

Suit Seeks \$20,000 In Damages Here

A suit asking more than \$20,000 in damages was filed Thursday in circuit court by Myrtle Pearl Martin, Talent, for alleged injuries received in a traffic accident on 5th st. and Central ave., Medford, on Oct. 28, 1958.

In her complaint, she charges Floyd Kenneth Lawson Jr., Medford, with negligent driving. She claims to have suffered a skull fracture, brain concussion, rib fracture and multiple contusions and abrasions.

She was a pedestrian in the accident, according to her complaint. General damages of \$20,000 are being asked, and special damages of \$1,637.30.

She is represented by Harrison and Piazza, Medford attorneys.

TIPSY TEEN CYCLIST

Ikeston, England — A drunken driver was placed on probation Friday after admitting he had drunk several bottles of beer on the job and had steered a bit wobbly on his way home. The offender, whose name was withheld, was a 15-year-old baby-sitter, on a bicycle.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington: Senator Warren G. Magnuson (from the state of Washington) and other Western senators Wednesday urged legislation to provide for establishment of a national wildlife disease laboratory.

Senator Magnuson said a proposed bill would authorize an appropriation of three and a half million dollars for construction of the laboratory. He told the senate interstate and foreign commerce committee, of which he is chairman, that the laboratory would be used by all states in their search for ways to prevent wildlife disease.

IT'S WONDERFUL, of course.

The wild creatures are our neighbors on this territorial globe that we call the Earth. We love them. We are sad when we see them stricken by disease. Our natural and quite commendable impulse, when that happens, is to use the resources of modern science to PREVENT it — to keep them healthy and vigorous and full of the joy of life.

But even wonderful proposals call for careful appraisal. We must ask ourselves whether THIS wonderful proposal is more important than THAT wonderful proposal. We OUGHT to be able to have everything our hearts desire. Maybe, in some distant generation, we will be able to have everything our hearts desire.

That time, however, isn't here yet. In this still imperfect world we have to choose between the things we can afford and the things we can't afford.

THERE ARE human beings, for example.

The idea is growing (quite legitimately) that we must do more and more for them in the way of disease prevention and medical care. Modern science is showing us HOW to do more for human beings along those lines.

There is pretty general agreement among practical people that first things should come first, and it seems pretty clear to all practical thinkers that in a choice between human beings and the creatures of the wild that human beings come first.

THIS PROPOSED bill calls for a preliminary appropriation of only 3½ million dollars. In the vast, sprawling structure of our federal government, an appropriation calling for only 3½ million dollars is mere peanuts. It would cost each of us only a few pennies.

But— Experience tells us— Many a mickle makes a muckle. A penny saved is a penny earned.

Every little bit added to what you've got now makes just a little bit more.

TAXES are beginning to bite. The only way taxes can be reduced — or kept from getting unbearably burdensome — is to spend less. If we spend what is asked for every good thing that comes along, we'll find ourselves sooner or later in VERY hot water.

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News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

This will introduce a new columnist to readers of Pickin' Pears — Walter Townsend — a writer of considerable ability, who will provide a refreshing viewpoint that is needed at this time.

It was the policy among the great editors of the past to shift reporters around so that interest would not be grooved too definitely in the personality of the "by line."

No one holds a copyright on this feature in the Mail Tribune and with all the changes at Camp White, there has never been a dearth of good writers. This is a country where great writers and even poets like Markham have lived and flourished in the past. There is something in the Oregon air that is conducive to the free flow of ideas.

Walter Townsend has been winning prizes consistently in the Hospitalized Veterans Writers project. He is turning now from fiction to fact and his first news stories follow:

By Walter Townsend
"Colossus of leisure hours" was the way Dr. Harold D. Meyer, University of North Carolina, department of sociology and anthropology, opened his address to an interested audience in the Camp White theater, Aug. 4.

He gave an hour and a half lecture on planned living under the auspices of the Veterans administration. If we survive the leisure which the Atomic Age has made, he said, it may be more horrible than war.

He said 15 million retired people are living in America; recreation is growing more important every day. Especially was this true in the Medford area he stated.

His facts and figures showed that recreation in the United States has become a \$42 billion a year business. Automation was the next step, which would free millions more people from their usual occupations. Even computers were

now used, one of which would do the work of 30 persons. They would not only ask but answer questions where they were already in operation at the university where he taught.

A fine recreation program is a vital need, he declared. The life span, he stated, had now reached 69 years and 9 months, and there were now 15 million persons 65 or over.

He divided the needs of leisure time into six groups: (1) social recreation, (2) arts and crafts, hobbies; (3) music; (4) recreation services; (5) dramatics; and (6) sports.

Henry C. Herzog, manager of the domiciliary, who was present with members of his staff, said he was grateful for Dr. Meyer's message.

On Aug. 3, the Readers and Writers club of Camp White, accompanied by Enid Holmes,

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the librarian, went to Ashland in a Red Cross station wagon driven by Mrs. Ness.

They heard the president of Southern Oregon college, Dr. Elmo Stevenson, an authority on geology, say that Oregon had the widest and greatest variety of flora of any place in the United States.

He also said that until a million years ago, elephants, rhinos, dogs, and horses, roamed this part of the world.

Then something happened to all of them. Sheet upon sheet of lava poured out through cracks, he said geology taught. It was the largest lava flow in the world except in India, he said.

Mrs. Minnie Zahnnow, gray lady, American Red Cross, was with the group and afterward she treated the party to refreshments at the Plaza cafe, Ashland.

West Virginia mines about 30 per cent of the nation's coal output.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

HAVE YOU EVER longed to see with your own eyes the famous Indian rope trick? You never will, insists Will Dexter, in "This Is Magic," because it can't be done. An English millionaire had a standing offer of 5,000 pounds for anybody who could perform the fabled illusion, and agents of the Prince of Wales scoured India in search of a magician who could oblige—but people who claimed to have seen the trick never could remember where or when! The myth goes back to an Indian legend written 500 years ago.



Two city dogs had a passing conversation at a friendly curstone. "What's your name?" inquired one. "I'm not quite sure," admitted the other, "but I think it's Down Boy."

A Yankee reporter, investigating conditions in the South, writes that there is a definite movement in Mississippi to form a second party.

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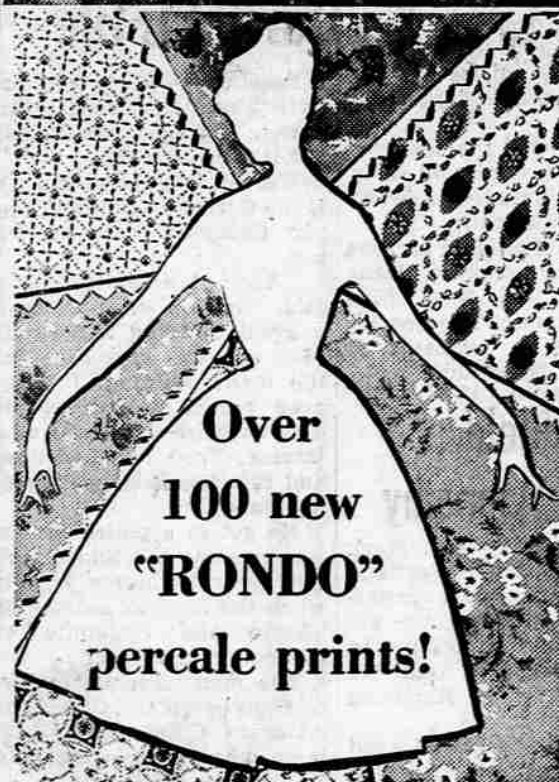
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