



TAUGHT HER FATHER, did 64-year-old Casimir Orzechowski, former Mosinee, Wis., schoolteacher, and now he plans to wed the next generation of the Hawro family, 15-year-old Helen. They will live on his farm. (International)

Vision Clinic Planned For Students Friday

A free, public service "Back-to-School" vision screening clinic for students of all grades in the Medford area has been scheduled for Friday at the Lincoln Elementary school gym.

The clinic is co-sponsored by the Medford Lions' club and the members in this area of the Vision Conservation Institute of the Northwest, a non-profit organization devoted to public education in the care and preservation of vision.

Object Reported
Object of the clinic, according to Herb Seitz, Lions' club president, is to inform parents whether or not their children's vision is "ready for school."

Testing method used, he said, is one developed over a period of years by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and just released for public use in the last 12 months.

"Seven simple tests are given for visual efficiency at all distances," Seitz stated. "If a child fails to pass one of them, a visual problem is indicated and his or her vision should be examined by a vision specialist of the parents' choice."

Other Objective
Another objective of the clinic, he said, is to expand the body of knowledge about the visual efficiency of students in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. No last names will be taken, but detailed

results of each test will be forwarded to the Institute's headquarters in Tacoma for comparison and analysis.

The clinic will be open to all residents of the area from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. The examinations will be conducted by the Medford Lions.

Study Told

In a study of 5,000 case histories conducted last year by the Institute, 9 out of 10 students showed an immediate improvement in reading and learning ability following proper vision care, Seitz explained.

Robert Nelson, graduate student from Pacific university's college of optometry, will supervise the screening for the Vision Conservation Institute.

Oregon City Youth Killed Going to School

Oregon City — (U.P.) — A nine-year-old boy riding his bicycle to school was struck and killed by an automobile yesterday, police reported. The victim was Ronald Gene Hagan, son of Mrs. Beatrice Rode and stepson of Ernest W. Rode, route 1, Mullino.

The driver, Howard P. Parsons, 48, Molalla, told investigating officers the boy entered an intersection on Highway 213 without stopping. He said he swerved but struck the bicycle about 13 feet south of the intersection.

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Social Security Law Changes To Affect Numerous Farmers

(Editor's Note: The following is one of a series of articles prepared by the Social Security Administration describing the important changes in the Social Security law enacted by Congress this year. According to the local Social Security office, they will affect more than 600 women in Jackson and Josephine counties, some 200 or 300 disabled persons and an unknown but considerable number of lawyers, dentists and other professional people as well as farmers.)

Changes in social security, which became law this summer, will affect many farmers and their families. This is true whether they own farms, rent them or do farm work for others.

Change Explained
Since 1954, earnings from self-employment as a farmer or rancher have counted toward old-age and survivors insurance. The new law doesn't change that. Under the old law, however, farmers did not get social security credit for cash or crop shares received as rent for land.

Income from farm land which was let out to someone else, even if on a share-farming basis, was regarded as rentals from real estate and did not count toward social security. The man who

had only this kind of income from his farm was regarded simply as a landowner, not a self-employed farmer.

Still Excluded

In many cases, income of this type is still excluded from social security coverage. If a farmer simply collects rent for the land, that's still rental from real estate. Under the 1956 amendments to the law, however, the

cash or crop shares a farm owner receives from a tenant or share-farmer is regarded as farm income which will be credited to his social security account if he "materially participates" in the management or production of the farm commodities.

Let's say a farmer owns some farm land, or holds farm property under lease, and in turn rents it to someone else. If he

simply collects rent for the land, that's still rental from real estate. He shouldn't report it as self-employment farm income for social security purposes.

On the other hand, if he lets out the land to a share-farmer, but still takes an important part in the growing of the crop or the management of the production of the crop on that land under an arrangement with the renter, that's most likely "material participation." In that case, the money he realizes from the transaction would not be rental income but farm income. It would count toward old-age and survivors insurance protection.

Material Participant

If a farmer has a definite arrangement with the user where by he regularly advises and consults with the user on the production of the crop or livestock, regularly inspects the operation, and has a hand in the management, this would be a strong indication that he "materially participates." If he also furnishes the renter with tools, livestock, and farm equipment, or finance any of these, this would be further evidence of "material participation" on the farmer's part.

This change in the law will afford protection under old-age and survivors insurance to an estimated 400,000 additional farmers. It is effective beginning with taxable years ending after 1955.

British Firm Bids Low on Wire Supply

Portland — (U.P.) — A British firm Tuesday submitted what appeared to be the lowest of 17 bids for supplying wire and cable for The Dalles dam powerhouse at The Dalles, Ore.

But Col. Jackson Graham, Portland district engineer for the Corps of Engineers, took all 17 bids under advisement. He said the British bid, by British Insulated Callender's Cables, Ltd., London, did not include federal, state and local taxes. Graham said the firm also failed to acknowledge an addendum to the invitation.

The British bid was \$11,597, \$26,940 and \$1,299 on three schedules. The project involves 208,000 lineal feet of wire and cable that must be furnished on or before June 1, 1957.

CAA Announces New Changes in Offices

Washington — (U.P.) — The Civil Aeronautics Administration Tuesday announced an administrative reorganization aimed at achieving "greater safety in civil aviation."

The main change is splitting the Office of Federal Airways into two new offices, one for air traffic control and one for air navigation facilities. Each will be responsible directly to CAA Administrator C. J. Lowen.

Deputy CAA Administrator James T. Pyle said the move should enable the agency to better handle increasing air traffic. He said it also should help speed a \$246 million program authorized by Congress to improve and expand air traffic control and navigation aids.

Man Tries to Kill Self in Payette Jail

Payette, Ida. — (U.P.) — Payette County Sheriff Ray Stephens said a man his officers were holding for questioning about a slaying near here Tuesday tried to kill himself in the county jail this morning.

The sheriff said Luther Lyman Dubose, 53, cut both of his wrists and one leg with the sharp edge of a tin can that he apparently found or smuggled into his jail cell. Dubose was hospitalized at the Payette hospital.

Dubose was being held in connection with the slaying of 52-year-old Ruth Patton—the mother of two girls—in a laborers' cabin south of Payette. Stephens said the death apparently climaxed an argument yesterday afternoon over wages from fruit pickings.

Portland — (U.P.) — Firemen were kept busy for hours here last night when a dozen false fire alarms were turned in.

Pinball Education Attempt is Failure

Portland — (U.P.) — Coin machine operators yesterday failed in their attempt to educate the public in the use of pinball machines.

The pinball industry sought city council approval to set up a few pinball machines in a downtown location with attendants to explain their operation. They had hoped to make it part of their campaign to legalize the devices at the November election.

But the city council ruled that an existing ordinance makes mere possession of the machines illegal and councilmen denied

that they were infringing on the freedom of speech of the pinball operators.

Grandma Moses To Observe 96th Year

Eaglebridge, N. Y. — (U.P.) — The foremost citizen of this village celebrates her 96th birthday Friday. She is Mrs. Anna Mary Robertson, better known to millions as Grandma Moses.

No special celebration is planned at the home of the famed primitive painter, but members of her family and friends are expected to drop in for a visit.

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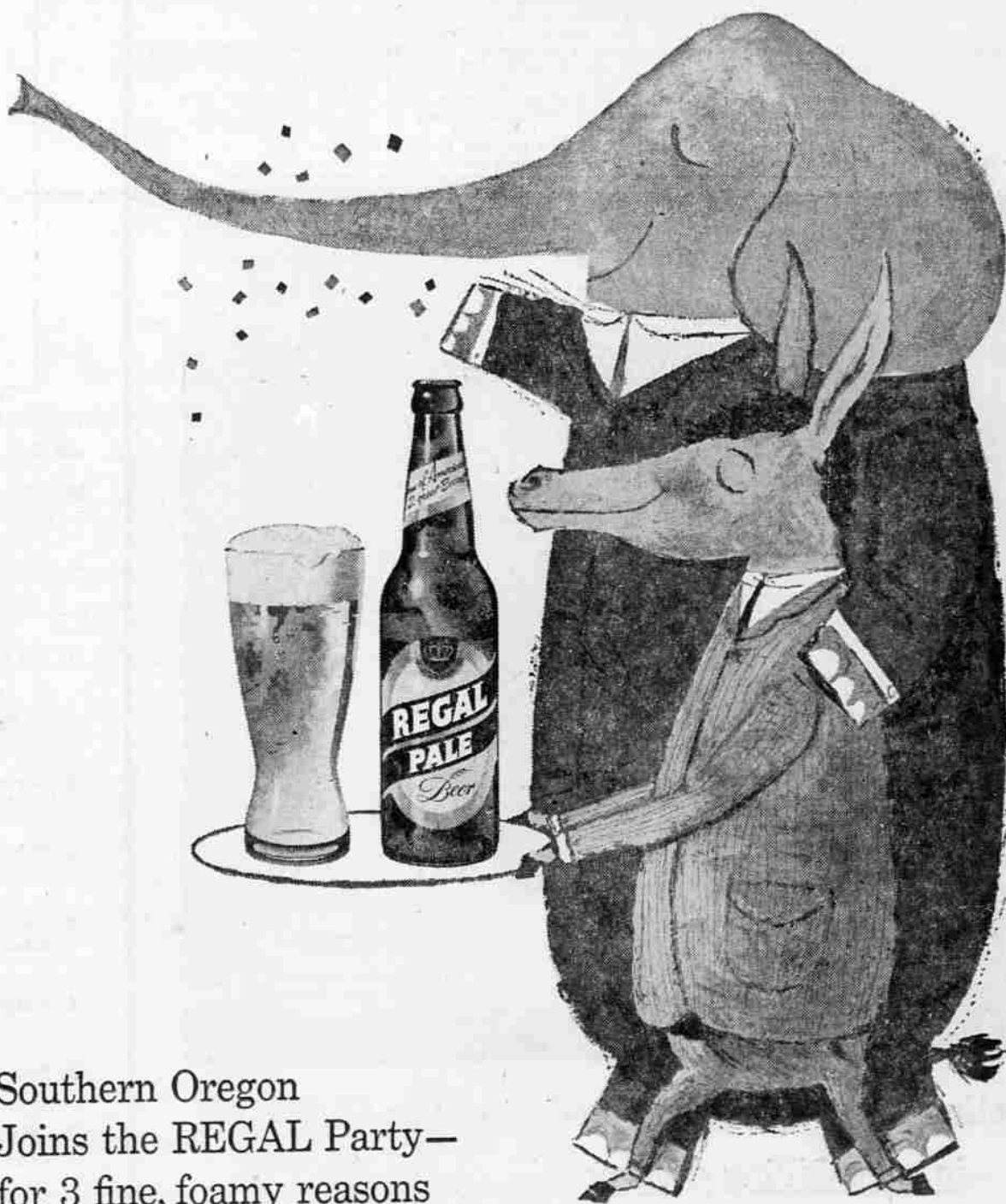
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