

## Jackson County Reported With High Divorce Rate

Five Oregon counties had more divorces than marriages during the first four months of this year, according to statistics released recently by the State Board of Health.

The five counties are listed as Jackson, Multnomah, Curry, Harney, and Malheur. The state figures report that Oregon had 92 divorces for each 100 marriages during the month of April. Local statistics list 19 marriages and 31 divorces for the same period.

Personnel in the county clerk's office explained that any figures on marriages for last month are not complete since there is at least a 30-day time lag. The state law requires that an officiator at a wedding file marriage certificates within 30 days following the ceremony.

State health board statisticians said that is a rare occurrence for any county to report more divorces than marriages over such a comparatively long period in Oregon.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, blamed most of poor record on the fact that many Oregon couples are married in Washington or Nevada which require no pre-marital physical examinations.

## Dirty Trick on School Children Used by Scientists

By DELOS SMITH  
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New York—UPI—For the purpose of advancing man's knowledge of man (which generally is accepted as a worthy purpose) a psychologist pulled a dirty trick on a bunch of school children.



First, he bribed the children into eating the very vegetables they disliked the most. And then, when they had almost finished the eating, he told them he was going to tell their parents.

The scientific goal achieved by this was a partial confirmation of a new psychological theory, called "cognitive dissonance." From a parental viewpoint the result had to be good because the children ended up liking the vegetables they had disliked, or at least disliking them less.

Theoretically "cognitive dissonance" works this way: If for some kind of personal gain, a person does what he wouldn't have done otherwise, the inner harmony of his mind is disturbed. A discrepancy between outlook and action is established and this automatically loosens a

drive to eliminate the discrepancy and restore harmony.

As one of a number of experiments designed to find out if this theory is fact, psychologist Jack W. Brehm tested it in 8th grade school children of New Haven, Conn. Their teachers gave each a list of 32 vegetables and each child indicated which vegetables he liked or disliked "very much." They were told a research organization was studying people's eating habits.

A few weeks later the kiddies who had revealed the vegetables they disliked "very much" were summoned one by one to a special school room. There they met Brehm who said he represented a consumers' organization which tested food products in order to help people with their shopping. Right now, he continued, the organization was asking all sorts of people about what they got out of particular vegetables.

Each person was asked about only one vegetable, the children were told, and for each person, the particular vegetable was chosen at random. But actually each child was confronted with the very vegetable he most disliked. He was questioned in detail about his feelings for it. Then he was offered a bribe to eat it then and there on the grounds that this would help him answer further questions.

The bribe was a couple of theatre tickets or phonograph records. The youngsters who refused the bribe avoided "cognitive dissonance," of course. But those who accepted the bribe and ate the dose of this mental disharmony, Brehm's psychological testing showed they turned it into harmony by not disliking the vegetable this once.

## PUC Schedules Two Carrier Hearings

Salem—UPI—The Public Utility Commission has scheduled hearings involving applications by two motor carriers to alter their corporate structures.

Consolidated Freight Lines, a Delaware corporation, has asked to acquire the motor common carrier permit of Consolidated Freightways. Hearing has been called for Tuesday, June 9, here.

Willamette Valley Transfer company has applied to acquire the regular-route portion of the R.R. Bailey lines between Portland, Salem, Monmouth and Dallas over various routes.

That hearing is set for Thursday, June 25, also here.

## Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Poplarville, Miss.—Circuit Judge Sebe Dale, on whether a local grand jury would issue indictments on the basis of an FBI report on the Mack Charles Parker lynching:

"Certainly they might not be as apt to indict in this case as in some other case, but I believe there will be indictments if the evidence is sufficient."

Indianapolis—The governing body of the United Presbyterian church, in a resolution expressing hope for U.S. recognition of Red China:

"The day may soon come when our government, in concert with free nations, may enter with honor into normal relations with the government of the Chinese people."

Washington—Rep. H. R. Gross (R-Iowa) blocking House action on a \$10,225,500 money bill he thought too high to run the White House:

"I'm disappointed that the President of the United States didn't set the example by cutting back in his own ship."

Dallas, Tex.—Mrs. Leslie Darter, on being told of the death of mad killer Frank Windsor, who had threatened to kill her and three other persons he held hostage overnight:

"Oh, good, I'm sure glad. God, I had given myself up for dead all night."

## Cordon Undergoes Abdominal Surgery

Washington—UPI—Guy Cordon, former Republican U.S. Senator from Oregon, underwent an abdominal operation at Doctors hospital here Monday afternoon. His physicians reported the operation went well and his condition was "excellent."

Nature of the illness was not disclosed.

Cordon, formerly of Rose-

## Cautious Ice Skater Decides To Give Up

London—UPI—A disenchanted but cautious ice skater today advertised in the British Broadcasting Corporation staff magazine: "For sale: pair of ladies skating boots... in excellent condition, white crash helmet... hardly worn."

burg, has been practicing law here since 1954 when he was defeated for reelection by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.).

## Lopsided Foreign Trade Draining U.S. Reserves of Gold

Washington—UPI—Lopsided U.S. foreign trade has drained \$2,645,000,000 from U.S. gold reserves since Jan. 1, 1958.

The United States government still holds \$20,180,000,000 in gold. This is more than one-half of the world supply, far more than is legally required to back up American currency.

The government's financial experts believe the heavy drain on gold is about over and that an expected pickup in U.S. exports will reverse the trend and, possibly, wipe out a good part of the 18-month deficit.

But they emphasized that American businessmen must undertake an intensive campaign to sell their wares overseas if the United States again is to earn more money abroad than it spends.

No Cause for Alarm  
Countries with a "favorable" trade balance—i.e., they export more goods in this country than they themselves buy—can demand the difference in gold, in bank deposits, or in dollars.

The Treasury stands ready to sell them gold for dollars at the standard price of \$35.0875 an ounce.

Last year, the treasury paid out \$2,300,000,000 in gold in such transactions. Another \$346,000,000 worth of gold has been sold similarly since last Jan. 1.

Top officials said there is no cause for alarm; that there is reason to believe a slowdown and probable reversal of the trend is in the offing. They said no thought has been given to raising price of gold—which would have the effect of devaluing the dollar—because the situation is nowhere near that serious.

These officials pointed out that the latest figures show there still is \$20,180,000,000 in the U.S. gold reserve. The total, down about 10 per cent from January, 1958, is much more than required by law to back up the U.S. currency.

The sharp decline in gold holdings during the past 18 months is a continuation of a less serious downtrend that

dates back a decade. Officials see it as a normal reaction to the heavy buildup of U.S. gold stocks in the 1930 and 1940s that depleted foreign gold holdings, primarily in Western Europe.

Favorable Development  
The flow of gold back to Europe these officials said, also reflects postwar economic recovery there. In this respect, they said, it is considered a favorable development.

Most economists feel that the loss of gold has not detracted from the nation's economic well-being. They hold that this is measured most realistically in jobs, production, income and consumption.

However, should gold reserves fall far below their present levels, the government might then be forced to restrict imports of foreign goods or raise gold prices. Nothing like that is foreseen.

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