

# Awards Citations Presented at Safety Council Banquet

Six awards and citations were presented to local firms and individuals at the annual awards banquet of the Medford Safety Council Friday.

Mrs. Maxine Horton, 3333 Dark Hollow rd., Medford, was presented the Saved-A-Life award by Jackson County Sheriff Joseph Walsh. Distinguished Citizen Safety Awards were presented to Mrs. J. W. Grigsby, Jacksonville, and Medford Police Capt. Clyde Fichtner.

Kogap Lumber Industries, Medford, received the new Hull award for industrial safety. Timber Products company was singled out for a special safety citation and the Jackson County sheriff's department received the Council's 1958 Traffic Safety award.

**Commends Mrs. Horton**

Walsh commended Mrs. Horton and noted that it was her action which saved the life of a driver at the scene of an accident. The driver, pinned in the vehicle which had overturned in a roadside ditch, was unable to keep his head out of the water. Walsh noted that Mrs. Horton's action saved the driver from drowning.

The action was noteworthy because Mrs. Horton had been involved in the accident and still maintained the presence of mind necessary to cope with the situation, Walsh noted.

For the first time since local safety awards have been presented, Mrs. Grigsby and Captain Fichtner were presented Distinguished Citizen Safety awards for their part in the Council's activity for which they have never received proper community recognition.

C. D. (Swede) Larson, 1959 president of the Medford Safety Council, presented the award to Mrs. Grigsby, and B. B. Bigham, immediate past president, presented the

award to Capt. Fichtner. Jerry Lausmann received the Hull award on behalf of Kogap. The award, named in honor of the late Frank Hull, a charter member of the Medford Safety Council, was presented by Dan Hull, brother of Frank Hull.

**Plaque Retained**

The Hull Award plaque will be retained by the winner each year until a new winner is selected, a procedure which will be followed annually for 12 years or until one firm wins it three consecutive years, at which time it becomes the company's permanent property.

The winner of the industrial safety classification is determined on the basis of percentage of increase in safety records from the preceding year and is intended as an incentive for any company to improve its safety record.

James Dunlevy, president of the Medford city council representing Mayor John Snider, presented Timber Products company with the special safety citation.

The council also recognized Ideal Cement company, Gold Hill, for an exceptional safety record during the past few years. The company had previously been honored by the National Safety Council for outstanding records of achievement in the field of industrial safety.

Sgt. William J. Colbert, Newport, noted that it was only through the support of citizen safety groups and official enforcement agencies that any measure of improvement in the safety picture could be achieved.

Portland—The Portland school board has voted unanimously to ask the Legislature to study finances for the next two years to lead to a new formula for distribution of state aid.

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**TAKING** over U. S. ambassadorship in Cuba is Philip Bonsal, veteran diplomat, succeeding Earl E. T. Smith, who resigned when Fidel Castro's rebels won republic.

## Red China Approves Of Cuba Executions

Tokyo—Red China's controlled press chorused hearty approval today of the mass executions in Cuba and condemned the United States for protesting.

The semi-official Ta Kung Pao declared, "the Cuban people are fully entitled to punish those bloodthirsty murderers under the Batista dictatorship. It is an affair exclusively for the Cuban people and no foreign country is allowed to interfere."

The Peiping People's Daily, mouthpiece of the Communists, Party's Central committee, wrote that behind American protests "about so-called humanitarianism and democracy is an evil plot to re-establish the pro-U.S. Batista dictatorial regime."

## House Bill Would Lower Age for Use of Cigarettes

Salem—(UPI)—A bill lowering the age limit for purchase of use of cigarettes from 18 to 16 years of age was introduced in the Oregon House Tuesday at the request of the Interim Committee on Judicial Administration.

The bill (HB 116) also reduces the penalty for selling cigarettes to a minor from \$1,000 and up to a year in jail, to \$100 for first offenses and 30 days in jail for second offenses.

Also of interest to young people was HB 115 which outlaws all local city, county or other curfew ordinances of regulations to make the state curfew ordinances uniform.

**Changes Curfew Hours**

The bill changes the curfew hours for minors under 18 from 12 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. It also removes criminal penalties for violation of curfew and gives the jurisdiction for violators to the juvenile court where the minor resides.

HB 114 would remove the authority of the governor and the State Board of Parole and Probation to transfer minors convicted of felonies from the penitentiary to MacLaren school for boys. It also removes authority of the correctional classification board to transfer inmates between MacLaren and other correctional institutions and removes the superintendent of MacLaren from the correctional classification board.

A bill (HB 113) outlawing commercial catches of steelhead trout in the Columbia river during February was in-

troduced in the House Tuesday.

### Indians Exempt

Sponsors were Reps. Robert Elfstrom (R-Salem) and W. O. Kelsay (D-Roseburg).

The bill exempts Indians and makes violation a misdemeanor.

Abolition of the State Bond

### Movie Industry Conditions Noted

Beverly Hills, Calif.—(UPI)—Pioneer moviemaker Samuel Goldwyn Tuesday night called conditions in the movie industry the worst in 47 years. He urged producers to make fewer but better-quality pictures.

Goldwyn, presented the Milestone Award for his historic contribution to the American motion picture by the Screen Producers Guild, told the group much of the industry's present trouble comes from producers, directors and writers trying to do each other's jobs.

"Let the directors direct, the writers write and producers produce," he said.

He also scored movie stars who "demand and get a half million dollars, three quarters of a million dollars, a million dollars a picture—and a huge share of the gross of the profits in addition."

The U.S. Tariff Commission says that in terms of dollar value antibiotics were the most important medicinals produced in this country in 1957.

Commission and transfer of its duties to the state treasurer was recommended in HB 118. The bill, introduced by the State and Federal Affairs Committee at the request of the Interim Committee on Government Reorganization, also would authorize the state treasurer to appoint a committee to advise him on investments.

### Other Highlights

Taxes: Among 25 bill introduced in the House was HB 85 which levies a gross income tax of 1 per cent on earnings of seasonal agriculture workers with no personal exemptions, deductions or credits allowed. The tax would be paid in lieu of a personal property tax.

Tax Program: Sen. Anthony Yturri and Rep. Robert L. Elfstrom, Republican minority leaders, asked the Democratic majority to "gear the legislative schedule to a speed that will allow Hatfield to present his tax program to the legislature." The GOP leaders were afraid a program might be "rammed through without the benefit of Hatfield's recommendations."

## X Chromosome May Contribute To Longevity

Washington—(Science Service)—The chromosome that helps determine sex in humans—the X chromosome—has been found to be three times larger than the Y chromosome, two geneticists reported here.

Since the female has two X chromosomes while the male has one X and one Y, this may help explain some of the differences between the sexes.

As a consequence of the larger size of the X chromosome, the human female cell is about four per cent greater than the male in chromosome volume. Thus, the female has a "substantially richer genetic capacity." Drs. J. H. Tjio and T. T. Puck said in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences that this may contribute to the female's greater longevity.

Other differences, such as differences in response to X-ray irradiation and the nature of malignant growths, might be explained by the sex chromosome size difference, the geneticists believe.

**Further Evidence**

Drs. Tjio and Tuck, respectively of the Estacion Experimental de Aula Dei, Zaragoza, Spain, and the University of Colorado Medical Center, Denver, also studied the number of chromosomes found in human cells. Further evidence as reported that the "real" somatic, or body cell, chromosome number of humans is 46. Previously it was believed to be 48.

Cells from various organs in 13 persons were analyzed and exact chromosome counts performed on almost 2,000 cells. More than 95 per cent of these revealed 46 chromosomes, the scientists reported.

They also divided the chromosomes into eight groups on the basis of size, position of the centromere and the possession of a satellite body. (The centromere is a small round body that divides the chromosome into "arms" and is believed to play the important role of "nucleolar organizer" in cell division.)

A total of 74 individuals have now been studied whose chromosome count is 46 rather than the classical 48.

**HULBERT TAFT DIES**

Cincinnati, Ohio—(UPI)—Hulbert Taft Sr., 81, publisher and board chairman of the former Cincinnati Times-Star, and a nephew of the late William Howard Taft, died here Monday night.

Care of mentally ill persons in the U.S. costs taxpayers at least \$1 billion a year as of 1957.

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