

Sophomore Girls to Organize New Club

More than 30 sophomore girls will meet at the Young Men's Christian association building at 7:30 o'clock tonight to form a Tri Hi-Y club.

There are now Tri Hi-Y clubs in the junior and senior grades at Medford High school. The discussion and meeting will be conducted by girls of the senior Tri-Y. Refreshments will be served.

Tri Hi-Y is a high school club organization, sponsored by the Young Men's Christian association, whose stated purpose is "to create, maintain and extend throughout the home, school and community high standards of Christian character."

All but eight states restrict the sale of fireworks.

Stories Conflict In Federal Income Tax Trial of Beck

Tacoma—UPI—Conflicting testimony was an issue for the first time today in the government's income tax evasion trial against Dave Beck.

Robert L. Graham, Beck's former administrative assistant, testified Tuesday that the missing records of two union funds had been removed from a bookkeeping office in the Seattle Teamsters hall "for the purpose of making an audit."

Monday, Donald McDonald, a bookkeeper, testified the records had been taken from his office for the purpose of giving him more office space. Funds involved are those

of the Western Conference of Teamsters and the Joint Council 28 Building association prior to Jan. 1, 1954.

These records have been missing since Internal Revenue agents began their investigation of Beck in 1954.

Graham said in January of 1954 he had gone to McDonald's office and told him to "gather up the books and records of the Western Conference general fund and the building association and bring them to his (Graham's) office."

"I told him I wanted everything necessary for an audit," Graham said.

U. S. District Judge George H. Boldt interrupted Graham's testimony and asked him to "think over very carefully" what he had said regarding the records from McDonald's office.

Boldt emphasized that Graham's answer would be very important. Graham reiterated his previous statement. Later Boldt said "the court's question was made with a very definite purpose in mind."

Placed in boxes

Graham said that he took the records from his desk, placed them in cardboard boxes and personally carried them to the basement and placed them in a storeroom vault.

An hour or two later, Graham added, he saw the building custodian and told him to "clean out" the storeroom.

"I never saw them again," Graham said. "I assumed they were destroyed."

McDonald testified that he had seen boxes with the records in them several days after Graham had removed them to the basement.

Dry human hair can be stretched to 25 per cent without breaking and wet hair will stretch even more.

Big Cars Defended By Detroit Mayor In L.A. Smog Fight

Detroit—UPI—Mayor Louis C. Miriani stepped into Los Angeles' smog problem today with a defense of the auto industry and Detroit's big cars.

Miriani replied to a statement by Los Angeles Mayor Norris Poulson who called for a consumer boycott of big cars because they cause too much smog.

Poulson told a Washington news conference Monday he is going to buy a Rambler to replace his Cadillac and urged others to change to small cars to force the auto industry to reduce harmful effects of exhaust gases.

Big cars produce more fumes than little cars and auto exhaust is the main cause of Los Angeles' smog, he explained.

Miriani asked the Los Angeles mayor in a tongue-in-cheek telegram to consider what would happen to California's economy if Michigan boycotted all that is big in California.

Everything's Big

"California not only popularized the words 'colossal' and 'stupendous,' but has been sustained by Jimmy Durante's nose and Joe E. Brown's mouth, not to mention other physical phenomena shared by so many of your top female movie stars," the Detroit mayor said.

"Life without bigness seems un-American and a thing too horrible to contemplate."

Juvenile Judge To Decide Fate Of Young Killer

El Cajon, Calif.—UPI—Sixteen-year-old Carl Eder's life is now in the hands of a juvenile judge.

The lanky runaway from New York state who admitted slaying the wife and four small children of a man who had befriended him appeared in municipal court Tuesday for arraignment, and had his case assigned to a juvenile judge.

The judge now must decide whether the youth should stand trial on murder charges as an adult — which could mean the gas chamber if he is convicted.

Juvenile Trial Alternative

The judge also has the alternative of ruling that Eder should be tried as a juvenile, which would mean that the maximum sentence he could receive for the mass slayings would be life imprisonment.

Eder was captured by an off-duty policeman Monday night, just three days after he admitted fatally shooting Mrs. Lois Pendergast, 37, and slashing the throats of her three sons and a daughter, aged 2 to 9. Two of the children also had been dismembered.

Thomas Pendergast, 39, a deeply religious aircraft plant worker, discovered the bodies in his home Friday.

Pendergast, who said he met Eder six weeks before the slayings and decided to allow the youth to live in his home "to salvage his soul," said Monday after Eder was captured in San Diego, about 12 miles from here.

"I pray that God will take mercy on him," Eder's explanation of why he went on his wild killing rampage was, "I guess I just flipped my lid."

The youth from Irondequoit, N. Y., sobbed as he led police back to the scene of the slaughter and reconstructed the slayings one by one.

Burial services for the victims were to be private and Pendergast asked reporters not to question him about the time or place of the last rites.

Please call off your threat. "Michigan's livelihood depends upon your continued acceptance of Imperials, Lincolns and Cadillacs as much as California's economy depends upon motion pictures," C. M. Heinen of Chrysler Corp. said the time is near when devices to control exhaust gases will be introduced to the public.

Heinen, chairman of an Automobile Manufacturers Association Committee on Air Pollution, said Mayor Poulson "spoke with disregard for the facts" in criticizing the industry.

Close Cooperation

"He should know the industry has been working in closest cooperation with Los Angeles county officials who have responsibility for this problem," Heinen said.

"The industry has been engaged for five years in an intensive, cooperative research and development program aimed at finding a solution."

Heinen said a great deal of research has been required but the program is now at a point "where the technical feasibility of exhaust control has been established."

"Prototype devices are being tested and are near the point where they will pass from research to produce development," he said.

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Forced Schooling Case Thrown Out

Woodburn, Ore.—UPI—A case against a father whose 15-year-old daughter is not attending high school was dismissed in Justice Court Tuesday "in the interests of justice."

Sharyn Schneider and her sister, Shirley, 21, run a grocery store which supports their family of seven. The father, Clarence Schneider, was brought into court for failure to comply with the state's compulsory school attendance law.

School officials agreed to find a special system of night study, correspondence courses or tutoring to further the girl's formal education while she helps run the store.

The father suffered a heart attack several years ago.

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Logging, Pickup Trucks in Crash

A logging truck and a pickup truck collided yesterday afternoon near Prospect state police reported today.

Police said the accident occurred near the Wildwood store on Highway 62 in the Prospect area about 4 p.m.

A logging truck and trailer driven by Ernest Joe Taylor, 47, of 543 Grand ave., Central Point, was heading west on Highway 62 when the driver saw a car driven by Frank Wilbur Simmons, 64, Star route, Trail, pull out of a driveway onto the highway to go west. Taylor told officers he started to pass the pickup truck when it made a left turn into the Wildwood store as he pulled alongside.

The truck was struck by the car and went off onto the shoulder and into a ditch, where it tipped over on its left side and lost its load of logs. The driver of the car was thrown out onto the highway but was apparently uninjured, state police said. Simmons told officers he did not see the truck. Both vehicles were extensively damaged, police said.

Informal Naval Inspection Slated

Com. Paul H. Dice, district electronics program officer for the 13th Naval district, will conduct an informal inspection of Naval Reserve Electronics Division 13-5 at the unit headquarters, 33 North Riverside ave., tonight.

On his current inspection swing Commander Dice has inspected units in Roseburg and Grants Pass and will continue to Klamath Falls tomorrow night. The local Naval Reserve unit is the largest Electronics Division in the 13th Naval District.

The division is commanded by Lt. R. A. Schuchard of Medford.

Weasels are of considerable economic importance in the farmlands where they occur. Authorities estimate they kill millions of mice and rats each year.

The Sphinx, 4,500 year old lady in the Egyptian desert, has to have a beauty treatment now and then to repair damages done by windblown desert sand.

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... if possible, LEAVE YOUR CAR HOME DURING THE NEXT TEN DAYS. If you live very far from the downtown business district, arrange car pools with your neighbors.

This cooperation will help to relieve the acute parking problem down town during the Christmas rush. It will provide added parking places for the convenience of shoppers and out-of-town visitors, who will greatly appreciate your courtesy.

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