

Thornton Rules On Expenses for Travel To Russia

Salem—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton has decided it would be a misuse of public funds for county school superintendents or other school officials to use school money to travel to Russia for an education convention.

Multnomah county had plans to send personnel to a Russian educational conference this year, but the county Tax Supervising and Conservation commission raised questions as to whether this was lawful.

Specific Authorization Thornton said the statutes showed no specific authorization for any out-of-state travel by school district employees, except that the superintendent of public instruction is authorized to attend "educational meetings out of the state."

Thornton's opinion has the effect of cutting teachers off from out-of-state travel expenses. Several cases from other states were quoted by Thornton, but he said there were no Oregon rulings on the point.

Thornton said county school officials were entitled to "necessary traveling expenses" by law, but that this applies only to their routine duties and to meetings called by the superintendent of public instruction.

He said travel expenses to Russia could not be defined as "necessary" under state statutes. New York—Newell W. Edson, 78, an authority on social hygiene, died Sunday. He served with the American Social Hygiene association, and later was executive secretary of the Erie, Pa., Social Hygiene association.



TO SACRIFICE TRIPLETS? Mr. and Mrs. Nathan B. Miller, of Wilmington, N.C., say that they may have to put their six-day-old triplets up for adoption because he can't afford to support them. Miller, 55, is a partially disabled farm worker earning \$25 a week.

Dennis the Menace Author Takes Wife

Carmel Valley, Calif.—Hank Ketchum, creator of the "Dennis the Menace" cartoon series, disclosed Monday that he has married Mrs. Jo Anne Olson of Tacoma, Wash. Ketchum, 39, said he wed his 31-year-old bride last Wednesday in the Carson City Methodist church, Carson City, Nev.

His former wife, Alice, died two weeks of an intestinal hemorrhage while motoring in the Northwest. Their 13-year-old son, Dennis, is the model for the mischievous child in Ketchum's cartoon.

The couple met last year in New York where the new Mrs. Ketchum was working as a travel agent. She was divorced from Paul D. Olson, a Tacoma lumberman, in 1955. Ketchum divorced his first wife last April. Chicago—American cities are putting new emphasis on slum prevention, according to the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. The association reported that six times as many cities have housing codes in force now as four years ago. It said at least 260 cities now have laws setting minimum requirements for safety and health in housing, compared with 44 cities four years ago.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge and a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a woman's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. J. S.—He has a terrible temper. Stephen S.—All I hear is nag, nag, nag. Mrs. J. S.—I am terribly upset about my 16-year-old son, Steve. He has the most violent temper. He flares into a rage and rushes out of the house at the least word of criticism from his father or me.

All I ask is that he keep himself and his room reasonably neat and clean and appear at the dinner table on time. All his father asks is that he get decent grades and help out with a few of the heavier chores. Sometimes he does these things—with a sulking. But all too often he neglects them and when we call it to his attention he flares up. He is the youngest of four children and we never had this trouble with any of the others. We can't imagine what's eating him.

Stephen S.—All I hear is constant nag, nag, nag. If I do remember to wash behind the ears, then I haven't got my shoes tied right or my shirt is coming out of my pants. If I mowed the lawn, I forgot to take out the garbage and so on. You can't win if you're me. You're always in the wrong.

On top of that, my parents are always looking at me as if I'm a lunatic or something. Or maybe I'm just the bad apple in the bunch. They're always talking about how my brother Perry never was like that—and my sisters, well they're just my sisters, well I know I have a temper and I try to keep it under control, but every now and then things get to be too much. I just can't take it any more.

The Council: Steve's statement has an honest ring to it. We get the impression that he doesn't lack respect for his parents and all they represent, but that he feels he falls hopelessly short of their standards for him. This probably accounts for his temper tantrums and sulks. Most of the time he probably goes around feeling like a failure—chock full of shortcomings. When one of these shortcomings is pointed out to him it feels like a knife going straight to the heart. Most of us react sharply to a criticism we feel is true. If it is not true, we can slough it off more easily. It is certainly a great mistake to compare such a boy or any other child to other youngsters in or out of the family. Each is an individual and has some assets and some shortcomings. When it is the shortcomings that are constantly pointed out, the child just begins to feel hopeless. It is enough to tell a boy like Steve what is expected of him and to praise him when he does well. These parents should try to keep the criticisms to a minimum until Steve's sick ego has a chance to heal itself. When he gains self-respect and self-confidence he'll be able to "take it" better. But it should be borne in mind that even the most ma-

AGAIN, SO SOON Huntington Station, N.Y.—(UPI)—Roland J. Earl and his bride, Rose Marie, were married again Sunday, just one month after their first wedding. The non-legal ceremony was performed for a photographer, whose films of the first, real wedding, were stolen from his car before they'd even been developed. The population of Alaska has tripled in the last 20 years.

ture and self-confident person can be worn down by a barrage of criticism. Yet many adolescents are subjected to just that—"for their own good," of course. (Copyright, 1959, General Features Corp.)

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Back Stairs: Agents Going To School

By MERRIMAN SMITH UPI White House Reporter Washington (UPI)—Back stairs at the White House: Travelers from Gettysburg report a small group of Secret Service agents busily engaged in moving into rented homes and preparing for grammar school next year.

Why? Maj. John S. Eisenhower, the President's son, has moved with his wife and their four children to Gettysburg. It will be their permanent home—at least, as permanent as any young officer can call his dwelling. Three of the children, who have been in private schools in Alexandria, Va., will attend public school in Gettysburg next fall. Attending with them will be a select group of adults scholars carrying 38 revolvers instead of lunch boxes.

A law passed after the assassination of President William McKinley directs the U. S. Secret Service to protect the President and members of his family. As a practical matter, it is not necessary to maintain a watch over John Eisenhower and his pretty wife, Barbara, but the President's grandchildren rate 24-hour protection. The youngest, Mary Jean, won't be four until next December. So she's too young for school. David, 11, will be in the sixth grade next year; Barbara Anne, 10, in the fifth grade, and Susan, 7, in the second grade.

The three probably will go to the same grammar school within a few minutes by auto from the Eisenhower farm. Their father, a member of the White House staff, will commute to work in Washington. Protection Expanded After some gun-crazy Puerto Rican nationalists tried to shoot up Blair House when President Truman was in office, Congress expanded the specific protection of the Secret Service to the vice president—but not to his family.

Thus, the two daughters of Vice President Richard M. Nixon attend school without accompanying agents. But if Nixon thought such extra protection was necessary, it would be provided without question. Several Agents The Secret Service does not like to discuss its protection arrangements in detail, but it can be said with authority that at least several agents will be permanently occupied in Gettysburg seeing to the safety of the Eisenhower grandchildren.

They will escort the children to and from school, and then take up stations in the hallways outside the classrooms. This was done in the private schools in Alexandria. The agents made a determined effort to stay in the background as much as possible. But to be of any protective value, they must remain relatively near.

Agents assigned to the grandchildren are chosen carefully. They are low-pressure fellows, quiet, somewhat on the young side and discreet. Agents have had to go to school with or near the children and grandchildren of Presidents on many occasions. Some went to college with the Roosevelt boys.

The mild young agents on similar assignments today can be relied upon to keep calm and unruffled unless provoked in a peculiar manner. This peculiar manner seldom is evident to those outside the official family, but it usually happens like this: One of the agents on the family assignment comes back to the White House for a visit and one of his colleagues assigned to him and whispers: "How's everything on the diaper detail?" That's the time to duck.

Three Burglary Attempts Here

The packing plant office at Reter Fruit company, 323-29 South Fir st., was burglarized sometime between Friday morning and Monday morning, Medford police reported. Police said the small frame office building at the northwest corner of the main plant was pushed open. However, according to the report, nothing was taken. The crime was reported by Philip James McCormick, 3506 New Ray rd., Central Point.

A burglary of Nu-Way Cleaners, 601 East Main st. Saturday night or early Sunday morning was reported by a Medford policeman. A patrolman reported finding the west door of the building insecurely fastened, and on investigating inside, a file drawer and desk drawer that had been pried open. Nothing was apparently taken according to the report.

A man apparently attempting to burglarize the Oakdale Big Y Market, 301 South Oakdale ave., was spotted late Sunday night by a Medford patrolman. Police reported conducting a search of the area without finding the suspect, although what appeared to be burglary tools were discovered in a lot a few blocks away.

The burglar had attempted to gain entry through three doors, according to the report, before apparently being frightened off by the patrol car's approach. OUTGO Burlington, Vt.—(UPI)—Plans to make the Chittenden County jail "break-proof" were postponed because the cost of new locks exceeded the jail's annual budget.



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