

Kiwanis Club's Dental Clinic Said Successful in First Year

The countywide clinic providing dental care for needy youngsters has experienced an "extremely successful" first year, officers of the Medford Kiwanis club, sponsoring organization, have announced.

Through the participation of dentists in the county and with the cooperation of schools and the Jackson county health department, Kiwanis officers said, the clinic has filled a need which had been lacking for 15 years.

Work performed during the first year of operation (nine school months) shows 1,056 appointments and \$20,000 to \$25,000 in amount of services given. Fillings have numbered 2,120, extractions 602, full dentures five and partial dentures 10.

Funds Earmarked
Funds raised through the 1958 Kiwanis Kapers were largely earmarked for the dental clinic. Much of the proceeds of the 1959 Kapers will go toward this project.

Performances of the variety show, "Now and Then," will be staged on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 4, 5, 6 and 7, in Medford High school auditorium.

The Kiwanis dental clinic revived on an expanded scale a service at one time sponsored by the Jackson County Public Health association but halted during the years of World War II. Equipment for the earlier clinic was obtained with the aid of Alex Sparrow Memorial funds. This operation functioned on a half-day per week basis. Dentists served on rotation, generally receiving at least token payment for their work.

Scheduling Problem
School and county health nurses found the cases and

presented the lists of children for treatment. There was no full time technician on duty and scheduling dentists was a problem. As this country became involved in war, dentists began to leave for military service.

Dr. George Goodrich, now of San Pedro, Calif., conducted the clinic duties for about two years. Then, with employment high and economic circumstances of families improved, need of the clinic was not so great and operation was stopped. When resumption of the service after the war was discussed, the antiquated equipment was found to be unusable.

Kiwanians began, independently, to supply financial help for "a few dozen" dental cases per year. Dentists were paid for the work, generally on a near cost basis. But supporting a program under such arrangement and fulfilling the need was seen to be financially prohibitive. It was at this time that the Kiwanis club realized the need for this service and undertook to establish a permanent dental clinic. Space was obtained in the Jackson County Courthouse.

\$4,500 Expended
Approximately \$4,500 was expended before the first patient was seen. A full time technician, Mrs. Audrey Reiss, is largely responsible for the intricate scheduling of dentists and patients into the clinic.

Forty-two Jackson county members of the Southern Oregon Dental society have donated their services without fee, one half day per month. Operation of the clinic has been five afternoons per week through the school year.

Impairment of Spur Authorized
Public Utilities Commissioner Jonel C. Hill has authorized the White City Terminal and Utility company to operate its equipment on a spur track in the White City area under conditions of impairment.

The impairment was found recently by PUC officials, and an application for authorization for impairments to standard clearances was filed by Oregon Veneer company. The company conducts loading operations at the site of impairment.

The track and buildings were constructed during World War II. Hill noted, and during the emergency at the time, no attempt was made to comply with existing regulations regarding railroad clearances.

The PUC granted the company's request, and ordered it to finance installation of signs reading "impaired clearances." White City Terminal and Utility company operates switch engines in the White City industrial area.



KAPERS CHORUS LINE - The "Hats Off Girls" here do one of the dance chorus routines which will be seen this week in the annual Medford Kiwanis Kapers. From left are Rita Johnson, Julie Yoakley, Mary Frohnmayer, Rebecca Rowan, Jean Pletsch, Linda Morlan, Medford High school students. The musical variety presentation, "Now and Then," will be staged Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, March 4, 5, 6 and 7 at the senior high auditorium. Proceeds will go toward financing the Kiwanis-sponsored dental clinic and other club projects, including boys and girls work. The chorus girls shown here appear in the first act of the all local talent production which has professional direction.

It is contemplated that should the backlog of cases continue to grow at the present rate, the clinic will have to be expanded. Medford school principals and nurses and county school principals and health nurses determine which children are eligible.

Dental Services
All types of dental services are provided. A complete program of teeth rehabilitation has not yet been instituted because of the large number of immediate attention cases. It is hoped that a rehabilitation

program can be established when the backlog can be decreased or the operation expanded.

Kiwanis officers pointed out that the service club clinic sponsorship does not mean it will stop efforts on other projects. The club has supported varied programs for underprivileged children and in boys and girls work. It is building for future projects, primarily in child welfare, over and above current undertakings.

That is why the Kiwanis club hopes for large crowds each night at the annual Kapers.

Advisory Group Is Available to Counsel
John W. Snider, Oregon Centennial chairman of the State Finance Advisory committee, has announced that his committee is available for counsel to county Centennial committees in regard to financing county activities connected with the Centennial.

Money for such projects is expected to be raised within the respective counties and Snider's committee will offer suggestions for such fund raising.

Company Gets Tires Tested on Track
Bill Clark of Medford Tire Service has announced that all passenger car tire lines being shipped by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company has been tested on a 140-mile-an-hour test track near San Angelo, Tex.

The track, five miles in length with banked curves, was constructed to test tires safely at higher-than legal highway speeds. Goodyear officials said its testing program has up-graded tire mileage potential by 25 per cent.

Tires tested on the track are now in stock at Medford Tire Service, Clark said.

Medical Column Started by Firm
Medical Mirror, a new health column designed to provide health information, has started in a weekly advertisement sponsored by the Big Y Pharmacy.

The column is written by science editors headed by Francis T. Roberts, New York and assisted by Dean Earl P. Slone, University of Kentucky college of pharmacy, Dr. John D. Ralston of Indianapolis, Ind., and Dr. Harold C. Morris. Dr. Ralston limits his practice to psychiatry, and Dr. Morris is a medical physician.

Big Y Pharmacy officials pointed out that Medical Mirror emphasizes that diagnosis and treatment of disease requires the skill and knowledge which only a physician can apply. The column does not encourage self diagnosis and medication, they pointed out.

Premiums Can Be Deducted, VA Says

Veterans holding GI insurance who are also recipients of pension or compensation can save money and time by having their GI insurance premiums deducted from their monthly pension or compensation checks. S. T. Brannock, contact representative, VA Domiciliary, Camp White, said today.

Brannock pointed out that veterans who arrange to have their monthly insurance premiums deducted in this manner not only save postage, money order costs and sundry expense items but also avoid the possibility of a lapse in their insurance. It is impossible to "forget" to pay an insurance premium if deductions for premium are authorized beforehand.

Brannock urged veterans with questions on any phase of their insurance program to contact the VA contact representative, VA Domiciliary, Camp White, or to write to the VA district office administering the policy, giving the policy number.

CONDUCTORS BLOWS UP
Memphis, Tenn. - (UPI) - The Memphis Orchestra voted Friday to investigate the conduct of conductor Vincent De Frank. De Frank hurled his baton to the floor last Tuesday night and stalked off the stage, telling the musicians they needed more practice in a voice so loud that the audience heard every word.

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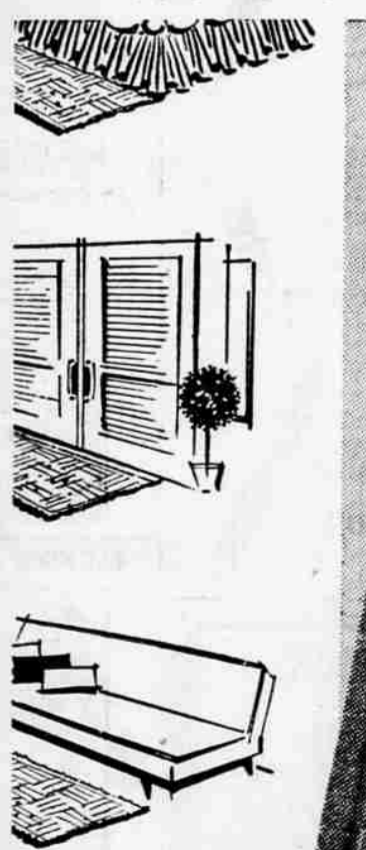
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