

## City School's Health Programs Have Object Of Aiding Children

Roosevelt and Washington elementary schools won health program contests sponsored recently by the Medford city school system, Miss Olive Curry, school nurse, has announced.

Roosevelt school won the Health Honor Roll contest with 86.2 per cent of 766 pupils, or 660, on the roll. Washington, with a score of 99.4, won the morning health inspection contest.

The contests are believed to be valuable for several reasons, Miss Curry said.

**Values Listed**  
The Health Honor Roll contest helps stimulate interest of pupils and parents in correction of cor-

rectible defects, supplies useful information to teachers concerning the student's physical condition, and is useful in checking results of the health program.

To be eligible for the honor roll and a health button, a pupil must be free from known correctible physical defects on Health Day, which each school celebrates with athletic events and refreshments.

The morning health inspection program assists pupils in forming cleanliness habits and in discovering communicable diseases.

**Up From Last Year**  
Roosevelt school's 86.2 in honor roll participation compares with May, 1954, when 81.14 per cent of 615 pupils, or 499, were on the honor roll.

Washington school in May, 1954, had a score of 99.31 in the morning health inspection program.

Other honor roll scores for May, 1955, included Jackson 77.6 per cent of 558, or 412 pupils; Lincoln, 67.9 per cent of 339, or 250 pupils; and Washington, 81.6 per cent of 783, or 639 pupils. The total for all schools was 77.3 per cent of 2,444 pupils, or 1,761 on the honor roll.

In addition to Washington, other morning health inspection scores were Jackson, 98.8; Lincoln, 99.1; and Roosevelt, 99.3.

**All Are Examined**  
Besides contests to develop interest in the health program, the health service examines all pupils in Medford public schools when classes start each fall. Notices indicating physical conditions which should receive attention are sent to parents. Vision and hearing tests conducted at regular intervals reveal defects, which also are referred to parents.

The pupil, if found to have defective vision or hearing, is seated in the room so he may hear and see to the best advantage.

The program objective is to determine the health status of each pupil, because his ability to learn and regular attendance are closely related to his health.

Last fall, 4,105 pupils in Medford schools were examined by a physician, while 2,434 elementary school children took hearing tests. Some 184 boys and girls in the sophomore class were given tuberculin skin tests last fall.

**Exams in May**  
Children who expect to start school for the first time in the fall are given an opportunity to have physical examinations the preceding May, and some 309 children expected to start first grade in September received examinations last month.

Those prospective pupils who are found to have correctible defects have the opportunity to consult family physicians for corrective measures before school starts.

Of the number of children who took the pre-school examinations, 292 had vaccinations for smallpox, 61 had initial shots for prevention of diphtheria, and 232 had booster shots.

## Police Clear 91 Per Cent of May's, Reported Offenses

Medford police last month cleared 91 per cent of 574 major and miscellaneous offenses reported.

Of the 521 cases cleared, 20 were major offenses out of a total of 51 last month. The total compares with May, 1954, when 85 per cent of 331 major and miscellaneous offenses were cleared, and with May, 1953, when 87 per cent of 264 cases were closed.

Last month, Medford police closed one robbery case, four of eight burglary cases, and four of five reported automobile thefts reported.

The 51 major offenses last month compares with 37 in May, 1954, and 33 in May, 1953.

Miscellaneous offenses reported last month totaled 523, 349 of which were traffic and motor vehicle law offenses, not including 66 violations of road and driving laws and 12 cases of driving while intoxicated.

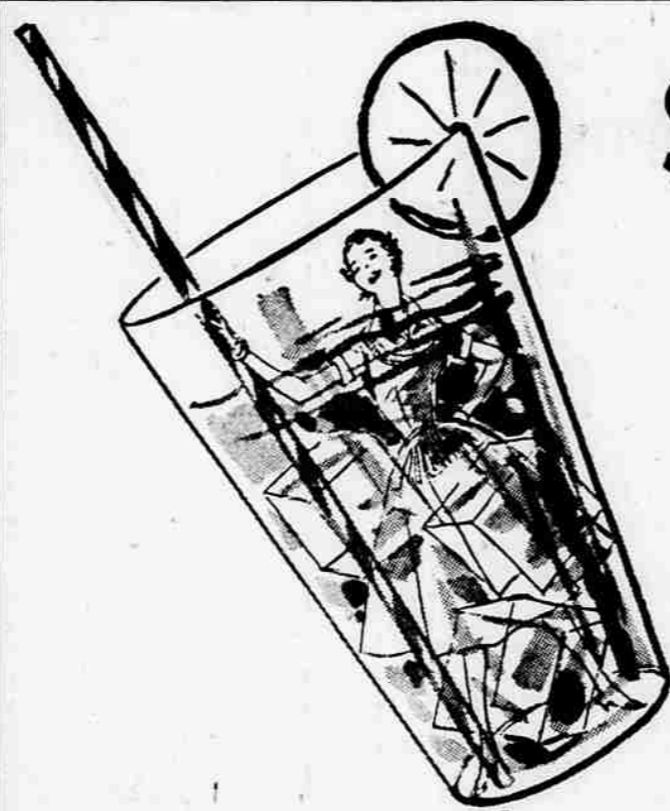
Police investigated 25 motor vehicle traffic accidents in which six persons were injured, provided 826 miscellaneous services, and issued 3,098 parking meter tickets. Traffic violation citations totaled 427.

## Patterson Suggests Beef on Father's Day

Salem — Governor Paul Patterson has designated that beef "shall be the traditional meat served on Father's day" in Oregon. Father's day is June 19.

The governor's proclamation was issued in cooperation with the Oregon Cow Belle association. The association has set up a state committee to publicize the program.

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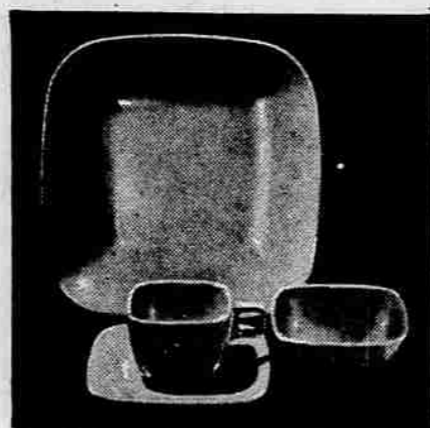
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