

## 'Great Decisions' Started in Oregon First Time in '55

Portland — "Great Decisions" now a nationwide program, got its start in Oregon.

It began with the idea of the Foreign Policy association that the nation needed a way of getting information on international affairs to the public, so citizens could form their own opinions.

Oregon was selected as the pilot state for the experimental "Great Decisions" project in 1955. In cooperation with the World Affairs Council of Oregon and volunteer committees, the FPA set up the first community-wide "Great Decisions" programs in Portland, Corvallis, Eugene, Springfield and Medford.

More than 1,500 Oregonians in 141 discussion groups started out the program in 1955. By 1956 it had expanded to more than 2,000 citizens in 175 groups. More than 70 per cent of those in groups had never before participated in discussion of foreign policy.

This year 20 counties in Oregon have organized "Great Decisions" . . . 1957" committees and councils. Statewide, the program is being sponsored by the Oregon State college extension service in cooperation with the general extension division of the state system of higher education, the Oregon state library and the FPA to assist local committees.

Success of the pilot program in Oregon has led the FPA to make it a national program. Already "Decisions" programs have been set up in Washington, Massachusetts, Michigan, Connecticut, Wyoming, Ohio, Iowa and New York. However, these are mainly confined to urban areas; Oregon still pioneers in the expansion of the program to areas outside major population centers.

## The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a woman's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice, it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mr. D. D.—Our boy is a problem. I want to send him to military school.

Mrs. D. D.—Those places are too tough on young boys.

Mr. D. D.—We have a family of four boys and one daughter. We have always been a pretty happy bunch and the kids have been normal, fairly well-behaved youngsters.

Recently the middle boy, who is 14, has started acting up and has given us quite a problem. He was always the quietest of the boys, but now he wants to fight all the time and never talks without shouting. When he gets into a battle with his older brothers, he always gets the worst end of it, but that doesn't seem to stop him. He is constantly after a new fight. He tortures his kid sister with the meanest kind of teasing.

I feel he is a bad influence on all of the kids. He provokes the older ones to taking a tough attitude toward him and he is a bad example for the younger ones. I want to get him out of the house for a year or two and send him to a military academy where he can learn some discipline, but my wife objects.

Mrs. D. D.—It's true that Andy is very hard to take at this time, but I am against children going away from home until they are at least 18.

My own brother went to a military academy and I feel it did him a lot of damage. He has told me he was always homesick and never could get along with either the instructors or his fellow students. He said he has always felt himself a failure because he could not live up to the ideals of the school. It seems to me these places are too tough on young boys.

I feel that Andy is just going through a stage and it will blow over soon. He is extremely well-behaved, in fact rather timid, outside of the house. I have no fear of his getting into any serious trouble. I've told the younger kids not to put up with any of Andy's nonsense, but to let their father know when he bothers them. I feel that it is a father's responsibility to discipline his own boys.

The Council: A military academy is not necessarily "too tough" on boys and often serves as a good background. It is doubtful, however, whether it would be the best thing for Andy at this time.

Andy knows he is in bad with the whole family right now and sending him away from home would be considered by him a harsh punishment. It would be different if his elder brothers had gone or were going to such a school, but singling him out as the only child to be sent away could only be interpreted in one way—"they don't want me."

This is particularly serious in view of the fact that Andy appears to be engaged in a struggle for recognition in his family. As the middle child he may feel smothered between the elder, stronger ones and the younger,

## On The Side

By E. V. Durling  
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If a man has his hair at the age of 50, he will have it the rest of his life. Such is the claim of an expert on baldness. . . . A department store saleswoman says the odds are 10 to 1 against any husband knowing the clothes sizes of his wife. How about you, sir?

**Please Note**  
The head man of two of New York City's largest hotels once told me they broke even on rooms, lost money on food and made 85 per cent profit on liquor. He added, "If it weren't for the liquor, we would have to shut down."

**Asides**  
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 20) people make the best parents, grammar school teachers and "baby sitters. They have unusual talent for handling children. Or, so say the stargazers. . . . How is your family physician as a birth date prophet? What is the closest he has come to predicting the date of an expected arrival? The odds against a physician predicting the exact date of a birth are 100 to 1. More infants arrive later than the doctor predicted than before.

**Get It Right**  
The word "blarney" is much misunderstood and therefore frequently used incorrectly. Blarney does not mean insincere flattery. It is a kind of sweet, persuasive eloquence used to influence another person, especially a beautiful woman.

**Miscellany**  
Generally speaking, one in every six marriages in the United States ends in divorce. However, in marriages where both man and wife are college graduates, only one in 75 ends in divorce. . . . How are you on dancing the rumba? Did you know that dance satirizes the baryard courtship of a rooster and a hen?

## Training Confab Started by BLM

The Medford district of the bureau of land management started a 10-day training conference for its 37 foresters Monday, according to E. K. Peterson, district forester.

Training sessions were held three days this week and will continue one or two days each week until the middle of February. The conference is being held during the winter to minimize interference with regular district activities, Peterson said.

The training program includes a review of most district activities. Subjects of the conferences include aerial photography for use on forest inventories, preparation of long range management plans, preparation and supervision of timber sale contracts, reforestation, processing of rights-of-way and easements for logging roads, logging road engineering, timber trespasses, land exchanges, grazing leases and range improvements, mineral examinations, recreation planning and small tract leases, fire protection and blizzard control and administrative matters.

Instructors are members of the district staff as well as specialists from the state office in Portland, Peterson said. Officials attending have been Travis Tyrrell, area staff officer from O&C lands was here Monday, William Sankela, in charge of forest inventory for Oregon Tuesday, and Carroll Dubur, staff assistant assigned to the state BLM office Wednesday.

**Almost Confidential**  
My typewriter ribbon changing troubles are over. I have discovered a ribbon that can be changed in 10 seconds or less. . . . Received a card from Phyllis Lillis Willis McGillis of Los Angeles. It is rumored a group of members of the My Name Is A Poem Club headed by Truly Doolley of Providence, will try to persuade Phyllis to run for the Presidency of My Name Is A Poem Club to displace Hugh Blue.

**Morning Meal**  
New Englanders are this country's heartiest breakfast eaters. It has been ever thus. In 1806, John Lambert, a traveler visiting Massachusetts, wrote, "We had a typical New England breakfast consisting of eggs, fried pork, beefsteaks, apple tarts, pie, pickles, cheese, cider, tea, and toast dipped in melted butter and milk."

**HORNBROOK Grade School Needs Seen**  
By MRS. H. H. CHAPMAN  
The report of the Siskiyou County grand jury for 1956 filed last week with Superior Court Judge James M. Allen, submitted the following concerning the Hornbrook grammar school: "The school building needs considerable repair. However, we understand that there is to be an addition to the school in the near future and that the old building is to be completely renovated at that time. New wiring and lighting throughout the entire building is badly needed. Also the playground needs work done on it and new playground equipment added." A bond issue of some \$140,000 was approved last June by vote of Hornbrook residents, which will take care of the building improvements recommended by the grand jury. Their report then continues, concerning the water situation at the school. "The well water used at the school, and the only water available for the children is sulphur water and almost impossible to drink. We

would strongly recommend that a new well be drilled and good water made available." This is a problem that has vexed several generations of Hornbrook children, and been of concern to their parents. As the grand jury pointed out, it is the "only water available, and good water should be made available." It would be greatly appreciated by local residents if it could be explained just how this was to be accomplished. In the past three wells have been dug at the school, and none have been satisfactory.

Funeral services for John C. Indahl were held Monday afternoon in the Hornbrook Community church. The Rev. Lewis A. Manning officiated, and burial was in the Henley-Hornbrook cemetery.

Mr. Indahl passed away Thursday night in the Siskiyou County General hospital in Yreka, where he had been a patient for several months following a stroke.

He was born in Norway, July 1, 1888, and had made his home in Hornbrook for the past three years after retiring as a machinist from the Fruit Growers Supply company at Hills. He is survived by a son, Arthur Indahl of Hoodport, Wash., and a daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Peinier of Seattle. Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Leah Robertson of Tacoma, and a half-brother and two half-sisters.

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**POSTS REWARD**—Actress Marie McDonald posts a \$5000 reward with the City National Bank of Beverly Hills, Calif. for information leading to the arrest and or conviction of the two men who kidnaped and beat her.

## Clothing Collected Here Exceeds Ton

Total poundage of clothing collected by the Medford chapter, Oregon United Nations association, for Hungarian relief, exceeded one ton, local members have announced.

The Medford UN group said they have received a letter from San Francisco regional office of the American Friends Service committee acknowledging receipt of the clothing.

The clothing was shipped after first receiving free laundry service from the Medford Domestic Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Crystal White Laundry and Dry Cleaners, and American Laundry. The free cleaning offer was sponsored by the Oregon State Laundry Owners association.

The AFSC office in San Francisco thanked the local UN chapter for shipping such "a fine collection of clothing and send them in such good condition." Pierce Auto Freight, 795 South Riverside ave., Medford, shipped the clothing to San Francisco without charge. The clothing was taken to American Friends Service committee, world-wide relief organization.

## Annual Meetings Here

Corvallis — Two agricultural organizations will hold annual meetings in Medford during February, according to the Oregon State college extension service.

The Southern Oregon Production Credit association will meet here Feb. 13 and the eighth annual northwest perishable loss short course will be held in the Jackson county courthouse at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 20-21.

## WCTU Protests Wine At Inauguration Balls

Evanston, Ill. — (U.P.) — The president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union Wednesday night sent a telegram to President Eisenhower protesting plans to serve wine at the four inaugural balls next Monday.

Mrs. Glenn G. Hayes said she was "amazed and disillusioned" at what she termed a "reversal in policy" by the admin-

istration in planning to serve wine at the inaugural functions. "May I respectfully request that only non-alcoholic beverage be served on this historic occasion," the telegram said in part.

Mrs. Hayes said she had been informed by the WCTU's Washington office that it was planned to serve 500 cases of wine at the four balls.

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