

Law Against Juvenile Smoking Creates Problem at State Training Schools

Superintendents Favor Repeal of Criminal Status

Salem — (U.P.) — Juvenile authorities are agreed that an Oregon law which makes a minor who smokes cigarettes a criminal creates a disciplinary and rehabilitation problem at both the girls' and the boys' training schools.

And Father H. B. Laner Jr., Albany Episcopal minister and chaplain at Hillcrest school for girls here, goes a step further. He says the legal ban creates a much more serious moral problem—lying and stealing, which are expressly forbidden in the 10 commandments.

Favors Repeal
The superintendents of both boys and girls training schools spoke in favor of a measure introduced by Sen. Stewart Hardy (R-Condor) which would repeal a law making a juvenile who smokes a criminal. He made it clear yesterday before the Senate Judicial Committee headed by Sen. Warren Gill (R-Lebanon) that his bill does not repeal the statutes which prevent the selling of tobacco to minors without written consent of the parent or guardian.

Not Enforceable
Sen. Hardy pointed to the law, which says any minor under 18 who smokes a cigarette in public shall be fined \$1 to \$10 or imprisoned up to two days. He said the prevalence of smoking among teenagers in all parts of Oregon show the law is not enforceable.

James Lamb, superintendent of MacLaren school for boys at Woodburn, said the ban against smoking, mandatory for the institution under the law, creates the biggest problem his staff faces.

Narcotics No Problem
Drinking and use of narcotics present little or no problems. But most of the boys have become used to smoking before they get to MacLaren school. A boy driving up with a sheriff's deputy, may be smoking in the car. But the minute he gets to the school he is cut off. The result is constant attempts to smuggle in cigarettes, both by the boys coming back from off-campus chores, and by their parents visiting them.

Miss Marjorie McBride, superintendent for Hillcrest, said her staff faces precisely the same problem. She said most of the girls over the age of 12 have smoked before they got to Hillcrest. Both superintendents favored supervised smoking so they could confine it to safe areas.

During the 1850s, some 13,000,000 feet of lumber was lightered to seagoing vessels for shipment to San Francisco from what is now Lighter Wharf at

House Members Vote To Go Along With Plans for Saturday Work

Salem—(U.P.)—Members of the Oregon House voted yesterday to go along with speaker Ed Geary's recommendation for Saturday sessions at 9 a.m. Geary encountered opposition from several members who contended they should have Saturdays to attend to their private

affairs and from those who doubted much work would be accomplished on Saturdays. Geary said Saturday sessions would force members to remain in Salem Friday afternoon for committee meetings. The Senate decided earlier on Saturday sessions.

The House, in informal caucus, also agreed to convene each morning at 9:30 instead of 10 and to move morning committee meetings to 8 o'clock instead of 8:30.

Leavenworth Penitentiary Has Few Jitters Over Riots

Leavenworth, Kan. — (U.P.)—There are a few riot jitters in the federal penitentiary here although more than 2,500 of the second-toughest convicts in the country (incorrigibles are sent to Alcatraz) are walled in on a little patch of Kansas plains.

Most of the inmates are approaching middle age. The average age is 35, nearly 10 years higher than the average in the nation's prisons.

Warden C. H. Looney, the man in charge of one of the federal government's two No. 2 "big houses"—the other is in Atlanta, Ga.—said that flareups elsewhere generally are sparked by hot-headed youngsters. But he added that the big reason there has been no attempted break or riot scare here in more than 10 years is the prisoners' eternal effort to accumulate "good time," or days subtracted from a maximum term for good behavior.

Paroles are the exception at Leavenworth, Looney said, and even the long-termers shun any form of trouble as a threat to their carefully hoarded "good" time.

Yet 60 per cent of the men discharged from here return. Looney, a soft-spoken, cheerful, part-time farmer, worries about that rate. He blames the rehabilitation program, in whose successes he, otherwise takes pride, for shortcomings somewhere.

He holds backgrounds partially responsible. Files in the placement office, he said, show that many of the inmates never held a job. The records are a monotonous pattern of early truancy, correctional schools, minor thefts and major crimes and prison. Many of the men here have spent most of their lives behind bars, he pointed out.

Lifetime patterns like that are hard to break, and a man who serves his time here docilely, as most do, still finds it hard not to fall back into the old life outside.

Looney is much like a small town mayor. He knows his community well. He says "Hello boys" on his way through the double-gated corridors and quietly keeps an eye on potential troublemakers.

A former rural school teacher in Missouri, Looney has ended nearly every day of his 22 years

on the staff with a tour of the prison farms. His own farm is at nearby Atchison and his home is on the grounds here.

The warden seldom uses the grapevine method to check a trouble pulse and is proud of the federal standards for guards. He is a respecter of the prison code against "copping" (informing on fellow inmates) and demands testimony about what goes on in the cell blocks only when grand jury action is involved. The only investigations held in years here involved fights among prisoners.

Only six guards are armed. Talk among convicts is restricted to allotted times and industrial shops are designed both to keep the men busy and prison chatter to a minimum.

Only 212 inmates, including lifers, are serving terms of 25 years or more. Some of the underworld's biggest names have chalked off days into old age here. Machine Gun Kelly died inside. Harvey Bailey, another notorious kidnapper of the 1930s still is here, approaching 70.

The "big name" convicts, Looney added, keep pretty much to themselves. They dodge those who seek to associate with the famous.

The House yesterday approved a bill providing a loyalty oath for persons to be employed or associated with civil defense agencies. The bill was previously sent back to committee because of strong objections by Rep. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) that it infringed on civil rights.

As amended and brought back yesterday, the objectionable features were eliminated to the satisfaction of most members except Rep. Harvey DeArmond (R-Bend). He said he objected to penalizing persons who had recanted earlier associations with Communist organizations and had become reliable citizens.

The loyalty oath approved yesterday requires civil defense workers to affirm that they never belonged to a party or organization "they knew" advocated the violent overthrow of the government.

Tax Bill Monday
Also passed was a bill granting uniform exemptions throughout the state for property taxes assessed against war veterans and their widows.

On today's calendar were 11 bills including one to remove the state from the flax and linen business. The bill to restrict fishing derbies was up for final passage after yesterday's debate over adoption of the majority report.

The resolution favoring removal of the present ban on emergency clauses on tax measures was set for special order of business Monday. The majority report on that measure was adopted yesterday by a vote of 34 to 26.



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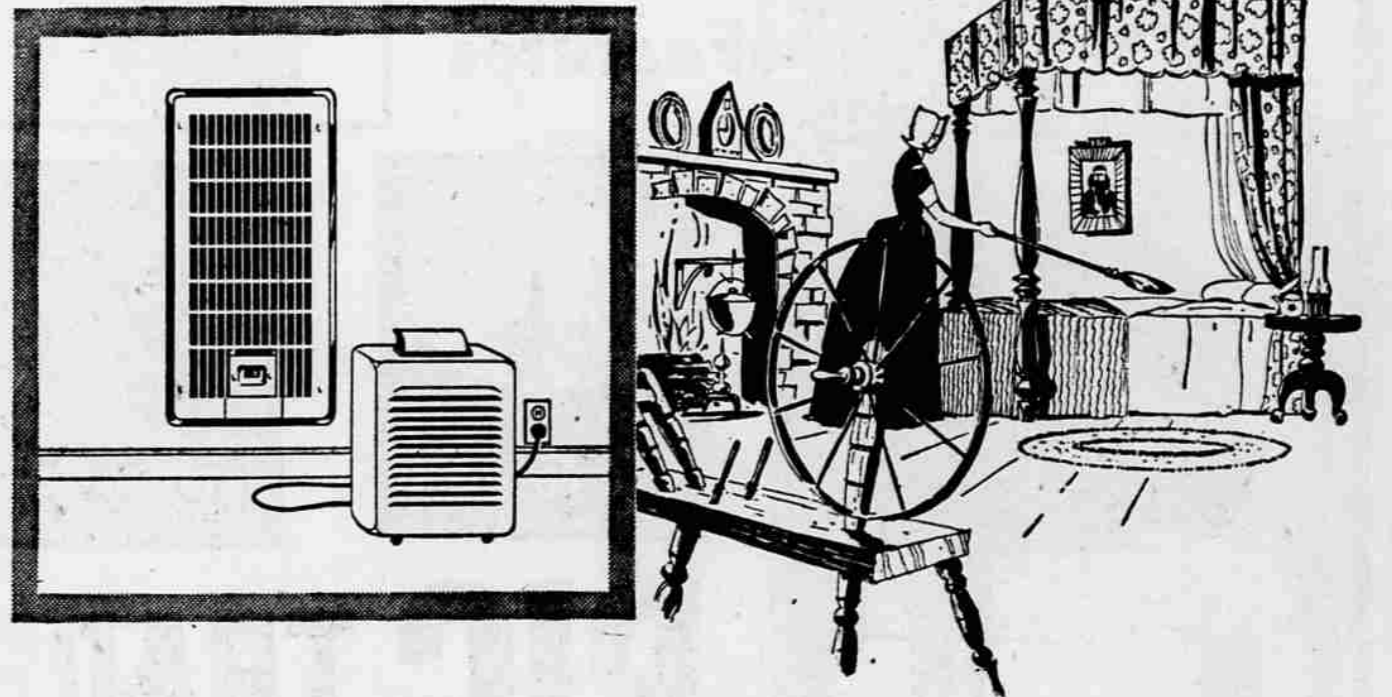
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