

Mentally Retarded Children Subject Of Program Leader

Phoenix—The future of the education of mentally-retarded children in the state of Oregon was described this week by Mason D. McQuiston, director of an experimental program conducted through the Oregon State Department of Education.

Speaking at Phoenix Elementary school, the site of one of five experimental classes, McQuiston said that as many as 5,000 youngsters in Oregon may be in need of special attention such as that given in the special classes for mentally-retarded. He emphasized that the classes were conceived of as being for educable youngsters as distinguished from those who are simply trainable and could not be expected ever to become self-sufficient.

At All Levels
"This problem of the mentally-retarded cuts across all levels of society," he said. "It is our duty to prepare these children to lead a more happy and useful life."

McQuiston said this could not be done in the regular classroom. The experimental classrooms hold the class size below 15 and are conducted on a "reduced curriculum" basis — no youngster in them is expected to complete a year's work in a year. The classes are ungraded with each youngster proceeding at his own rate.

McQuiston spoke of the costs of educating the mentally-retarded and the costs to society of they are not educated. Figures last year revealed that on the average some \$263 was spent in the schools for the average student; the average expenditure per pupil in the mentally-retarded group was \$458.

The meeting was conducted by Dr. Alva Graham, Southern Oregon college, president of the Southern Oregon chapter of the International Council for Exceptional Children. Also speaking at the meeting were Mrs. Augusta Padgham, Mrs. Robert Minear, and Riley Cook.

Studebaker-Packard Crews Take Pay Cut

Vernon, Calif. — (U.P.) — CIO United Auto Workers at the Studebaker-Packard Corp. assembly plant have agreed to take an 11 per cent pay cut in exchange for new benefits.

Clyde R. Bakers, an international UAW representative, said yesterday that Local 255 agreed to abandon a current wage incentive plan in exchange for new benefits which include a union shop clause, increased vacations for employees with more than 14 years service, and improved overtime and holiday clauses.

The agreement ended more than 60 days of negotiations.

'Metal Fatigue' Blamed For Crashes

Nellis AFB, Nev. — (U.P.) — The Air Force blamed "fatigue" in certain metal parts of the plane's wing structure today for the four F86 Sabre jet crashes here in the past six months.

Some 20 per cent of the planes assigned to this training base were approved for flight last night after modifications during an 11-day grounding.

Air Materiel Command spokesmen said the rest of the 286 F86s assigned would be inspected before pilots were allowed to fly them.

The supersonic planes were grounded Nov. 8 after a crash at nearby Indian Springs gunnery range killed a pilot.

Wife Trades Places With Mate; Gets Deer

Chester, Vt. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Marion Emerson decided to do a little hunting herself Thursday after her husband tried for four days without any luck.

Borrowing his .30-30 rifle, Mrs. Emerson left her husband home to baby-sit.

In less than 30 minutes a single shot rang out and Mrs. Emerson came home with a 126-pound seven point buck.

Girls in Stolen Car Select Wrong 'Hotel'

Gainesville, Tex. — (U.P.) — Two teen-age girls made one slight mistake when they drove a stolen car from Azle, Tex., to Gainesville.

When they parked in front of a natty "hotel" and went inside to get a room they discovered it was the police station.

WHOPPER!

George Parker Jr. is dwarfed by this 1002-pound marlin he caught off Honolulu.

Biggest marlin ever caught in Hawaii, the fish measured 13 feet, 3 1/2 inches. It will be a world record if judged a striped marlin by international game fishing authorities. Parker was using a 130-pound test line when the big fellow struck.



Lieutenant Defends 'Brutal' Treatment Of Army Trainees

Augusta, Ga. — (U.P.) — An Army lieutenant has defended his alleged brutal treatment of trainees saying he had to get "rough" to spruce up a "disgraceful" company that marched "like and accorder going in and out."

Counsel for 2nd Lt. Charles C. Anderson, 24, planned to present one additional defense witness and again question several others before completing their case before a General Court Martial trial at nearby Camp Gordon, Ga.

Anderson, of St. Louis, testified for 65 minutes under direct examination and another 60 minutes under cross examination about the 17 charges of "humiliating and harrasing" trainees during a bivouac. He said his methods made an honor company of an undisciplined one.

No Denying Toughness
The lieutenant, described in previous defense testimony by his superiors as being an "excellent" officer, did not deny that he had one soldier strung up by his heels, another briefly "buried" and forced two others to scrub themselves with sand. But he said his methods were "corrective," not "punitive."

When he first took over the company, Anderson said, it was so undisciplined he was "disgusted." He said some members were untidy, some answered "uh-huh" or "yeah" instead of "sir," and the entire group "marched like an accorder going in and out."

He said he called the company together and warned the men he was going to be "rough." He added that "after the company found out I was what I had told them I would be, we had a mighty fine company."

Can't Be Helped
Under cross examination Anderson agreed that the dignity of the soldier should be maintained but he said that "sometimes things must be done that can't

Crab Pot Use at Alsea Mouth Illegal

Portland — (U.P.) — The State Fish Commission reported today it had issued an order making use of crab pots in a triangular area at the mouth of the Alsea river illegal effective Nov. 24.

Resort owners and recreationists in the area long had sought such a ruling. Crab pots have been outlawed in the past at the same place but the prescribed area was a semi-circle which made enforcement difficult because it was hard to obtain bearings.

Cab Driver Receives Tip One Month Late

Bristol, Pa. — (U.P.) — Cab driver Foster Grow received a 50-cent tip Thursday from a woman passenger he drove to a bus station nearly a month ago.

The cab company received the tip in a letter from the woman who said she didn't have the money for the tip "until today."

Repeal of Milk Law May Be Good Thing, Farm Bureau Is Told

Repeal of Oregon Milk Control law in the Nov. 2 general election may turn out to be a good thing for Oregon dairy farmers, a national Farm Bureau official told delegates to the 23rd annual meeting of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation here yesterday.

The speaker was E. W. Tiedeman, Chicago, American Farm Bureau Federation dairy department director.

Speaking at the Holly theater, Tiedeman declared, "If repeal of this state law, which the farmers have been leaning on for many years, does no more than wake up the dairy farmers of Oregon to the importance of building and strengthening their dairy cooperatives, it may well be worth the price."

Cites Self-Help
The nation's farmers must increase their programs of self-help, rather than depending on the government, Tiedeman stated.

The dairy expert said farmers are facing three alternatives. They can continue high prices, they can use subsidies which can't last, or they can increase self-help and expand their markets, he said.

He repeatedly pointed to the need for agriculture to expand markets, both foreign and domestic. "There are enormous markets (in Asia), but we're going to have to learn how to trade," Tiedeman stated. "We can't go on cutting down production, and we can't go on producing war time markets that no longer exist."

War Said Reason
Tiedeman asserted that the last war is "largely the reason for the present U. S. position" of inflated farm markets, with over production and stockpiling of surplus production. "We are now going through a period of readjustment" from wartime economy, the speaker said, adding "I know of no way that readjustment can be made a painless one."

Domestic demand for farm produce is "very good," Tiedeman said, but he pointed out that it, along with foreign markets, must be expanded.

Another speaker at yesterday's afternoon session was James

Short, recently named by Gov. Paul Patterson to head the state's agriculture department. Short outlined the business of his department and stated that he plans no personnel or policy changes.

Education in Enforcement

"I prefer education, rather than cracking the whip, when it comes to enforcement of the state agricultural laws," Short declared. He paid tribute to the work done by Ervin Peterson, who Short succeeded as director of the state department of agriculture after Peterson resigned to accept a post with the federal government.

Third speaker on yesterday afternoon's program was Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, who discussed the public schools. (See Story on Page 1)

Benson Says Program Designed at Getting Items Into Stomachs

Spokane, Wash. — (U.P.) — Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson told delegates attending the 88th annual convention of the National Grange last night his agriculture program was designated at getting commodities "into stomachs instead of storage."

Benson, final speaker at the nine day convention, departed from his prepared text in making the statement. In another departure, he predicted irrigation eventually would "blanket the country."

Surplus Items Moved

He said the government had disposed of nearly \$2,000,000,000 worth of surplus commodities since July 1, 1953. He said the surpluses, including almost 1,500,000 pounds of dairy products, had gone out through domestic and export channels and had "avoided dislocations of normal commercial marketing."

Convention delegates approved eight basic features of a recommended farm program.

Among them were: expansion of domestic and foreign markets,

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

State Gas Tax Boost Possible

Portland — (U.P.) — A member of the State Highway Commission says the next Legislature will be asked to increase the state gasoline tax two cents a gallon.

Charles H. Reynolds told the annual convention of the Association of Oregon Counties yesterday the increase was needed to meet highway requirements in the 15 years after completion of the current bond program.

Motorists now pay eight cents tax on a gallon of gasoline, six of which goes to the state.

Reynolds said that after the present bond construction program is ended Oregon will need \$31,000,000 a year for 15 years for road construction. Eight million of this per year is not in sight, he said. Reynolds added that a 10-cent per gallon boost in the tax would bring in about \$11,000,000 a year.

4-H Club News

Eagle Point Club
Cheerful Cookers 4-H club of Eagle Point held an organizational meeting Nov. 15 in the high school home economics room with 13 girls present.

In the absence of our leader, Mrs. John Ousterhout, Cathie Carroll, our junior leader, conducted the meeting.

Officers elected for the year are: Charlotte Bush, president; Barbara Bettencourt, vice-president; Norma Noble, secretary; Teresa Pruitt, treasurer, and Susan Carroll, reporter.

New members joining this year are Christina Macroft, Teresa Pruitt, Dawn Clark and Susan Carroll; second year members are Barbara Bettencourt, Norma Noble, Charlotte Bush, Francis Huffman, Joanne Callaghan, Phyllis Perry, Joyce Johnston, Janet Burk and Doreen Christian.

The next meeting will be on

Log Train Derailed Reported to Police

State police reported they have been informed that a Medco logging train was derailed near Butte Falls yesterday afternoon when it and a log truck collided at a crossing.

No one was injured, the officers were told.

NO RECORD

Defeated, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Defeated citizens are really defeated concerning one important fact about the town's history. This place was named after a battle between some Indians and whites in which one side was defeated. But which side was it? No one knows.

Monday, Dec. 6, after school in the home economics room. Susan Carroll, Reporter.

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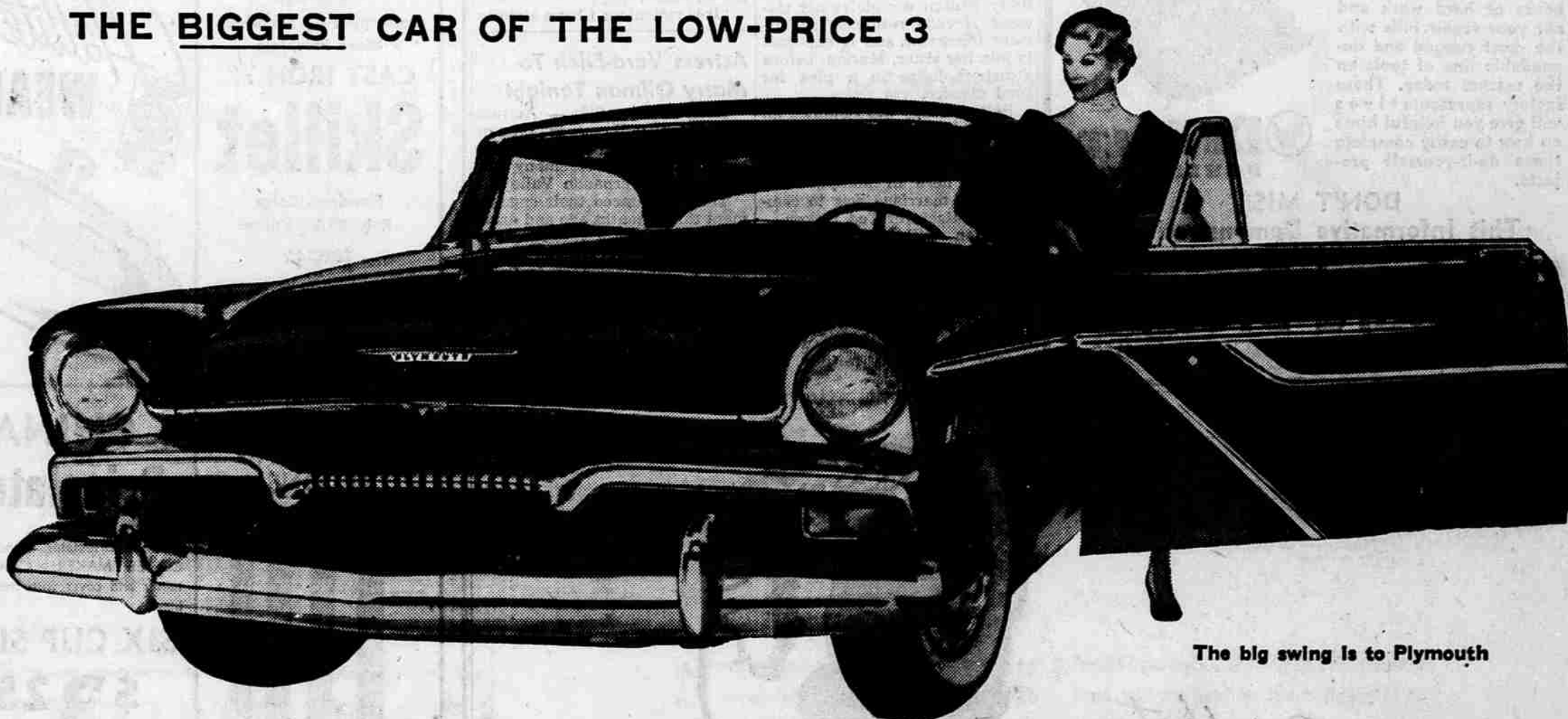
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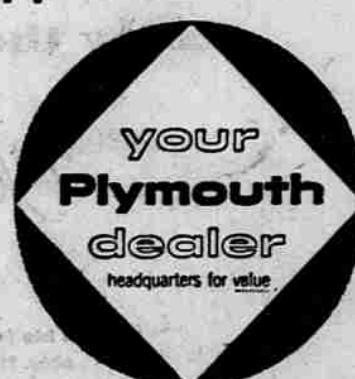
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