

Chamber Warns of Organizations Taking Advantage of Holiday

The holiday season too often is a time when questionable enterprises attempt to take advantage of holiday good spirits and generosity, according to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber last week relayed a warning put out by the Portland Better Business Bureau, which advises caution in giving to so-called charitable agencies attempting to raise funds. Some of them are sponsored by legitimate organizations, but a high proportion of the proceeds go to promoters, the BBB indicated. Here are some of them:

A "national service foundation" of a veterans organization, operating from Washington, D. C., mails neckties and asks in return donations of \$1.25 or more. The BBB has been informed that 87 1/2 per cent of all gifts up to that amount go to the promoters, not to the veterans organization.

Another veterans organization for a number of years has mailed out miniature replicas of license tags for use on key rings. The BBB said it is reported that 60 per cent of the money raised goes for production and administration costs, and that none of it is used for direct aid to veterans or their families.

An organization in Clayton, Mo., (which uses a name similar to the world-famous Father Flanagan's Boys Town in Nebraska) sends unneeded Christmas greeting cards with a request for a

donation. Only a small portion of the income is retained by the organization, the BBB says it is informed.

A Missouri group also sends greeting cards with requests for donations. The BBB said it is reported this is operated by a commercial card manufacturer using the donation appeal to dispose of its products.

"Help the Handicapped" appeal mails out neckties with a request for a \$1.25 donation. The BBB said investigation has shown it to be a for-profit organization and that the ties are purchased from a factory, not made by handicapped workers. In one recent year about 1,000,000 ties were mailed out, and \$350,000 in donations collected, the report said.

A man in France mails solicitations asking \$2 in return for a gift package to be mailed from Paris, the BBB says, but that the French embassy has reported there is no evidence that he is prepared to ship such packages, and urges "extreme caution."

Someone in Seattle has mailed out offers for "perfumed beads" sold presumably for the benefit of "St. Mary's Catholic Home for the Blind." The Seattle BBB reports there is no record of such a home in the Seattle area.

Other similar requests come up from time to time, often operating only long enough to obtain funds from unsuspecting donors, and then disappear to escape prosecution, the chamber reported. It suggested that any donations go only to recognized and reputable charitable agencies.

4-H Club

New 4-H Club
A meeting of a new Phoenix-talent area 4-H club was held Friday, Dec. 9. A name for the club has not been decided on, but the ones which were nominated are Pheferral, Bear Creek, Talent and Phoenix, Phoenix and Central Valley.

Elections were held and the new officers are President, Ron Daugherty; vice-president Charlie Swingle; secretary, Joyce Hunter; treasurer, Henry Scott, and club reporter, Virginia Martin.

The Phoenix Grange would like the club to put on a program the fourth Tuesday in April.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 13.
Virginia Martin, Reporter

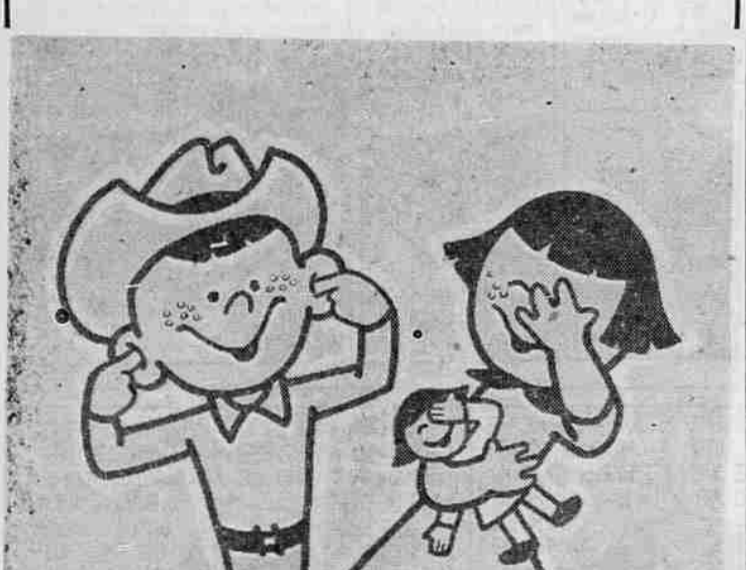


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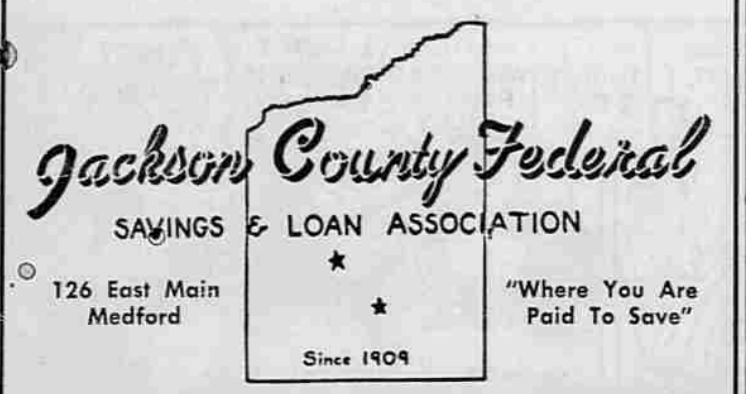


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Preparation In Any Field Is Half Of The Battle

The better prepared you are for something, the easier it will be for you. People who are unprepared, and have things suddenly thrust upon them or go into a new situation without knowing what to expect, are often thrown off their feet to such an extent, it takes time to regain their equilibrium.

Physical preparation is less important than psychological preparation. Every athlete learns he must be set and ready to start a race or a game before the whistle blows if he is to compete successfully.

In the same way, the housewife gets a better day's work done if she makes a plan and sets things out ahead of time instead of merely drifting from one duty to another. The businessman can keep calmer and do more work if he plans his day before he starts work.

The psychological preparation is just as important, if not more so, than any other. This includes knowing what to expect and when to expect it. Without this a person can be thrown off balance, even when physical preparation is good.

Might Cost Game
Take the athlete as an example. He might be all set for the referee's whistle, but if he had no idea of the strength of his opponent, or if he went into the game with the idea that his opponent was weaker than he, he would be psychologically so disturbed to discover his mental set was wrong, it might cost him the game.

In the same way, the businessman who anticipates a run-of-the-mill day with only the usual routine of work, may be upset by an emergency that arises, or by unexpected interruptions.

In preparing for any task, regardless of what it may be, you will do well to find out ahead of time as much as you possibly can about what might turn up or what you can reasonably anticipate. Then you will not be taken by surprise. In any case the preparation will not be wasted because it will make the task easier and smoother-running than you had anticipated.

LETTERS FROM READERS
Changed Appearance: "Do most people find it hard to get used to themselves in new clothes?" J. L.

(A) Yes, most people do find it difficult to get used to what they see in the mirror when they put on new clothes. Young people usually like what they see, just because it is new and different, even if it is not as becoming as the old. Older people, by contrast, have a tendency to be a bit upset when they see their changed appearance and are not sure that they like what they see. Only when members of the family comment favorably are they likely to decide they do like their changed appearance after all.

Meddler: "My husband is always meddling in the affairs of every member of the family, asking question, or going through our things. Why does he do this?" Mrs. M.N.

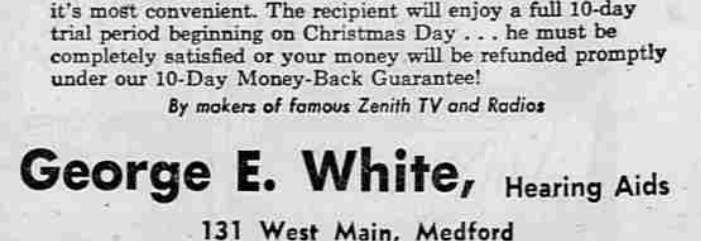
(A) To a limited extent, a meddler is driven on by strong curiosity. He wants to know about anything and everything. More important, however, he is influenced by a feeling of uncertainty, insecurity, and inferiority. He suspects, even though he may not consciously realize it, that people are doing or saying things behind his back that are unfavorable to him. He wants to know just what is being said or done.

Oily skin and hair: "Are oily skin and hair a part of growing up? It seems all my friends have trouble with their skin and hair, now that we are in the teens." B. C.

(A) Yes, oily skin and hair are an inevitable part of growing up. At that time in your life, there are marked changes, not only in the texture of your skin and hair, but also in the oil-producing glands that supply your skin and hair with the oil necessary to keep them alive. At first, these glands are too active and, as a result, the hair and skin become too oily. It takes a period of three to five years for the glands to function in a normal, healthy way.

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Pre-Holiday Meeting Of Roundtable Monday

A special pre-holiday meeting of the roundtable group of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will be held at noon Monday at the Jackson hotel. Members of the chamber's greeters committee will also attend, and any former members of the two groups, and of the chamber board of directors, are invited.

Program Chairman Paul Hornbeck said objectives of the chamber will be discussed, and both retiring President John Pletsch and incoming President Otto Ewaldsen will give their views.

Emphasis of the program, however, will be a social and "good time" meeting, he said, and a local "Santa Claus" will be on hand. Vic Milnes is chairman of the roundtable group.

RR Grade School To Sing Christmas Carols

Rogue River elementary school students will sing Christmas carols at the site of the city's Nativity scene next week.

Junior high school pupils will sing Monday between 1 and 1:30 p.m., and intermediate pupils will sing Tuesday. Primary pupils will sing Wednesday. Room teachers will accompany pupils to the Nativity scene.

The annual school Christmas program will be presented Thursday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The high school chorus will provide music for the program.

Medford Library To Close For Holidays

The Medford Public Library will close at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, and remain closed through Monday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday. The same closing schedule will be in effect for the New Year holiday the following weekend.

Des Moines, Ia. — (U.P.) — The Iowa Power and Light Co. hired 10 baby-sitters to be on duty at its new plant for an open house celebration. The sitters, dressed in white uniforms, tagged each child and gave a claim check to the parents.

A 92-year-old Briton used a season ticket out of London on British Railways for 74 years.



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