



'Operation Icicle' Gives Experience, Fun; Little Trouble

The five-day snow camping trip known as "Operation Icicle," which took more than 30 boys and leaders into the Lake O' Woods area last week, provided a lot of fun, considerable good experience, but little trouble, those along on the trip reported.

One of the scouts from the Medford area snapped pictures of the operation, four of which are reproduced on this page.

On Frozen Lake

At top is shown a group of the boys posing for their picture on frozen-over Lake O' Woods, which is shown in the background. One of the heavy packs the boys used, and several pairs of snowshoes, are shown in the foreground. It was on the lake that a plane dropped supplies to the group.

Second from the top is a scene which suggests the way the boys camped and traveled in the snow. It was taken during a rest pause on a hike.

At right, top, two boys stop for a candy bar snack in the midst of a trek, using handy trees sticking up through the deep snow for backrests. At right, bottom, is one of the shelters the boys constructed and used, based around the bottom of a tree and using scooped out and piled up snow as protection against the weather, together with a lean-to built of fir branches.

Awards Presented

The last evening in camp for each of the two groups, ceremonies were held where each of the boys on the trip received a snow camping award, consisting of a leather background with a snowshoe imprinted on it.

William P. McNeel, post advisor to Post 8, Medford, was the adult leader of the Medford-Ashland group, which included Gary Reymers and Kermit Thomas, Troop 112, Ashland; Mike Roberts, Troop 9, Medford; Dick Clark, John L. Liden Jr., Derwin Large and Bryan Schroeder, all Squadron 14, Medford; and Larry Hammond, senior crew leader, and Mike Bauer, Bob Frazier, Bob Glover, Charles Robertson and Bobby Young, all Post 8, Medford.

Josephine Group

The Josephine country group George Fredeen, camping chairman for that district, Grants Pass, leader of the over-all project, and Robert Cotton, advisor to Post 22, adult leaders; Bob Allerheiligen, senior crew leader, and Kenneth Logonbill, Myron Caldwell, Ray Hubbard, Martin Hillman, Dave Manary, Richard Caldwell, Henry Burroughs, Larry Roberts, Bill Tibbitts, Bob Ament, Floyd Rippetoe, Charles Mansfield and Gary Smith.

FIR ORDERS INCREASE

Portland — (U.P.) — Orders for Douglas fir lumber climbed in February to a weekly average of 184,634,000 board feet against 181,546,000 in January, the West Coast Lumbermen's association said Saturday.



Chemical Control Of Weeds Increases

Portland — (U.P.) — Chemical weed control was cited here Friday as the most important new method of cutting agriculture production costs.

Dwight Peabody of the Northwest experiment station at Mt. Vernon, Wash., told the annual convention of the Oregon Feed and Seed Dealers association that bulb growers in northwestern Washington had cut weed control costs from \$1,000 to \$6.50 an acre by use of chemical sprays. He said farmers in other sections of the Northwest had reported similar success in controlling weeds with sprays.

Edward Wyss of Portland was elected president of the association.

Association scholarships were awarded to Betty Brandelsky of Klamath Falls; Edgar Michelson of Salem and William Riley of Roseburg. All attend Oregon State college.

About 36,750,000 babies were born in the U.S. the past 10 years.

State Welfare Okeys Budget for Multnomah

Portland — (U.P.) — The Oregon State Welfare Commission has approved Multnomah County's fourth quarter budget request of \$425,000.

Approval, made Saturday, would be subject to any alterations made by a special committee of the welfare commission.

The action raised the county's welfare assistance funds to between 75 and 80 per cent of standard. Recent cuts in general assistance lowered the county's welfare funds to about 55 per cent of standard.

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Sanitary Authority Bill Introduced By Sen. Lowry; Provisions Outlined

(Editor's note: State Sen. Philip B. Lowry, of Jackson county, is the author and one of the sponsors of Senate Bill 434, which was written to make possible the formation of big, all-embracing sanitation districts, such as have been proposed for Jackson county to solve the sewage problem of fringe areas here. Co-sponsors include Reps. Al Littrell and E. H. Mann, both of Jackson county, and Senators Donald R. Husband (Lane county), and J. O. Johnson (Washington county). Senator Lowry has mailed copies of the bill to a number of interested persons in Jackson county, and in addition has provided a summary of the 28-page measure. In order to provide the widest possible discussion of the proposal, Senator Lowry's summary of the bill is printed below.)

Summary of Senate Bill 434, relating to sanitation in counties and including provisions authorizing the establishment of sanitary authorities:

1. In General

The primary purpose of the proposed legislation is to provide a means whereby incorporated and unincorporated areas in counties can join forces in an "authority" to provide sewage disposal facilities for such areas. It is contemplated that as much as possible of the urban areas of a county be included in the authority.

One of the principal features of the proposal is that the authority may, on authorization of the voters, issue general obligation bonds of the authority to finance construction of installations, and that the areas within the authority which are directly benefited by the installations constructed with the proceeds of the bonds are primarily obligated to pay the bonds.

It is contemplated that considerable savings will be accomplished through low cost financing, and utilization of an experienced central agency in the county to administer sewage systems in various parts of the authority.

2. Organization

Sections 2 to 17 of the bill relate to the organization of an authority. The procedure is quite similar to the procedure for organization of other districts, with provisions for petitions of interested persons, hearings and an election in the area to be included within the authority.

However, as a condition precedent to inclusion of incorporated areas, the resolution of the governing body of the city approving inclusion must be secured (see sections 4 and 9). Also, section 17 permits the county governing body to initiate the formation of an authority in lieu of requiring a petition.

3. Directors and Officers of the Authority

Sections 18 to 24 relate generally to the selection and duties of the board of directors, the chairman of the board and the manager of the authority. A five-man board is required. Members are elected from districts within the authority established by the governing body of the county on a population basis under section 10, each district electing one member. The manager is selected by the board and is intended to administer the authority subject to the control and direction of the board.

4. General Powers

In sections 25 to 27, the authority is given the usual general powers necessary to carry out the specific powers granted in the bill, including power of eminent domain, power to compel connection with sewage disposal systems of the authority and power to lay sewers and drain in public streets and roads.

The authority may also adopt sanitary rules and regulations. It may also maintain and operate garbage dumps and garbage collection systems and encourage in mosquito and other insect control activities.

5. Master Plan

In section 28, the board is required to develop an over-all coordinated plan for the present and future development of sewage and drainage systems for the authority.

6. Construction, Maintenance and Operation of Works

Sections 29 to 40 and section 57 relate primarily to the construction of works in areas of the authority, the method of financing the construction and operation of works and opera-

tion of the authority as a whole.

Before constructing works for an area, the board of the authority must prepare engineering plans for installations in the area, hold hearings on the proposal after notice thereof, and determine the works to be constructed, the method of financing the work, and of charging the cost to the area to be directly benefited.

It is intended that areas for which works are constructed will actually be a separate district or unit within the authority. The works can be financed through:

(1) Issuance of general obligation bonds of the authority which are the primary obligation of, and will be paid by, the area directly benefited.

(2) Issuance of revenue bonds.

(3) Issuance of bonds or warrants secured by assessment installment contracts.

(4) Any combination of (1) to (3).

The area directly benefited will bear the cost of construction of works through assess-

ments, sewer service charges or tax levies (if general obligation bonds are issued), or any combination thereof. The cost of operation of the works is to be born through sewer service charges in the area directly benefited.

In constructing works, the authority may contract with any city or district for the use of treatment plants or sewers of the city or district, and may purchase the works of a city or district. If the works purchased are in the authority, the authority is to furnish sewage disposal service to the area served by the works. Only general administrative costs, not chargeable to a particular area, are to be borne by the authority as a whole, plus contingent liability on general obligation bonds.

7. Bonds

Sections 41 to 48 of the bill relate to the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds and revenue bonds. As stated above, general obligation bonds of the authority, the proceeds of which are used to construct works for a particular area, are to be paid

by the area.

8. Improvement Bonds and Warrants.

Sections 49 and 50 authorize the use of short term financing and the issuance of improvement bonds and warrants secured by assessment installment contracts.

9. Funds.

Section 51 relates to handling of sanitary authority funds by the county treasurer and to the payment of claims and obligations of the authority.

10. Annexation to the Authority.

Sections 52 to 56 of the bill relate to annexation of contiguous territory within the county to the sanitary authority.

11. Dissolution.

Section 59 relates to dissolution of the authority.

12. Appeals and Review.

Sections 60 and 61 of the bill relate to appeals from orders of the county court and orders of the sanitary authority board. Section 61 provides for adjudications to test the validity of the new contract eliminates the fire fighting previously required of a purchaser (without reimbursement) for forest fires within or near the sale area regardless of cause, although he is still responsible for suppression costs of fires caused negligently by his operation. His liability for suppression costs on fires in the sale area caused by his operation, but not caused by negligence, will be spelled out in the sample contract for each sale so purchasers will know the terms before bidding.

Corrective Therapy Resulting In Benefits to Many Veterans

Camp White — World War II

developments contributed at least one department of physical medicine which assists in the rehabilitation effort made by the Veterans Administration for the disabled and handicapped.

This is corrective therapy. It is largely an adjunct of hospital treatment where amputees learn to walk again with the aid of artificial limbs, or where battered war veterans are reconditioned through special exercises and a course of training to overcome functional difficulties.

Under the program of physical medicine and rehabilitation in the course of development at Camp White, instituted by Dr. Samuel D. Earhart, a corrective therapy department has been in operation for some time. It is a separate unit in the program, which includes physiotherapy as well as occupational therapy.

Therapist Here

One of the veteran therapists in the VA came to the domiciliary from the Roseburg hospital to take charge of the work. He is Fred Pramann, and he has set up shop across from the physical therapy unit, where he conducts the various exercises and a training schedule for the numerous cases referred to him by Dr. Earhart.

"The prognosis is quite different here at the domiciliary from what obtains at the hospitals. So many of the men here have chronic conditions that are difficult to correct that the work involves a different approach," Pramann declared.

"Nevertheless, we are getting surprising results," he added. One member was sent on his way rejoicing, when after a little effort he learned to wiggle his big toe.

Not Easy

Such cases as the hemiplegics, and those who are crippled by old injuries or post operative adhesions, as well as fractures, are not easy to correct in the men whose years render them less resilient to therapeutic method for restoring the use of an arm or leg or bodily movement.

"We have had surprising results in spite of the arrested condition we have dealt with. This is due to the willingness of the patient to cooperate with the therapist," Pramann said.

One of the cases referred to him has been that of a man who staggers like a drunken person, from a multiple sclerosis, and has been given a "medical clearance" so that he will not be apprehended by the police for the presumption of intoxication.

Minor Handicaps

There are also a number of minor handicaps which the records show to be corrected in the course of treatment prescribed. Resistive exercises with a weight strapped to the foot, induce normal movement. Old injuries are massaged to restore vitality.

Amputees are trained to use their artificial limbs and are encouraged to walk again. Dormant muscles in the hands are built up so that they can function. A fractured hip is made to be less of an encumbrance. Stiff legs are made to bend. And so on.

There are quite a few members who hope to get into condition to do a little work this summer in the fields and the lumber camps. Another group is formed

for calisthenics in the afternoon.

New Techniques

The Veterans Administration has given considerable emphasis to corrective therapy in the past ten years, Pramann declared. The result has been the development of an entirely new set of techniques that supplement but do not include the familiar physical therapy in special baths, light treatment and massage for certain physical symptoms.

Miss Pat Short, who recently completed a course at Warm Springs sanitarium in Georgia, is in charge of the physical therapy department across the hall. Three member aids, one in corrective and the other two in the physical therapy suite, are now engaged to assist in the work.

"Corrective therapy is the application of the principles, tools, techniques and psychology of remedial physical education to assist the physician in the accomplishment of a prescribed objective. This implies not only education 'of' the physical but education 'through' the physical."

This is the way the new approach to the problem of relieving the handicapped war veterans is stated in the Veterans Administration technical bulletin covering the subject. The therapists, forming the nucleus of this corps have been recruited largely from the men who handled the rehabilitation program in hospitals during World War II, Pramann emphasized.

Young Demo Leader Charges State Tax Plan Is 'Outrage'

Portland — (U.P.) — The president of Oregon Young Democrats Saturday hurled a charge of "outrageous" at the tax bill approved by the House Taxation committee. He said it appeared the Legislature's intent was to force the people to reject it and submit to a sales tax.

Vernon Cook, in a prepared statement, called the tax bill the "most unfair" measure to come out of the Legislature since the sales tax was defeated in 1947. "Fraud Upon People"

He said the proposal was a "fraud upon the people of Oregon" and that it would place the tax burden upon those persons with a net income of less than \$6,000.

The House committee's plan calls for increases in all income taxes, lower exemptions and a surtax on personal income. It also includes an increase in liquor taxes, a three-cent cigarette tax and a 2½ cent tax boost on insurance premiums.

Plans Include Utilities

The committee's recommendations also include bringing utilities and corporations which get most of the revenue from real property rentals under the corporate excise tax.

"The philosophy behind the bill is to tax those greatest who are least able to pay," Cook said. "When combined with a cigarette tax the only more aggressive tax possible would be sales tax."

Salem — (U.P.) — Here is the way the proposed new Oregon income tax law will affect wage earners:

Income	Percentage of Tax
\$ 0 to \$ 500	2%
500 to 1,000	4%
1,000 to 2,000	5%
2,000 to 3,000	6%
3,000 to 7,000	7%
7,000 to 10,000	8%
10,000 and up	9%

A surtax totalling about five per cent would be added to the total tax in all brackets to yield the required income to the state. The proposed law would

New Timber Sale Contract Planned By Forest Service

The Forest Service will start using a completely revised timber sale contract form for all but small sales on July 1, 1955, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced. The new form will be in full use by Jan. 1, 1955.

In drawing up the new form, Forest Service timber management officers were assisted by representatives of the timber associations and of forest industries which buy national forest timber. Timber buyers and the Forest Service have long recognized the inadequacies of the old timber sale contract, which had been repeatedly amended since it was first written, to keep pace with the changing times.

More Details

Many clauses common to most sales which previously were added to each contract have been incorporated into the new form. The inclusion of more detail will save time in drawing up contracts and will tend to make them more standardized.

The new contract eliminates the fire fighting previously required of a purchaser (without reimbursement) for forest fires within or near the sale area regardless of cause, although he is still responsible for suppression costs of fires caused negligently by his operation. His liability for suppression costs on fires in the sale area caused by his operation, but not caused by negligence, will be spelled out in the sample contract for each sale so purchasers will know the terms before bidding.

The contract also provides that the purchaser be reimbursed by the Forest Service at its prevailing rates for suppression of fires on the sale area not caused by his operation.

Other changes in the sales contract include provision for extension in the termination date on request of the purchaser when not contrary to the interests of the government. Also, the termination date may be adjusted to compensate for operating days lost because of abnormal occurrences beyond the control of the purchaser.

Sample copies of the new contract form are available for review at Forest Service supervisors' headquarters.

Court Records

CIRCUIT COURT
Edith F. Warner vs. Ralph L. Warner, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Roland LeRoy Breedlove, 23, of 909 South Stage rd., and Janet Loraine Furvey, 18, route 2, box 264, Central Point.

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