

17 MacLaren School Boys Need Homes Off Campus

By NANCY ASHBAUGH

Authorities at MacLaren School for Boys are hoping that by Christmas time they will have found 17 off campus homes, or more, for 17 boys who have earned parole from the training school.

According to kindly and understanding Don Miller, supervisor of home placement at the school, there are 13 boys at the present time in off campus homes, some of whom have been there more than a year, and all of whom have made fine adjustments.

At the last session of the legislature \$40,000 was appropriated and especially earmarked for use in the payment of board and room to persons who would take a boy into their home.

State Will Pay Up to \$125
To a homemaker who would take one of these boys the state is prepared to pay from \$50 up to \$125 each month. The last named fee is for the exceptional child who needs lots of care.

In addition, each boy upon being placed in an off campus home will be furnished with a complete clothing wardrobe, personal things and spending money each month for haircuts and so on.

Don Miller points out that on the average four out of five boys go completely to the good after leaving the training school. Although these boys have come from confused, strident settings, after their time spent in the well-run atmosphere of the training school where suddenly adults have treated them fairly and consistently, they are ready in a comparatively short period to be taken into a home where normal people who are capable of showing warmth of feeling and understanding complete the adjustment process.

Will Lead to Stability
Authorities at the school believe that with one or two years of steady care in an off campus home where security can be found, a boy can finish high school and get part time work which leads to his much needed stability.

The school is not interested in breaking the bond between parents and a boy. It is interested in keeping a boy away from the wrong home atmosphere.

Among the 17 boys now waiting for an off campus home are boys who range in age from 12 to 17, but most of them are 14 and 15.

The average stay of these boys at the school has been six to eight months. Three have been a year.

Own Parents Not Qualified
They either have no parents to go to or their parents have been judged not qualified to have them or to give them proper supervision.

Their offenses against society range from shoplifting, petty theft, truancy from school, to taking an automobile.

In order to match these boys up as much as possible with homes, the school is hoping to find more than 17 homes so that there may be a chance to realize this goal.

A Fable for Illustration
The following fable is for purposes of illustration only, and is not to insist that "for man hath no preeminence above the beasts, for all is vanity," according to Ecclesiastes, is truth.

A visit was once made to the Oregon Humane society for the purpose of taking a dog home for a pet. The dogs were arranged in wire cages along the wall and attached to each dog's gate was a lettered sign. Some of these read, Car Chaser, Chicken Thief, and so on.

The car chaser was selected since his new home would be away out in the country where a car seldom would be seen on the narrow graveled road.

Had his new home been in town, the chicken thief would have been chosen since it is

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Noted Biblical Teacher Here

Dr. John Wick Bowman, professor of new testament interpretation at San Anselmo Theological Seminary near San Francisco, opened six days of preaching at the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning before a capacity congregation.

"God's purpose runs like a golden thread through history," Dr. Bowman declared in a sermon on "God's Purpose in History." "It is God's purpose to build men and women, and he has no waste materials left over as a man created industrial plant has. What may appear to be waste are those for whom we have not as yet found a use, but the use is there to be found," he said.

Dr. Bowman will speak on the book of Revelation Monday through Friday except on Thanksgiving at 10 a.m. On Thursday this conference will be held at 11 a.m.

He will speak on the word of God and conversion daily except Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

"Everyone interested is invited to hear this eminent biblical scholar and to ask questions while he is in Salem this week," Dr. Paul Newton Poling, pastor of the church, said today.

Two PIO Staff Men Monday Visitors Here

Salem visitors Monday were Capt. Jerold Keeler, PIO and intelligence officer for the Oregon Military district, and SFC Gordon W. Lowe, who recently joined the PIO staff of the district.

Lowe came to the Oregon district assignment from two years of duty at the Presidio of San Francisco. His last assignment there was as editor of the Letterman Army hospital newspaper. Other assignments of the sergeant at the Presidio have been with the PIO staff and the TI and E staff.

A veteran of almost nine years of Army service Lowe, during World War II was with a general hospital unit in Europe and during the Korean conflict spent 25 months in the Far East. Thirteen months of that time were in Korea and 12 months in Tokyo. While in the Far East he was on the editorial staff of Stars and Stripes.

Miller visualizes a middle age couple whose family has grown up and gone, who would like to do something for children. This home should have enough property so that the boys could occupy their time with chores. It should be close enough to the city so that there is recreation offered and in a school district where the boys will be accepted; legally they must always be, but sometimes they are not accepted psychologically.

If this couple would take at least five boys, they would be paid \$60 each month for each boy and the school would assure them that they would have at least two boys if not more at all times.

The school would make routine visits every other day to help the couple with any problems that might arise.

Camp at Tillamook Head
MacLaren school for boys also has a program which is already in operation. It's a camp at Tillamook Head out of Seaside. Boys who go there to live are those who like the outdoors, and who have minor histories of delinquencies and who are beyond school age.

They stay there nine or 13 months. It was started two years ago and two or three staff members from the school and usually 25 boys live in the buildings there.

These buildings were formerly used by the weather service but had been abandoned for eight years previous to the time the school took them over.

The park department is developing this area for recreational purposes and the boys work on the project for \$1 a day.

In view of the top news today in America in the matter of the rising rate in juvenile delinquency and now under study by the federal government here is something that anyone can do.

Don Miller will gladly accept all calls regarding homes for these boys at the MacLaren School for Boys at Woodburn.

ROAD RULE RECORDED
Philadelphia (AP)—The sign on the back of a Philadelphia truck: "Dim Dem Dam Lites!"

Here's a Boy Called Peter
Peter needs work on a farm. At the school for as long as he has been there and a good one. Peter, of average intelligence, is a hard worker. He is 17 and doesn't need to be sent to school for he has gone as far as is necessary.

Both Peter's parents remarried and he came from a home where there was much drinking and dissension. At 11 he was the housekeeper at home

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THEY'LL PICK A VET FOR NEW HOME



This VFW committee will pick a Korean war veteran to receive a \$900 down payment on the new Lockwood Home now being built on Morningside Heights. They are shown going over the plans for the house. Left to right, Sherman Beall, M. E. Clemens, post commander, and Vernon E. Glass, chairman. F. W. Hupp was not present due to illness.

Korean Vets Urged to Ask for Lockwood Home

Korean veterans were today urged to submit their letters of application for designation to receive the \$900 down payment gift and possession of the Lockwood home by Vernon E. Glass, chairman of the V.F.W. selection committee. Others on the committee are Sherman Beall and F. W. Hupp.

Deadline on receipt of letters of eligibility is 6 p.m. Dec. 5. The committee will choose the winners on the basis of a set of rules agreed upon by the committee at a meeting with Post Commander M. E. Clemens and representatives of Lockwood Homes. The winner will be named Dec. 20.

Eligibility rules are:
1. Any veteran of the armed forces of the United States of America, male or female, honorably discharged or transferred to the reserves, who has been authorized the Korean service medal or ribbon, is eligible as an applicant for this home.

2. Applicant must submit a letter telling his or her best reason for wanting to own his or her own home, together with a complete financial statement showing all income from salary, wages, or any other sources. This statement must also show how much money the applicant owes. These figures will be kept confidential.
3. Applicant must be able to meet FHA loan requirements and make payments of approximately \$60 per month.
4. This letter must be sent or delivered to Salem radio station KSLM, The Statesman, Lockwood Homes, or the Capital Journal Lockwood Homes.
5. This letter must be sent or delivered not later than 6:00 p.m., Saturday, December 5, 1953.
6. Do not mail any discharge or other official papers with the letter as the committee cannot be responsible for them, but be prepared to show any such papers to the committee upon request.
7. Membership in any veteran's organization is not required, nor will such membership or lack of membership be considered by the committee.
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Thanksgiving Dinner At Liberty Church
Liberty — Eighty-five attended the pre-Thanksgiving dinner Sunday at the Liberty Christian Church of Christ on Skyline Road. Mrs. Sandford Kent was the general chairman.

On the program, Rev. Wayne Bryant led the devotions, with a solo, and Bonnie Barber did a tableau, the spirit of Thanksgiving during the song.

A poem by Billy Trappnell, Thanksgiving hymn, by Carol Riley, a play, Pumpkin Pie, by Donna, Sharon and Pauline Stringer. A reading by Betty Knepner, and a reading by Susan Trappnell, completed the program.

There will be no mid-week prayer service this week.

Big Toms Are Lowest Priced

Portland—The big tom turkeys are priced the lowest, market operators reported Tuesday in surveying the Thanksgiving dinner situation. Toms of 15 pounds and over were selling, ready for the oven at 53 cents a pound. That is 6 cents under a year ago.

Hens, at about 61 cents, were selling readily and some markets said the way they were going hinted a clean up before the holiday.

Careful Mailing Very Essential, Says Gragg

"Correct and careful mailing is just as important as early mailing, perhaps more so," said Postmaster Albert C. Gragg, in reminding the general public that Christmas is rapidly approaching.

Haste and carelessness were listed by the postmaster as chief trouble makers for postal employees, adding that any unnecessary delay may prevent delivery of Christmas cards and gifts by December 25.

People still have a week or 10 days for leisurely shopping, continued Gragg. "During that time give your Christmas card list a thorough going over. Be sure you have everybody's full name, street and number, city, zone and state. Estimate the number of stamps needed."

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Also stock up on a supply of heavy wrapping paper, strong cord and parcel post labels." The postmaster stressed the importance of getting started on the task immediately. "If gift packages are mailed by Dec. 5 and all Christmas cards by Dec. 15, they'll arrive shortly before Santa."

Two Texas Convicts Escape in Taxicab

Sugar Land, Tex. (AP)—Two convicts slipped away from the Central State Prison farm yesterday, went to a nearby house, changed clothes and phoned for a taxi.

Prison officials said the pair rode the cab to Richmond, Tex., about 20 miles way, and then stole a new model Chevrolet. They were identified as Billy Richard Hall, 18, and James Christian, 23.

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