

Community Chest Meeting Approves New Constitution

Members of the Jackson County Community Chest adopted a new constitution at a meeting here this week. The new document was written using ideas gained from constitutions of other Community Chests in Oregon, and from suggestions made by local members.

One of the changes will be provision that each contributor to the Chest will be considered as a member of the Chest for the year to which their subscription applies.

Organization members include civic, fraternal and other organizations which are interested in social welfare, or youth and character building programs, and who apply for membership and are accepted by the board of directors.

Wider Voting
All classes of members will have voting privileges, and board members believe that by the broadened membership provisions there will be increased interest and support of the Chest and its beneficiary agencies.

Another clause in the constitution provides for three-year tenure for board members, with staggered terms, which will give greater continuity in membership with board members who have had experience mingled with those who are new to the problems involved.

Communities Represented
The new constitution also provides for representation from various communities of the county, with more voice in the affairs of the organization. In addition to directors who are elected or appointed, the campaign chairman for the county and community campaign chairmen will be come board members. New committees, working the year around, will cover practically every phase of Chest work.

New officers and committee chairmen will be named at another meeting to be held soon. Present officers will serve until then.

Modern Devices Make Life Easy For Householder

Chicago—(U.P.)—A housing researcher has presented a fascinating array of new products for the modern home.

Joseph H. Schulte, housing engineer and chairman of the new products committee of the National Association of Home Builders, put them on display at the association's convention.

He demonstrated a new switch, called the "touch plate." It is a simplified mechanism inserted in the wall. A person needs only touch the plate with the tip of the finger to put on the lights.

Master Switch
He showed a master light control switch panel which controls every light in the home. The panel is placed by the front door so that the occupant may turn on what lights are needed. It avoids going through a darkened room to turn on lights.

Also demonstrated were rubberized aluminum for roofs and floors, a radar lock, which uses a card instead of a key to open the door and radiant glass heating panels which heat a room in record time when installed in ceilings or walls.

A television gas range with built-in TV so that the housewife can follow televised cooking instructions and household hints was shown, in addition to a revolving door closet which uses every conceivable inch of space.

RARE BOOK PRESENTED
Hayes, Kan. (U.P.)—Bound in leather and printed in old English type, a book of sermons believed to be 400 years old has been given to the Fort Hayes State College library.

Four eclipses are due in 1950. The sun will be obscured on March 18 and September 12. Lunar eclipses will occur April 2 and September 28.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Howard Livestock Club

The Howard Livestock 4-H club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey recently. Record books were given out and individual reports on animals were given. Members were told of scrapbooks which they should start regarding club activities. Bill Kramer, club leader now attending Oregon State college, was present at the meeting.

The club's next meeting will be at the home of Glenda Martin, April 21, at 7:30 p.m.
Glenda Martin, reporter.

Bride Discarded In Order To Wed Mother-in-Law

Cairo—(U.P.)—Is it a crime to marry your own mother-in-law? Most people, and in particular the hen-pecked husbands, would say immediately that a man wanting to marry his mother-in-law is mad and should be shot.

But it's actually happened. Mahmoud Abdel Ghaffar has done it. He tossed out his youthful bride and shortly afterwards married her widowed mother. It has created quite a problem in Egyptian courts.

Judges and lawyers are poring over legal and religious volumes trying to find whether there is any law against it or for it. So far, they've found laws that condemn it and others that condone it.

Issues Raised
This case promises to be as colorful as some of the world's best.

Our hero is an illiterate peasant, Mahmoud Abdel Ghaffar comes from Sakara. He married Saadia, a young virgin just turned 16.

The court report, as appearing in Akher Lahza, a weekly magazine, said there were no marital relations between husband and wife. He soon divorced her and married his mother-in-law.

The authorities heard of it and the blissful second marriage was charged as unlawful and proceedings were started against Mahmoud.

In vain did the first wife say she was glad her husband married her mother. In vain the pleas of the second wife that she did not realize it was criminal to marry her former son-in-law.

Law Disputed
The authorities read out laws which said the procedure was criminal.

However, Mahmoud had asked a lawyer to defend him. The lawyer produced the bombshell. He read out pronouncements by Al Kortaby, who compiled a set of Koranic laws, and laws from the Moslem legislation written by Mohammed Ben Al Husn Al Astahani Al Kirbassy in his volume in Shareea laws (Moslem legislation). They showed that this act was no criminal offense but quite legal.

The lawyer concluded: "If this point is one of dispute between the erudites, will our consciences permit us to condemn an ignorant peasant who cannot even sign his own name?"

The judges scratched their heads, and decided to investigate the matter further.

Meerschaum, used for making pipes, is not petrified sea-foam but a mineral called sepiolite. For centuries Turkey has been the main source.

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Irrigation District Mourns Passing David H. Holmes

The Medford Irrigation district's board of directors this week passed a resolution honoring the late David Holmes, who until his death recently was president of the district. The resolution follows:

"The death of David Holmes has removed one of our most useful and outstanding citizens and represents a deep loss to this community. As president of the board of directors of the Medford Irrigation district, during the darkest days of the depression, when this district was threatened with hopeless insolvency, his unselfish efforts and labor were of uncalculable value. He not only gave the district his expert advice and council but without charge to the district spent much of his time in working out an equitable settlement of its financial problems.

Many Activities
"We realize, too, that his service to this district represents only one of his many activities on behalf of this community. His integrity, his loyalty and his devotion to duty was an outstanding example of the highest type of citizenship and an inspiration to everyone who came in contact with him.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that we extend to his mother, Mrs. J. R. Holmes; his daughter, Mrs. Nannette Osgood; his son, Mr. David Holmes Jr.; and his brother, Mr. Harry Holmes, our deep sympathy; that a copy of this resolution be sent them and also given to the local press."

Medford Irrigation District Board of Directors.

Florida Jail Escapee Returned to Prison

Portland, Ore., Apr. 8—(U.P.) A 21-year-old escapee from a Florida prison farm must return there to finish his five-year sentence despite his protests of brutal treatment.

Trubee Byrd's petition for a writ of habeas corpus was denied Friday by Circuit Judge Walter L. Tooe.

Byrd was temporarily confined in the city jail here while his guards took another prisoner for the Tallahassee, Fla., institution they labeled "a model prison farm run on army lines."

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day, 10 a.m. Monday, noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

Warning Signs at Crosswalks Seen As Safety Need

Need of signs at Medford intersections instructing motorists to stop when pedestrian crosswalks are occupied and the necessity for more "teeth" in legislation giving pedestrians the right-of-way were discussed at the monthly meeting of the Medford Safety council Friday noon at the Jackson hotel.

John Hunter and Al Johnson were named to a committee to confer with the police or city council concerning the placing of such signs.

"Defiance" mentioned
The occasional "defiance" shown by pedestrians toward drivers was mentioned and it was stated that pedestrians should be "educated" as well as motorists.

Chandler Drew, Elliott Becken and Emerson Anderson were appointed to a committee to work with the city park advisory committee in connection with the dedication program and to confer with that group in regard to the auto parking problem at the new park area.

A number of standing committee heads were named and Miss Hazel Swaine, president, called a meeting of these groups at her home on April 27.

Leaders Named
Those appointed were Mrs. Trean Grigsby, home safety; Al Randles and Al Johnson, bicycle safety; Clyde Fichtner, traffic safety; Jack Fitzgerald, truck and transportation safety; John Applegate, airport safety; Chandler Drew and Don Newbury, budget; Robert Rucker and Archie Pierce, membership; Victor Milnes, Don Lane, Bill Force and Richard Jewett, publicity and Victor Milnes, program coordination.

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COUPLE TO PRESENT PROGRAM—The Rev. and Mrs. George Pestana will present unusual musical program from April 12 to 23 at the Prospect Church of the Nazarene. Some of their instruments are shown in the above picture.

Unusual Instruments To Feature Programs

Prospect, April 8—A series of special meetings will be held at the Prospect Church of the Nazarene April 12 to 23. The Rev. and Mrs. George Pestana will present an unusual musical program, featuring an electric organ, "Nail-Keg" fiddle, vibraphone, accordion, violin, electric Hawaiian guitar, musical saw, electric Spanish guitar, and converted wine bottles.

Services will be held each night, with the exception of Saturdays, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Pestana will speak a teach service.

The Rev. Robert W. Gwinn is pastor of the Prospect Church of the Nazarene.

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