

New York School Is Designed to Instruct Men on How to Think

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Southampton, N. Y. — A school designed to repair possible short circuits in the thinking process has developed a magnetic appeal for electricians. Local 3 of the International

Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the largest building trades local in the nation with 33,000 members, conducts a special "how to think" course for its class A craftsmen.

Each week, 30 electricians from the New York area arrive at nearby Bayberry Land, to study, read and spark their brain cells amid the splendor of a 312-acre estate.

500 Take Think Course
Since the opening semester last June, 500 electricians have taken the one-week course. They pay nothing for tuition, room or board. In fact, the joint board of New York electrical industry pays the pupils a week's wages, \$140, while they are out here learning how to think.

The school campus was once the summer home of Dwight F. Davis, donor of the famous Davis Cup in tennis and a former secretary of war in the Coolidge administration. The chauffeur's cottage alone has eight rooms. The main building is so large it has 16 bathrooms-with-fireplaces. It's a setting that would make our wealthiest colleges ivy-green with envy.

Local 3 picked up this property in 1950 for a reported price of \$140,000. It was used as a convalescent home for ailing union members and when this need tapered off, business manager Harry Van Arsdale cast about for a new use.

Concerned About Leisure
The "how to think" school was set up because Van Arsdale was concerned about the problem of leisure time and how to get the most out of it.

The electrician students, ranging in age from 25 to 70, study under the direction of Donn T. Coffey, a young instructor out of Columbia College who guides them through introductions to psychology, semantics, logic, history and economics. A basic book

is "How to Develop Your Thinking Ability" by Kenneth S. Keyes Jr.

Students, most of whom never went beyond grade school and did not read much beyond pulp magazines or comic books, leave the course carrying small libraries of non-fiction books.

Switch Reading Matter
Those who ordinarily read the tabloid newspapers are given the New York Times to read at the school. Times readers try the tabloids.

Another feature is the "rumor scene," in which a verbal account of an event is passed along by four men who were not eye witnesses. The final version then is contrasted with the actual story. "This teaches the men the pitfalls of using vague, abstract and imprecise language," said Coffey.

"The course," said Coffey, "deals with how little we know rather than how much we know; how to think rather than what to think and how to improve our ideas rather than merely prove them."

"The school aims to get the men to sit back and take a long look at the process of thinking."

British Military Men Plan to Climb Diseghil

London — A group of British military officers has asked Pakistan's permission to climb 25,868-foot Diseghil Sar, one of the world's highest unclimbed mountains, it was announced today.

The royal navy, marine and air force officers hope to leave for Pakistan next May and carry out a scientific survey in the Himalayan area, it was reported.

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CAVE JUNCTION Fire Garage Planned

BY HELEN BOTTEL

Cave Junction — Donations from local mills and lumber yards have insured comparatively warm quarters for Illinois Valley rural fire department trucks this winter.

Lumber and other materials were supplied by Cabax, Rough and Ready and Moore's mills. Winterizing has started already at the O'Brien fire-house, a garage belonging to assistant fire chief Vibert Kirk.

A labor crew was organized at the Cave Junction volunteer firemen's meeting Tuesday, with Fire Chief Dudley Andre in charge.

An open house celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Rossiter Sr. of Arcata, Calif. will bring friends and relatives to the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Sowell, route 1, box 477, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Rossiter, who are well known in southern Oregon, lived in the Grants Pass and Illinois Valley areas until Mr. Rossiter retired seven years ago from the Oregon Caves Lumber company.

Two power outages in less than a month have the Copco sub-station crew at Cave Junction wondering about squirrels.

Latest gray squirrel to electrocute himself in the oil switch near the station caused a burned out switch which darkened homes from Cave Junction to the state line for almost two hours early Thursday morning.

Sandra Brewer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brewer of Selma, and Roberta Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin of Cave Junction have been selected to represent the Illinois Valley high school in the "I Speak for Democracy" contest, sponsored by the national Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The two made recordings of their speeches at radio station KUIN Monday evening. These will be entered in district competition, the winners to go on to the state contest.

Anne Messenger was elected president of the Illinois Valley Democratic Club at a meeting held Saturday night at the Frank Gibbons home on Redwood highway.

Other newly elected officers are Stewart Jones, vice-president; Herbert Gage, secretary and Lena Payne, treasurer.

Named to the executive board were junior past president, Ellsworth Cooke, three-year mem-

Woman Arrested by Welfare Officials

Portland — Another arrest in what state officials said was a stepped-up campaign against welfare payment frauds was announced here Thursday.

A 25-year-old mother of five children who gave her name as Mrs. Barbara Hatcher was accused of unlawfully claiming approximately eight thousand dollars in state aid for dependent children over the past four years.

State authorities said they first grew suspicious of the young practical nurse when she bought a convertible. Her children have not been living with her but have been kept by their grandparents and by a woman in Eugene.

Mrs. Hatcher was booked at county jail and released after an attorney posted \$1,000 bail.

Two trials of women accused on similar charges are scheduled in Portland the next few months. The state says one of the women bought \$10,000 worth of automobiles last year while drawing state aid for children.

Robert L. Evans, chief special investigator for the welfare department, said he expects to make between three and five arrests each month under the stepped-up enforcement program.

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ber; and Otis Green, two year member.

No December meeting is planned. The next one will be held on the first Monday in January.

All officers were re-elected for a new term at the meeting of the Saddlebums Tuesday night at the Cecil Slack home in Kerby.

Peggy Fulk is again president of the club, while other officers are Ann Benjamin, vice-president and Will Benjamin, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Ethel Banta, recently returned from an extended stay at Merlin, was hostess.

The club planned a ride for the first sunny weekend.

Rev. Gene Denning of the Cave Junction community church has begun a Bible survey course which is scheduled for each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. during the "Hour of Power" services. Rev. Denning said the course will extend over a three-year period. Everyone interested in the study and explanation of Biblical happenings, whether a church member or not, is invited to attend.

Margaret Meredith gave a lesson on emergency meals at the home extension unit meeting Tuesday at St. Matthias church.

The HEU Christmas party is set for Dec. 10. Florence Plueger will be the hostess in her home at Eggers Market in Bridgeview.

Guests at the Orville Meredith home recently were Mr. and Mrs. William Deal of Covina, Calif. Deal was formerly chief of police in Cave Junction where the couple ran a shoe-shop.

Coming over for Sunday dinner with the Merediths and the Deals were Mr. and Mrs. Hal Moore Jr. and family of Medford. The Moores are also former residents of the valley.

Mrs. Larry Sauer of Kerby is recovering from major surgery performed recently at Josephine General hospital.

Dwight Curl, who assisted at the high school vocational agriculture department during the first quarter, has returned to his studies at Oregon State College, Corvallis.

Cole Rivers of the Oregon State fish and game commission was guest speaker at the Illinois Valley Farm Bureau Thursday night at a meeting held at the high school. He spoke on farm fish ponds and clearing of irrigation ditches.

Frank Loosley, who represented the local organization at the state meeting in Eugene last week, reported on his trip and brought back report of changes which will effect Farm Bureau Policy in 1958. One of the featured speakers, he said, was Mrs. Oscar Kittredge of Klamath Falls, who is currently organizing non-partisan tax payers leagues all over the state.

Mrs. Loosley accompanied her husband to Eugene, and attended the women's sessions at the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Hunting of Siskiyou mountain camp have returned from Pomona, Calif. where they were called by the death of their five-month old grandson, Craig Paul Smith.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Pomona. While in the south, Mr. and Mrs. Hunting visited Mrs. Hunting's mother, Mrs. Martha Myers at San Diego.

A ham dinner is planned by Veterans of World War I and their wives for Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall near Cave Junction. Meeting hours for the VFW has been changed for the winter

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months from 8 p.m. to 7 p.m., the dates to remain the same. The barracks and auxiliary meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Following the separate business meetings, ladies joined the men for refreshments. A total of 13 auxiliary members were present at their meeting.

The American Legion turkey shoot at the Cecil Slack home near Kerby Sunday was pronounced a big success in spite of the rain.

Among these who went home with turkeys are Art Cribb, Cecil Slack, Ed Cooke, Francis Badden, Jim Breeding, Dudley Andre and Ralph Millard.

A turkey shoot sponsored by the Kerby Eagles Lodge is announced for this Sunday starting at 12 noon at the Slack home 1½ miles north of Kerby. Refreshments and games are also planned.

Needy children will be aided from proceeds of the American

Legion auxiliary's special card party, planned for Saturday night, Nov. 23, at the Legion hall in Cave Junction.

Pinochle, bridge and "500" players are invited to the benefit which has as its general chairman, Mrs. Jack Spitz. Prizes and refreshments will be part of the evening's entertainment.

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