

# Interim Committee Sets 16th Meeting in Medford Saturday

The legislative Interim Committee on Mental Retardation and Emotional Disturbance will hold its 16th full committee meeting in Medford Saturday, July 19.

The meeting, which will be both a public hearing and an executive session, will be held in the auditorium at the Jackson county courthouse. The meeting will start at 8:45 a.m. and is scheduled to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

Sen. Carl Francis, Dayton, chairman of the committee, invited Southern Oregon residents who are interested in the problems of mental retardation and emotional disturbance to attend the meeting and familiarize themselves with the work that the committee is doing and the progress it is making.

The committee was established by the last legislative assembly to study the problems of mental retardation

and emotional disturbance under the provisions of a Senate resolution of which Sen. Phil Lowry of Medford and Sen. Dan Dimick of Roseburg were among the authors.

The public hearing session will begin at 9 a.m. Nine Medford residents are scheduled to appear before the committee.

Mrs. Henry Padgham, representing the Jackson County Mental Health committee will outline the development and progress of the community's mental health program and the unmet mental health needs in the community. She also will make recommendations on behalf of the Mental Health committee.

Miss Celia Walker, supervisor of Child Services for the Jackson county welfare department, will describe the welfare projects and activities that relate to mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed children. She also will point out the unmet needs and will make recommendations to the Interim committee from the perspective of the welfare department.

Mrs. Kay Crowell, Jackson County Juvenile officer, will appear before the legislative body to describe the activities of the juvenile department as they relate to mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed children.

Mrs. Robert Minear, chairman of study groups of the Jackson County Public Health association, will report the association's analysis of problems relating to mental retardation, and will submit the association's recommendations.

Jackson County Superintendent of Schools Alf Mekvold, will address the committee on the subjects of mandatory special classes for educable mentally retarded children in the public schools and the public school's relation to the trainable mentally retarded child.

Supplement Report

Mekvold's testimony will be supplemented by a report by Mrs. Una Inch, recently retired assistant county school superintendent in charge of special education. Mrs. Inch will discuss the development of special education classes for the mentally retarded in Jackson county dating from the county's experience in the "pilot program" authorized by the 47th legislative assembly. She also will make pertinent recommendations based upon her many years of experience teaching and administering special education classes.

Dr. Harry Danielson, district psychiatrist for the Oregon state board of health and psychiatric consultant to the health officers of Douglas, Klamath and Jackson counties. Tom Goff, psychiatric social worker for the Southern Oregon Child Guidance clinic and Miss Frances Clink, supervising nurse of the Jackson county health department, will submit a report to the committee on the services and activities of the Southern Oregon Child Guidance clinic, the unmet needs of the clinic and community, future plans for the clinic, staffing problems and mental health problems which are unique to southern Oregon.

They also will submit recommendations to the committee. Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county health officer, participated in the development of this report, but will be unable to take part in its presentation due to a prior commitment.

Time Set Aside

The Interim committee has set aside an hour and 15 minutes in its agenda, between 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m., during which any interested person, upon being recognized by the chair and identifying himself for the committee record, may offer such opinion, testimony or recommendations relative to the problems of mental retardation and emotional disturbance as he sees fit. Such testimony will be entered upon the record of the meeting and will be given consideration in the committee's deliberations.

The afternoon session of the meeting, which will begin at 2:30 p.m. will be devoted to committee business. The afternoon meeting is open to the public but committee participation in the discussion and deliberations.

To Consider Business

Three major items of business are scheduled for consideration at the afternoon session.

The first will be the consideration of an act to create a new state agency of short duration to coordinate the activities of the Health, Education and Welfare departments with the services of the several state institutions offering mental health services.

The committee also will formulate a recommendation concerning the utilization of The Dalles or the Salem tuberculosis hospitals, should one or the other become available for some use other than the care and treatment of tuberculosis patients.

The third item of business calls for the formulation of a committee recommendation concerning the size, expansion and location of state institutions for the care, custody, treatment and training of mentally retarded persons.

# Oregon City Farm Damaged by Fire

Oregon City —(UPI)—A spectacular Monday afternoon fire on the Frank Brown farm about a mile south of here caused an estimated \$15,000 damage.

Destroyed was a barn, two large broiler houses, and a brooder house. More than 14,000 two-week-old chicks were killed, Brown said.

The blaze started in the cow barn, Mrs. Brown said, but it was out of control when she noticed it.

Oregon City and Clackamas fire departments battled the blazes.

# Man's Flight Into Space, Safe Return Seen Within Five Years

Moffett Naval Air Station, Calif.—(UPI)—A top research scientist predicts man will travel into space and return to earth within five years at the most, thanks to successful research with five-stage rockets. This prediction came Monday from Dr. Alfred J. Eggers, one of the top air research scientists at Ames Laboratory here.

"The basic technology is all worked out," he said. "Now the engineering of the ship itself remains. No more than five years, certainly."

Disclosure that this country has been successfully experimenting with five-stage rockets, using existing "hardware," came at an open house sponsored by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics at the Ames Laboratory. Not High Priced

The NACA said it has been firing hundreds of the rockets at speeds reaching 10,650 miles an hour for the past two years. It costs "only a

few thousand dollars" to fire one of the 55-foot rockets.

The rockets use the motor of the Army's Honest John ballistic missile for the first stage. The second and third stages use anti-aircraft Nike-Ajaxes. The fourth stage is a Recruit. The fifth stage is a Thiokol T-55 rocket which carries the instruments.

"I believe we are the first to use such an arrangement," said Hugh L. Dryden, director of the NACA. The firings have been carried out from the NACA's pilotless research aircraft station at Wallops Island, Va. The purpose of the firings is to gain experience in ballistics missiles research.

Ninety-Minute Flight

The rockets are capable of reaching altitudes of "several hundreds of miles," researchers said. Just how high is a secret. Engineers have also succeeded in blowing the nose portion of the rockets back into the earth's atmosphere to study the problem of get-

ting space missiles back to earth without letting air friction burn them up.

Using model-size wind tunnels capable of generating winds of 16,000 miles an hour, researchers have experimented with heat-resistant metal alloys and other critical items needed in space flight.

Research with wind tunnels and other equipment at Ames Laboratory has also enabled scientists to state flatly that a 2,000-mile-an-hour commercial plane can be built now.

Such a plane, they said, could take off from New York at 6 p.m. and land in San Francisco at 4:30 p.m.—a time of 90 minutes for a transcontinental flight.

# YMCA Camp Staff Leaves for Lake

YMCA Diamond lake camp staff has been selected and the leaders left for Diamond lake Saturday.

Camp director will be Herb Partridge, Y youth director. Carl Gordon has been selected as program director and unit leader. Other unit leaders are Dick Poulton and John Wright.

Cooking for the more than 85 people in camp each week will be Mrs. Mary Williams

and Mrs. Ona Haviland. Maintenance man for the summer will be Claude Morgan.

Dale Foresee, Curt Saltmarsh, Lynn Hales, Bill Richardson, Tom Barry, Harold Sexton, Barry Rains, Gary Cummings, Bob Baker, Jim Pool and Jim Doyle will serve as tent counselors.

David Baker, Vern Griffiths, Pete Bowman and Bob Weaver will work at camp on the kitchen crew. Storekeeper is Bill Dames.

The Canada goose usually lays five or six eggs, which hatch in 28 to 30 days.

# Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Leningrad, U.S.S.R.—Adlai Stevenson, discussing the United States presidency with a group of Russians:

"The United States is a very democratic country and anybody can be a candidate. This is a danger to which every American is exposed from babyhood. One cannot be too careful."

Washington—Kathy Regan, 12, of Orlando, Fla., in a letter to Boston industrialist Bernard Goldfine:

"I have listen (sic) to news about you. I think you should keep on sending presents and money to people. The reason I am writing to you is that I would like for you to send me around five stickout slips or crinoline."

Columbus, Ohio—Army Secretary Wilbur M. Brucker, on streamlining of the National Guard:

"Our goal is to reorganize the Guard by the end of 1960. This change will not mean less National Guard divisions but will mean less men in these divisions."

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—Jack Biswanger, a spokesman for the Transport Workers Union of America, on a meeting at which union members voted to strike against Pan American Airways which maintains and operates facilities at the Air Force Missile Test Center:

"Everybody was there except those with lame legs."

Long Linda, Calif.—Herbert H. Hill, executive director of the Washington State Temperance association, on the disappearance of the oddtime temperance worker:

"The days of the purple-faced orator ranting from a street corner flap bag against 'demon rum' are gone forever."

# Frigidaire Develops New Insulation

Dayton, Ohio—(UPI)—Frigidaire announced today the development of a new type of insulating material that makes possible up to 50 per cent more usable interior of a refrigerator for the same size exterior.

H. F. Lehman, General Motors vice president and head of GM's Frigidaire Division, said about 1 1/4 inches of the material was equal to three inches of conventional insulation.

Lehman said the material, a combination of freon and urethane would eventually change the size, shape and construction of refrigerators.

He said the material is being used now around the freezer section of Frigidaires, eliminating the need for defrosting the freezer.

# Witness Wanted in Portland Surrenders

Portland —(UPI)—James Q. (Slim) Elkins, wanted as a material witness in the stabbing of Alfred E. Kiefer, surrendered to police Monday. Bail was set at \$10,000.

Kiefer, who along with Jenkins was indicted on extortion charges recently, was recovering in a local hospital from the stab wound inflicted last Friday night. Police said Phyllis (Torchy) Jessing, 28, a tavern waitress and girl friend of Kiefer, had admitted the stabbing. Also being held as a material witness was Willard Fent Jr., 30.

Kiefer and Jenkins were indicted in connection with alleged attempts to extort money from nursing home operators.

# Burglary Suspect Captured by Police

Brookings, Ore.—(UPI)—Gerald J. Clemmer, 32, Lakeside, a burglary suspect who fled on Oregon state policeman Saturday as he was being taken here for questioning, was captured north of Brookings Monday by the same officer.

Officer Bob Pommarane took Clemmer into custody at the home of a relative of Clemmer's.

Clemmer got away after Pommarane ordered him to drive his car in front of the police car back to Brookings with a second suspect, riding in the police car. On a curve, Clemmer suddenly pulled his auto over and fled on foot into the underbrush.

# Sale of Corvallis Plant Announced

Corvallis —(UPI)—Sale of the Western Pulp Products plant here for about \$230,000 was announced Monday.

The plant was purchased by William Dorsey, former general manager for DuBois Lumber Co., Vancouver, Wash., and by Charles Wilson, local automobile dealer, from Ralph Chapman, inventor and partner with Fred Krebbel.

The plant manufactures floral containers and planters for nursery trade, utilizing old newspapers.

# Advisory Board Named For Mileage Marathon

Salem — Ten Oregonians have been named by Gov. Robert J. Holmes to serve on the advisory board for the first annual Oregon-International Mileage Marathon, the 1,400 mile performance competition for economy cars of all nations, which will be a feature of the Greater Oregon State Fair for 1958.

The event will start in Portland Aug. 27. It will follow a route through 26 major communities, 23 counties and to the four borders of Oregon before reaching the finish line on the State Fairgrounds, Salem, on the second day of the Fair, August 29.

# Protest Missile Ramps

Rome —(UPI)—Communist press reports said today Bulgaria has sent a note to the Italian government protesting against possible installation of American missile launching ramps on Italian soil. Italy shrugged off as "unacceptable" and "inadmissible" a similar complaint from Albania Monday.

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