

Juvenile Authorities Charge McLaren Sending Boys Back

MacLaren training school for boys at Woodburn is shoving many youngsters back into this community long before they are ready for parole, juvenile authorities here charged this week.

The charges were denied by representatives of the school, who declared that each case is judged on its own merits, and that local authorities are notified in each instance of release.

But Mrs. Kay Crowell, juvenile department supervisor, stated that a "critical condition" is resulting from a practice of school authorities in granting youngsters "home leave, then extending it for an indefinite period of time." "This way neither the parents, school or police officials are prepared to receive the youngster back into the community," Mrs. Crowell said. "No warning is given, no permission obtained, the youngster just appears. It certainly is not good parole planning."

Dangerous Situation
"It also presents a dangerous situation since some of these boys have said in court they could kill their father, step-father or the man the mother happens to be living with," Edward C. Kelly, circuit and juvenile court judge said. "So far we've been lucky, even though Medford's large population intensifies the problem."

"I have a definite thing in mind when I commit these boys," the juvenile court judge said. "I feel the discipline and training at the school may help to turn them out as useful citizens after a time. These are the boys I think the school can do something for. Others I don't send there. They go to other in-

stitutions or are turned over to adult courts."

The school does not make a practice of releasing boys without discussing it first with the authorities of the community in which the boy is to be sent, Leo Lee Nolan, an official at MacLaren, said in reply to these charges.

Knows of One Case
"I know of only one case in which the authorities were not notified before the boy was released. This was permitted so he could take a job in a canning factory," Nolan said.

Nolan continued that the law specifies a boy may not be paroled unless the juvenile court judge in the community involved gives his written permission. "In no instance since I have been here, from October on, has the school bypassed a judge's authority," Nolan said.

The MacLaren official said no youth would be placed on an extended vacation without the judge's good will, for then it would be almost impossible to obtain a parole for the boy in the future.

Take Advantage
C. Stewart Clarke, chief of field services for MacLaren, admitted that some boys have taken advantage of the regular week end pass and overstayed their leave. Of an estimated 5,000 boys making home visits over a six-year period, approximately 20 have "fouled up" in some way, he said.

After staying at MacLaren for three months the boys who show some improvement are allowed week end passes to visit their families, Clarke said. Main purposes of the visiting program are to maintain family solidarity, to give the youth an immediate satisfying experience, and provide an opportunity for MacLaren representatives to see "the boy in his home and community so as to judge how he may handle his freedom in the future."

"After all, a true test of character is the amount of freedom a person can absorb without going to pieces," Clarke said. "Our program is based on this."

plained that MacLaren has a capacity for 280 boys. This spring the institution had up to 350 boys. The school now has 250 in training, he said. In addition to the school are two forestry camps, one at Manzanita and one at Tillamook.

Holding 25 boys each, the camps are used for beautifying camping areas, building trails, planting grass on sand dunes and other such projects. The boys constructed their own buildings, Clarke said.

Average length of stay at MacLaren is nine months, Clarke explained. School officials feel if they keep the boys much beyond this period they are actually helping to develop anti-social attitudes.

Ed Dailey, field representative for this area, keeps in touch with those boys released from MacLaren. He also goes a step further than actually directed and contacts families which may have potential delinquents. He feels this way he can prevent much trouble before it happens.

Illustrate Question
Judge Kelly and Mrs. Crowell illustrated their side of the question by citing a number of cases where juvenile offenders whom they thought were safely at MacLaren suddenly appeared in juvenile court charged with more offenses.

One such youngster was charged with passing false checks, another with stealing hubcaps and another for car theft, the officials said.

One youth was given an extended vacation here by MacLaren officials and promptly took off for Phoenix, Ariz. He had been in MacLaren for only three months, Mrs. Crowell said. When appearing in juvenile court Judge Kelly told this youth that he could be sentenced to consecutive terms of 118 years if charged with all of his offenses.

Wants To Know
"If MacLaren school is not going to perform the job I have been led to believe it can do, then I want to know it so I can find some other means of handling these youngsters," Judge Kelly said. "It might be better not to send these boys to MacLaren, but turn them over to adult

Bonneville Death Damages Denied

Portland—UPI—The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco Tuesday rejected an appeal in a damage action against the Federal government by the estates of three men who died four years ago in the sinking of the barge Mule Duzer at Bonneville dam.

The estates of Merle L. Tobias, Portland; L. L. Boylan, Cathlamet, Wash., and George W. Graham, Kalama, Wash., had sought more than \$100,000 each from the government, claiming government liability in the tragedy.

Judge Gus Solomon of Federal District Court here had ruled against the plaintiffs on the grounds that the Federal government was not negligent and the Oregon employers' liability law did not apply because the accident occurred on a navigable stream.

Survivors of the five men who died Aug. 20, 1954, are receiving workmen's compensation.

Judging Trophy
The Bill Bray livestock judging trophy was presented to members of the Grants Pass championship FFA livestock judging team. Banners for the chapter rooms also were presented to the top three judging teams.

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Awards Presented to Members, Chapters at Annual FFA Fair

A number of trophies, banners and awards were presented to Future Farmers of America winners at the recent Jackson county 4-H and FFA fair.

Miss America assisted by Allen Barnes, Crater High school, and district FFA president, made the presentations Saturday night in the main arena.

The Grange cooperative herdmanship award for the most outstanding job of cattle herdmanship was presented to Leon Small, Phoenix. The award is a rotating plaque for the chapter and an individual trophy to the winning FFA member.

The John Bohnert Hereford award, a rotating plaque for the outstanding Hereford exhibitor, was presented to Don Ryan of the Crater FFA chapter. This award is based on exhibit showmanship, herdmanship and project book. Ryan also received an individual trophy.

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First place banner went to Grants Pass and was awarded by Fabers Farmers supply of

Medford. Second place banner went to Illinois Valley and was awarded by Medford Feed and Seed of Medford, and the third place banner went to Eagle Point. It was awarded by Central Point pharmacy.

The El Cresto Hereford ranch Hereford showmanship rotating trophy was presented to Don Ryan, Crater FFA, the top Hereford showman in the FFA competition. A new trophy this year, it was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Cloe Small of Phoenix.

The Moore Steel Service company banner was awarded to the Crater FFA chapter for the outstanding farm shop exhibit.

Outstanding Exhibit
The American Steel company award to the individual FFA members having the outstanding shop exhibit was presented to Jack Hoffbuhr of the Phoenix FFA chapter.

Gift certificates from several local businesses were awarded winners of individual farm shop exhibits.

A \$20 gift certificate for outstanding large metal construction was awarded to Jack Hoffbuhr of the Phoenix FFA chapter by Moore Steel company. Jack's exhibit was a large portable chain hoist.

A \$20 gift certificate for the outstanding stock trailer was awarded to David Bidde

of Eagle Point chapter by Moore Steel company.

Wood Construction
A \$15 gift certificate for outstanding large wood construction was awarded to Pete Melsted of Crater by Hubbard Brothers hardware. Pete's exhibit was a swine house.

A \$10 gift certificate for outstanding wood construction was presented to David Young of Crater FFA chapter by Norton's Lumber company of White City and Phoenix. The exhibit was a portable loading chute for livestock.

A \$15 gift certificate for outstanding medium metal construction was presented to Leland Coffman of Phoenix FFA chapter by Industrial Products company. His exhibit was a gas welding cart.

A \$5 certificate for outstanding small wood construction was awarded to Gary Dusenberry of Crater FFA chapter by Alexander's hardware of Central Point. He exhibited a sheep feeder.

Alexander's hardware was also the donor of a \$5 certificate awarded to Bill Rasmusen of Phoenix FFA chapter for his outstanding exhibit in small metal construction. Bill's exhibit was an adjustable tool stand.

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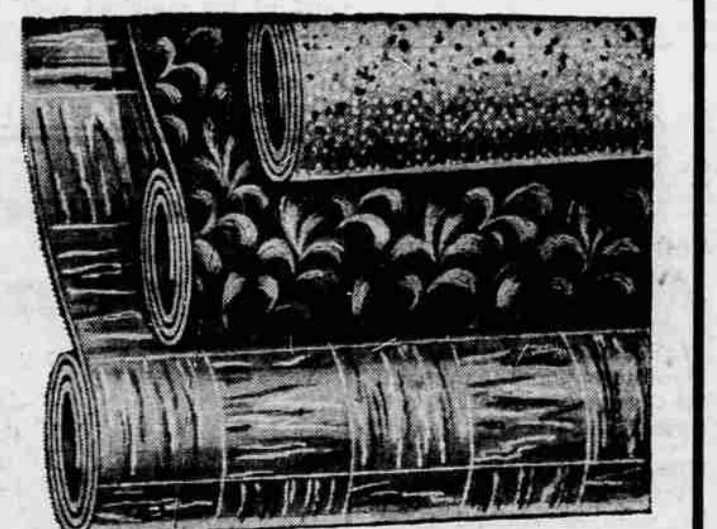


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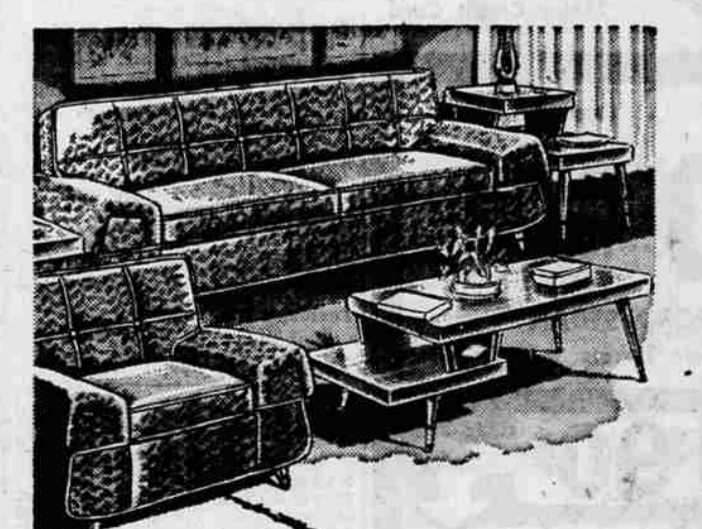
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