

Hearing Scheduled On Fare Increases

Oregon Public Utilities commission will hold a hearing May 14 in room 720 of the state office building in Portland concerning proposed fare increases by Pacific Greyhound lines.

The company has stated that present fares do not yield sufficient revenue to offset costs of operations.

Greyhound is asking that all fares be increased 15 per cent except 40-ride school commutation fares and commutation fares published in Tariff PUC Ore. 248. In the latter case, the company asks that minimum fare be increased from \$3.30 to \$4.40.

Medical Schools Necessary To Keep Country Healthy

Editor's note: This is the last of a series of articles prepared in connection with Medical Education Week, April 22-28, on the status of medical education in the United States today.

New York — Here's what it takes today to keep the U. S. healthy:

Some 210,000 doctors; nearly 7,000 hospitals, with a million and a half beds, admitting 20 million patients a year; about 400,000 nurses; 86,000 dentists; 95,000 pharmacists; and about 300,000 technicians, optometrists, dietitians, medical social workers and others.

None of them would function

now without medical schools, and none could function in the future if the supply or quality of medical education slumped drastically.

Expand Structure

To prevent a slump, and to expand the nation's health structure, medical schools are developing new patterns of student selection, new methods of teaching, new research programs, and seeking new patterns of financial support.

American medical schools, health experts agree, are among the world's best. Hospital and equipment facilities are the most modern. And the death rate, about 10 per 1,000, is among the world's lowest.

But statistics, many authorities point out, can be misleading, both in human and in economic terms.

The nation is still losing the fight against mental illness, at a cost to taxpayers of \$2,000 a minute. That comes to \$1,051,000,000 a year, the cost of caring for the 700,000 patients now in public mental hospitals.

Added to this are the staggering cost, and human loss, represented by alcoholism, drug addiction, juvenile delinquency and broken homes, suicides and crime.

There are neither enough hospital facilities, nor enough psychiatrists, nor enough knowledge, nor enough research to begin to solve the problem today. And there are similar prospects in the case of other diseases, especially those of old age.

Government support for hospital construction has been one answer to the health problem. Increased government allocations for research also have been made, and the public's voluntary contributions to research funds also are on the rise. The big philanthropic foundations important in an increasingly important role.

The Association of American Medical Colleges has been trying to develop some coherent pattern for medical school support.

Dr. Robert A. Moore, president of the association said the group is "seeking a new, four-part pattern of support. First, from the public, the medical profession and industry; second, from state and local governments; third, from agencies and foundations granting research funds; and fourth, from the federal government."

Minnesota is usually ahead of all the states in total tonnage of its hay crop. Wisconsin is second and Iowa usually is in a third place.



M. O. WALKER
Appointed Deskman

Walker Appointed PT&T Deskman

M. O. Walker has been appointed chief deskman for the Pacific Telephone company at its Medford telephone test center.

The job is newly created for this area, according to Telephone Manager Jack Creager. It was necessary by the growth in telephone service here.

Walker will have responsibility of testing telephone service for Medford, Ashland, Central Point, Jacksonville and Gold Hill.

He has been with the telephone company 15 years, starting as a draftsman in Portland. He came to Medford in 1945 as an installer-repairman and was senior deskman before his appointment.

With his wife, Genevieve, and two children, Susan and Robert, Walker lives at 2295 Crestbrook rd., Medford.

Winston Carl Named Campaign Officer

State Senator John Merrifield this week named Winston W. Carl, Medford salesman, Jackson county chairman for Merrifield's campaign for the Republican nomination for national committeeman.

Carl, a resident of Oregon since 1927, has lived in Jackson county for seven years. He was educated in Portland grade and high schools and at the University of Oregon.

A precinct committeeman, Carl is past Republican vice-chairman at large. He is president of the Jackson county Young Republicans.

He is a member of the Crater Lions Club, Elks, BPOE, YMCA, Rogue Valley County club and the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Kefauver Attacks Administration

Spokane — (U.P.) — Sen. Estes Kefauver charged Friday night that business has grown bigger and farmers have grown poorer under a Republican administration which has "replaced campaign promises with excuses."

The Tennessee Democrat, seeking his party's presidential nomination, told a dinner audience voters have been putting Democrats in office "from the very first chance they had" after the Republican victory in 1952 and would elect a Democrat president this fall.

He said the administration had failed in its promises to farmers and labor, little business failures are increasing, and "not a single kilowatt" has been developed under the administration's "partnership" program for hydroelectric power.

Sheets to Pacific Thermo-Nuclear Tests

Salem — (U.P.) — Arthur M. Sheets, Oregon Civil Defense director, will join observers for the forthcoming mid-Pacific atomic tests.

Col. Sheets is one of about 15 civilians representing Civil Defense and other agencies at the thermo-nuclear tests.

Only other Oregonian making the trip is Jack Lowe, Portland CD director, who is representing Mayor Fred L. Peterson.

The tests, being held on Eniwetok and Bikini islands, will include ground or tower "shots," of test devices, air drops and missile firings of operational weapons, and the firing of prototypes of production models.

Sheets and Lowe will be flown from Honolulu to the islands of Kwajalein, and will travel from there to the test area by ship.

Bids Called for Lands Of Indian Allotments

Portland — (U.P.) — Bids will be received until 2 p.m. May 2 for parcels of Indian lands in Lincoln and Polk counties, the Bureau of Indian Affairs announced Saturday.

Twelve of the parcels of land are Indian allotments or remaining unallotted portions. Four tracts are tribal lands. Most of the tracts, ranging from 40 to 145 acres, are timbered.

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Big Dipper Is Conspicuous Part of Famous Star Group

By FAY VAN SCHOIACK
"Arthur's slow wain its course doth roll,
"In utter darkness,
"round the pole,"

So wrote Sir Walter Scott in "The Lay of the Last Minstrel."

The "slow wain" is none other than the Big Dipper which forms the conspicuous part of the Great Bear or Ursa Major, and is one of the oldest and most famous of all star figures.

"Charles' Wain"

In Great Britain it is often referred to as "Charles' Wain." "Thor's Wagon," the Scandinavians named it, while to the Greeks and Romans it represented a plow with oxen. Early Egyptians saw the hind quarter of an animal in these seven stars; hence, the term, "Bull's Thigh." Chinese names for the Big Dipper are the "Divinity of the North," "Corn Measure," and "The Ladle."

Do you recall the Old Testament story of the 40 children who mocked the prophet, Elijah? In Hebrew tradition, the "slow wain" sometimes represents the bear that killed the children and at other times the chariot which carried the prophet to Heaven.

The "Corn Measure" is a most interesting star group. Have you noticed the little extra star above the middle star in the handle? Given clear skies, the moonless evenings during the first week of May will offer an excellent opportunity for observation of Mizar and its little companion, Alcor. These names, given by the Arabs, mean horse and rider. Most people with good eyesight can see tiny Alcor with the naked eye, but binoculars may be an aid to some.

Largest Time-Piece
The largest time-piece we have is the Big Dipper! It is actually a huge clock hand on a 24-hour dial, but the "hand" moves backwards and is not in the same position each night at the same hour. On May 5, at 8 p.m., the cup will be upside-down and very high in the center of the northern sky. This same position will be attained at 7:56 p.m. on May 6, as each night a given point is reached approximately four minutes earlier than the night before. By observation, anyone can soon learn to use this celestial clock.

The Big Dipper is not a constellation. It is a sky figure composed of the seven brightest stars in the constellation Ursa Major or the Great Bear, and forms the body and tail of that mythical beast. The legs and forepart of the animal are represented by dim stars which are often obscured by clouds or haze, though all or part of the stars in the Dipper are visible.

Easy to Locate
During the month of May it is easy to locate all the stars in Ursa Major. By 8 p.m. on May 1, "Thor's Wagon" will ride upside down high in the northern heavens, slightly east of the meridian.

Extending upward from the star near the handle, and in the bottom of the cup, the hind legs of the Great Bear reach to the zenith or middle of the sky. One

leg is nearly vertical and the other is bent as if the Bear is taking a step. Two faint stars in line with the top stars of the cup and opposite the handle form the head and shoulder of this creature. Only one front leg, a broken line of faint stars pointing upward from the shoulder, is visible.

Many are the stories that have been told about this well-known star figure. Some Indian tribes said the bowl was the medicine man; Mizar was the medicine man's wife and Alcor her tiny papoose. The last star in the handle was a dog owned by the medicine man's wife.

The Iroquois Indians said that a group of braves were stalking a bear on a holy day, when a giant captured and killed all but three of the hunters. Then the bear and the bear were then placed in the sky, where the bear formed the cup and the three warriors the stars in the handle of the Dipper.

According to the Basques of the Pyrenees, the Saviour, tired and weary, was walking along the shore of Lake Galilee.

"Would you like to ride?" asked a farmer driving by, not knowing that he was helping the Christ. For this kind act, the farmer and his wagon were transported to the heavens, where they may be seen on any clear night.

Several Jackson County Schools In SOC Music Contests

Several Jackson county music groups were among those performing at Southern Oregon college Friday at the annual music contests sponsored by the Southern Oregon Musical Education association.

Oscar C. Bjorlie, head of the SOC music department and chairman of the event, reported more than 2,600 Oregon junior and high school music students participated in the contests.

Bands, orchestras and choruses in various divisions were rated by judges by a point-scoring system.

Jackson county music groups represented in the competition were McLaughlin Junior High band no. 2; Jacksonville Junior High chorus; St. Mary's High band; Central Point Junior High band; Jacksonville High band; Medford Junior High orchestra.

Medford High boys' chorus; Jacksonville High chorus; Medford High girls' chorus; Crater High chorus; Eagle Point High band; Medford High choir; Medford High band; and Phoenix grade school band.

Judges were Sam Smith, Clark college, Vancouver, Wash.; Charles W. Lawrence, University of Washington, Seattle; R. B. Walls, Oregon State college, Corvallis; Frank Arnold, Tacoma public schools; Dan Backman, Humboldt State college, Arcata, Calif.; and Dr. William Swettman, Salem



A. S. TAYLOR
Accepts Position

Dr. Taylor to Teach In N. Y. This Summer

Ashland—Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, chairman of the social science division at Southern Oregon college, has accepted a teaching position for the summer at the State University Teachers college at Oneonta, N. Y. He will teach graduate courses in cultural anthropology and in social problems.

Co-author of the social science textbook used throughout several schools throughout the United States, Dr. Taylor has also written a number of magazine, book, and educational journal articles in the field. He is active in the Oregon Historical society and has taken an interest in the history of southern Oregon as a geographical and political entity.

He formerly taught summer sessions at the University of Ore-

gon, Portland State college, the University of Southern California, and at New York State university.

Dr. Taylor will leave with his family in the middle of June and will return to his teaching duties at Southern Oregon college in the fall of 1956.

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Mailings for Cancer drive solicitations have been completed. Work of addressing and stuffing envelopes was done by members of typewriting classes.

Business education students were guests of the Robertson School of Business of Medford, April 16. They had a chance to see the latest in office machines and equipment and to see business classes being conducted. Those making the trip were Janice Smith, Judy Farrar, Darlene Nelson, Lois Biles, Janet Robinson and Oliva DeVore. They were accompanied on the

trip by Mr. and Mrs. Cal Marceau.

Marcia Ann Thayer has been appointed as treasurer of the Rogue River High School Student Body for the school year 1956-57.

Oregon state civil service tests were administered at the High school last week to business education students interested in working for the state. Both the stenographic and clerical tests were given. They were taken by Lois Biles, Janet Robinson, Judy Farrar, Janice Smith, Irene Bringmann, and Dorothy Boucher.

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