

Bureau of Older Persons Object of Northwest Solons

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Washington—Creation of a Bureau of Older Persons in the federal government to look after the most pressing problems of the nation's senior citizens is expected to be one of the issues to come up before the 85th Congress has written its complete record.

Two Northwest lawmakers—Rep. Don Magnuson (D-Wash.) and Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.)—are among the sponsors of legislation that would establish for the first time an agency devoted exclusively to finding solutions to the varied problems facing older persons.

Administration Opposed
The Eisenhower administration has indicated it is opposed to creating a new bureau for this purpose, believing that the established agencies which already are working in this field can do the job. Last spring the President created a Federal Council on Aging to try to improve the effectiveness of existing government agencies, each of which has a representative on the council. Its chairman is Marion B. Folsom, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

The administration's attitude was voiced by Assistant Secretary Roswell Perkins, whose idea the council was. He said he thought it wrong to create a bureau which would have the psychological effect of gathering under its wing every person when he reached a stage in life where he was considered "older" and no longer capable of being a part of the mainstream of American life.

Becoming Important
The issue is becoming more important because of the increasing number of older persons in this country. There are now about 14½ million persons in this country who have reached or passed the age of 65, and the number is rapidly increasing, thanks to medical science which is lengthening the life expectancy. This indicates why members of Congress are growing more and more responsive to the needs and desires of the nation's older persons, who as a group represent a very sizable voting bloc.

Whether or not Congress and the Eisenhower administration get together on this issue, continued attention will be given to improving conditions for older persons in other ways.

The Labor Department recently started a new program to help older women gain employment after it found that about one-third of the unemployed in this

country are regarded as older women. The Civil Service Commission has taken the lead in breaking down the age barrier to employment by eliminating the age factor in hiring considerations for federal jobs.

The Housing and Home Finance Agency is working out new methods of encouraging construction of housing designed especially for older persons, with such features as non-skid floors and strategically placed hand grips around bathtubs and shower stalls.

Working Out Terms
Under a housing bill passed last year, HHFA has also been working out financial terms to permit more older persons on

limited incomes to purchase modest, pleasant homes. This is to cope with the situation today which finds 19 per cent of the men and 31 per cent of the women who have reached 65 not having homes of their own in which to enjoy their years of retirement. The problem is basically because the average income of older couples is \$1,500 annually.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) has said he will try to get the age of women to receive social security benefits reduced to 60 years. Congress last session dropped it from 65 to 62. Other proposals are expected in the weeks ahead, as Congress pays increasing attention to the concerns of senior citizens.

Civil Service Offers Job Examinations

The 11th civil service region, 302 Federal Office Building, Seattle, Wash., has announced an examination for the position of training officer, paying \$5,440 to \$6,390 a year.

Position to be filled are in the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Applications will be accepted until Feb. 14.

The central board of civil service examiners, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colo., will accept application until further notice for the position of soil scientist for land classification and survey, paying \$3,670 a year. The announcement is primarily for the department of the interior and positions are located in the 17 western states, including Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.



SMILING Ingrid Bergman steps from plane in New York for first time in seven years. She came to get film award for performance in Anastasia. (International)

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Holmes Will Urge Industrial Agency

Washington — (U.P.) — Gov. Robert D. Holmes told a news conference here Monday that he expects to go before the Oregon Legislature next week to deliver a special message urging the establishment of a new state agency to foster industrial development.

The governor said he believed new appropriations would be needed for the proposed agency but that some funds could be diverted from the Oregon Development Commission's budget.

Gov. Holmes said he hoped to return to the nation's capitol to represent Oregon at Congressional hearings on the John Day and Hells Canyon dam proposals.

Supreme Court To Hear Blacklisting Complaints

Washington — (U.P.) — The Supreme Court has agreed to hear a complaint by 23 writers and actors that they were blacklisted by the motion picture industry for refusing to answer Communist questions.

Portland — (U.P.) — Donald Broehl has been named as resident engineer for Portland General Electric company's Pelton dam project on the Deschutes river.

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — The 92nd annual convention of the National Wool Growers association is under way here.

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Bees Caught in Certain Sound Frequencies Become Inactive

By DELOS SMITH
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New York — (U.P.) — Science has learned a little more about honey bees, but this little may be all that is needed for anyone to play safely with the fascinating if dangerous little creatures.

The new knowledge is that when a bee hive is caught in sound waves of certain frequencies of high intensity, every bee in the hive stops whatever it was doing and stands still. While the noise continues, you can put

your naked hands into the hive without the least worry—the bees seem paralyzed.

An odd thing is that sound waves below or above those frequencies or of lesser intensity, do nothing to the bees. They seem to ignore those waves and with undiminished energy hasten to defend the home-hive against any and all threats.

Sound Waves Felt
Hubert Frings and Frank Little of Pennsylvania State University, who acquired this in-

formation through careful experimentation, thought the bees felt the sound waves in their legs rather than heard them. So far as is known, bees don't hear in the sense that we hear, but it has been known since the days of the ancient Greeks that sounds mean things to them.

For instance, the old Greeks knew honey bees themselves made sounds while doing certain things. Since no activity of the bee represents waste, those sounds must mean things to other bees. Bee scientists have never ceased to argue over what those things might be.

Frings and Little put their sound oscillators either against or close to the hives, so that the vibrations of sound waves actually vibrated the hive. They noticed throughout that bees outside the hive and bees in the entrance seemed to be entirely unaffected.

Frequencies beginning at 300 cycles per second and upward to 1,000 cycles at intensities between 107 and 116 decibels, made the bees stand still. "The completeness of the bees was so quiet," they said in their report to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, "that a beekeeper could safely open the hive and carry out routine servicing."

Their experimenting first with bees in experimental hives which had glass sides so they could see what was going on within. Switching to standard hives, they found no differences in what happened. They repeated the experiments over several months with the same groups of bees and found that the bees didn't stop reacting.

Their sound-making equipment was expensive, as it has to be when frequencies and intensities can be varied and precisely controlled. Therefore, it hardly would pay to buy it merely to use it on bees. Professional beekeepers now use smoke to make bees logy and harmless, but that requires skill and trouble. The scientists suggested that inexpensive vibrators could be attached to hives and might work as well. However, nearby human ears would have to be plugged—sounds of such frequencies and intensities are most unpleasant.

Quellette Appointed
Clifford Quellette has been appointed chairman of the local veterans legislation committee, Charles Holbrook, commander of American Legion post 15, has announced.

Frank VanDyke, Robert Dames and Joe Flegel will assist on the committee. These men will work with the state veterans legislation committee and will be in touch with legislative developments in Salem, it was reported.

Seawolf Operating Under Nuclear Power

Groton, Conn. — (U.P.) — The Seawolf, second atomic powered submarine built for the Navy, is operating at sea under nuclear power, it was learned today.

There was no indication as to how long the Seawolf had been at sea as a part of its builders' trials.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling
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As the delicate rose,
To the sun's sweet strength
Doth herself unfold
Breath and length,
So spread my heart to you.
—D. G. Rossetti

Are you eligible for membership in the Borrowed Time club? Those who have lived for years after the doctors gave up hope for them and people who have had narrow escapes from death are eligible for that club. As for example, Sam T. Webb, fireman on the Cannonball Express of which Casey Jones was the engineer. Sam jumped to safety a second or two before the express hit that freight train. Another eligible is Betty Oliver. She was operating the elevator at the 80th floor of the Empire State building when that bomber hit the structure and cut the cables. Betty and the elevator dropped 80 stories or about 1,000 feet! Betty survived.

Horses and Women
A New Yorker who is highly regarded as a discerning judge of horses and women, especially women, has sent us an extremely enthusiastic report regarding the pulchritude of the girls of Guadalajara, Mexico, where he is spending the winter. He rates

them above the Milan, Italy, blondes, the brunettes of Seville, Spain, and the Edinburgh, Scotland, redheads. However, he fails to mention whether these Guadalajara glamour girls are amiable and friendly to visitors to their fair city. I am checking on this angle immediately for the benefit of our bachelor clientele.

Philadelphian
A Philadelphian says his favorite breakfast is fried catfish covered with maple syrup. That certainly is a curious culinary combination, I have noticed that people who are fond of maple syrup have no control over themselves. I know a fellow who puts maple syrup on poached eggs.

Sidelights
It was Daphne Drake, who said, "Men don't seem to understand that a woman likes to get used to them by degrees." My favorite comic song of all time is "Waiting at the Church" as sung by Vesta Victoria. According to a medical authority there are 27 different types of headaches. Listed among these is one described as the "Mother-in-Law Headache." It is further said that wives are the worst sufferers from "Mother-in-Law Headache."

Eating
A clever woman after long practice can manage to eat spaghetti gracefully but no woman can possibly continue to look charming while eating corn on the cob. That is why that delightful delicacy is never served at dinner parties.

Literary Note

Do you want to be a novelist? Are you interested in art or money? If the latter, consider the career of Ruby M. Ayres, who wrote 150 money making novels. Her income was about \$60,000 a year. All her novels were about love. Very passionate love. She had a formula. She wrote for women. First she decided on a title. As for example "The Remembered Kiss." Then she decided on the characters. After that the plot. All her novels had happy endings. Her heroes were all sweet, wide-eyed and innocent. Her heroines were all somewhat arrogant and slightly brutal. That type of character, Ruby claimed, has a very strong appeal to women. Anyway, it seems to have been a major factor in aiding her to write 150 best sellers. Keep it in mind when you start to write your first novel.

Society

Book Reviewed at Wednesday Club

Mrs. Hazel E. Flurry reviewed "Beloved," by Vina Delmar, at the last meeting of Wednesday Study club, Judah Phillip Benjamin, an American politician, is the central figure in the story and the locale is the old South in the Civil War period. He served in the senate, became attorney-general and later, secretary of state to the Confederacy under Jefferson Davis. Through these colorful scenes move such figures as Dr. Beauregard and Lee.

Mrs. C. P. Thompson gave a review of the book "Marcus Whitman, M.D., Pioneer and Martyr," by Dr. Clifford M. Drury, Dr. Whitman, one of the most romantic and colorful figures in the history of the north-west, was born in 1802 and was killed by Indians of Oregon, November 29, 1847. A monument along the old Oregon Trail at Hagerman, Idaho, contains the following inscription: "Commemorating the Memory of Marcus Whitman, Pioneer Missionary, who in 1836 Brought the First Wagon over the Trappers path that afterward became the Oregon Trail."

Return
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lingaas have returned to their home at 826 Oakgrove road after spending a vacation in the south. They were in southern California for a time and then continued into Mexico and La Paz, Baja California, where Mr. Lingaas went fishing.

Teachers Discuss Basic Studies At PTA Meeting

Central Point — A panel discussion featured a meeting of Central Point Parent Teacher association last Thursday evening in the Junior High school library.

A panel of ten teachers participated in a discussion on the basic studies, which also included art and music, activities as a group, learning the proper methods in using the library, and general information of what is expected of a child of third and fourth grade age.

Principal Charles Meyer announced that \$360 had been turned in to the March of Dimes by the students of the elementary school.

January 24 from 9 to 11 a.m., polio vaccine shots will be given at the Central Point Junior High school. Anyone interested in receiving any vaccine or anyone having any questions concerning these shots may call the school before Wednesday.

Principal George Johns of Jewett Primary school announced that a tape recorder had been purchased with the money donated by the PTA. This recorder will be used to record the voices of the children, especially those having speech difficulties.

MOBILIZE PRINCIPAL
Anaheim, Calif. — (U.P.) — The PTA of the new 42-room Jonas Salk School, largest elementary school in California, has mobilized the school's principal. They gave Principal Melvin Miller a pair of gilded roller skates Monday. He had complained of sore feet caused by making his daily classroom tour.

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