

Guardianship Hearing Reviewed; Parts of M-T Story in Error

A Mail Tribune story in Thursday's edition was in error in several points, and misleading in others, it appeared Saturday, following an inspection of a transcript of portions of the hearing in question, and discussion with participants.

The story involved the guardianship hearing for Mrs. Ara Lee Adams, 82. The Mail Tribune's story was based on reports from a source which it believed to be reliable.

The Mail Tribune regrets any embarrassment or confusion caused by the incorrect portions of the story.

Circuit Judge Orval J. Millard, in his summation of the testimony presented at the hearing, and in his decision, appointed Medford Police Capt. Clyde C. Fichtner as guardian for the elderly Medford woman. One of his main reasons for doing so, he said, was because her former guardians, were not able to control her.

The judge's statements were based on the allegations made in the petition for another guardian.

Background Told

According to the background of the case brought out during the hearing, a neighbor suggested Mrs. Ora Lee Adams consult the district attorney after her husband died on June 13, 1955. She did so. A petition was filed for guardianship on July 8, 1955, and hearing Aug. 2, 1955 when the guardians were allegedly appointed.

A sanity hearing was held on March 7, 1957 and she was committed to the Oregon state hospital. It was shortly after that Mrs. Adams' brother-in-law and his wife from California entered the case. Also at about the same time Kelly and Kelly law firm and lawyer Stanley C. C. Jones Jr., were investigating the guardianship at the insistence of the 82-year-old woman's neighbors.

Long A friend

The newly appointed guardian, Captain Fichtner, had long been a friend and neighbor of Mrs. Ora Lee Adams, and was interested in her welfare long before the case came to public notice. It was largely his interest, and that of other friends and neighbors, which caused her to be returned from the Salem hospital.

"She is antagonistic to them, (the former guardians) and they are not able to control her, and as a result of failing to control her they failed to do their duty as guardians," Judge Millard said in his verbal decision.

"The fact is that this woman lived in her home in complete filth, and her sclerotic condition was getting worse until she got to the point where she was bothering her neighbors. Something had to be done about it," Judge Millard elaborated.

The circuit court judge stated that Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Adams were "buffaloed from the start" by their ward.

Giving further reasons for appointing a new guardian Judge Millard said no real inventory of the house and its possessions has ever been taken. The Adams hadn't even entered the room—the back bedroom of the house, he added. The appointment of the Adams was made on Aug. 1955 "and you don't have a complete inventory of the property yet." The law requires an inventory be taken within 30 days after the appointment as guardians, he added.

Judge Millard also pointed out, when making his oral decision, that the guardians are required to make an accounting every year so the court can see that the ward is getting proper treatment.

"On Aug. 2, 1957, it will be two years without an accounting," Judge Millard added. "So far as the court knows today there isn't one iota of evidence that I would say would be worthy of belief at this time that the present guardians have been dishonest in any way," the judge added.

Appointment Questioned

Considering the appointment of the Adams as guardians, Judge Millard said there was no citation served. Therefore, the court did not have the jurisdiction to enter this first appointment, he stated. The court is in position now as though the appointment had never been made, he pointed out.

"I am not intending to criticize the judge who made the appointment. Counsel knows those things are handled by the court as a matter of course, and I know that if the matter had been called to his attention he would have made further in-

Girl Scouts

Make Camp-Out

Five Senior Girl Scouts of Medford went to Camp Chinquapin near the Oregon Caves Wednesday, July 24 on an overnight camp-out to welcome Sacramento area Girl Scouts who are on a chartered bus tour of Oregon.

Their trip was arranged by an inter-county activity plan. Each evening they stop and troop camp for the night. The evening campfire session includes story-telling, singing and visiting. Over 100 girls applied for the tour; 32 were chosen. Requirements for those taking the mobile tour were background in camping, attitude and ability to get along with others.

The group went through the Oregon Caves Thursday morning before departing for Eugene and other Oregon points of interest. Medford Girl Scouts attending were Bonnie Ailingham, Karen Carpenter, Janice Evernham, Marion Parsons and Lynn Ann Latham, accompanied by their leader Mrs. Elliott F. Duffy of Ashland.

Lynn Ann Latham, Reporter.

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Diver Recovers Boat Motor

By HELGA MITCHELL
Applegate - Jacksonville — There was a lot of excitement at Squaw Lake recently, when a frogman, E. M. Fritz, of Cottage Grove, dove down approximately 150 feet to recover a boat motor that some California people had lost last year while trolling.

An interesting fact contrary to popular belief that the water in the lake is too warm for good trout fishing, the frogman was observed somersaulting to the surface spluttering and blue from the icy waters below.

Many swimmers are of the opinion that the lake is fed by springs below the surface, because of unusual cold currents they have passed through. As for fishing in the lake, it has always been excellent throughout the season with the exception of the month of June, when there was an excessive amount of alga.

A pink and blue shower was held for Mrs. David DeLong, the former Miss Mary Hanson of Williams, at the home of Mrs. Pete Abel in Medford. Guests attending from this area were Mrs. Harlan Cantrall and Mrs. Sophia Straube.

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Northwest Grain Crop Expected To Top Mark

Spokane — The grain crop in the Northwest this year is expected to be the largest in history, according to a prediction by the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers association.

Merrill D. Sather, Spokane, secretary of the association, said all wheat-producing regions except southern Idaho are expected to have above-normal yields in addition to larger yields in the coarse grains.

Forecasts of total production for Washington, Oregon and Idaho were listed at 238,973,000 bushels for all grains, which was more than 19 million bushels above last year.

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Pedestrian, Pants Soon Separated on Soot in Amarillo

Amarillo, Tex.—A pedestrian and his pants are soon separated in Amarillo, and Marion Clark will be keeping a tight rein on his today when he crosses streets.

Clark, trainer for the Sioux City club of the Western League, walked out of an Amarillo hotel Thursday and started across a street.

A woman driver whizzed by and Clark felt a sudden draft. He looked up to see most of his trousers attached to the door handle of the car.

Clark, turning a bright red, drew what was left of his pants about him and retreated into the hotel.

'Meanest Man' Takes Youngster's Bicycle

Chicago.—They don't come much nastier than the man who stole the bicycle of Lawrence Young, 9.

The middle-aged "gentleman" sent the boy, always mindful of his elders, on an errand for him. Minutes later, the man asked Lawrence's sister, Deborah, 7, to run after her brother and bring him back.

That left the older man and Lawrence's cousin, Quincy, 6, standing with the bike. He gave Quincy a shove, got on the bike and pedaled away.

45 minutes in a moderate oven.

A family reunion was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Couch, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. The anniversary, which was on May 26, could not be celebrated at that time, due to Mrs. Couch's illness. Now that Mrs. Couch has recovered, some of her children came to this area from various parts of the country. The Couch's five daughters Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mitchell and son, Elden, of Phoenix, Ore., Mrs. Marvin Joslin and daughter, Marcia, of Quartz Hill, Calif., Mrs. Bob Smith and children, Karen and Gordon, of Oceanside, Calif., Mrs. Wilbur Green and Mrs. Merrill Caton both of Enid, Okla., were all together for the first time in 19 years. Guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn France, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mitchell, of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Cobbs, of Provolet, Mrs. Margaret Tussbaum, Curley Harper, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Vincent, of Medford. Jack Couch of Mar Vista, Cal., dropped in unexpectedly last Saturday night, and spent a few days with his parents.

Rural Reflections: We learned recently that only Squaw lake frogs can outlive the proverbial 9 lives of a cat, because they "croaked" every night!

The forest area of the United States, exclusive of Alaska, is larger than the combined area of France, Germany, Norway, Italy, Sweden, Belgium and the Netherlands.

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old Mrs. Margaret Nussbaum, who can be seen once to twice a week walking along the highway to or from town, in all kinds of weather. Mrs. Nussbaum, who came from Liverpool, England, and still maintains her charming English accent, came home recently from an extended trip to Argentina, Newfoundland, where she visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nicholson. Many times, people of younger generations have marveled at the endurance of our community pedestrian, who has often walked four and one-half miles to Jacksonville and back, without a word of complaint. Mrs. Nussbaum, who looks much younger than her years, attributes her youthfulness to walking. After talking with her, one comes to the conclusion, that walking is a lost art in this mechanical generation. Enroute to visit her daughter, Mrs. Nussbaum spent some time in New York city, where she visited with Miss Helen Cunningham, Miss Kitty Cunningham, and Mrs. Henry Ven Dreys, all friends of Mrs. Nussbaum, who she last saw in Liverpool 37 years ago.

In this great metropolis, she also met a relative whom she had never seen before. From New York, Mrs. Nussbaum flew to Newfoundland to be with her daughter and son-in-law, who is stationed at the U. S. Naval station in Argentina. At the station, Mrs. Nussbaum met a man from Oregon, who was very homesick and eagerly talked to her about southern Oregon. He also showed her an oil painting he had made of Crater lake. Enroute home, she visited several days at Carmel, Calif.

A neighborly gathering was held recently at the home of Mrs. M. W. (Grandma) Couch. Mrs. Earnest Armpriest, Mrs. Margaret Nussbaum, Mrs. Frank Mitchell, and Mr. and Mrs. Couch and daughter, Bonnie listened to the highlights of Mrs. Nussbaum's recent trip east, while they ate cake made by Mrs. Couch, and ice cream brought by Mrs. Armpriest.

Sunday visitors at the Mansel Milam residence were Mr. and Mrs. Thorne Nelson of Medford, Mrs. Lionel Keene and children, and Edwin Hinkle of Hayden, Colo.

During these warm summer days, with temperatures soaring in the 90's and women pondering what to prepare in the way of foods, the following suggestions came in from local readers: Mrs. Harry Davis says she always fills her ice cube trays with lemon juice, which is dandy for making iced tea; Mrs. Armin Fichter suggests using raw beets in your salads for a nutritious change; and a man who we only know as "Mr. Appel" of Williams, told us to place oil or butter in a casserole and fill it with slices of raw carrots, and the season to taste, and bake for

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Mt. Angel Refugee's Wife Due Next Month
Mt. Angel, Ore.—Josef Kocurek, a Polish displaced person, said today his wife whom he has not seen for 18 years was expected to arrive in this country next month.

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Barn Destroyed By Fire

By MRS. MYRTLE WHIPPLE
Rogue River—Fire Monday afternoon destroyed the large barn on the Frank Hall place. Hall had been burning grass and it caught the barn fire. The barn was completely destroyed as well as all its contents. The Rural Fire department answered the call and kept the fire from other buildings.

Sunday about 40 Grangers and friends had a picnic lunch in the Casey state park on the Rogue river. Some of the men play horse shoes while most of the crowd visited in the cool shade of the trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Jones, of Seattle, Wash., were guests recently of their cousins, Mrs. Iza Forsyth and the "Bud" Webb family. The Jones were returning home from a visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Carl George, of Null Valley, Calif.

Mrs. Hattie Harris and granddaughter, Maxine Harris, returned to their home in Lewiston, Ida., after spending almost a month visiting Mrs. Harris' sisters, Mrs. James Wiley, on Evans creek road and Mrs. James Whipple and husband, of Rogue River.

Two babies arrived in Rogue River in the past week. Born July 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Larry McBee, at Josephine General hospital, a daughter weighing seven pounds two ounces.

Born July 22 to Mr. and Mrs. David Shaw, at the Josephine General hospital a daughter, also weighing seven pounds two ounces.

Andrew Urp, of Talent, is the guest this week of his brother-in-law, Tom Wilson and his stepdaughter, Mrs. Ambie Blayden.

Steve and Zandry Brown, of Grants Pass were guests Friday of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith.

Mrs. Doug Hart was flown by Mercy Flights July 13 to Oakland, Calif. She was then transferred by ambulance to the Uni-

versity of California hospital in San Francisco, where she is undergoing observation and treatment. Dr. Edward Chance accompanied her on the flight.

The Holiness Camp meeting being held at the Church of God camp grounds on North Broadway has been well attended. Three services a day plus a 6 a.m. prayer services are held each day.

Mrs. Ralph Milton, who was driving home from New Jersey following the departure of her husband to France, suffered an appendicitis attack at Cincinnati, Ohio, where she underwent an emergency operation.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gunner Wohgen, of Eureka, Calif., flew back to be with Mrs. Milton.

The Lloyd Morrow family is being visited by Mrs. Morrow's mother, Mrs. Emily Day and her niece, Miss Zaida Terwilliger, of Vancouver, Wash.

A baby girl, named Debra, was born July 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knox. The baby weight 6 pounds 10 ounces at birth. The Knoxes own Rogue River grocery.

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