

Dental Clinic To Be Revived and Expanded



NEW OFFICERS—Ren Taylor, far left, new president of the Jackson County Young Republican club, discusses with other new officers the organization of the club in the county. Shown left to right are Taylor, Mrs. Charles A. Madsen, vice president;

Group Endorses Program For Vocational Schools

A group of Medford educators, businessmen and industry representatives recently endorsed an area vocational program in view of the demand for craftsmen and technicians in various local organizations.

The feasibility of establishing vocational schools in various sections of the state, including the Medford area, was discussed at a series of recent meetings. Representatives of business firms, industries, labor, Jackson county legislators, the Parent-Teacher association, state officials and the Medford school system attended the meetings.

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The group thinking emphasized state responsibility to assist local districts in providing vocational education for those high school graduates wishing trade and industrial pursuits. Area schools were favored because more students could benefit from the training, plus the fact that facilities would be utilized in the evening by apprentices and journeymen classes.

Lindsey Vinsel, director of vocational education in the Medford school district, discussed "job clusters for the automotive, truck and diesel, machinist, and electronics" occupations and presented the number employed in each trade in Jackson county as of 1956. He pointed out that the number of annual entries into these fields was low and that a high percentage of high school students were interested in pursuing the mechanical occupations.

Recommend Committee
The group recommended that an over-all committee be established to define the purposes and formulate the details for initiating and supporting such a program lead-

ing toward establishment of a local area vocational school. The series of meetings was scheduled because for some time there has been area sentiment to make greater provisions for a local post-high school vocational program. Common recognition of the fact that the majority of high school students do not go on to college, plus an annually increasing number of high school age youth, has given an urgent need to serious consideration of the proposal, according to local officials.

An increasing selectivity of students on the part of all colleges, induced by overcrowding at the college level, adds to the problem, they noted.

The aim of the meetings was to present all aspects relating to possible development of a regional vocational school. More than 70 persons, in addition to school representatives, attended the meetings.

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Kiwanis Club to Provide Funds for Needy Youngsters

By DICK JEWETT
Mail Tribune Staff Writer
County-wide dental clinic service, offered for needy youngsters up to the years of World War II, will be revived on an expanded scale here early in March.

This dental care, for children who otherwise could not afford it, will be provided through sponsorship of Medford Kiwanis club, by participation of dentists in the county and with the cooperation of the schools. First patient will be on Thursday, March 6, according to tentative plans.

Supplies and equipment were delivered to quarters on the ground floor of the courthouse last week. Electrical and plumbing work was accomplished. A dental technician is to begin work at the clinic office on Monday and a representative of M. F. Patterson company will be here Tuesday to hook up the dental unit.

Target Date Set
Kiwanians and dentists had set a first of March target date for starting clinic operation but the opening is being delayed several days since dentists will be attending their state convention in Portland.

Jackson county members of the Southern Oregon District Dental society will donate their services, without fee, one-half day per month to the clinic. Operation is planned five afternoons per week on a permanent basis through the school year and this weekly program may be expanded. Medford school and county health nurses will determine which children are eligible for treatment.

Kiwanis club members are administering the project and furnishing the financial support. An administrative committee has been set up along with an advisory committee representing city and county schools, the county health department and the dental society.

Funds Earmarked
Funds from the annual Kiwanis Kapers on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26, 27 and 28 and March 1, were earmarked largely for the clinic.

The project is set up in a way best suited to meet current needs. Kiwanians have been providing funds in a program over the past 10 years for dental, medical and similar care for children of needy families. A state board of health mobile dental clinic was brought to Jackson county last year on a loan basis but "only touched the surface, revealing greater need. Kiwanians have reported a dental treatment waiting list of approximately 185 youngsters.

Jackson County Public Health association sponsored the clinic which functioned into the wartime years. Equipment was obtained with the aid of Alex Sparrow Memorial funds. The clinic was open one-half day a week and dentists served on a rotation basis, generally receiving at least token payment for their work.

School and county health nurses found the cases and presented the lists of children for treatment. There was no full-time technician on duty, as there will be in the new operation and scheduling of dentists was somewhat of a problem.

Conduct Clinic
As this country became involved in World War II, dentists began to leave for military service. Dr. George Goodrich, now of San Pedro, Calif., conducted the clinic duties for about two years. Then, with employment high and economic circumstances of families improved, need of the clinic was not so great and operation was halted. When resumption of the service after the war was discussed, the antiquated equipment was found to be unserviceable.

Kiwanians began, independently, to supply financial help for "a few dozen" dental cases per year. Dentists were paid for the work, generally on a near cost basis. But supporting such a program under such arrangement and fulfilling the need was seen to be financially prohibitive. Cost per youngster will be lower under the new clinic set-up.

Jennings Pierce, past club president, is chairman of the Kiwanis dental clinic committee. Other members are Frank Perl, Dr. Billy Blackstone, County Commissioner Chester Wendt, Dwight Houghton and Boyd Budge. The board of



DENTAL CLINIC EQUIPMENT EXAMINED—Dr. Billy Blackstone explains operation of unit to members of administrative and advisory committees for dental clinic which Medford Kiwanis club is sponsoring in county courthouse. From left are Dr. Blackstone, Elliott Becken, Chester Wendt, Dr. John Dickson, Dwight Houghton, Dr. Abner Clark and Boyd Budge. Kneeling is Frank Perl. The clinic will provide dental service for needy youngsters in the county. First patient is to be treated on March 6. Blackstone, Wendt, Houghton, Budge

GRANDVIEW-LONE PINE Family Moves Into Home

By LILLIAN KNIGHT

Grandview-Lone Pine—Mrs. Pearl Frank and children, Donald and Serena Gay, have moved into their home after being home from Los Angeles two weeks. The Del Allison family, who were renting from Mrs. Frank, have moved to Oakland, Calif.

Mrs. Albert Johnson arrived home from Sacred Heart hospital Tuesday following surgery. She will have to remain in bed most of the time for the next two weeks but she is improving and may have visitors.

Mrs. Herbert Grafton is in traction at the Community hospital an will be there for another week or so. Her friends may send cards or call to see her.

A/3c Jan Niehaus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Niehaus, left Feb. 11 to report to a Virginia base for training in an engineering course after spending about 10 days with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Nelson returned home Sunday night after being gone five weeks on a tour of the southern and southeastern states.

Two new families are in advisors includes Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer; Elliott Becken, assistant superintendent of Medford schools; Dr. John Dickson, representative of the dental society, and Bruce S. Hitt Jr., curriculum coordinator of the county school superintendent's office.

Dental Technician
Dental technician of the clinic is Mrs. Audrey Reiss. Committeemen said that if a youngster needs help to the extent of dentures, it will be provided.

Kiwanis officers pointed out that the service club clinic sponsorship does not mean it will stop efforts on other projects. The club has supported varied programs for underprivileged children and in boys and girls work. It is building for future projects, primarily in child welfare, over and above current undertakings.

That is why Kiwanians hope for large crowds each night at the annual Kiwanis Kapers next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

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and Perl are members of the Kiwanis administrative group. Becken, assistant superintendent of Medford schools, and Dr. Dickson, representative of the district dental society, are on the advisory board. Dr. Clark, was Kiwanis president last year and a leader in organizing the clinic. Not shown are Jennings Pierce, chairman of the Kiwanis committee, and Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, and Bruce Hitt, of county school office, members of the advisory group.

Drivers' Licenses Suspended Listed

Salem—The department of motor vehicles has released names of 263 drivers whose licenses were ordered suspended during the period beginning Feb. 10 and ending Feb. 14.

Length of suspension varies, depending on charges involved, recommendation of court, discretionary action by the department or requirements of Oregon law. The department said some of the licenses involving financial responsibility and court recommendations may have been re-instated after suspension was ordered.

The department warned drivers that the penalty for driving while suspended is a jail sentence of no less than two days and up to six months and they may be imposed a fine up to \$500. Under licensing procedures, this will also result in an additional year of suspension.

Those suspended in Jackson county were:

Driving While Suspended—(Includes any conviction for violation of traffic laws, involving operation of motor vehicle, while driving privileges were under suspension)
Hughton, John Sheridan, 18, of 2273 Biddle rd., Medford, no operator's license, 1 year.
Court Recommendation—(Following traffic convictions)
Thorp, Gary Lee, 20, of route 2, box 867A, Central Point, violation of the basic rule, 30 days.
Discretionary Action of Department
Ferrell, Roger John, 18, of route 1, box 246, Central Point, driving record, 6 months.
Holt, William Wilson, 82, of 11 Corning court, Medford, failure to pass examination, 1 year.
Imhausen, Ira Herschel, Jr., 18, of route 3, box 180, Medford, driving record, 60 days.
Nichols, Gordon Billy, 29, of 303 North Fir st., Medford, driving record, 30 days.
Financial Responsibility—(Failure to show proof of financial responsibility)
Keene, Wyatt Eugene, 36, of

Bicycle Contest to Start at Local Store

Winner of a bicycle being given away by the Medford Coast-to-Coast store will be announced March 22, Clyde Lawyer, store manager has announced.

Store customers entering the contest for the free bicycle will be asked to give their name and address on the back of cash register receipts. One will be chosen March 22, Lawyer said.

Bomb Scare Delays Negroe's Plane

Little Rock, Ark.—A bomb threat delayed for 40 minutes Saturday the take-off of an airplane carrying Minnie Jean Brown, one of nine negroes integrated at Central High School, to New York.

American Airlines received an anonymous telephone call from a man who said a bomb would be aboard the flight taking Minnie Jean and her mother to New York. Minnie Jean, 16, has accepted a scholarship to attend New Lincoln High School in New York and is scheduled to report Monday. She was expelled this week from Little Rock Central High, where she and eight other Negro students integrated last September.

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route 2, box 381L, Medford.
Lewis, Merrill, 30, of route 2, box 380, Gold Hill.
Lucas, John Richard, 26, of route 1, box 11, Gold Hill.
Moore, George Edison, 26, of route 2, box 173, Central Point.
Stevens, Everett Douglas, 28, of 1531 Grand ave., Medford.

Layoffs Reduce At Ford Motors; Others Ease Up

Detroit—Ford Motor Co. reduced its layoff orders at the Ford Rouge plant Saturday and said only 6,000 employees will be laid off next week instead of the 14,000 previously slated to be idled.

At the same time, General Motors will work four days at some plants next week, five days at others, with Chevrolet facilities the most likely to run five days. The Buick-Oldsmobile - Pontiac assembly points, usually first to be hit in General Motors' layoffs, had 750 laid off this week at Kansas City and another 300 out at Southgate, Calif.

Chrysler, which had 9,100 people out again Friday because of Detroit area work standards disputes, announced it will lay off 2,000 workers at the DeSoto plant here next week. These 2,000 have been working on a one week on, one week off schedule. Chrysler said its Kokomo, Ind., transmission plant is scheduled to resume work Monday after a one-week layoff.

Ward's automotive reports said Friday only American Motors worked five days during the past week, with all other companies closing down some plants one to five days.

Ford will also lay off 4,000 assembly workers at the Rouge plant next Thursday and Friday. These 4,000 are being called back Monday after a week's layoff.

Two Charged With Portland Holdup

Portland—Police held an ex-convict and a woman and sought a third person Saturday in connection with a \$5,825 holdup of the Livestock-Kenton branch of the First National Bank of Portland about 3:05 p.m. Friday.

The money was recovered when Traffic Patrolman Robert W. Roberts arrested Hubert McClelland, 33, and Nadine Wingard, 36, in a car around the corner from the north Portland bank shortly after the holdup. McClelland admitted he was released from Alcatraz Jan. 28.

Roberts was alerted by police radio and by Jerry Miller, a bank customer, who followed a man from the bank and drove out to the officer as he drove by on his motorcycle. He arrested the pair who gave up without resistance.

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