



TALL TALES—Stanley G. Terry, Portland, Ore. pinball operator, dazzles investigators of the Senate labor rackets committee in Washington with tales of \$50,000-\$100,000-a-year profits. He was called before the committee to tell whether he paid \$10,000 to a union boss to buy into a union-controlled pinball machine monopoly.

OFF THE CUFF

Fort Wayne, Ind.—(U.P.)—Paul Shaw, 29, gave Allen county sheriff's deputies the "slip" in a very literal way. Shaw, who is 6 feet 2 and weighs only 142 pounds, was being transferred from the jailhouse to the courthouse Monday for sentencing on burglary charges when he slipped out of his handcuffs and escaped.

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Mentally Retarded Child Can Now Be Taught by Special Training

Editor's note: Following is the second in a three-part series dealing with education of exceptional children.

BY LOUIS CASSELS
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Washington—(U.P.)—About one child in 50 enters the first grade with no chance whatever of graduating from high school.

This child has an I.Q. below 75, on a scale where 100 is the arbitrary figure for normal intelligence. No matter how hard he tries, or how hard his teachers and parents try to help him, he can't make the regular academic grade.

Twenty years ago, he would have become one of the human rejects of the educational machinery. After failing two or three grades, he would have been allowed to drop out of school.

Today, according to a woman

who has done much to make it possible, this mentally-retarded child can stay in school and, through special training programs tailored to his capabilities, can prepare for "an adult life that will be useful, happy and normal in all essential respects."

"We believe," said Dr. Elizabeth M. Kelly, "that a mentally-retarded child who grows up to be self-supporting has achieved as great a victory in life as the bright child who becomes a famous lawyer, doctor or college professor."

"If the parents of a handicapped child accept him for what he is, and plan for his future in realistic terms instead of hopeless dreams, he will find his niche in life. And by the time he is grown, no one will think of him as mentally retarded."

Major Influence

Dr. Kelly is superintendent of special education in the Newark, N. J. public schools, and president of the International Council for Exceptional Children. The council, a department of the National Education Association, has been a major influence in establishing training courses for mentally-retarded children in virtually every U.S. public school system since World War II.

While these courses differ in some details, all are based on the concept that the low-I.Q. child, who may learn next to nothing in the regular classroom, can learn a good deal if put into a separate group under a teacher with special training.

Dr. Kelly said mentally retarded children are generally subdivided into two categories. Those with I.Q.'s in the range of 50 to 75 are described as "educable." Those under 50 are called "trainable."

School programs for "trainable" children focus on helping them achieve self-sufficiency in daily living, and a degree of social adjustment.

"There's not much point in trying to teach these children to read and write," Dr. Kelly said in an interview. "But we've found that they have a greater potential for learning manual skills than was previously thought."

Sheltered Workshops

New Jersey, Ohio and other states have recently begun to establish "sheltered workshops" at which severely retarded children may learn a trade within their capabilities and in which they may continue to work, under proper supervision, after they grow up.

The outlook is brighter for the "educable" child, said Dr. Kelly. With the right kind of teaching, he can master reading, writing and arithmetic. The special classes provided for him also will expose him to science, civics, history, elemental business courses music and art.

There are no fixed grade levels through which he is asked to progress, no hard-and-fast curriculum. The teacher tried to help each child grow in knowledge and experience as far and as fast as his personal capabilities permit.

"We've established that these children can absorb a variety of vocational training," said Dr. Kelly. "They can be prepared for semi-skilled jobs in textile plants and some other industries. Many prove adept at upholstery and tailoring. Some can learn to make change, fill out sales slips and otherwise qualify for jobs as stock clerks or sales clerks."

Tomorrow: Physical and psychological "learning blocks" may handicap a child.

Water Resources Chairman Dies

Springfield, Ore.—(U.P.)—H. E. (Elmer) Maxey, chairman of the Oregon Water Resources Board and former publisher of the Springfield News, died yesterday. He would have been 65 years old today.

Maxey had been in ill health for the past year. An attending physician attributed cause of death to a heart condition.

Maxey was known as the father of Willamette valley flood control.

He was a longtime member of the Willamette Basin Project commission and for many years was its vice chairman.

He was named chairman of the Water Resources Board by the late Gov. Paul Patterson.

Maxey was born March 5, 1892, at Merced, Calif. He was married in 1920 at Spokane to Marian Turner who survives as do two sons, Norman and Bruce, both of Springfield.

Maxey published the Springfield News for 31 years until he sold it April 1, 1954.

He was named Springfield's first citizen in 1949, and was active in civic affairs.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
Clifford Lawrence Gable, failure to transfer title, \$6.
Herman Hall Higday, leaking and sifting load, \$10.
Leonard D. Lewis, violation of basic rule, \$17.50.
Royal Omega Greenman Jr., defective emergency brake, \$6.
CIRCUIT COURT
Blanche Mavis Albert vs. Forrest Henry Albert, divorce complaint.
Louise M. Goetzberger vs. Charles Edward Goetzberger, divorce complaint.
MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION
Gayle Donald Christlieb, 315 North Holly st. Medford, and Sylvia Beatrice Barilla, same address.
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Lumber Camp Songs Being Collected

Ithaca, N. Y.—(U.P.)—A collection of lumber camp songs is being made by an 81-year-old Cochocton, N. Y. man.

Ezra Barhight, who worked in lumber camps in Pennsylvania 60 years ago, is tape recording some of the songs he learned there.

"We used to get together, 30 or 40 of us, in the lobby of the camp and sing songs until midnight," Barhight recalled.

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Tuesday, March 5, 1957

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THIRTEEN

Two Rifles Checked In Dalles Shooting

The Dalles — (U.P.) — Two rifles belonging to teen-age boys here were sent to the state crime laboratory in Portland today as the possible weapons from which a fatal bullet was accidentally fired into the head of 13-year-old William Willis.

Police said that the two boys reported that they had been targeted shooting in the vicinity of where Willis was struck by the

bullet. The accident occurred near the Columbia river where the boy was walking with his fishing gear.

Hogan said the two .22 caliber rifles would be checked at the crime laboratory to ascertain whether or not the rifling from the bore of either of the weapons matches that of the bullet which struck young Willis.

The mishap occurred about 3

Richmond, Ind.—(U.P.)—Police were "shattered" Monday when they had to close U. S. Highway 40 for an hour and sweep up a mess. A truck driver following a car had to jam on his brakes when the car came to a sudden halt. The truck was carrying eight panes of glass, each nine feet square and a half inch thick.

p.m. Sunday. The boy was transferred to a Portland hospital for special surgery but died about seven hours later.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington—Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn on the drive to slash \$6.8 billion from President Eisenhower's \$71.8 billion budget as a step toward tax cuts:
"You can talk all you want about cutting the budget by \$5 billion. But that just isn't going to be done."

Hollywood—Superior Judge Edward R. Brand on a 59-page settlement which was filed by Mairy Alice Loesser, wife of songwriter Frank Loesser and producer of the Broadway hit "Most Happy Fella," granting Mrs. Loesser \$50,000 a year alimony plus other large financial benefits:
"I don't know whether this is going to make your husband a 'Most Happy Fella.'"

Chicago—AFL-CIO Vice President James H. Carey warning the Teamsters Union which is now being investigated by a special Senate subcommittee:
"If they don't mend their ways they're in danger of expulsion. One corrupt international—or even one corrupt local—is one too many."

China Lake, Calif.—Lt. Cmdr. Glenn A. Tierney, boss of China Lake's guided missile training unit, on the usefulness of their new weapon, the Sidewinder:
"A pilot with a sidewinder is like a fighter going into the ring with a six-foot reach over the other guy."

Tallahassee, Fla.—City Judge John Rudd, addressing one white and two Negro students after he gave them maximum fines and jail terms for sitting together on a bus:
"What is good for you is not always good for a majority and it is sometimes better to wait and receive benefits rather than try to become modern-day martyrs."



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