

Dr. Taylor to Speak at Derby

Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, chairman of the social studies division at Southern Oregon college, will speak at the annual Catfish Derby banquet Sunday, June 21, the Medford 20-30 club has announced.

Dr. Taylor will discuss the history of southern Oregon at the event, which will follow the Derby proper the afternoon of June 21 at TouVelle State Park on Table Rock rd.

Miss Karen Simcox, Medford, will reign as queen of the derby, with the Misses Dee Reed, Susan Yoder and Betsy Beck serving as princesses. The girls are sophomores at Medford High school, and were selected recently by the club.

Frank Perl and Frank DeSouza, who originated the Catfish Derby about 1935, will serve as honorary judges of the Derby. The 20-30 club assumed responsibility of the Derby in 1941.

The Derby will start at 11:30 a.m. June 21 with opening ceremonies and registration for catfish entries. There will be no registration fee for fishing entries, club officials said, and no admission charge will be made for the Derby.

In addition to the catfish contest, other contests will be held during the afternoon.

Salem Housewife Robbed and Beaten

Salem - UPB - A Salem housewife was knocked unconscious and robbed of \$4.70 Wednesday, state police reported.

Mrs. J. William Poindexter was treated for a head injury following the robbery.

A short time later, officer James Hamer took a 14-year-old Fairview Home inmate into custody.

Mrs. Poindexter told police she regained consciousness long enough to see a young man flee from her home.

A soft drink bottle used in the attack was found in the front yard, officers said. The Marion county district attorney's office is investigating.

Washington - UPB - The Agriculture Department has announced it might drop all federal grading of lamb and mutton Aug. 1.

Some wool and sheep growers' organizations has backed proposals to eliminate lamb and mutton grading. Major national meat packers also favored the step.

But stiff opposition to the idea came from independent packers, from retail and wholesale food industry leaders, and also from some eastern producer groups.

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Environments Prior To Birth Declared Important in Lives

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor

Atlantic City, N. J. - (UPI) - A panel of medical scientists heard it suggested that the things that can happen to people before birth might be the most important events of their lives.

The suggestion was made by Dr. A. S. Norris of the State University of Iowa. When science knows more

than it knows now, he said, the obstetrician will be able to practice preventive psychiatry in behalf of the unborn. In fact, he will be "the first line of defense against mental illness," Norris said.

The panel discussion was a feature of the annual meeting of the American Medical Association. It called attention to the usually ignored fact that we all live approxi-

mately nine months before our lives begin officially. **Before-Birth Environments** Norris thought it a pity science has paid so little attention to the influences of people's before-birth environments while making elaborate studies of how after-birth environments mold people into what they are, good and bad.

He pointed to the situations in which before-birth environments rob after-birth environ-

ments of most if not all molding influence. Some human beings die before they are born. Others are born mentally or physically defective. The accent was on the bad, of course, because science is ignorant of the good which before-birth environments create beyond the fact that most people at birth are quite normal.

The Little Which Is Known But people are born with astonishing endowments of

body and mind, as well as with defects, and science has never been able to show heredity is the full explanation. Norris's complaint basically was that the little which is known points to the importance of happenings in the before-birth environments, and why don't scientists get more facts?

He cited a number of examples. One was the ability of German measles in a woman during the first three

months of pregnancy to so change the environment of the unborn child that it could be born mentally deficient - or blind.

For hard-pressed poultrymen, the report brought no comfort. Egg prices on May 15 were down nearly 11 per cent from the previous month. Broiler prices also dropped. Average poultry and egg prices were at the lowest level in 18 years.

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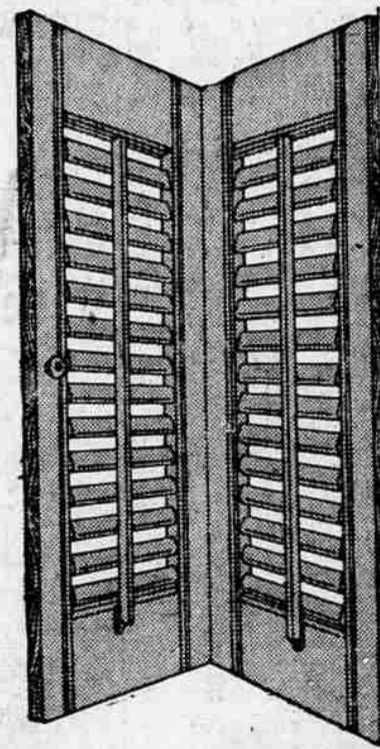


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