

### Elderly Matron Beaten by Teen-Age Girls in K. F. Home

Klamath Falls, Ore., Sept. 29 (AP)—An elderly matron beaten by girl inmates of the Klamath county juvenile home was in a critical condition at a hospital here Wednesday.

Two girls being held as material witnesses in a coming felony trial were accused of administering the beating and were taken to the county jail. They are Arditth Stark, 16, and Audrey Jean Mendey, 17. They were picked up here 10 days ago as traveling companions of two men arrested for car theft. They said they lived in Kellogg, Ida.

The victim, Mrs. Zerish M. Houghtaling, about 70, was reported to be suffering from a broken nose, black eyes and severe bruises on her head and chest.

The juvenile office gave this version of the attack:

About 7:30 o'clock last night the matron caught two girls smoking in their room at the detention home. She ordered them to throw their cigarettes away, saying smoking was prohibited.

An hour later Mrs. Houghtaling was resting on a bed in her room when the two girls came to her door and asked permission to take a bath. The matron refused, telling them they were supposed to be in bed.

At that, the girls entered the room, jerked the matron to the floor and started pummeling her with their fists, feet, and a shoe belonging to one of the girls. One of them tried to cram a washrag down Mrs. Houghtaling's throat. The clinic cook, Minnie Morrow, heard the aged woman's screams and called police. Police caught both girls as they left the room. The bedroom, Mrs. Houghtaling's clothing and the girls' night clothes were bloodspattered.

Police quoted one girl as telling Mrs. Houghtaling: "I didn't have time or I would have killed you."

The girls were picked up here Sept. 18 after registering at a hotel with Ray Morris, 21, and Gene Arthur Miller, 22. The men were arrested on a car theft charge. A charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor also was placed. Miller pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentence. Morris will stand trial. The girls were held as witnesses in this trial.

### Dr. McLoughlin Wealthy Man

Portland, Sept. 29 (AP)—Dr. John McLoughlin, the founder of Oregon City and the virtual ruler of the Oregon country from 1824 to 1843, died a wealthy man, the Oregon Historical Quarterly reported today.

That, it seems, settles a point which has been in dispute among historians for nearly a century. Some biographers had reported McLoughlin died a poor man. Others thought differently.

An article in the Oregon Historical Quarterly disclosed that the actual papers of McLoughlin's estate had been found. They showed that his estate was appraised at over \$170,000, a fortune in the 1840s. He was Hudson's Bay company factor at Vancouver, Wash., and later settled at Oregon City and applied for U. S. citizenship.

Dr. Burt Brown Barker, a director of the historical society, found McLoughlin's will, inventory, and appraisal of the estate tucked away in the Clackamas county court house records at Oregon City.



### Wholesale Food Prices Drop

New York, Sept. 29 (AP)—Dun & Bradstreet wholesale food price index dropped another 5 cents this week to \$5.67, one cent above the 28-month low established on Feb. 8, the agency disclosed today.

The index has now dropped 18 cents in the past two weeks. Last week's 13-cent drop was the widest break in over seven months.

In the corresponding week of last year their index stood at 6.70, 15.4 percent above the current figure.

The index is the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foods at wholesale. In the latest week ended Sept. 27, 9 of the foods advanced, 12 declined and 10 held unchanged.

Prices of flour, wheat, corn, oats, barley, sugar, coffee and tea advanced, while beef, hams, lard, cottonseed oil, cocoa, eggs, potatoes, steers, hogs, lamb and butter declined. Remaining unchanged were bellies, cheese, peas, peanuts, rice, molasses, currants, prunes, milk and raisins.

Gin rummy for two during a rest en route illustrates one of the many travel advantages of the 1950 series Nash Airflyte cars. Twin convertible beds, which can be made up as a single bed when the car is in motion, are shown in a special cutaway model with doors and body centerpost removed. The beds are available as optional equipment on both the two and four-door models. The new 1950 models are on display today at the Marion Motors in Salem.

### LIPSTICK BANNED, TOO

### Women Storm at Order To Cover All of Figures

By SAM SOUKI

Cairo (AP)—Sex is hiding its pretty head in Egypt. In fact, sex is being covered from head to toe — and not liking it.

Egyptian women are storming at the recent decrees issued by Minister of Education Ahmed Mursy Badr Bey.

The minister has launched an all-out campaign to wipe lipstick from their lips and shroud their figures in long unrevealing dresses.

The trouble came about when the minister dismissed a woman school teacher because she had been accused of dancing with some university students at a party.

Then, in quick succession, the minister ordered that classical dancing lessons in government schools must cease and that no girls should be sent to Europe on government educational missions. The exception was London, where the government maintains a house and chaperone for the girls.

Most of the press and women's associations in Egypt raised a howl of protest.

They charged the minister with responsibility for dragging the country back, rather than improving its educational programs. They accused him of wanting to kill woman's progress.

The papers asked him why the traditional belly dancing of the Orient should be considered more decent than the ballet and classical dancing which girls were taught in schools. Cartoons ridiculing the minister appeared in most papers.

A few voices were raised in praise of the minister's acts. Some people stated that he was protecting the virtue of Egyptian womanhood. But for the most part women declared their tired their own business and said that they were capable of protecting themselves without

To show that he was not against women's education, but merely against any form of indecency—as he termed some of the modern forms of education, dancing and sports—the minister began visiting girls' schools.

At the same time, however, he forbade girls to participate in the university games at Murano, Italy, and issued an order that women teachers and school girls must refrain from using cosmetics and short-sleeved dresses as of October.

Badr Bey stated that his measure was being taken to "maintain the dignity of educational institutions."

He insisted that teachers and students must wear long-sleeved ankle-length dresses and that they must not paint their faces. He also insisted that he is not at war with the fair sex.

Furious articles have appeared in the press and almost daily there are irate letters to the editors.

One such letter said: "Some day the Egyptian government will have to make up its mind whether it intends the country to join in the main stream of western civilization or to remain a social and intellectual back-water, content to adopt a lower standard of living..."

Australia's coastline, including Tasmania, is 12,210 miles long—244 miles longer than the seaboard of the United States.

Pray for Okie Dries

Prineville, Ore., Sept. 28 (AP)—Portland WCTU members stopped their special bus en route to the state convention here and held a special prayer meeting yesterday for Oklahoma's prohibitionists.



Shooting—Carol Paight, 20 (lower) was in a state of collapse in the same Stamford, Conn., hospital where, police say, she shot her father, Police Sergeant Carl Paight, 50, (top), who was hopelessly ill of cancer. Police Chief John B. Brennan said that Carol had shot her father because, she said, "she didn't want to see him suffer." Paight died of head-wound. No charge has been filed against Carol. (AP Wirephoto)

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Mrs. Q. L. Jacobson played a solo on the cornet, with Mrs. Minnie Andrews accompanying on the piano.

Clarence Grund was presented a gold star pin and Clarence Tomkins and Herbert Salisbury silver star pins, issued by the state Legion department for signing up the largest number of new members for the post.

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