

PAL Inc. Seeks to Improve Future of Wayward Youths

PORTLAND POLICEMAN BEGAN VENTURE WITH OWN FUNDS, TO GIVE CHANCE TO NEGLECTED

Mickey Pease, Portland policeman, organizer and present head of the PAL, Inc. organization in Portland, was the guest speaker at the Beaverton Kiwanis Club's weekly dinner meeting, October 27. Mr. Pease, who has a statewide reputation for his work in re-directing the paths of wayward youths, explained how he became interested in combating delinquency among minors and what steps he had taken to assist boys who showed a marked tendency toward unsocial behavior.

"Juvenile delinquency" according to Pease is a term to be avoided. It is a term used by people who do not come in contact with the children they classify under that general term.

Pease became interested in helping young lawbreakers when he assisted in the arrest of a 15-year old boy who had shot and killed his father during the parent's sleep. Investigation showed that the boy's life had been a bitter one, that he had been greatly mistreated by his family, and that he was completely soured upon the world. Pease then realized that if something had been done for this boy in his earlier years, he never would have become a hardened murderer.

The police officer used his own funds to start "Mickey's Gym" with twelve boys too tough for the ordinary policemen to handle. Within six months, this number had grown to 85.

Pease's money was gone and upon advice of Rudy Lachenmeier, sports announcer, an organization known as P. A. L. was started, patterned after the Police Athletic League of New York City. The only help the city gave P. A. L. was Pease's salary and he was delegated to run the gymnasium.

In order to obtain needed funds an incorporation was made under the name PAL, Inc. and this organization is now financially assisted by individuals and fraternal organizations. Two church organizations contribute in a minor way.

In three years and five months since the start of PAL, Inc., 90 boys, known thieves and criminals, have been turned over to it by the police. Out of the 90, only five have been repeated as criminal offenders — an unheard of record. Truant officers turn over offenders also, and PAL gives them an interest in life.

Four hundred fifty-seven boys registered last year at the PAL club. Less than 20 of these had ever belonged to the Boy Scouts or Y.M.C.A.

Recently the gymnasium was moved to a city-owned building located at 316 North Russell. Formerly about ten per cent of the boys were negroes but since this move to the heart of the negro district where the work is most

needed, Pease expects enrollment to be forty percent colored.

There is no discrimination because of race, creed or color in the PAL club.

Most of the gymnasium equipment has been made by Pease himself to conserve funds. Equipment includes weight lifting devices, volleyball net, basketball court, trapeze bars and rings, gymnastic and tumbling equipment of all kinds, wrestling and boxing rings.

Members must subscribe to an oath of good sportsmanship. They must abide by the rules and not use profane language.

The athletic activities, states Pease, cures not only "bullies" but also "cry-babies". Kindness means nothing to most of the newcomers as they either have been (1) pampered and not disciplined or (2) neglected. Association with the older members soon cures their false attitudes and places them upon the road toward worthwhile, law-abiding adulthood.

Pease criticized the impression fostered by daily newspapers that Portland is practically a model city with little or no juvenile delinquency. According to him, juvenile vice runs rampant throughout the city although only one in a hundred juvenile law breakers are arrested and only one in 10 arrested are prosecuted for their law breaking.

Farm Prosperity Keynote to Nat'l Good Says Miller

For the good of the whole country, farmers need a fair return from their crops, says E. Harvey Miller, Chairman of the Oregon State PMA Committee. He recalls that extremely low prices which at first appear to benefit the consumer have always been short-lived. The final result has been ruin to the farmer, disruption of plans and practices to conserve the land and a net loss to the whole country.

Stability of agriculture is one of the benefits to the whole country which comes from a fair return to the farmer. With the necessary security, the chairman points out, farmers make their home on the land and build up the farmstead and the soil.

To the consumer this means continued operation of the food production plant. It means abundant and steady production instead of spasmodic and uncertain crops. The farmer who feels secure on his land takes better care of the soil. He is financially able and has an incentive to carry out conservation practices which save and build the soil.

The net result is a stability which assures the consumer continued abundant production. This also results in security and stability for people living in town; the chairman points out. Through fair returns from crops sold, the farmer is able to buy more from the shops. He is a stable market for services and for the household furnishings, machinery, clothing and food processed and sold in the stores.

Mr. Miller points out that the process works both ways. When the city family has a good income there is a better market for what the farmer produces. It is the balance and not the advantage or one over the other that leads to better living for all.

AAUW GUEST SPEAKER
Holando Lyngdah, a graduate of the University of Calcutta, India was guest speaker at the A. A. U. W. dinner meeting at the Forest Grove Christian Church Wednesday at seven.

Mr. Lyngdah has also had one years work at the University of California at Berkeley and is now working for his masters degree in education at Pacific University.

Beaverton Makes Five Yard Gain



GALLOPING AROUND RIGHT END for a gain of five yards, a Beaverton backfield runner is shown just before the big smear which a husky Hillsboro defense player was about to ladle out.

Attempts to identify the players met with obstacles, due to the unfortunate practice of

swapped jerseys, which rather scrambled the system of numbering each player for identification.

Hillsboro maintained its undefeated streak, 14-0 and succeeded in keeping its goal line unsullied.

Photo by Harrell—Beaverton 4988

Betty Evans of "Razzle Dazzle" Fame Tells All

By Kathleen McClure

Playing softball gives you a "wonderful opportunity to travel" stated Betty Evans, nationally known pitcher on the Lind and Pomeroy team, in the G. A. A. meeting Wednesday at Beaverton high school.

In telling about their team, tall stately Betty stressed that the first qualifications of a woman

athlete are to be lady-like and feminine.

Upon query, she said that her most exciting travel experience happened when they were on their way to Hawaii by plane and one motor "conked out" over the ocean.

"We didn't realize our danger until we read the paper afterwards and found how worried the folks at home were," she admitted.

Betty was much impressed by the friendliness of the Hawaiian people and will readily verify the story that "you always cry when

you leave the Islands." The girls on the team are dreaming of a return trip by luxury liner when they travel to the Hawaiian Islands next year.

Another important event in the softball star's life was the winning of the World's Softball Championship in 1944.

Miss Evans was heartily applauded by all of the girls assembled.

The government has listed some 57 jobs which airplanes are doing in addition to their usual uses. These jobs range from aerial surveys to cattle round-ups.

Furniture Store Rectifies Error Card Table Gift

The twenty-fifth person who enters the Beaverton Furniture store on Saturday, November 6, will receive a new card table as a gift, in order to rectify an error which was made in the award of gifts last Saturday, October 30.

In the grand finale of its open house week, the furniture company presented a list of valuable gifts, ranging from an automatic Montag electric range to an aluminum ice tray.

Winner of the range, Mrs. Inez Martin 154 S. W. Angel, Beaverton had already been chosen as winner of a card table, on a ticket belonging to her husband. When she won the electric range, the fact that she was holding two tickets was brought to the attention of Bill Siebert, owner of the store. He decided to offer an extra card table to make up for Mrs. Martin's second prize.

Award of the Philco radio-phonograph to Mrs. M. C. Morrison, 72 Murray avenue, Beaverton, was a particularly meaningful gift. She had dropped her own portable radio some time back and was

without a set. The gift comes just as she and her husband are about to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

About 400 persons were present at the drawing.

LUTHERAN SERVICE

Services at St. Matthew Lutheran church, Canyon Rd., will be conducted next Sunday by the Rev. Lawrence Knoll. On Nov. 14 Dr. William Schoeler will be heard. Services are held at 11 o'clock.

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