

Final Planning Meeting for Fair Set

The final planning meeting for committees working on the Southern Oregon Safety Fair at the Medford Armory Saturday, Nov. 16, will be held at the Jackson hotel at a no-host dinner at 7 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11.

Myron Terpening, Bates Lumber company, Grants Pass, general chairman of the event, said dinner reservations should be made by telephoning William Bell, program chairman, at SP-ring 2-4988.

Progress reports on all phases of planning will be given. Terpening said. More than 50 booths have been planned for the fair.

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The Medical Roundup

by

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Drugs That Will Either Prevent Pregnancy or Increase Fertility

For the last few years a number of the pharmaceutical houses have been studying new synthetic substances, something like the progesterone that tends to oppose the action of the estrogens which facilitate the process of menstruation. One of these new substances promises to help those women who miscarry almost every time they try to have a child. Already, it has helped a number of such women to have a baby.

Another drug can, for a time, wipe out the fertility of a man who had a low fertility to begin with. On stopping the use of the drug, there is likely to be a rebound, with such an increase in fertility that the man may be able to father the child he wants.

Another drug, if taken regularly, can postpone menstruation, and is likely to be a boon to those many women who are much disturbed mentally by menstruation, or who have terrible pain with it. Still another drug can postpone conception. It may be a boon to the very poor people in some parts of the Orient in which the high birth rate, plus the inability of the peasants to produce more food, poses a terrible problem. Already the governments in some of these countries are wondering if they can handle the tremendous expense of supplying their impoverished millions with one of these new drugs.

Far-sighted men in a number of chancelleries are much concerned with the problem, because they know that if it is not solved, wars of expansion are sure to break out. Always in the past, when millions of people starved year after year they broke out beyond their borders, and went in search of land.

Problems of the Child in the Hospital

I was just reading that at the University of Maryland hospital, for the first time in history, conferences are being held every week at which 10 or 20 parents with children in the hospital sit down to discuss their problems with a doctor and a nurse. For

more than a year, mothers and fathers have had a chance to ask questions, make complaints, talk about their puzzles, and get advice. At last, doctors and administrators are listening to what the parents have to say about how they and their child reacted to hospital care. In these days, when more and more organizations are beginning to get interested in public relations, this sounds like a good idea.

At these weekly sessions, mothers ask such questions as, how they should visit their child, what they should talk about, should they tell about what his brothers and sisters are doing, and should they bring him his favorite food or book or blanket? As a result of this getting together, the parents lose their feeling that the hospital is a "big, impersonal forbidding place." They get more of an idea that the nurses would like to learn every possible way of making the child happy and contented and free from fear.

Seasonal Workers Said Abusing Act

Eugene — U — Henry S. Howard, member of the state wages and hours commission, charged before the Oregon State Farm Bureau Federation convention here Thursday that abuse has weakened the intent of the unemployment compensation act.

Howard asserted that 65 per cent of the claimants of compensation "draw benefits from year to year" and "consisted largely of seasonal labor." He said the intent of the act was to compensate workers involuntarily out of work but who are actively in the labor market. The seasonal workers who drew nearly \$14 million of the \$20 million paid in compensation the past six years were not entitled to the money, Howard said.

He challenged Farm Bureau members to promote clearer legislation in the field by exercising their selective voting privilege.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE LATE JIM JEFFRIES, once heavyweight champion, liked to tell this story about his father: "Pa always hankered to be a successful farmer, but the fates seemed to plague him. When it wasn't bad weather, it was the bugs and pests. Then the nearby city of Los Angeles began busting at the seams, and people were always at Pa to sell them a little bit more of his farmland. Smaller and smaller the crops got, till Pa finally came to us, almost in tears, and said, 'Kids, we'll have to move somewhere else. The farm's plumb gone. All we got left is this roof over our heads, a 10,000-acre orange grove, and 2 million dollars in the bank.'"

Helen McKay, after observing the hazards to which U. S. Navy personnel are exposed in Paris, warned, "It's *c'est la vie*, and *c'est la guerre*. But most of all, *c'est la beware!*"

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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 women'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. H.J.—My daughter wants to marry a fortune hunter.

Wilma J.—Tom won't take a cent from anyone!

Mr. H. J.—Why will girls of 19 insist they know more than their parents when their parents are only trying to save them from disaster?

My daughter met and fell in love with a young man at college. My wife and I liked him very much and we let them become engaged. Two days after the engagement was announced the young man's father came to me and arrogantly asked me to support Tom through medical school. I had previously had the idea of making the kids a very substantial wedding gift in money, which would have helped him through his studies—but I'm certainly not going to give a cent to a fortune hunter.

We are trying to get our daughter to break this engagement. We see the whole thing now. This fellow had to marry into a family with means in order to continue his studies. This kind of match my daughter can do without.

Wilma J.—Neither Tom nor I had the slightest idea his father was up anything like this. Tom is so furious with his father he says he'll never speak to him again. Tom is no fortune hunter. He knew nothing about me or my family until after we had gone out quite a lot.

Tom says he believes his father has enough money to see him through his medical studies, but he thinks his father has decided my father can afford it better. In any case, he says he knows his father will never finance him now he has said he can't do it. Tom says he won't take a cent from anyone now

and he won't become a doctor. My father says Tom is just trying to "brazen it out."

Tom and I won't give each other up, but it's awful to marry with all this bitterness between our families and with my parents refusing to talk to Tom.

The Council: Fortune hunter? Define your terms, sir!

In our book a fortune hunter is a man who wants to live on his wife's money while he basks at the more fashionable resorts and tosses away the family gold at the race track and on the roulette wheel. A young man who accepts money to finance an education which will not only enable him to support his own family, but to make a useful contribution to society is hardly in the same category.

Possibly Tom's father's approach was a bit brash and Mr. H. J. was upset by it. Perhaps he has good reason to feel Tom's father could or should take on at least part of the financial burden for Tom's education. Still—is that a good reason to shame a young man who has already passed all the eligibility tests for a son-in-law, and to destroy the happiness of a daughter?

We have a rather large-sized suspicion that these two fathers are cutthroat businessmen who are ready to haggle to the death over a quarter. Tom's father saw a way of saving the money salted away for medical studies and Wilma's father is furious at him for scoring. If this is the game, these fathers ought to be ashamed of themselves and should try to arrive at some compromise. If Tom's father refuses to foot any portion of the bill, Wilma's father ought to undertake it willingly. Tom ought to accept it in the full recognition that this is no "hand-out" but an investment in the future.

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Saturday Schedule to Be Followed at YMCA

The regular Saturday schedule of events at the Medford YMCA will be followed Monday, Nov. 11, Herb Partridge, youth work secretary at the Y, has announced.

The gymnasium and swimming pool will be open all day for boys and girls. In addition to physical department activities, there will be pool, checker, and ping pong tournaments, he said.

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IT ROCKS

Malone, N. Y.—Municipal bandleader Ernest Lavoie, asking the village board to reflow the community bandstand, said his musicians play waltzes and

foxtrots, the sound comes out rock 'n' roll. Lavoie said the old floor, thumped by musicians' feet keeping time to the rhythm, shakes, rattles and rolls.

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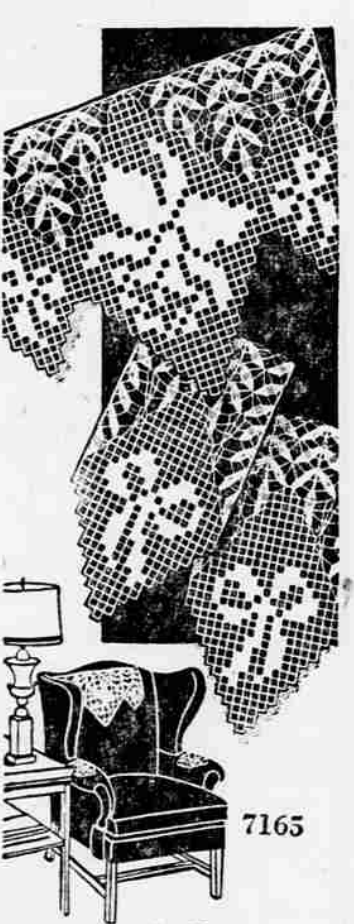
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