

## 'Play Day' at Y Program Opens Monday for Boys

As a supplement to its regular fall and winter program schedule, the Young Men's Christian association has announced that it will conduct a "play day" for both YMCA members and non-members.

Bob Jones, general secretary said, "play day is an after-school program which consists of supervised games in the YMCA gym and swimming lessons in the Y pool. The YMCA truck will pick youngsters up at their school when school lets out, and bring them back to the school grounds at 5:30 each day."

The schedule for play day will be, Monday, boys in the third and fourth grades; Wednesday, girls in the third and fourth grades; Thursday, boys in the fifth and sixth grades, and Friday, girls in the fifth and sixth grades.

**Turn by Weeks**

Each grade school will have a turn by weeks. They are Oct. 26 to 30, Hoover school; Nov. 2 to 6, Jackson school; Nov. 9 to 13, Jefferson school; Nov. 16 to 20, Lincoln school; Nov. 23 to 27, Roosevelt school, and Nov. 30 to Dec. 4, Washington school.

YMCA officials said the program will be free for any participating youngster. Supervision will be provided in the program by qualified leaders accompanying the truck to and from the YMCA and the regular staff of leaders at the Y programs.

Such games as dodge ball, relays, volleyball, trampoline, and others will be played. Supervised swimming lessons will be conducted for those interested.

Additional information will be provided by a YMCA representative in a special meeting at each school or by calling the YMCA.

## YCW Conference This Evening

The Young Christian Workers will hold the second in a series of marriage conferences today at 7 p.m. at the Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne ave.

All young people, either engaged or simply wishing to obtain information and advice concerning the foundation of a good marriage, are invited to attend.

The conferences are entitled "Christianity, Matrimony, and You."

## The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

**Alice G.** — I can't take my sister's kids.

**Anita R.** — She's a real old maid.

**Alice G.** — My husband and I have been married ten years and are childless. We have chosen this way of life because we like it. We both work very hard and we like a peaceful, well-ordered existence.

We lived that kind of life until we took my widowed father to live with us. Dad had not been well and my sister and brother had no room for him in their place. I'm not complaining about Dad. He is no trouble at all. What does annoy me is that my sister and her husband have no hesitation about dropping in with their brood at any time. It's constant open house. The children are undisciplined and turn the place topsy-turvy every time they come.

I told my sister off about this and she is furious. She claims she has the right to see Dad any time. But after all, it's still my home. I have some rights too.

**Anita R.** — Alice is the oldest in our family and she has always set herself up as big boss. It was her idea to have Dad live with her. She hardly gave him a chance to decide for himself. He would have been much better off with me.

Dad loves to have the grandchildren around him. He can't get enough of them. Our children aren't undisciplined as Alice claims. She is a real old maid about her home and can't stand anything moved a quarter of an inch. You can't put four youngsters between the ages of 3 and 11 in strait jackets.

After we leave, Alice always calls up and says Dad has a very bad headache from the noise. Then when I ask him about it the next day he says it was nothing at all. The kids were fine. Sometimes I think Alice is jealous because she has no children of her own.

**The Council:** We don't envy Dad. His choice seems to be bedlam or a sealed dungeon.

These two young women are scrapping like children for the dominant position in relation to their father. Alice has put Anita in her place by taking Dad over physically. But Anita feels she holds the trump hand insofar as she has the children, who represent continuation of her father's life line.

Obviously young children can't be held completely in check. It is equally obvious

that it is important for this elderly man to see his grandchildren. But it is necessary for all of them to be present at one time? It seems quite likely that an elderly man who is not well would find there are limits to his tolerance of a group of rambunctious youngsters. He is probably glad to see them and doesn't want to discourage the visits, so he makes light of the situation.

This is the kind of thing that can easily be straightened out if there were a real desire to make everything more comfortable for everyone concerned. But Anita seems determined to taunt and wound Alice on the score of her childlessness. Possibly Alice has taken over the father as a kind of substitute child in retaliation. Neither is trying to make things easier for Dad.

Cut out the scrapping, girls! Recognize that you each hold an important place in Dad's life — also that you must each have some respect for the other's way of life. It isn't hard to make compromises and adjustments when the basic principle of thoughtfulness for the other person is accepted.

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## 4-H CLUB NEWS

**Rogue River Dairy Club**

The Rogue River Dairy 4-H club met Oct. 10 at David Carter's. Election of officers was held. Officers are Marilyn Deckleman, president; David Strickland, vice president; Lanny Parsons, secretary; Zane Strickland, reporter; Julie Anne Smith, treasurer; and Candy Gail, historian.

Julie Anne Smith, Bette Lou Smith and Steven Strickland joined the club. Plans were made for achievement night Nov. 5 at Rogue River High school gymnasium. Margaret Ayres was a guest.

Zane Strickland, Reporter.

**Buttered Buns 4-H Club**

The executive meeting was held at Mrs. Barnes home October 20. We outlined plans for the club's meetings for this year. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Barnes, our club leader.

Judith Franek, Reporter.

## Attendance Drive For Month to Close

Children of the nursery and beginner departments will present a short musical program for the opening assemblies of Sunday school at the Friends church today at 9:45 and 11 a.m.

This will be the closing day of the October attendance campaign. Emphasis is on taking a visitor three consecutive Sundays so that he becomes a member of the Sunday school. Everyone who does this will be eligible for an award, and those who have brought two such individuals will receive a free airplane trip.

The junior church is being reorganized under the direction of Mrs. Harold Sharp. It will be held at 11 a.m. during the second worship service, for children in the first to third grades.

"What Is Man?" is the theme of pastor Clynton Crisman's message at the 9:45 and 11 a.m. worship hours. The youth choir will sing, "O God, Our Help," and the adult choir, "The Lord Is My Keeper."

Christian Endeavor will be held at 6:30 p.m., followed by the praise and worship service at 7:30 p.m. "Quaker Hour" is broadcast over station KDOV at 9 a.m. each Sunday.

## Army Accepting Men For Commissions

The Army has announced that it is accepting college graduates direct commissions in the regular Army in a number of specialized career fields.

Enlistments are now being accepted in more than 50 vocational career fields, the Army said, enabling an applicant to select the field of his choice. Additional information may be obtained at the Army Recruiting station in the Medford post office building.

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## Outmoded Phoenix Ordinances Being Revised by Committee

Phoenix — Long outmoded city ordinances of Phoenix are being studied by a city council committee which hopes to make recommendations soon on revision and modernization of the ordinances, according to Mayor Arthur MacKintosh.

"The city of Phoenix through its council, has embarked upon a modernization and forward-looking program that will, when completed, give us regulations providing better control and greater protection to the community," the mayor said.

"This program encompasses a complete revision and modernization of all ordinances adopted by the city since its incorporation. Many of them are as outmoded as the horse and buggy. Others have no provision for enforcement. The ordinance committee, after proper study and assisted by legal counsel will recommend a revised set of ordinances that will be modern, up to date and enforceable."

On the committee are Mrs. Mona Ferns, chairman; E. A. Campbell, G. G. Skinner and Mrs. Kathryn Stanciliffe.

**Anybody Fined**

Mrs. Ferns remarked that "As they are now, almost anybody could be fined or jailed for violation of a city ordinance."

Possibly the ordinance considered the most outdated and in need of replacement is the one on public nuisances. This all-inclusive law considers a nuisance "a thing, act, occupation, or use of property which shall annoy, injure or endanger the safety, health, comfort or repose of the public and shall unlawfully interfere with, obstruct, or tend to obstruct or render dangerous for passage, a lake, navigable river, bay, stream, canal, or basin, or a public park, square, street, alley or highway."

In Phoenix almost anyone could be fined for accumulations of rubbish. Long outmoded is the provision declaring a public nuisance, "privy vaults and garbage cans which are not fly-tight."

**Air Pollution**

Phoenix, even in the early days, must have been troubled at times by air pollution. Under the nuisance law "dense smoke, noxious fumes, gas and soot, or cinders in unreasonable quantities" are considered a public nuisance.

Apparently the Phoenix city fathers did not have to ride an undesirable citizen out of town on a rail, they could merely declare him a

public nuisance as a blanket clause states: "All other acts, omissions of acts, occupations and uses of property which are deemed by the council to be a menace to the health of the inhabitants of this city, or any considerable number thereof."

Another ordinance attempted to prevent obstruction of streets:

"Any person or persons placing, brush, rocks, old wagons, hay racks, wood racks, old boxes, reapers, or any rubbish of any description anywhere along or in the streets shall be held to haul it away or pay a fine of \$5-\$25."

Minster shows were also regulated, according to the old town law that "before any exhibitor or exhibitors of any traveling public show, minstrel troupe or circus, shall be allowed to exhibit or show in the incorporated town of Phoenix, he or they shall apply to the town recorder for a license."

**City Pound**

The Phoenix city pound, no longer existing, took in all manner of beasts, according to Ordinance No. 1, which is still on the books. It provided that "no horse, mule, cow, sheep, goat, hog, pigs, colt, calf, lamb, geese, ducks or other domestic animals shall be suffered to run at large."

Much of the town's public works construction may have been done by prisoners in the early days. One ordinance allows prisoners to work off their fines, and another provides that if they refuse they would be confined in the town jail "on bread and water, at the rate of one day for each two dollar fine."

An old speed ordinance states it is "forbidden to drive a motor vehicle within the corporate limits of Phoenix at a greater rate of speed than 8 miles per hour."

Another "blue law makes it unlawful to ride a bicycle, horse, or mule or any other animal on the sidewalks or on park row of Phoenix."

**Curfew Ordinance**

The city fathers believed in strict curfew enforcement and felt parents should be held strictly accountable for the actions of their children, according to another city ordinance.

"Any child or children, 16 years old or under, found on the streets, or at large, after 9 p.m., unattended by legal guardian, shall be escorted to their homes and turned over to their legal representatives with instructions to take charge of them." Failure to do

so brought a fine of \$5 for the first offense, \$10 for the second and \$20 for the third.

The old curfew bell is still mounted on top of the volunteer fire station across from the Phoenix Presbyterian church. It was the duty of one of the town's older citizens to ring the bell.

Phoenix in the early days also provided a public camp grounds controlled by the town marshal. Each person or group using the camp grounds was required to register with the marshal and give him 12 hours notice before leaving.

The city fathers had a direct way of dealing with a possible epidemic of infantile paralysis. No person under 16 years old was allowed out in public and schools were closed until the town's health committee should reopen them.

On March 18, 1942, the city council passed an ordinance prohibiting the use and sale of fireworks "during a time of war."

The city council also prohibited use of barbed wire fencing in the town, according to another ordinance.

An ordinance providing for

daylight saving time was never taken off the books. This designated period was from June 7 to Sept. 26.



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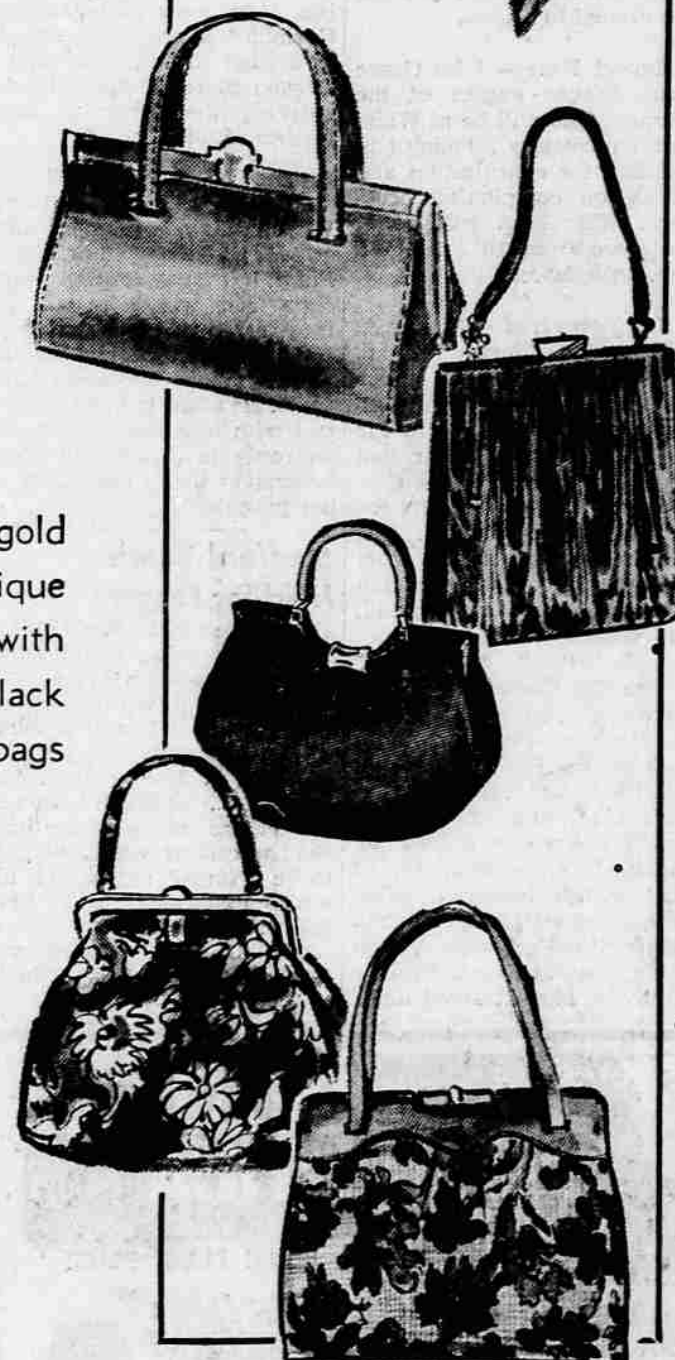


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