

Lane County Circuit Judge Fort Discusses Juvenile Delinquency

"The motor car is the major contributory factor to delinquency," Lane county Circuit Judge William S. Fort said at a meeting of the Advisory Council to the Jackson County Juvenile Court.

"The basic causes of delinquency today," he said, "are directly related to changes in civilization in the United States during the past 50 years."

"This is a mobile civilization which is pointed out by the types of crimes committed by the juvenile delinquent today," he said, and continued by saying that car theft, theft from cars, cases involving illegal possession, and burglary, all relate to this trend.

Another Factor

Another contributing factor to delinquency is society's attitude toward the dull normal child.

Girl Testifies To Beatings by Dad

Portland — Janet Dessen, 14, testified in Circuit Court Thursday that her father struck her with his fists, "a stick and a dog chain."

The girl, who now is in the custody of foster parents, was the state's chief witness in the trial of Glen Dessen, 35, for unarmed assault and battery by means of force likely to produce great bodily harm.

The unsmiling girl was asked about Nov. 19, 1956, the day the state charges she was beaten at her home.

"The first — he used his fist, and hit me right there. She pointed to a spot near her eye. Then he used a stick and a dog chain."

She said she was beaten because "I didn't do all my work the way I was supposed to."

Janet identified two sticks she said were used on her.

Under cross-examination Janet said she was happy when she lived with her grandmother and didn't want to live with her parents "because I'd never seen them before."

She told of having to stay out of the house and in the garage because she was "too dirty."

"Do you like your father?" one defense attorney asked.

"I don't like him so much now," she replied.

Argentina Denies Government Crisis

Buenos Aires — President Pedro E. Aramburu said today "there is no crisis" in the Argentine government, but that "invisible strings" were attempting to create unrest.

Aramburu told the United Press in an interview that attempts to provoke unrest would be crushed.

He said he intended to go ahead with his plans to restore constitutional rule in Argentina and that his program has the support of the "country's sound opinion."

Asked about reports of a serious government crisis, Aramburu said:

"We must believe there are certain invisible strings which are moving a bitter campaign to disturb the country and bring the government into disrepute. It is obvious that there is the intention to cause us harm, and therefore we want to warn Argentines and foreigners that they should not make mistakes when evaluating our national situation."

"The ills of the past have been too serious to be cured already, but you can be sure that we march firmly on the way to our recovery... the Argentine people want peace and tranquility in democracy."

President Selected for Yreka Junior College

Yreka, Calif. — M. J. Greenshields, for the past several years dean at Clark Junior college in Vancouver, Wash., has been named president of the Siskiyou county, Calif., junior college which was approved last year by voters.

Governor Signs Bill For Back Salaries

Salem — Gov. Robert D. Holmes has signed into law a measure allowing Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton to pay back salaries and expenses of attorneys who have helped in the Multnomah county vice investigation.

The bill appropriated \$27,612. Another measure, containing \$35,000 for future salaries and expenses of lawyers, is awaiting signature.

Flu Epidemic Over Asia Blamed for Deaths of 1,600

Tokyo — An influenza epidemic sweeping over Asia has afflicted millions with sniffles, bleary eyes, headaches and back pains in the past half year and killed at least 1,600 victims.

Japan, Nationalist China, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Malaya and the Philippines have reported outbreaks which taxed health services and medical supplies to the limit.

In the speed with which it spread, the epidemic has been compared with the deadly "flu" which killed thousands over the world during World War I and the postwar period.

Virulence Less Potent

Generally, its virulence has been less potent than its speed. But at least 1,500 deaths have been traced to the virus in Japan. And the outbreak, rampaging through the Philippines now, is blamed for taking 70 lives there.

Generally, according to a Japanese Welfare Ministry spokesman, sufferers are up and around in three days to one week. Most of the cases are school children.

Because of its relative mildness, quarantine authorities have taken no steps to restrict movements of planes and ships, and though the outbreaks have been called to the attention of international health organizations, no concerted action has yet been taken to fight the disease.

Food Price Boost Hikes Living Cost To Record Level

Washington — The government reported today that a sharp increase in food prices pushed the cost of living to another record level in April.

The rise means an automatic two-cent hourly wage increase for 1,400,000 automotive, farmer equipment and electrical workers.

The Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics said its consumer price index rose three-tenths of 1 per cent between March and April to 119.3 per cent of average 1947-49 prices.

It was the eighth consecutive month in which the index set a record.

The April index was 3.8 per cent higher than a year ago.

Escalator Clauses

The two-cent hourly pay increase will go to workers whose wage contracts contain escalator clauses tied to the cost of living index for April. The increase will be paid June 1, along with an increase of at least six cents an hour for workers in the automobile industry as an annual improvement factor.

The BLS said that higher prices for meats and fresh fruits and vegetables were mainly responsible for the rise in consumer prices. Most other major groups of goods and services, except clothing, also registered increases, however.

BLS Commissioner Ewan Clague said the chances are that the price index will set another record for May.

Chamber Officials From SF Visit Here

Seven officials of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce visited Medford Wednesday as part of a tour through southern Oregon where San Francisco has trade connections. They were all members of the chamber's domestic trade department.

The businessmen included Sidney H. Keil, the chamber's trade department manager; William A. Reanier, marketing manager, Tidewater Associated Oil company; Ray Dempsey, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company; Emmett Fitzpatrick, assistant public relations manager, Southern Pacific railroad; William A. Mooromsky, assistant sales manager, Levi Strauss and Company; David N. Plant, assistant manager, St. Francis hotel; and L. A. (Bud) Swenson, account executive, United Airlines.

The officials met with representatives of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at the Rogue Valley Country club to discuss business and trade area problems.

Purpose of the tour, which is made about every two years, is to sound out economic growth in communities in the San Francisco trade territory to where businesses there might expand, according to Don McNeil, manager of the Jackson county chamber.

Elmendorf-Based Helicopter Crashes

Anchorage, Alaska — A H21 helicopter of the 5039th Air Transport squadron at Elmendorf Air Force base crashed 40 miles northwest of Willow Thursday night, the Air Force reported today.

An Air Force official said only one of the 11 men aboard the helicopter was seriously injured, according to early reports.

Three helicopters of the 71st Air Rescue squadron at Elmendorf were dispatched to the scene.

Names and next of kin were withheld pending notification.

Illness of Monaco Princess Draws Denial

Monaco — Prince Rainier and Princess Grace denied through a palace spokesman today that Princess Caroline has been sick. Contrary to press reports, the spokesman said, Caroline is thriving and now weighs 12 and a half pounds. The princess was four months old Thursday.

Dallas Mops Up Following Storm

Dallas, Tex. — Storm-weary Texans today mopped up the debris left by a savage wind-rain storm that uprooted trees and utility poles, downed power lines and posed new flood threats.

No deaths or injuries were reported.

Many streets were flooded and cluttered with debris after a sudden deluge Thursday dumped nearly four inches of rain in the Dallas area. At least 20 families were evacuated from their already flood-battered homes because of the fresh rains.

At Fort Worth, where 2.28 inches of rain fell, some families were forced to leave their homes when the Trinity river seeped over its banks.

Elsewhere in the state, tornadoes were reported in the air over Mount Pleasant, near Tyler and at San Saba. And in northwestern Louisiana, north of Shreveport, a tornado dipped to earth, but no injuries were reported.

Coos Bay Area Plans Community College

Coos Bay — An organization known as the Southwestern Oregon Community College Association today announced plans to seek formation of a college at Coos Bay under terms of recently enacted legislation at Salem.

First step will be early circulation of petitions for formation of a community college district in the southwest section of the state.

Proportion of signatures obtained in the area between Florence and Port Orford will determine tentative boundaries of the proposed district.

Chicago Treasury Theft Investigated

Chicago — The state's attorney planned a grand jury investigation today into the theft of \$444,289 from the Cook county (Chicago) treasurer's office and said the case had "overtones" of the Hodge scandal.

State's attorney Benjamin S. Adamowski said another \$638,737 also may have been looted to boost the plunder beyond the million-dollar mark.

Treasurer Herbert C. Paschen announced that the shortages were discovered by auditors Thursday.

Adamowski subpoenaed all books and records for the past 10 years from the treasurer's office for a grand jury investigation. He said it probably will take months to fully audit the records.

Adamowski said the funds were embezzled by drawing phony checks on the taxpayers' money, a system similar to that used by imprisoned former state auditor Orville E. Hodge to rob the state treasury of some \$2,500,000.

"There are overtones of similarity with the Hodge scandal," Adamowski, a Republican, said.

Gasoline Dealers Ask Investigation

Roseburg — The executive board of the Oregon Retail Gasoline Dealers Association has asked the FBI to investigate "an attempt to fix retail gasoline prices" by a major oil company in Oregon, according to Ken Gilkeson, president of the Umpqua Retail Gasoline Dealers Association.

"The message," Gilkeson said, "requests an investigation of this matter of which we have convincing evidence that Shell Oil Company is engaging in an attempt to fix retail dealer's gasoline prices in their stations in the state of Oregon."

Gilkeson indicated the message was sent by Dave Potter, secretary-manager of the ORGDA, on instructions from the association's executive board.

McLeod Humes Visit in California

BY CAROLINE L. HARDING

McLeod—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hume spent Saturday May 18 in Crescent City Calif.

Miss Louise Ingle of Prospect was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding at their home on Big Butte Creek Sunday, May 19.

Several folks from this area went to Grants Pass Wednesday May 22 to attend the funeral of Mr. Jesse Eldridge. Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge lived on the Ryan place on Big Butte Creek for several years and then moved to Prospect where they farmed the Walters Ranch in Red Bluff.

Mr. Eldridge had lived in Oregon since 1900 coming here from Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ellis in Medford May 23 after which they attended Griffin Creek Grange.

Quite a bit of vandalism has been committed in and around Crowfoot and Derby Road by some one tearing down signs of property owners on their places.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wagler are the parents of a baby girl born Wednesday, May 22. It was their first child.

MAIL GETS THERE

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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.

Wanda J.—My sister criticizes the way I act with boys.

Maureen J. — I'm trying to help her.

Wanda J.—I am 16 and my sister is a year and a half older. We get along very well except for one thing. My sister is very critical of the way I act with boys.

If one of my friends comes to visit and my sister wanders in, she listens for a while and then makes a face at something I say. Sometimes she pinches or nudges me and once she kicked me under the table—hard enough to make me yelp. She says I make a fool of myself by trying to act too sophisticated.

Recently I was trying to get rid of one particular boy and I treated him very coldly. Maureen chimed in, trying to make him feel at home, and then told him not to pay any attention to me because I had been in a bad mood all day. Now I still have him on my hands.

Maureen J. — Wanda knows that I am trying to help her, not hurt her in any way. Mother told me that I should keep an eye on her because I am older and I have never been giddy the way Wanda is.

Wanda is really lucky to have me. I would have appreciated having someone to tell me things when I was her age. Mother says that teen-age dating is so different these days from the way it was when she was a girl that she just doesn't know how to advise us. It's all up to me and I am trying to see that Wanda doesn't make some of the mistakes I made.

About the boy Wanda tried to get rid of, she was so nasty I couldn't help but feel sorry for him. He happens to be awfully nice. The way she was treating him she'd never see him again.

The Council. — It sounds as though Mother is the real culprit in this case. She has saddled

Maureen with too big a responsibility. Maureen is taking it too seriously. She is not old enough to know how to handle it tactfully.

Mother ought to realize that dating customs may have changed, but social relationships are fundamentally pretty much the same as they always were.

Mother is more frightened than necessary. Wanda does not need constant supervision in all her contacts with boys. She simply needs a place to go for advice on a tricky question. She needs to feel that she can talk things over. Her mother should not wash her hands of this responsibility.

Maureen can be of help too. She can give her opinion and fill in gaps in Mother's knowledge of present-day dating customs. But she, like Mother, should wait until Wanda comes for advice. She should not supervise her sister's conduct with boys and definitely not comment in gestures or words while the boy is present.

Wanda has a right to find her own personal way of dealing with boys. One girl's "mistake" may be another's best move. Wanda must make some mistakes—but they should be her own. No coaching from the sidelines. Maureen!

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Optometrists To Take Part in Safety Month

Optometrists from Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties will participate in Safe Driving month activities scheduled for June.

Dr. R. L. Stephen, Grants Pass optometrist, president of the Southern Oregon Optometric society, said members will serve on the Motorists Vision and Highway Safety committee.

Dr. Stephen said, "Many motorists' defective visual skills can be corrected by modern optometric science. However, the most important phase of safety work is to offer some solution to the problem of the driver with defective visual ability of which the individual is not aware."

Tentative plans call for talks by optometrists at schools and service club meetings. The possibilities of safety forums and round table discussions are also being considered.

Organizations in southern Oregon desiring information on availability of speakers on motorists' vision and highway safety during June may write to the Southern Oregon Optometric society, 11 Almond st., Medford, Dr. Stephen said.

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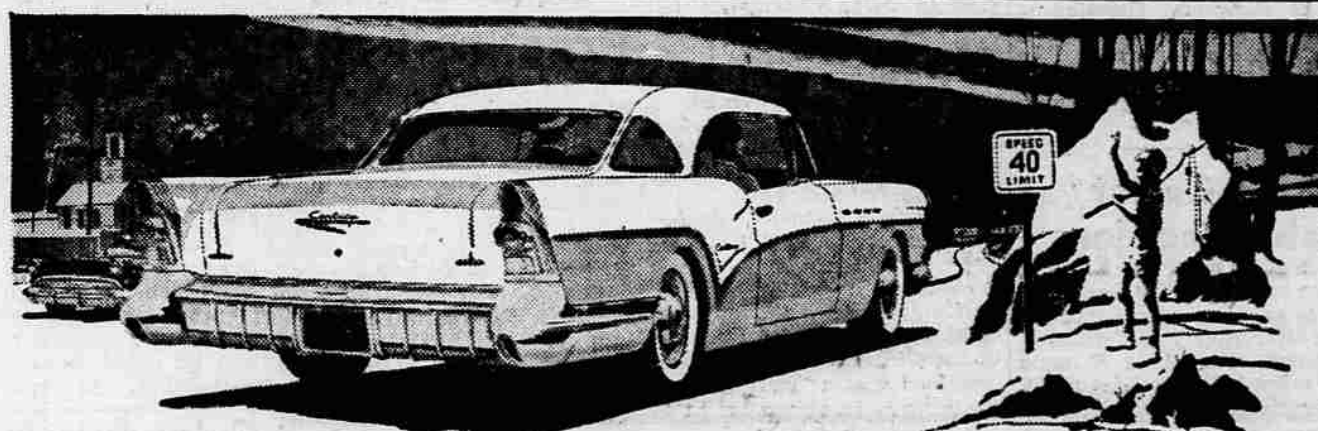
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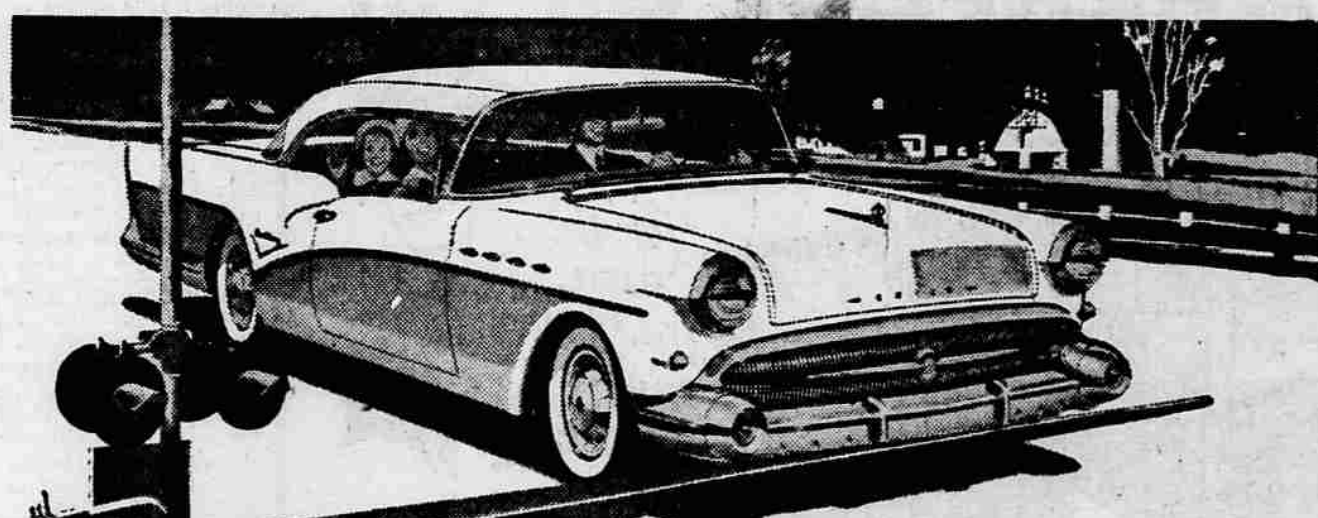
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