

Father Contests Girl's Right To Enter Convent

Hillsboro, Ore.—P—Attorneys in the court of Circuit Judge Glen Hieber Tuesday battled over the ancient principles of religious freedom, emancipation and parental authority in the case of a 19-year-old girl who went against her father's orders to enter a convent.

Ivan R. Miller of Milwaukee brought a habeas corpus action in Washington county Circuit Court after his daughter, Alice, entered St. Mary's convent at Beaverton to become a nun in the order.

Attorneys for the girl cited her right to freedom of worship and to emancipation from parental authority after the age of 18. A girl, they said, could marry after that age without parental consent. Attorneys for Miller contended that the issue of emancipation may be revoked by a parent at any time until a child reached majority.

The courthouse was crowded with spectators, many of them the black-clad members of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, the order young Alice Miller hopes to join.

Judge Hieber said he would take the case under advisement.

California Police Hold Robbery Gang

Auburn, Calif.—P—Three persons were in custody today on charges of participating in more than 200 burglaries in five Western states during the past four months.

Sheriff William Scott of Placer county and Sheriff Ernie Carlson of El Dorado county, in a joint statement, identified the suspects as Donald F. Deyoe, 28, James Angevine, 28, and his wife Marion Angevine, all of Seattle.

Authorities said the suspects admitted 25 burglaries of summer homes in the Lake Tahoe area and were believed responsible for more than 175 others in California, Nevada, Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Grange News

Gold Hill Grange

Gold Hill Grange members are still taking pride in their Grange hall, especially since the burning of the mortgage a few months ago, and more recently the finishing of the exterior of the building in a two tone combination of asbestos shingles.

Now, the members are making plans to do a little landscaping and beautifying of the grounds in order to create a more suitable setting for the good looking hall.

This Grange hall, primarily intended for Grange meetings, is open, as a community service, to all Gold Hill organizations and groups who desire a more suitable and spacious place than can be provided elsewhere in the community.

Those attending the last meeting heard the regular reports of standing committees and a couple of timely topics discussed.

The first of these topics was the question of cheaper power for Oregon. The advisability of appointing a commission to regulate the cost and control of power for the state, will be the subject of a debate at Upper Applegate Feb. 28. All interested are invited to this meeting.

The second matter concerns the flood control in Rogue River valley. The Grange representative on the committee, reported that Army engineers would have a report on the situation sometime in June or July.

After these the grange listened to the literary program. This program featured a few remarks and incidents on the life and character of George Washington, contributed to by various members.

There was a group of vocal numbers given by the Methodist church trio, Mrs. C. N. Gail, Mrs. Roy Eskew and Mrs. Paul Molloy, the last two being members of the grange. Also contributed a whistling solo.

Refreshments were served in the dining room by Gertrude Rosencrans and Mary Jacks. The table was decorated in observance of George Washington's birthday.

On the following evening 11 Gold Hill members attended a Grange meeting at Central Point.

BUTTE FALLS Loggers Take Tour

By MARY JO HARRIS

Butte Falls—A group of 25 loggers and wives were given a guided tour through the Medford corporation mill at Medford recently. The group was divided into five smaller groups and taken to various parts of the mill operations.

Visitors toured the saw mill, power plant, lumber yards, dry kilns, planing mill and shipping department. Medco officials conducting the tours were B. L. Nutting, general manager; Everett Gillespie, Ken Pickens, Everett Ballard and Russell Hoag.

Medco loggers were unable to return to work last week because of heavy rains and the general lay-off went into effect Friday, Feb. 21. Men will return to work some time in March.

The Home Extension held a "spur of the moment" food sale last week.

Next meeting of the Home Extension will be held at the home of Mrs. Bill Edmondson March 6. Meat cookery will be the topic under the leadership of Mrs. William (Doc) Bowen and Mrs. Harry Dalton.

Many Butte Falls women attended the Feb. 10 and 11 meeting at the courthouse in Medford for the preliminary meeting of the sewing course offered through the Home Extension. The meetings were given for pattern instruction and short cuts in sewing.

Women attending the Feb. 10 meeting were Mrs. Dan McKee, Mrs. Hany Tygart, Mrs. Duane Burton, Mrs. Earl Remson, Mrs. Bill Edmondson, Mrs. Leonard Richman, Mrs. Tom Stanton and Mrs. Curtis Thompson. Attending the Feb. 11 meeting were Mrs. Clyde Moore, Mrs. Bill Harris, Mrs. Gene Irwin, Mrs. Don Joliffe, Mrs. George Bray and Mrs. Charles Stratton.

The Butte Fall sewing class will start some time after March 10. Leaders for this project are Mrs. Clyde Moore, Mrs. Don C. Smith and Mrs. Morrison Girder.

Span Put in Place
Portland—P—The 450-ton east side steel girder span of Portland's new Morrison street bridge was floated into place today, marking another step toward completion of the new structure here.

The section is 207 feet long, 90 feet wide and contains 18,300 rivets. Tugboats guided the section downstream and worked it sideways between the narrow draw span of the old Morrison bridge.

There are no gymnasiums in 91 per cent of the nation's 150,000 elementary schools.

Hank Tygart.

The trial food sales held following regular PTA meetings have proven successful as a money-making project. The nomination committee appointed at the last meeting includes Mrs. Bill Edmondson, Mrs. Keith Scott and Mrs. George Bray. Election of officers will be held at the next meeting, March 10. The second grade won the traveling plant for the highest parent attendance at the meeting.

Lions auxiliary members attending a church bazaar at Ashland last week were Mrs. Glenn Cathey, Mrs. Bruce Pingle, Mrs. Andy Hamstra, Mrs. Janet Spellman, Mrs. Bernard Parton and Mrs. Bill Harris.

Lions making a visitation to Phoenix last week were Glenn Cathey, Andy Hamstra, Bob McGowan and Keith Johnson. Lions returned with some heretofore "lost" property.

The Beginners Sunday School class of the Community Bible church attended a Valentine party given at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Charles Ferguson, recently. Children decorated heart shaped cookies and punched out valentines.

Children attending were Greg Joliffe, Steve and Tracy Malloy, Janet and Jimmy Hanaford, Ralph and Pamela Weise, Judy Chambers, Barbara Boggan, Barbara Finch, Doris Burton, Carman and Lenita Spellman, Terry Ellis, Karen Smeltzer and David Ferguson.

Women attending were Mrs. Hanaford, Mrs. Clyde Moore, Mrs. Ralph Weise, Mrs. Ed Malloy and Mrs. Ferguson, hostess.

An oversight was reported concerning the Founders Day meeting of the PTA. Another mother taking part in the program was Mrs. William (Doc) Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith recently spent a week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Guinn and family at Redding. From Redding, Ernest returned home and Mrs. Smith went to visit her sister, Mrs. Rose McCaslin, at Bakersfield.

During Mrs. Smith's absence, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Houck and family of Sitcum, Ore., visited at the Smith home in Butte Falls. Mrs. Houck is a granddaughter of Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. F. E. (Mannie) Poole recently spent several days in the Phoenix area visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. (Pinochle) Poole and son, Mrs. Poole came down with the flu while there.

Per Capita Farm Income Higher By 10 Per Cent

Washington—P—The Agriculture Department today estimated per capita income of farmers in 1957 was a record \$993, up 10 per cent from the \$902 calculated for 1956.

This sharp per capita increase was accounted for almost wholly by a decrease in farm population.

Preliminary estimates in the department's publication, "The Demand and Price Situation," show farmers' net realized income for 1957 totaled \$11,500,000,000, down 4 per cent from 1956 net farm income. A substantial increase in inventories of commodities held on farms at the end of the year raised farmers' total net income for 1957 to \$12,100,000,000.

More Than Anticipated

The department said the decline in realized net income—cash money left after production expenses are paid—"was more than had been anticipated previously."

The realized net income included about \$1 billion in direct payments from the government. These payments were for participation in the soil bank, wool, agricultural conservation, and sugar programs.

The per capita income of farmers from farm sources only was \$684, compared with \$601 in 1956. The per capita income from non farm sources, mostly from off farm jobs, was \$309 in 1957. In 1956, it was \$301.

The department also released the number of farms by states in 1957. It showed the long-time downward trend in number of farms in operation last year represented a 2.3 per cent decrease from 1956. The department also estimated there will be about 4,750,000 farms operated in 1958.

Farms in operation in 1958 included: Idaho 39,200, Washington 67,000, Oregon 55,000 and California 132,000.

Corvallis—P—Oregon farmers received more cash for their crops in 1957 than in any other year since 1952, according to Mrs. Elvera Horrell, agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

She said farmers received nearly \$410 million from sales of crops, livestock, and livestock products during the past year. That was a slight increase over farm cash receipts during 1956 and was the third straight year of gain in Oregon.

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JACKSONVILLE \$339 Netted for MOD

By BETTE HOSKINS

Jacksonville—According to Mrs. John Crabb, community chairman of the Jacksonville March of Dimes, a total of \$339 was turned into the county MOD.

Funds were contributed by the Royal Neighbors, Rebekahs, Upper Applegate Extension unit, Mothers March, mailers, Jacksonville Grade school, Applegate and Ruch schools and coin collectors.

Jacksonville teenagers turned in \$15.33 to the teenage fund, which is not included in the total.

Mrs. E. O. Graham organized the Mothers March, which was sponsored by the Royal Neighbors.

The Jacksonville Assembly of God church announced last Sunday a pre-Easter attendance contest to run for six Sundays starting March 20.

It is a Sunday School teachers project and they will purchase a child's pull wagon and gifts will be bought by each class and other interested persons to fill the wagon. At the completion of the contest a member will receive the wagon and its contents as a prize for bringing in the most visitors to the Sunday School classes and church.

Federal Highway Funds Tentatively Approved

Washington—P—The House public works committee has tentatively approved an authorization of \$2,035,000,000 for the basic federal highway program for the 1960 and 1961 fiscal years.

Persons who have not attended for six months, new residents, those who have never attended, or visitors from out of town are all eligible to ask to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Garrett of Glendale were recent visitors at the home of the Warren Hazens.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bradley and children of Grants Pass were last week end visitors at the home of Mrs. Bradley's mother, Mrs. Anna Rumley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson visited in Medford one night last week at the home of the George Johnson's who had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. P. Nolin of Gaston.

Kenneth Owens of Treasure Island Naval base was a last week end visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Doran are home after spending the winter months in the south.

The Dorcas Society of the Valleyview Adventist church met this week at the home of Mrs. J. E. Johnson for a quilting bee and to celebrate January and February birthdays of members.

Mrs. Leonard Wicksten this week took a trip to the Los Angeles area where she plans to visit her daughter, Mrs. Roberta Miesner and family at Anaheim, Calif.

Jacksonville Garden club will meet Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Community hall at 1:30 p.m.

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