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## Protect Your Family

Recently a home burned in western Oregon claiming the lives of the parents and five children. The stage for the tragedy could not have been more perfectly prepared if mass suicide had been contemplated.

Here is how the tragedy occurred. The house was built long and narrow with a built-on room in the rear where the children slept. The back door and windows were nailed shut. The night of the tragedy a roaring fire was built in the wood stove that sat by the front door. After the fire was stocked all went to bed. It was not long before the hot stove heated the floor boards where oil had been allowed to seep into the wood — oil-soaked floors are common. As soon as the stove became red hot the oiled floor ignited enveloping the whole end of the house in flame and also the only exit. The rest of the story is very short — all lives were lost.

This can happen to any home where there is a disregard for fire precautions. Insufficient insulation around a heating unit, oil drippings on floor, poor draft, cracked stove, over-heating, forced draft and open fire door can all cause fire.

Take precautions and avoid tragedy in your family.

## Evolution — Not Revolution

Harold E. Stassen has made a thorough on-the-ground study of Britain's much publicized system of socialized medicine. His findings have been summed up in a series of articles published in The Reader's Digest. In one of them he offers this important warning to Americans: "Any plan such as that now advanced by the President to imitate the British program would be a serious failure, resulting in more deaths, more illness, lower-quality health service, and a breakdown of the health professions in America . . ."

"With all our shortcomings, we now have the best health record of any major nation in the world. Evolution, not revolution, should be the method whereby we attempt to improve that record.

"The bitter experience of our friends in Britain under their mistaken government-operated health program clearly writes a prescription for a voluntary nongovernmental plan for better health in America."

Elsewhere in Mr. Stassen's article he describes and praises the remarkable growth of the various voluntary plans for providing financial protection against some or all of the exigencies of illness and accident. No one argues that these plans are perfect. Every effort is being given to broadening their provisions and still keep the cost at a reasonable level. And, step by step, great progress is being made. A sound health program cannot be created over night.

Those who advocate compulsory government health insurance are, in effect, saying that we should imitate, at a vast cost, an experiment which has failed in every important particular. That is a suicidal attitude in a matter so vital as public health.

## Sharing Responsibility

After 38 years of service to the lumber industry of Western Washington and Oregon, the West Coast Lumbermen's Association is inviting wider participation in its activities, particularly by the operators of small lumber mills of the region.

Throughout its history, the association's program

has benefited the entire Pacific Northwest lumber industry. Every job it has undertaken has helped in solution of problems which even the largest lumber companies could not handle alone. Non-members of the association and members have profited alike. Its current nation-wide advertising and promotion campaign is an example.

Lumber companies and mills, large and small, that have shared in these benefits should share also in the responsibilities. The association's bid for a larger membership should meet with enthusiastic response throughout the lumber areas of Washington and Oregon. — Seattle Times.

## Phoenix Grange Meets

By Mrs. A. C. Lewis

The Phoenix Grange met March 28th at 8 p.m. at the Grange Hall with Master Dee Hendrickson presiding. Brother Roscoe Roberts, State Deputy and Lloyd Lacy, Master of Talent Grange were visitors. All officers were present and the 3 and 4 degrees were conferred upon six couples, one couple being from Talent. Demits of Al and Olive Floyd were favorably voted upon.

Next serving committee will be the Polings, Walter Bolz, Andrew Stevens, and Leonard Halfhill.

Sister Lovett displayed a crocheted piece of the Lord's supper.

Sister Young and Brisco were reported ill.

There were 18 visitors from Talent Grange, two from Ashland, and 1 from Roxy Ann.

Brother Warren Laffer announced the Grange plays and varieties will be forthcoming soon. It was voted to take part in

## National Cancer Hospital Of America Not Part Of American Cancer Society

The National Cancer Hospital of America, currently conducting a mail solicitation in Oregon, has no connection with the American Cancer Society, officials of the society's Oregon division reported in response to numerous inquiries.

The Better Business bureau advised the American Cancer Society's headquarters here that the National Cancer Hospital of America is represented by an 80-bed hospital in Detroit Mich.

George W. Schoeffel, state chairman of the American Cancer Society's campaign which is scheduled to run through the month of April, said he had received reports from many Oregon counties indicating that persons have responded to the National Cancer Hospital appeal, believing it to be affiliated with the American Cancer Society.

Schoeffel pointed out that the American Cancer Society spends 60 per cent of its funds in Oregon. The society is financing several research projects at the University of Oregon medical school as well as many other projects in cancer research and education.

the May Festival and sponsor a Queen. Rosalie Klossen was chosen to be the Grange Queen. Enid Caster resigned as Janitor.

Next meeting will be the general election of State Officers and the lecture hour will be before the meeting.

## Practice Teaching Set For Summer

The Lincoln Laboratory School, as part of the Southern Oregon College Summer Session, will hold classes from June 19 until July 28.

Classes will be held in grades one to eight inclusive, plus classes for children four and five years of age.

Parents may register their children for attendance at the Summer Session at the Lincoln Laboratory School beginning Monday, April 10. Summer Session school hours will be from 9 until 12, Monday through Friday.

## Registration Up At Oregon College Of Ed

OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, Monmouth — Registration for Spring term at OCE shows a 20.6% increase over the same term last year, statistics released today by R. E. Lieualen, registrar, revealed.

There are 567 students signed up at the Monmouth school as of March 29, with a few more expected to complete enrollment in the following day or two. Teacher training students number 469, with 98 at work on lower division courses. There are 298 men and 269 women at OCE this term. 182 veterans are attending.

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## Another Maine Visitor Surprises Mrs. Edgar

Mrs. Alfred Tracy of Cherryfield, Maine, is spending a few days with Mrs. James Edgar and her mother, Mrs. Lillian Torrey. This is the second time within two weeks that Mrs. Edgar has enjoyed a visit from a girlhood friend. Recently Edgar Small and his wife, now residents of Montana, renewed old times with his sister Mrs. Ruth Manney and Mrs. Edgar and Mrs. Torrey. Mrs. Tracy and her husband have been spending the winter with their son, Frank, in Reno.

After two days of sight-seeing and visiting about Ashland and the Rogue River valley Mrs. Tracy returned to join her husband in Nevada from where they will fly to New York on their trip back to Maine.

## Shirley Weitzel Named VP Zeta Tau Alpha

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March (Special) — Elected vice president of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority on the University of Oregon campus for the school year of 1950-51 is Shirley Weitzel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Weitzel, 317 N. Main st., Ashland.

Miss Weitzel is a sophomore business administration major.

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