaits approval in Washington.

Going to Fort Lewis will be Capt. Styme B. Leslie, commander of the unit, Cpl. Herbert Lucas, Cpl. Lee Wagers, Cpl. Lauchlan Hodges, Cpl. Charles Warren, Pfc. Glenn Bailey and Pfc. Edwin Poppitz.

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