

Dierix, Moore Complete Course

Corvallis-William R. Dierix and Orie Moore of the Jackson county health department completed a special three-day short course recently at Oregon State college.

They were enrolled in a school offered annually by the OSC school of engineering for city and county sanitarians and public health workers. This year's course centered around industrial hygiene with particular emphasis on the health and well-being of industrial workers.

Sixty-three workers from Oregon, Washington, and California were enrolled.

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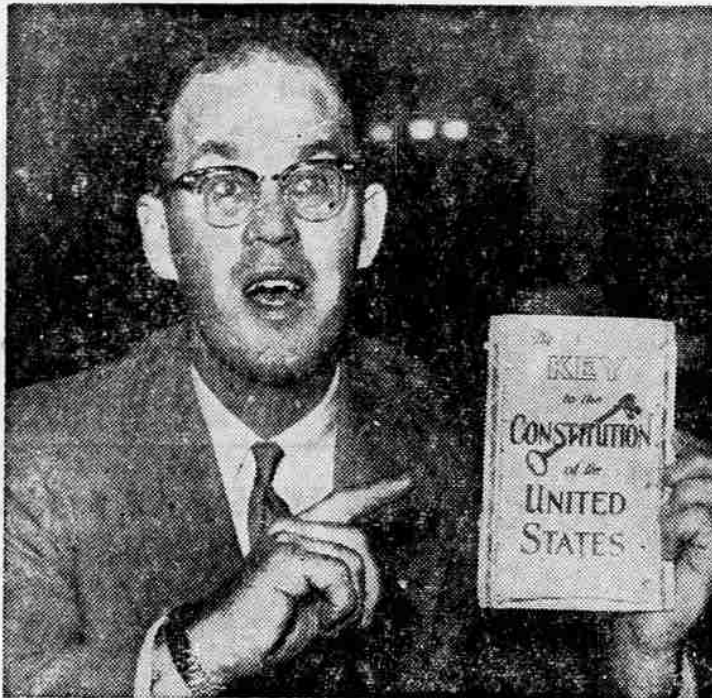
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COURAGEOUS LEAP

Rome—UPI—Giulio Coraggio, 21, jumped into the Tiber river Wednesday night because his 15-year-old girl friend wouldn't marry him. After a minute in the icy water he changed his mind, swam back to shore and went to a hospital asking to be treated for exposure. Coraggio's name is the Italian for "courage."

FORCED TO STAND

Memphis, Tenn.—UPI—They laughed when Walter Jones, 89, chose to stand while testifying against Roy Granderson, an old friend he accused of assaulting him. His old friend shot him in the seat of the pants with a small-bore shotgun, Jones said. Granderson was fined for discharging a firearm inside the city.



BURNED-UP FARMER—A poultry farmer who has run into so much trouble with the Government's price-support program that he may move to Australia to get away from it all, took his fight to the House agriculture subcommittee in Washington. Stanley Yankus, 40, of Dowagiac, Mich., shows reporters a copy of "The Key to the Constitution of the United States," as he waits to testify. Yankus has been fined heavily for planting excess wheat acreage, which he says he uses to feed his chickens. After this picture was made, Yankus told Congress his only crime was using his land to grow crops.

\$25,000 Grant Made To Study Trickling Filters for Sewers

Corvallis—A \$25,000 research grant has been awarded Oregon State college by the U. S. public health service for a two-year study of trickling filters used in sewage disposal.

Trickling filters are beds of stones or other packing over which the sewage "trickles" during the final disposal process. Microbial action helps oxidize the sewage to make it less innocuous.

OSC's school of engineering and department of bacteriology are conducting the research, which will provide new and highly valuable information on the merits of the filters for secondary or final oxidation of the liquid portion of the sewage before it is ready to be emptied into streams and carried away.

Project leaders are Fred Merryfield, engineering, and C. M. Gilmour, bacteriology. The Oregon state sanitary authority and the city of Corvallis are cooperating in the study. An experimental filter has been constructed in conjunction with the Corvallis sewage disposal plant.

Shallow Types
Most such filters now used in sewage disposal across the country are shallow types, ranging from 4 to 8 feet in depth. The OSC test filter is 20 feet deep and 4 feet in diameter. The wooden "tower" is packed with stones. European filter depths commonly run from 12 to 25 feet but are used somewhat differently.

Purposes of the project are to evaluate the engineering aspects—effectiveness of depth, recirculation of sewage, filter capacity, etc.—and the biochemical changes in sewage produced by microorganisms and plants that attach themselves to the stones.

It is believed the trickling filters will have special value for use in areas where canyons and other food plant wastes upset the normal operations of sewage treatment systems.

OSC is also studying possibilities for using low-cost, open-air waste oxidation lagoons for sewage disposal in Western Oregon. The lagoons, inexpensive to build and operate, are widely used in the Midwest and Southwest by small communities and industries which are unable to afford sewage treatment plants. Other larger communities are using them to expand existing facilities.

GIVES UP SMOKING

London—UPI—Called into court for playing hockey 61 times this school year and setting fire to her home with cigarettes, a 13-year-old girl promised the judge: "I have given up smoking now."

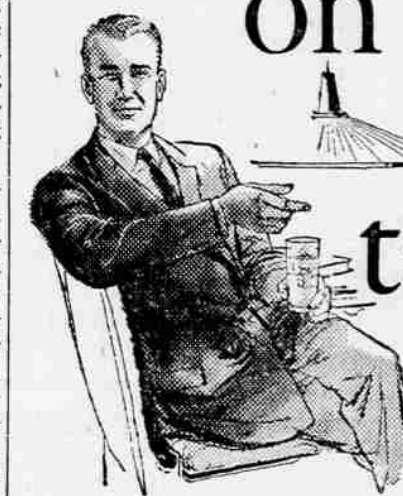
STEAL DRIVE SHAFT

Schuyler, Neb.—UPI—Two mechanically-inclined thieves heading for parts unknown with known parts were sought today. Sheriff Ed Patach said they broke into a garage, stole a car, transferred its drive shaft to their own disabled auto and drove off.

WORMY CAR

Fareham, England—UPI—Michael Delaney was fined six pounds (\$16.80) for driving a car afflicted with worms. Delaney said the worms got in the wooden door of his 1929 car and he had to tie it to the steering column with wire. He was charged with having a dangerous door.

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