

GOLD HILL Writing Contest Is Held

By MRS. CLYDE KELL
Gold Hill — Language classes from the fifth grade at the Hill school participated in a writing contest Wednesday, Nov. 27, according to Mrs. Ida von Buskirk, teacher. Thanksgiving was the theme used and each student chose the particular type of writing he wished. Eight papers were chosen from 50 fifth graders and the eight finalists competed for first, second, and third places. Charmaine Doherty won first place with an original fiction story. Patty Boye placed second with an essay on the story of the first Thanksgiving, and Karen Kesey was third place winner with a report on why Thanksgiving is celebrated.

Gilbert Mack, principal of the Gold Hill schools, has announced that a skating party is scheduled for today. He said third grade students will be allowed to attend the skating party, and may ride on the school bus without being accompanied by a parent. The exception was made for this party because the boys in the varsity and junior basketball teams, which includes several of the upper grades will not attend the skating party, because of a basketball game at the Howard school in Medford at 7:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving was a double celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitlock of Medford. The Whitlocks were host to a family dinner at their home in Medford on Thanksgiving day. They were surprised when their guests brought a decorated cake and gifts to honor them in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary which they celebrated Dec. 4. Attending were the Whitlock's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Barlow of Redding, Calif., their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whitlock of Medford, and Mrs. Charles Whitlock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Quinn of Gold Hill.

Thanksgiving also was a double celebration for Miss Rose Drake, who is taking her basic training in the Women's Air Force, at Lackland Air base near San Antonio, Texas. She was the first Thanksgiving spent away from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Drake, and her first birthday away from home, which also occurred on Nov. 23. In a telephone conversation with her parents, Sunday, Dec. 4, Rose stated that she had received many cards from home folks for her 20th birthday anniversary, and she asked her mother to thank all who had remembered her on the first Thanksgiving birthday spent away from Gold Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Drake and son, Mike, had as their guests at a dinner Thanksgiving her sister, Mrs. Margaret Perry of Gardena, Calif., Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Brown and son, Steven, and Mr. Drake's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nunn, all of Gold Hill.

Mrs. Tom (Roby) Robinson was host at a birthday party Saturday, Nov. 30, for her daughter Robin, who observed her third birthday Dec. 1. Guests included Karen and Kenneth Keys, Kimbra and Dickie Straus, Ken Reeves, Gary Swindler, Chipper Payne, Mrs. James Keys, Mrs. Richard Straus, Mrs. James Swindler, Mrs. Roy Centers, Mrs. Carl Routh, their son, Bob Routh, and Ted Trotter. A decorated cake was made for the occasion by Robin's aunt, Mrs. Carl Routh. During the day the little girl received an unexpected telephone call from her father, Roby Robinson, who is in Anchorage, Alaska.

Mrs. George Dorman had as her guests Thanksgiving day, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Dusenberry and son, Gary, of Sams Valley, and Mrs. Maybelle Aains. Later in the day, Mrs. Rains went to Medford, where she was a guest in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodman, and daughter Debbie. Miss Barbara Rains was also a guest that day in the Goodman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newnham

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New York — Milton C. Lightner, Singer Manufacturing Co. president, was elected president of the National Association of Manufacturers at the 62nd annual Congress of American Industry here Thursday, succeeding Ernest G. Swigert, Portland industrialist.

Swigert, president of Hyster Co., becomes chairman of NAM's board of directors.

Congress delegates reelected Lawson P. Turcotte, president of Puget Sound Pulp and Timber Co., as NAM regional vice president for Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Named to third terms as state directors in Oregon were Coleman H. Wheeler, Portland, president of Santiam Lumber Co., and Anthony Brandelthaler of Baker, head of Burnt River Lumber Co. Robert Warren of Portland, president of Cascade Manufacturing Co., was elected a state NAM director.

Thompson. They also visited in Central Point with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jensen of the Old Pacific Highway 99, south, had many guests in their home for dinner Thanksgiving day. Their out-of-town house guests included his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jensen, of Lower Lake, Calif., who were here four days. He is a retired Los Angeles policeman. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brannum and daughter, Sharon, and son, Ray, of Freind, Ore., were guests Nov. 28 and 29 at the Jensen home. He is a brother of Mrs. Walter Jensen. This was the first Thanksgiving they had spent together in 15 years. Other guests that day included Mr. and Mrs. Chavener Thompson, Mrs. Margaret Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lawrence, and Mr. and Mrs. John Cogswell all of Gold Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Williams of Medford.

Mrs. Ruby Quackenbush has returned to her home following a trip to California where she attended the wedding ceremony Saturday, Nov. 23, in Berkeley, Calif., of her son, Bart Quackenbush, who married the former Miss Carolyn Ann Pavack, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pavack of Richmond, Calif.

The groom is well-known in southern Oregon having been a former Gold Hill resident. He served three years in the Marines following high school graduation. Bart plans to resume his studies after the first of the year at Contra Costa Junior college in Richmond, Calif.

Mrs. Quackenbush was a house guest in the homes of her daughters, Mrs. Yvonne Corella in Richmond, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hawkins in Oakland, while in the Bay area. Mrs. Hawkins is the former Eugene Quackenbush.

A family dinner was given in the home of Mrs. Louise Robinson Thanksgiving day. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Carl Routh and Bob, Mrs. Tom Robinson and Robin, Mrs. Don Hultman, and Ted Trotter.

Dead Line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day, except 10 a.m. for Monday; for Sunday, noon Saturday.

The Medical Roundup

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What Should The Drug Addict Do?



Dr. Alvarez

I recently read the transcript of a Modern Medicine interview with Harry Anslinger, Commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Narcotics, on the problems of addiction. He pointed out a number of difficulties that his department has had to face. In some places the judges have not been tough enough with peddlers. In those cities in which the judges did get tough, the peddlers fled.

Apparently, there are about 60,000 addicts in this country. Anslinger says that they are mainly concentrated in New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago and some places in Texas and California. He says the problem is practically non-existent in the South, the Middle West, and the Northwest.

Is it wise to try to cure an addict in his home? Usually, it is a waste of time. One must have the man held for a while in a hospital. Government experts like to hold him for six months or until he gets strong and able to stand up to strains and temptations. The trouble with most addicts is that they are not well-adjusted people. They are much like the alcoholic, who, whenever the going gets rough, reaches for the bottle. But, as Dr. Nyswander, who is an expert on addicts says, it is hard on a man and, in some ways, bad for him to be locked up for six months.

There are two fine government hospitals for the treatment of addicts, one in Lexington, Ky., and the other in Fort Worth, Texas. I once spent a couple of days at Lexington with Dr. Vogel and his able associates and was well impressed with the fine way in which the hospital was run, and the kindness shown the patients when they were being gotten off their drug. After they were relieved of distress, they were put into shops where, so far as possible, they were prepared for life out in the world again.

Dissatisfaction Expressed
Certainly, any man who has become an addict, and is struggling desperately every day to find or steal the \$20 or so he needs for his peddler, ought to go to Lexington or Fort Worth and get off the stuff.

In another interview, Dr. Marie Nyswander, a psychiatrist who is an expert on addicts and has written a book, called "The Drug Addict as a Patient," expressed her dissatisfaction with the way in which the addict problem is handled in the United States. She does not believe the handling of all addicts should have been taken out of the hands of the medical profession and given over to laymen.

She is distressed over the fact that, because of the way in

which the problem has been handled, there is hardly a hospital in the land—beside the two government ones—in which an addict can be gotten off the drug. Doctors have been scared out of doing anything for these unfortunates. Dr. Nyswander hates to see the drug addicts looked on and treated as criminals. As she says, they are primarily sick people with a weak will and a poor nervous system. Usually they rob only when driven to it by their terrible need for money with which to buy the drug they must have.

Dr. Nyswander says it is true that many of the "cured" patients go back onto drugs every so often, but, as she notes, "relapse is part of the disease." Hopefully, she says that "the relapse periods get shorter and shorter as the life of the addict becomes more productive."

Dr. Nyswander feels, as I imagine most doctors do, that physicians should have something to say and something to do about tackling this primarily medical problem.

Colonic Washing
For the last 50 years, there have been places in every large city in which a person can have his colon washed out. People ask me whether it is likely to cure them of their troubles, and if the practice is dangerous. I know of no danger, but, also, I know of little chance that the procedure will do good. My impression is that it would be much cheaper to take an enema at home by ones self. It would save time and so far as I can see, the results would be the same.

The idea back of colon-washing is that people can be poisoned by the re-absorption of the foul material held for a while in the large bowel. Actually, there is much evidence to show that such re-absorption does not take place. Many years ago, when asked by the journal—Physio-

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Employment Dips In Coastal States

San Francisco — Wage and salary employment, excluding domestic, agricultural and self-employed workers, dropped by 61,200 to a mid-October total of 5,840,000 in the three Pacific Coast states, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

This was about 8,000 more than the expected seasonal drop, the department said. All three coastal states participated in the monthly employment decline. California, with an employment of 4,543,600, was down 33,000 from September; Oregon's total of 486,000 was down 16,000; and in Washington employment declined 12,000 to total of 810,700.

CHARLES WRIGLEY DIES
Chicago — Charles W. Wrigley, 84, member of a prominent Chicago family and president of the Charles W. Wrigley company, died here Tuesday at a nursing home after a long illness. Wrigley's firm specialized in outdoor advertising. Wrigley's brother, the late William Wrigley Jr., was the founder of the Wrigley Chewing Gum manufacturing firm.

logical Reviews—to prepare an article for them on the status of knowledge in regard to this, I reviewed the literature, and had to report that there was no scientific evidence to indicate that any disease is due to absorption from the colon. I could not find any reason for believing that there is even a headache due to intestinal auto-intoxication, and I found much evidence against the idea. However, there are thousands of people who love to be fussed over and to have things done for them in a medical way, and so there will always be customers for the colon-washers.

Dr. Alvarez hopes his readers will understand that it would be impossible for him to answer requests for information or to attempt to diagnose by mail. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1957)

Four Lanes Due Road Near Roseburg

Portland — The State Highway commission Thursday afternoon approved a \$430,000 project to add two more lanes to Highway 99 near Roberts Mountain just south of Roseburg. The present two-lane stretch which is 1.74 miles long, is sandwiched between four-lane sections of the highway. The narrow pavement has caused a number of accidents, State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams told the commission.

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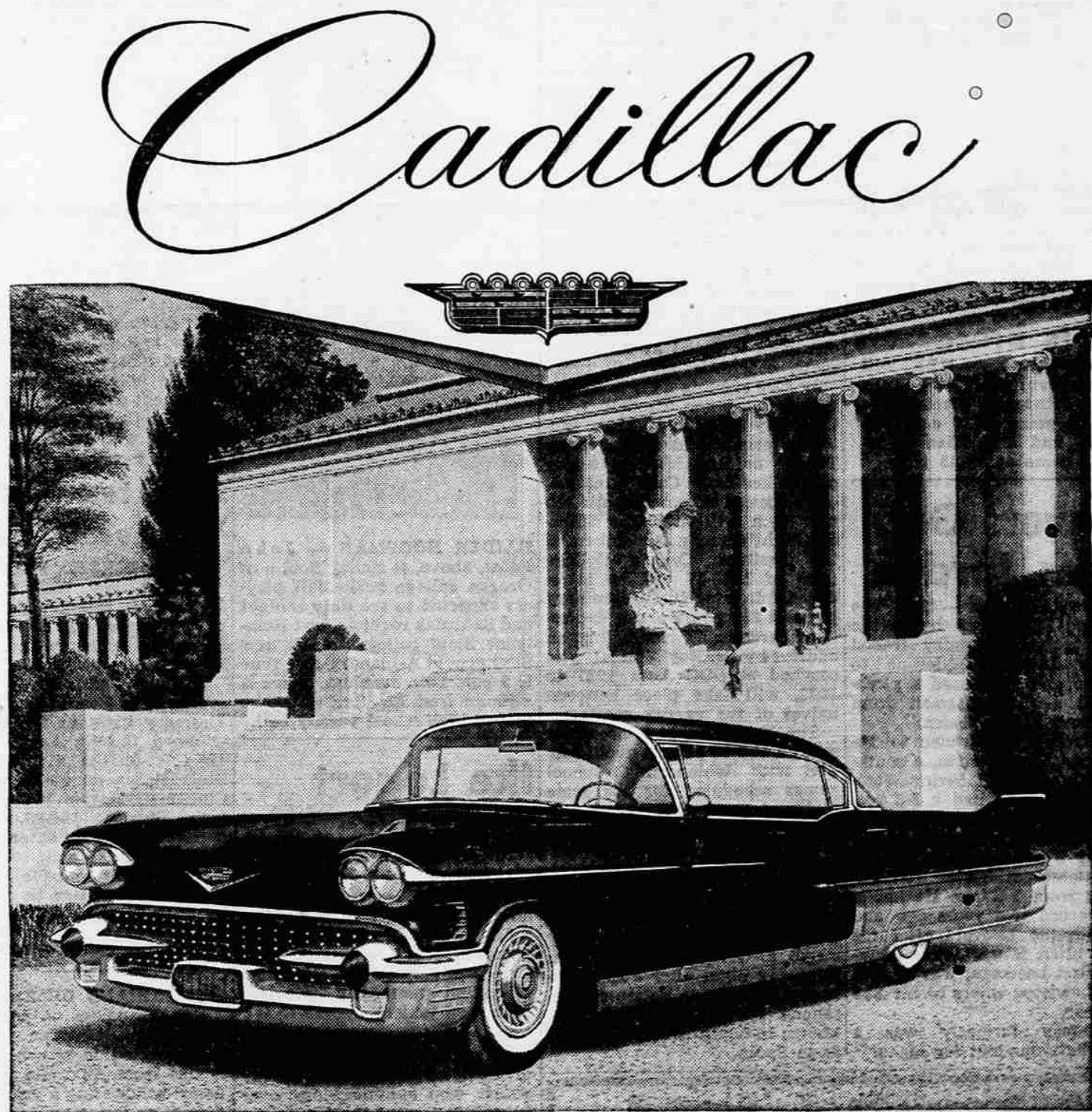
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