

Cancer Campaign In County Opens Here Next Tuesday

The 1952 drive for funds of the Oregon division of the American Cancer society will open on Tuesday, it was announced Saturday by Mrs. John S. Day, chairman of the Jackson county cancer crusade.

A goal of \$4,280 has been set for the county, Mrs. Day said, and she added that it is hoped to achieve and surpass the goal in a short period. Some 8,000 letters will be mailed out this week soliciting contributions to assist the fight on cancer.

In addition to Mrs. Day, the county committee include the Mesdames Brandt B. Bartels, vice-chairman; Russell Barnes, Warren Baylis, Fred Burich, Ray L. Casterline, Lawrence Ellis, R. S. Fish, Ray Frisbie, Robert W. Hanf and Earl L. Lawson. No. 2 Killer

In making the announcement Mrs. Day pointed out that cancer is the No. 2 killer in the United States, and that medical research has created a hope that the disease can be conquered in the foreseeable future.

A considerable portion of the funds—60 per cent—will be retained in Oregon for research grants at medical schools and colleges, for training, public education and information.

The rest of the money goes for national research and the development of films and literature which do much to make the public conscious of the cancer threat, resulting in earlier diagnosis and treatment and a better chance of complete cures.

Jacksonville Class Play Cast Told

Jacksonville—The cast of "Brides To Burn," a play by Jay Tobias, to be presented April 10 by the Jacksonville senior class, was announced yesterday by Bob MacLauchlan, Medford, director of the play. MacLauchlan is a director of the Footlighters, civic theater group, and has directed numerous plays in that organization.

Joan Bishop will play "Tish," a wealthy spinster; Ron Craig is "Gil," her nephew; Shirley Jeschke will take the part of "Tish's" girlhood friend, a widow named "Trudi," and her daughter is played by Yvonne Gemaelich. LeRoy Clay is "Hap," "Trudi's" secret heart-throb.

Taking the part of "Fats," "Hap's" side-kick, is Bob Miser; and the maid will be Donna Davies. The English butler will be Leonard Wickston, and the hill-billy cook's part will be done by Gene Eiden. Susan Sandell is cast as Madam Gasparilla and Dr. Jonesby, a deaf dentist, will be played by Tom Wall.

Medford Geography Subject of Thesis

Bill Erwin, Salem, is now in Ashland conducting a preliminary survey for a master's thesis on the Urban Geography of Medford, it was reported here Saturday.

Erwin, a graduate student at the University of Washington in Seattle, was a player in the 1951 Shakespearean festival, and hopes to participate again this year. But most of the summer will be devoted to research for his thesis, which will include a study of basic industries and the distribution of their products, service industries, the trade area, and other phases of the geography here.

Open House Planned By OM Battalion Here

Members of the 382nd Quartermaster battalion, local Army reserve unit, will hold an open house Tuesday, April 1, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at 33 North Riverside avenue.

Fathers, employers and friends of members are invited and the purpose is to help acquaint the public with the organized reserve corps.

Lt. Col. William Prentice, commanding officer, has arranged for a showing of films and an inspection of the unit's facilities. Guests will see the functioning of the unit in training, and participate in a demonstration of the disassembly and assembly of the U. S. Army carbine.

At the conclusion of the meeting a short critique will be held, Colonel Prentice said.

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What Makes Most People Behave?

Editor's Note: This is the fifth in a series of articles prepared by faculty members of Pennsylvania State College on "Teen-Age Troubles." The following is by a professor of psychology.

By D. G. THEVACS

State College, Pa.—(U.P.)—Instead of asking why some people commit criminal acts it might be more helpful to ask why the majority confine their behavior to what is legal and socially approved.

Obviously, there are many times when the easiest, most direct way of getting what one wants involves illegal or socially undesirable behavior. What, then, makes most people good most of the time?

First of all, the most powerful force for good behavior is generated by the "flywheel" of habit, to borrow a figure of speech from William James. Growing up in a society means learning the ways of that society. Every person with a capacity for development, including criminals, accumulates a large repertoire of socially-approved behavior. Anti-social behavior by any given person is limited to relatively few areas of life activity, even though it may become habitual in those areas.

Second, there are forces of restraint that prevent anti-social behavior in many situations

where the approved behavior has not been learned well or where it appears ineffective. In general, these restraints take the form of an awareness of possibilities like the following: 1—punishment; 2—family disgrace; 3—disapproval of friends and acquaintances; 4—violation of personal code of ethics or religious values.

The most important influences on the learning of acceptable behavior habits and on the development of appropriate restraints are, first, the home, and then the school. Many unfavorable home conditions have been identified as contributing to delinquency and crime. Delinquent homes are characterized by lack of affection, lack of rapport between parents and children, lack of moral ideals, and so forth. Children growing up in homes like these get a poor chance to become habituated to socially-approved behavior. In addition, disgrace, disapproval,

and violation of ethics are likely to become only weak crime preventives.

It would appear most reasonable to expect that crime and delinquency would decrease if it were possible to bring about a general improvement in the home life of the nation. The best available tool for building a better home life is education, adult education for those who are married and trying to make a good home, education in preparation for marriage for boys and girls in school.

Relationship High
The relationship between delinquency and dropping out of school is very high. Those adolescents who stay away from school are the raw materials out of which criminals might develop. Schools must accept the responsibility of making their programs flexible enough to interest and hold students. Boys and girls need real-life learning experiences to develop the habitual behavior patterns of good citizens. Learning citizenship from a civics book and from the recitation of pledges is a poor substitute, if not actually conducive to misunderstanding the nature of civic responsibility.

The costs for the kind of schools that will serve all American youth are greater than what is now spent. Nevertheless, the cost of delinquency and crime resulting from school drop-outs were added to present educational costs, the difference between the price of "good schools"—few delinquencies—and "poor schools"—many delinquencies—probably would not amount to much.

Dairy Nutritionist Plans Medford Visit

Miss Alice Anne Gerber, nutritionist with the Oregon Dairy council, will be in Medford, Friday, April 4, to confer with education and extension leaders.

The council carries on a statewide program of dairy products promotion through health and nutrition education. It is sponsored by Oregon's dairy producers and is financed partly by the Oregon Dairy Products commission and partly through a volunteer membership program for distributors.

While in Medford, Miss Gerber will confer with Rufus Cate, 4-H club agent; Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent, and E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent.

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