

## Mental Health Problems of Children Discussed; Mrs. Findley Heads Association

"The Ox Cart on Main Street" is the title which might be applied to the mental health program of our nation, according to Dr. Ray Hawk, of Southern Oregon college, guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Jackson County Public Health association last Saturday.

"The United States has come as close to solving the problem of production as any nation ever has," he continued, "but we lag far behind all others in our solution to social problems. As proof of this he cited the social disorganization now underway in the nation with one marriage out of every three ending in divorce and with a major crime being committed every 20 seconds. Much of our trouble, he said, is because specialists are not consulted in matters of social control and in child behavior problems.

**Schools Important**

In speaking of the importance of the schools in the future mental health of the child, he stated, "because the family has fallen down on the job, schools are now having to include such programs as recreation, health, sex education, lunches, manners and morals," he said. Hawk emphasized the importance of better trained and qualified teachers, especially in the primary grades, and stated problems schools must soon solve if they are to educate children for happily well adjusted living will include more adequate buildings, better trained teachers, better equipment and an up-to-date curriculum.

He stated the school population in Oregon is expected to more than double during the next 10 years. Already there are too many children per room and too few well trained teachers, he said. The need for closer cooperation between the parent and the teacher was discussed and he stated there should be opportunities provided for parent-teacher conferences.

**Cost Said Tremendous**

Dr. Hawk stated the price we have paid for social disintegration has been tremendous, and he cited among other figures the fact that there are 37 murders committed daily in the United States, that criminals outnumber Boy scouts four to one, and that a major crime will affect one out of every 16 families.

In summarizing, Dr. Hawk stressed the fact that the schools are not equipped to do the whole job, that mental health training must start in the home—particularly with the mother; that parents need to take active part in family recreation with their children, that children must be recognized as individuals, and that parents and schools alike must always think "prevention rather than correction."

**Reelect Mrs. Findley**

During the business portion of the meeting Mrs. Dwight Findley was re-elected president and Mrs. Glenn Gibbons vice-president of the association. Other officers elected include Mrs.

John Cotton, Ashland, recording secretary, Miss Helen Bullis, Medford, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Chester Hubbard, treasurer.

New committee chairman elected include Mrs. Russell Barnes, county seal sale chairman; Mrs. Jerry Tobin, x-ray chairman, and Mrs. James Miller, publicity chairman. These officers replace Mrs. Claude Thompson, Mrs. Jack Walker and Mrs. Chester Guches. Re-elected chairmen were Mrs. Glenn Taylor, health education; Mrs. Henry Padgham, social hygiene; Mrs. Lewis Ulrich, Sparrow Memorial clinic, and Mrs. Alex Sparrow, finance.

Advisors elected include Mrs. C. Elwood Hedberg, Mrs. J. G. Kofahl, Gold Hill, Mrs. J. C. Ottinger, Talent, Mrs. Paul Skinner, Mrs. Robert Hart, Eugene Thorndike, Dr. A. E. Merkel and Dr. Lee Mellish.

**Seals Raise \$8,810**

The annual report for the sale of Christmas seals, the association's fund raising enterprise, showed a total of \$8,810.35. The report was made by Mrs. Claude Thompson, Central Point. The report of the annual x-ray survey made by Mrs. Jack Walker showed that three new cases of active tuberculosis have been discovered as a result of the survey, with a total of 226 cases still receiving tests and under observation. She explained that the testing for tuberculosis sometimes takes many months and final results are not as yet available.

Mrs. Henry Padgham, social hygiene chairman, related the activities of this committee in offering adult education for happier family living and the committee's activities in the interests of children and youth.

**Reports On Conference**

In reporting on the Governor's Conference for Children and Youth, which Mrs. Padgham attended as a delegate for the health association, she stated the conclusion of the family life section was that there should be more education emphasis for the 80 per cent of young people who do not go on to college. She added that a survey showed there is need for counseling service for families who live on small acreages but find them insufficient for income purposes.

Mrs. Blanche Frisbie, supervisor of public health nurses for the Jackson county public health department, gave a report of the mental hygiene section of the conference stressing the need for a strong mental hygiene program. She stated that half the hospital beds in the United States are filled by the mentally ill, with 50 per cent of these caused by an emotional factor.

## Students To Aid In Armed Forces Day Observances

Student body leaders of schools participating in "Operation High School," parade and rally marking Armed Forces day and opening National Security week activities here, will meet Saturday, May 6, at 10 a. m. at the Medford armory, H. B. Wales, civilian coordinating chairman, reported today.

The parade and rally will be on May 15, Armed Forces day. Questionnaires handed out to student leaders are to be turned over to Wales at the meeting. Maps and other material will be issued.

Instructions and an outline of the youth day program were given out last week-end. It is planned that car convoys of students will be formed in each town and police officers are being asked to escort the convoys to and from Medford.

Convoys are to be at designated parking spots at 6 p. m., and units formed for inspection at 6:30 p. m. The parade will move out at 7 p. m. A military unit will head the parade. High school student bodies and bands will be alphabetically assigned to the order of march.

Line of march will be arranged to allow massing of marchers in front of a reviewing stand for the awarding of prizes to essay winners and for a talk on national defense. Prominent military and civic officials and essay contest winners will occupy the reviewing stand.

## The Grange

**Roxy Ann Grange**

At the last regular meeting of the Roxy Ann Grange, Sams Valley Grange highlighted the occasion with an impressive third and fourth degree ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Ory Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Lisson were initiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Verstagen and served luncheon and women of the Roxy Ann Grange "added a touch" by each bringing a homemade pie for the repast.

Next regular meeting will be Friday, May 5, and in tribute to mother on her day, men will provide with entertainment and refreshments that night.

A covered dish dinner and program are planned for Sunday, May 14, at 7 p. m. All are invited.



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**EX-FBI GIRL SLAIN**—The body of former FBI girl Betty Renner (above), 38, brutally beaten about the head and neck except for a brassiere, was found jammed into a narrow well opening in an abandoned stone quarry in Nassau, Bahamas. An autopsy report showed Miss Renner had not been raped but that there were "certain indications" that the slaying was a sex crime.

## Legislative Tax Committee Plans Hearing in County

The Oregon legislative tax interim committee has scheduled a hearing in Medford on May 18 to receive suggestions from, and present factual information to, residents of the community on tax and fiscal problems.

County Judge J. B. Coleman said the hearing will be held at noon (daylight saving time), at the Medford hotel. The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, which is making the arrangements, said it would be a luncheon meeting.

Committeemen said they would like to meet with representative groups in this area. They will be prepared to present briefly information on available state revenues and probable requirements.

**Will Be Open**

The meeting will be open to the public. Ample opportunity will be given for questions and discussions. Members said that suggestions will be welcome from any source and cooperation is invited for the information of the public and enlightenment of the 1951 legislature.

The committee has been studying assessment and collection procedures, repeal of the property tax for state purposes, a business tax in lieu of the personal property tax and other suggested amendments to the state law. Committeemen reported that they are not out to promote any tax but to arrive at a better understanding and to promote tax equity.

The Japanese Midwives, Clinical Nurses and Public Health Nurses' association has more than 80,700 members.



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**BOMB PLOT FOILED**—John H. Grant, 31, debt-ridden aircraft engineer, sits dejectedly in Venice, Calif., police station after his plot to blow up his wife and two children aboard a United Airlines DC-3 failed. A luggage handler dropped the bag in which Grant had devised a time bomb, setting off the fuse, which was smothered before the bomb exploded. Grant, meanwhile, had attempted to stop the loading of the bag, although he had purchased \$25,000 flight insurance on his family.

## Explosion of Grenade Kills Chinese Child

Hong Kong, May 2—(U.P.)—A hand grenade tossed by a terrorist exploded in a busy street today, killing a Chinese child and injuring three Chinese passers-by.

The grenade was aimed at the open doorway of the leading anti-communist Chinese newspaper, Singtao Daily News.

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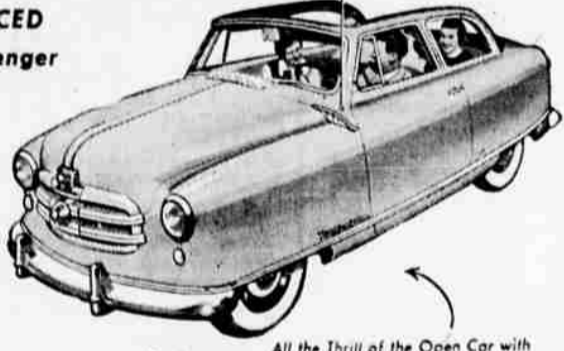
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