

OKLAHOMA PLANS STERILIZATION OF MENTALLY UNFIT

Nine Women First Subjects in Carefully Planned Program Which May Embrace 3000 by Year's End

NORMAN, Okla., April 20.—(UP)—On testimony that the welfare of society and the subjects themselves would be promoted by sterilization, eugenic operation was ordered today for nine wards of the state of Oklahoma. All were women of various insane types.

The order marked the beginning of a long and carefully planned official program for sterilization of mentally unfit persons and habitual criminals, one of the most comprehensive programs of its kind ever undertaken by any American state.

Three thousand or more state wards, according to officials, may be sterilized before the end of the year. All of those for whom the operation was ordered today were described as sufferers from incurable mental afflictions and potential parents of children of similar mental state.

The orders came in hearings before the state board of affairs, meeting at central state hospital for mental diseases.

The patients sat uncomprehending as Dr. D. W. Griffin, hospital superintendent, described them as imbeciles, epileptic or insane in other ways, and stated they were soon to be discharged from the institution.

The superintendent and Dr. J. L. Day, of the asylum staff, told the board that none of the patients had a mental age of more than ten years. In each case it was established that the patient could not be cured and would be likely to produce offspring of similar mental condition. "Sterilization of beautiful women who are insane is of supreme importance," Dr. Griffin told the board.

DRIVE STARTED TO HALT GRAFT IN LOAN BOARD

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(UP)—A nation-wide drive was under way today to stamp out incompetence and crooked practices in the Home Owners' Loan corporation, with several cases pending in the department of justice for possible prosecution of employees, according to officials.

Several cases centered about difficulties which caused removal of six state directors.

Discussing possible additional resignations from high places, HOLC officials emphasized that many difficulties caused by incompetence were handled by administrative investigation rather than through legal procedure. Where criminal liability is indicated, investigations are begun by federal agents.

State directors have been changed in Illinois, New Jersey, Maine, Pennsylvania, Kansas and California.

Patronage matters complicate many cases, it was said, and yet the corporation described its Ohio office as "highly efficient" under direction of Henry Brunner, whose appointment was bitterly opposed because he was Democratic state chairman. Ohio has lost \$84,000,000 of the corporation's total national outlay of about \$500,000,000. Other officials with important political connections have functioned exceptionally well, it was said, because of previous business experience.

The HOLC also has about 40 to 50 cases in 30 different states awaiting federal prosecution, in which outside lawyers and bankers are accused of preying on home owners by charging fees ranging from \$10 to \$250 to obtain loans.

A few such violations were said to have been proved and mild penalties assessed. The law provides a maximum \$10,000 fine or a five-year prison sentence. Some cases involve collusion with HOLC appraisal officers and both parties are under investigation, it was said.

BOSTON—(UP)—The historic Edward Everett House, in Charlestown, where General Lafayette and Daniel Webster were entertained, has been put on the real estate market. It was built in 1812 and is one of the finest examples of the architecture of that period extant.

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Red Letter Day Next Sunday For Free Methodists

Sunday is expected to be a red letter day in the history of the local

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the following questions: Is the Gentile age closing? What is the sin against the Holy Ghost? and What will be the final battle fought before Christ returns? In the afternoon at 2:30, a great mass meeting will be held. The evangelist will give his life story, "From

Dakota Plains to Evangelistic Field." In the evening at 7:30, the subject will be "Where Are the Dead?" Rev. McKay states that tens of thousands have heard these messages over America. The public is invited to come early to insure a good seat.

Subject tonight will be, "Where Is Judas?" There will be services Saturday night. Smallest Fire Truck, WELLESLEY, Mass.—(UP)—The smallest fire engine ever to be registered in Massachusetts was constructed by Lieut. George Johnson and three other firemen. The tiny truck, built of discarded motor parts, carries 350 feet of hose, pumps 266 gallons of water a minute, and cost only \$40 to assemble.

SMYRNA Plans Lottery. SMYRNA—(UP)—Owing to a drop in taxes paid to the municipality of Smyrna, the authorities have decided to replenish the city treasury by a municipal lottery. Building sites, houses and gardens will be among the prizes in the lottery.

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