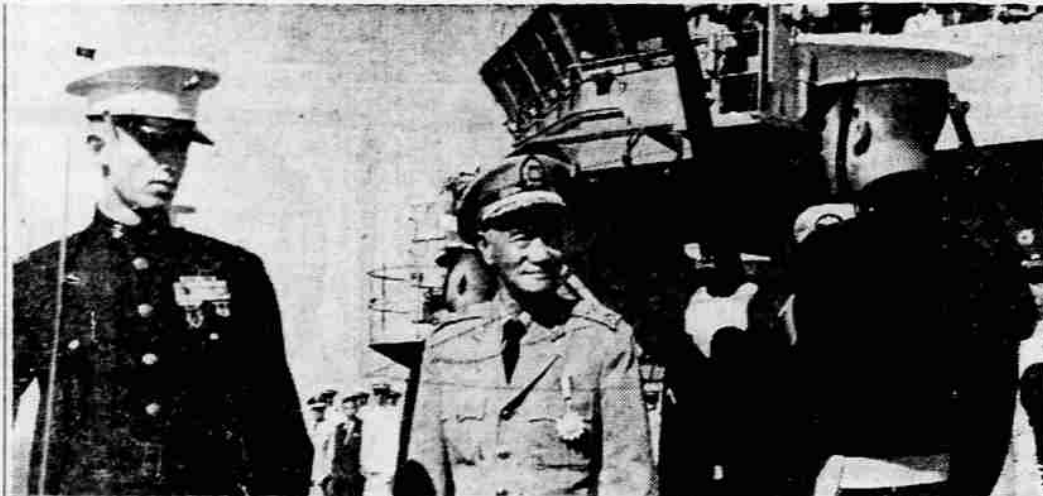


Two Local Youths Jailed In Sonoma

Two Medford youths were apprehended by Cloverdale, Calif. authorities on charges of car theft Saturday, Medford police reported.

The car, stolen Friday night from Courtesy Chevrolet sales lot in Medford, was recovered and reported driveable. The two youths, Robert Alvin Norris, 19, of 507 Effie st., and a 17-year-old companion are lodged in the Sonoma county jail at Santa Rosa, Calif., Medford police reported. The FBI is conducting an investigation of the car theft, police here said.



VISITING SEVENTH FLEET, Nationalist Chinese President Chiang Kai-shek inspects U. S. naval honor guard aboard carrier Midway in Formosa Straits. Chiang and his party spent day aboard giant flattop to witness demonstration of big fleet's might.

Russia's 10-Year Schools Have Good Graduation Record

(Editor's note: This is the last of three dispatches presenting the views of an American educator on the Soviet school system as compared to ours.)

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Kent, O. — (UPI) — Russia's 10-year (elementary) schools have a good record. Out of every 1,000 children who start in the first grade, 125 finish the 10th. The United States is the only nation with a higher graduate average.

Only the first seven years are required, but there are tempting rewards for those who finish out the 10th grade. These graduates can look forward to four or five years of paid education in a technical school or university.

Prof. Gerald Read of Kent State University, who studied the Russian school system in the Soviet Union, reported there are 28 million students in the 10-year schools. The 1,500,000 who graduated last year have been exposed to six years of foreign language study, five years of physics, three years of biology, six years of mathematics and four years of chemistry—five times more scientific hours than the minimum requirement for entrance to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"Of course, screams go up in Russia to give more time to science. Some would reduce all to science. There is no organized religious education under 16... science is everything," Read said.

Most Russian graduates possess a science-heavy knowledge that has been drilled into them. Their education is tailored to the needs of the state. A boy is paid to become an engineer. Then he must work three years in a job the state gives him.

"The Russians' interest in foreign languages is just one of many ideas they are trying," Read said. "Seven-year-olds now begin writing with pen and ink in the first grade. They have projects in doing. This is the John Dewey idea of 1930. They threw it out but are bringing it back now."

"They also are bringing in lathe and workshop projects and are pushing polytechnical education in 500 schools. And despite the fact they have few cars, there is a new emphasis on driver education in Russia. 'Every student must learn to identify all the parts of a car, including the electrical parts. He must know them before he gets a license.'"

Same Courses Studied

In morning classes all study the same courses, Read said. There are no electives. There are no IQ tests. All students advance at the same speed.

"What we do in football, they do in self-study projects," Read said. "We hire four coaches to teach football. They hire tutors to work each day with students inter-

CP Fire District To Elect Directors

Central Point — Eligible voters in the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district will vote Dec. 1 for two directors and decide on annexation of a piece of property in the White City area.

Candidates for director are Claude Thompson, present chairman of the board who is seeking reelection for a five-year term, and Charles Bateman, who is seeking reelection for a five-year term, and Charles Bateman, who is seeking the unexpired term of four years of the late Harold Gebhard. Bateman was appointed to serve the term until the next district election.

Also on the Dec. 1 ballot will be a proposal to annex a piece of property about a block wide and approximately a half mile long. The property lies north of Avenue G, west of Crater Lake highway south of the south line of the Veterans administration Domiciliary, and east of Little Butte rd.

The election will be held between 2 and 8 p.m. at the main fire hall on Highway 99 just south of Central Point.

Election judges are Mrs. Irene Anhorn, Mrs. Ruth Hovner, and Mrs. Myrtle Patterson.

EX-VICE MAYOR DIES

New York — (UPI) — John J. Whalen, 59, former vice mayor of Yonkers, N.Y., died Saturday of a heart attack while attending a funeral directors' meeting.

ested in physics, mathematics, sewing, ballet, photography, anything they want to pursue. "This is one part of the Russian system I think would be a wonderful idea for America."

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Family Council

The Family Council—Std Hd. Gloria M.—Dad wants to marry our girl friend. James M.—I want to move forward into a new life.

Gloria M.—My sister and I are single girls in our early 20s. Our mother died less than a year ago and we have been keeping house for our father.

We have done our best to comfort our father and see that he is not lonely. We have gone out of our way to restrict our social activities to at-home parties so that there are people around the house. Imagine our surprise when, a week ago, Dad announced that he was going to marry one of our girl friends!

This is just about the craziest thing we have ever heard. There is nearly 30 years between Dad and this girl. We don't mind his getting married again, but it is so very soon after our mother died. I can't help but think how heart-broken Mother would be if she could know. Shouldn't he show more respect for her memory?

James M.—As far as my daughters are concerned my life should have ended with my wife's. For a time I felt that way myself. But now I have the desire to stop looking back. I want to move forward into a new life.

I am in my 50s, true, but I am in very good health and I am taken for many years younger than my real age. I feel young and I want youth around me. My daughters think they ought to be enough for me, but they aren't.

The girls don't realize that they would leave me to myself at the drop of a hat if the right opportunity presented itself. In fact, I suspect them of being a little jealous that I and not they have found love.

The Council—James makes a very harsh accusation when he refers to his daughters' possible jealousy. There may be a strain of truth in it, but it is a brutal answer to some of their justifiable protests. The fact that he could use such a crude weapon suggests that he realizes his position is a poor one and calls for violent defense.

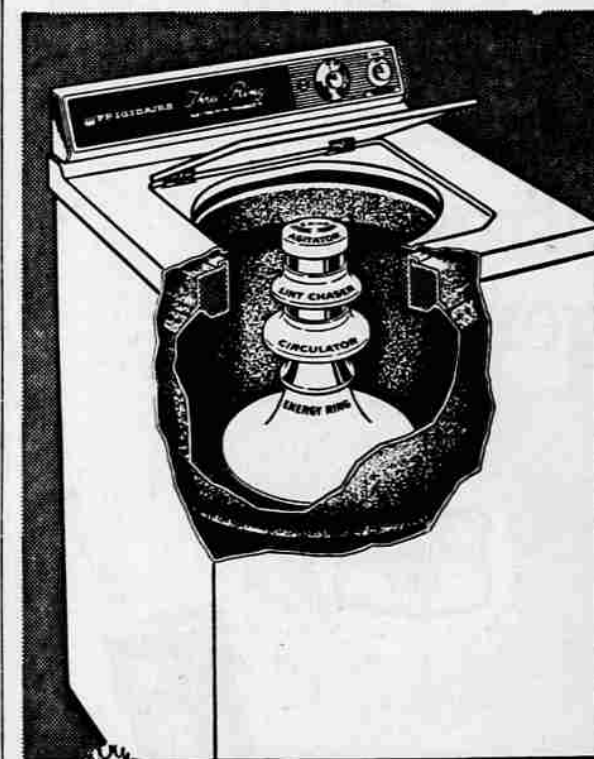
James apparently does not recognize that he is still suffering from the blow of his wife's death. He has just gotten back his wind and is enjoying a resurgence of the feeling of life and the desire to live. His daughters should recognize that his present actions do not imply disrespect or lack of love for their mother. They are the actions of a man who is reeling.

James should make an effort to steady himself. He should recognize that he and his prospective wife are in a hurry to marry because they do not want to give themselves time to think. The girl, who now represents nothing but the rosy glow of youth, is really an ill-balanced individual who will probably be quite hard to live with. In any case, James owes himself time to fully recover from shock.

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