

Ruling by Thornton May Delay Penal Institution

Delay in construction of Oregon's proposed \$1,500,000 intermediate penal institution was threatened today by an opinion by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, casting doubt on the constitutionality of the legislative act authorizing such a facility.

Thornton ruled that the State Board of Control had no authority to buy land for the institution under the terms of the act, and, at the same time, expressed "serious doubt" about the legality of the entire bill passed by the 1953 legislature.

The attorney general said the act failed to spell out a standard or yardstick. It does not say whether the institution would be used for boys or for girls and does not say between what ages inmates would be admitted, he said. Neither does it specify limits of terms to be served.

Thornton pointed out that the attorney general does not have the authority to rule a legislative act unconstitutional, but he said he felt it was his duty to raise the question.

"I fully realize," Thornton said, "that the problem of making good citizens of tomorrow out of the juvenile offenders of today is perhaps the greatest challenge of our time in the peno-correctional field." But he added that "the duty imposed on the attorney general is to interpret the law rather than to make it."

Lounges Must Serve Food

Portland (AP) — Oregon cocktail lounge operators today faced loss of their license unless they serve food to liquor-by-the-drink patrons who want it.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission, at its meeting here yesterday, said there had been too much sidestepping of the requirement in the liquor-by-the-drink law that food be cooked and served in establishments dispensing hard liquor.

Operators failing to comply with that section of the law will not get new licenses for 1954, the Commission said. Chairman William Spangler said, however, that licenses would be given a hearing before licenses were revoked.

Commission inspectors reported that some outlets simply kept a few frozen steaks and shrimps in the backroom and a chef's cap for one of the employees to wear whenever an inspector dropped in.

Commissioner Lester Ireland said "We've been barking long enough; it's time to bite." Oregon law has permitted sale of liquor-by-the-drink since May 11 but required that bars and cocktail lounges be part of a legitimate restaurant business.

Four Corners

Four Corners—Highlights of school events at Four Corners this week was the musical treat presented by the 30-piece string orchestra from Leslie Junior high school on Tuesday morning before the faculty and student body. The instrumental numbers were excellent and the carols with the students singing with the orchestra added a holiday note.

President of the orchestra and announcer was Diane McMaines. Student conductors were Rodney Schmidt and Johnny Gibbens. Accompanists were Sue Zwicker and Karen Harris. Raymond Carl is the instructor and conductor.

Saturday evening hosts to the Krazy Kard Klub were Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Osborn. Pinocchio was in play and the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Melinay, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Jeffries, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bales, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Chrisman, Mr. and Mrs. William Fiestler, Miss Jeanie Chrisman and Henry Boden.

Hostess to the Hobbyists club on Tuesday evening was Mrs. Warren Shrake. Textile painting was the diversion. Dessert was served to Mrs. Dale Jeffries, Mrs. Robert Burns, Mrs. Harold Snook, Mrs. Jess Melinay, Mrs. Ross Chrisman, Mrs. Ernest Walker, Mrs. Morse Stewart, Mrs. LeRoy Stewart.

Dr. E. A. Thistlewaite was in charge of the Well Child conference at the Community hall Wednesday afternoon. Eleven children were examined. Assisting nurses were Helen Pouljade and Ruth Ingram. Volunteer mothers were Mrs. Claude Kilgore of Four Corners school, Mrs. Hugh Chrisman and Mrs. W. J. Stone of Auburn and Mrs. Loren Richey, chairman of the conference also of Auburn.

AMERICAN AID TOTALS \$486 MILLION
London (AP) — American aid to Britain under the Mutual Security Act totaled \$486,536,087 during the year ending March 31, 1953, the Treasury announced Thursday.

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Drinking Drivers Cited As Hazard of Holidays

Proof that drinking drivers of automobiles are a definite hazard in Oregon during December holiday season was offered Friday by the Secretary of State traffic safety division.

Using records of December, 1952, the division divided the month into two parts, using records from the first two weeks of the month as compared with the last two weeks when the holidays are in full swing.

Records show that accidents involving intoxicated drivers throughout the state increased 33 per cent during the last two weeks of the month. It was also shown by these same records that accidents involving sober, supposedly sane drivers, still outnumbered those of the drinking drivers during the period by about 20 to one.

Nevertheless, state safety inspectors say that in urban areas alone the increase in accidents involving imbibing motorists jumped 37 per cent. Only in rural areas was the reverse true. There, records indicated a 20 per cent decrease in accidents involving drinking drivers.

The safety division warned that these figures may not reflect the real incidence of involvement of liquor in December accidents since the figures do not come from police arrests but from reports filed by the drivers.

Frequently, investigators note that a driver involved in an accident has been drinking but is not sufficiently intoxicated to make an arrest that will stand up in court. When this happens, Bonneville would then repay the steam plant owners later in kilowatts. Private utility customers would be saved the cost of surcharges levied last winter to defray the cost of expensive steam generation. Public utility customers were spared the extra costs during the controversial surcharge period last winter.

Present plans would require BPA to assume control of steam generation plants whenever stream flow was so low that private companies would have to use more steam power than that provided in their Bonneville contracts.

Rhinoceroses often live to be about 50 years old.

Enemies Purged By Malenkov

New York (AP) — The purge of possible enemies by Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov and party boss Nikita Khrushchev continues, carrying with it overtones of personal vengeance and strong indications that the men of Moscow-centered Great Russia are cracking down.

Moscow dispatches Wednesday night revealed that Khrushchev, fresh from riding Leningrad 10 days ago of his party chieftain V. M. Andrianov, now has settled an old personal score down in Armenia.

He sent a favorite hatchet man, Peter N. Pospelov, to the Transcaucasian republic to boot out the entire Armenian party leadership. Special disgrace was reserved for the long-time Armenian party leader, G. A. Arutiunov. He was fired and expelled from the central committee.

Probably Arutiunov has also been arrested. He and his cohorts are charged with harboring henchmen of Lavrenty P. Beria, Malenkov's top deputy until his downfall and arrest last summer.

County Will Lose Two Post Offices

Beaverton (AP) — Closure of two Washington county post offices was learned here today through Post Office Department bulletins.

The Department said postal service at Huber and Reedville, Ore., would be discontinued effective Dec. 31. Huber is a third class office and Reedville is fourth class. Both serve approximately 50 mail box patrons and do not provide carrier service.

After the closing date, Reedville mail will be serviced through the Hillsboro post office and Huber mail through Beaverton.

GUILTY OF THEFT
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safety men say the offending driver quite obviously will not report his own indiscretion to state accident authorities. Stringent enforcement of the no-drinking and driving law, and public recrimination of anyone arrested and convicted on drunk driving charges are the two things safety officials feel would do the most toward eliminating the drinking driver hazard from the streets and highways of the state.

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