

Ferry Service in State Discontinues

Westport, Ore.—(UPI)—Ferry service between this north-west Oregon community and Cathlamet, Wash., closed down today after 34 years.

Mrs. Jessie Danielsen, owner of the Westport to Cathlamet service said she was selling the firm's one ferryboat to George Bacon of Maryland, Wash., who will transfer the 65-foot steel vessel to Anacortes, Wash.

Mrs. Danielsen said the service was being stopped because business did not warrant its continuation. She said no local persons were interested in buying the operation.

The ferry service first began in 1925. Mrs. Danielsen has been associated with the service since 1936.

Medical and Dental Building Plans Told

Bids will probably be opened later this month on a proposed office building to be erected at 711 East Main St.

Architects Wilmsen and Endicott of Eugene expect to complete the plans and specifications in about 10 days, it was reported. The two-story building will be used mainly for medical and dental offices.

The structure will be basically of wood construction and will provide a parking area to accommodate about 60 cars.

Thornton Rules on Tax Committee Gifts

Salem—(UPI)—The Legislative Interim Tax Committee may not accept gifts from private sources to help defray costs of a study of timber tax problems, Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said Friday.



DISCUSS PROGRAM—Dr. Arthur C. Jones, (left) director of the Rehabilitation Institute of Oregon, Portland, discusses the program of the Southern Oregon Conference on Aging with Frank Glonning, (center) chairman of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging, and Elliott Cohen, director of the division of recreation for the ill and handicapped, National Recreational association, New York City, at the conference here yesterday.

Conference Speaker Sees Hope For Aged in Rehabilitation

There is hope for older people in physical rehabilitation, Dr. Arthur C. Jones, director of the Rehabilitation Institute of Oregon, told the Southern Oregon District Conference on Aging here Saturday.

The conference, held at the First Methodist church, drew about 225 people.

Dr. Jones and Elliott Cohen, assistant director of the Division of Recreation for the Ill and Handicapped, National Recreation association, New York, were featured speakers at the conference luncheon.

Cohen stressed the need for people to have some kind of recreation and differentiated it from activity. Before recreation can come, people must have the ability to have a recreation experience and to this end they must be trained, he said.

Some people go through life working at a job which ends when they are no longer young enough to keep up with it, then are faced with a life of idleness because they have made no preparation for recreation in their earlier years, he told the group.

A person should start in his youth to prepare for his old age by acquiring a skill or hobby at which he will be able to continue working when he becomes too old for more strenuous activities.

Dr. Jones described what was involved in the physical rehabilitation program.

First, there is a diagnosis, not only to determine what is wrong with the person but also what is right, in other words, the kind of activity the person is able to undertake.

After diagnosis comes mobilization, the restoring of parts of the body that have been thought useless, Dr. Jones said. For instance, an elderly person may have thought his hand was useless and made no attempt to try to make it work, but through the mobilization process, the person finds that he can tie his own shoes and maybe even indulge in more strenuous activities.

The next step in physical rehabilitation is ambulation or teaching a person to stand with means of crutches, braces or other devices. A wheel chair is ambulatory if a person is unable to walk.

Dr. Jones said that 90 per cent of all stroke cases can be taught to stand if they will just take the time and care to learn.

Next is recreation, the active participation in games or their equivalent that will divert a person's attention from his routine life, he said. This recreation should call for as much activity as the person can reasonably give.

The final step in the program is avocation which is apart from a job, Dr. Jones pointed out. This is the engagement of older persons in some activity such as a hobby, which they like and can do. This is also supposed to divert their attention from their other problems.

Dr. Jones criticized our Social Security system for setting the arbitrary age of 65 as the year of retirement for

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most people. He pointed out that some people age much faster than others and that such things as retirement should be based on the individual person and his capabilities.

It is not encouraging to people approaching 65 to know at that time they will no longer be considered useful to society, but must then take a cut in income and be prepared to spend much of the rest of their years in idleness, he pointed out.

He said that, in actuality, many persons can work and be useful to society for many years after they have turned 65. The setting of an arbitrary retirement age in the U.S. is a waste of manpower.

Dr. Jones said that there are many people who will be glad to help, if only the aged will seek them out.

In an interview, Cohen said that the White House Conference on Aging, called by President Eisenhower for

1961, of which the Southern Oregon Conference is a preliminary part, is long overdue. We need long range plans to deal with the problems of our senior citizens, not the stop-gap kind which have been used to date, he said.

Both speakers stressed the importance of having elderly persons remain as active as possible. Dr. Jones said an older person needed stimulation to keep from getting idler than he already is.

There were meetings of various interest groups at the conference. They dealt with such subjects as recreation, education, employment, income, health and other problems concerning the old.

Mrs. Helen Zollinger, chairman of the State Conference on Aging, introduced both Dr. Jones and Cohen at the luncheon.

Rev. George Roseberry of the First Methodist church gave the invocation and County Judge Earl M. Miller

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Your Fingerprints Have Purpose Other Than Identity

You would have to be pretty egotistical to think the ridges, whorls, loops and bumps on the fingers of the human hand were especially designed to make identification easy and accurate so that criminals could be apprehended or one person positively identified from any other.

These fine ridges, whorls, loops and arches or composites, called papillary ridges are really provisions made by Nature to make it easier to grasp and hold slippery objects or surfaces. They answer the same purpose on human digits as corrugated rubber mats or tire treads of motor cars.

Fingerprints extend up the fingers onto the palms of the hands ending at the wrist. The wrist or upper surface of the fingers need no ridges; they do no grasping or holding. The "toe-prints" help to maintain a positive footing on slippery surfaces. Civilized man seldom has to secure a foot-hold on slippery rocks or wet leaves, so these fine ridges on his toes have outlasted their usefulness.

Tufts of Hair

Those creatures who must walk on ice, in loose sand or soft snow, even wet leaves or water washed rocks have developed various devices to make their way of life a little easier. Tufts of stiff hairs between the pads of a paw assure sure-footedness for the polar bear who walks on slippery ice. These hair tufts serve more than one purpose; they also make for greater silence. Even the pads of an animal's foot are usually "pebbled" with tiny bumps assuring greater traction on slippery surfaces.

In some animals this arrangement reaches a high state of perfection. The snowshoe rabbit can run over loose soft snow because its feet are enlarged, preventing tiring penetration of the feet in the snow. The two cushions of a camel's feet spread apart when the animal's weight is on them to keep the feet from sinking into the loose sand of the desert.

'Shoes' Devised

Evidently the horse was not intended to walk on slippery surfaces. Because he wanted to use the animal for his own profit, man devised "shoes" for the horse. This is about the only animal with "iron footprints." Nature made no allowance for this as over the many years she developed the size of a rabbit to the majestic animal, now nearly replaced by the motor car and the tractor.

The human criminal does not want to leave his fingerprints. Neither do the animals of the wild. Their pawprints are just as revealing, visible evidence to potential enemies. If it could, the animal would take its tracks with it when it leaves. Paw-



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Imagination, Honesty Urged as Features in News Photography

Editor's note: Three Medford men, reporters-photographers Bob Vroman and Joe Cowley of the Mail Tribune, and freelance photographer Ken Knackstedt, attended the annual cross-country short course in photojournalism recently sponsored by the National Press Photographers' association in Portland. The following is a report on the meeting.

News photography should feature both imagination and honesty.

These two points and arguments for careful pictorial planning and editing were presented at the second annual cross-country short course in photojournalism recently sponsored by the National Press Photographers' association in Portland.

Highlight of the course was an illustrated talk by Joe Costa, chief photographer for King Features Syndicate. Words and pictures should have "togetherness," Costa emphasized. The written word is based on common imagery. Words are one thing to the writer and something else to the reader. If words conveyed the exact meaning they were intended to, half of the lawyers' work would be unnecessary, the founding member and first NPPA president pointed out.

Then, through a series of graphic slide illustrations, Costa, a University of Missouri honor medal winner, showed the difference in impact between a sharp news picture and skillful word description.

A news picture should be a true picture, Costa said. It should help the reader understand better the people or person photographed. A proper combination is a good news story enriched by a sharp, expressive photo. Good citizens must be well-informed citizens, he insisted. A good news account is a judicious combination of photo and words.

Although the photographer is equipped with a greater variety of tools and equipment than ever before, a news photographer has a greater responsibility to society than ever before in presenting the news accurately and honestly through pictures, he declared.

"In these times when there is an increasing trend toward government censorship due to public apathy, the photographer has a responsibility not to drive the public closer toward censorship. A free press must not become repugnant to them through use of bad taste and dishonesty in presenting the news," he said.

Lists Facts

He also listed the following facts:

A recent public opinion poll of 373 people in a city of 50,000 showed that 94 per cent of the 373 people thought newspapers should print all ideas. However, this favorable margin narrowed when confronted with specific questions. Seventy-five per cent favored presentation of news stories attacking the mayor, 64 per cent approved stories attacking the president, 58 per cent anti-labor news stories. Half of the 373 people polled were certain the opinions in editorials influenced presentation of the news.

Of 3,000 high school youngsters polled, 45 per cent of them thought newspapers should print anything but military secrets. Forty-one per cent opposed the idea and 14 per cent were uncertain. One-third of the teenagers approved government censorship. These are the future voters and national leaders, Costa pointed out.

prints like fingerprints are tattle-tales, informing those who can "read" the message left by criminal fingers or tiny, padded feet.

This public apathy, he said, is responsible for the increasing number of closed meetings, censorship and handouts. A news medium indifferent to public resentment, and allowing the excesses of the few to reflect on the entire press, is unfair. Misconception of the role of the press is reflected in the personal and emotional attitudes of lawyers toward courtroom photography.

Such an attitude is reinforced by such incidents as the lopsided news coverage of the Khrushchev visit to the United States, and distorted crime news coverage. Stories of "wolfpacks" of photographers became reality in coverage of Khrushchev's tour of a California super-market and the over-running of the Garth farm during the Russian's visit to the Iowa farm country, Costa noted.

"Too many editors read false conclusions into news pictures," Costa emphasized.

The veteran photographer, chairman of the NPPA board, flashed several examples of mismatched captions with photos.

He added: Communications is an industry within an industry. Communications essentially means the movement of goods and information. However, communications as the news-gathering services think of them, are establishing bridges between people and carrying ideas over them. Newspapers and other news media provide what goes over those bridges.

A newspaper must be conducted as a public service and in a business-like profitable way to stay in business. Photographers must have the confidence of the public and integrity, Costa concluded.

"Too many editors read

Two Killed in Portland Accident

Portland—(UPI)—Two persons were killed in a spectacular one-car crash just east of here early today.

The sheriff's office identified the victims as Willard Wade Woodard, 42, and Sue Margarie Wendberger, 44, both Portland.

Deputies said Woodard's car skidded about 370 feet before it struck and sheared off a power pole, crashed into a tree, bounced and came to rest several feet further on.

Miss Wendberger's body was located more than 60 feet from the car. Woodard's body was found next to the auto. The engine was thrown about 14 feet further on by the impact.

Hatfield Will Ask For Salary Adjustments

Salem—(UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield told the Oregon State Employees convention Friday that he would ask the next Legislature for salary adjustments for state employees.

Clatskanie Man Named President of OCA

Portland (UPI)—Kent Magruder of Clatskanie was re-elected president of the Oregon Cattlemen's association at the end of the group's 47th annual convention here.

Irvin Mann Jr. of Stanfield was renamed first vice president. Five new second vice presidents were elected. They include: Clarence Chase, Eugene; Howard Oley, Burns; Larry Williams, Canyon City; Ben Smith of Redmond and William Marshall, Klamath Falls.

Pendleton Girl Named 'Miss Rodeo America'

Las Vegas, Nev. (UPI)—A vivacious 18-year-old University of Washington coed from Pendleton, Ore., Vicki Pearson, was crowned "Miss Rodeo America" Saturday night at the climax of the 6th annual Miss Rodeo America contest at the Flamingo hotel.

Miss Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Pearson, was chosen over 19 other contestants.

Championships Are Favored by School Boards in Oregon

Boards of directors of 149 school districts in Oregon have voted overwhelmingly their support for state championships, according to a survey conducted by the Oregon School Activities association.

In answering a questionnaire in which the boards were asked whether they favored a program whereby high school state championships can be officially determined for boys inter-school athletics, the boards voted 124 in favor and 15 against.

Results were compiled from 46 A, 49 A2 and 54 B school boards, the association noted, but not all boards took action on every item.

The 46 A1 schools voted 34 in favor and 8 against a program of state championships, while the A2 school boards favored such programs 40 to 5, and B school boards favored the program 50 to 2.

The committee attempted to determine if school boards were opposed to state championships as a general policy, if there was opposition to state championships in certain activities, or opposed to pres-

ent methods of determining a state championship, and to receive suggestions for improving the state championships that may be continued.

Boards were asked to indicate the state championships which should be supervised by the OSAA. The vote included baseball, 106 in favor, 23 against; basketball, 127 yes, 6 no; cross country, 86 yes, 23 no; golf, 84 yes, 25 no; tennis, 89 yes, 23 no; wrestling, 102 yes, 17 no; football, 107 yes, 24 no; swimming, 90 yes, 23 no; track, 122 yes, 9 no; and other activities, 61 yes, 17 no.

On the committee appointed by the board of control were Orville Bailey, principal of Roseburg; Leo Crisman, superintendent of Elktion schools; Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of Medford schools; and M. B. Winslow, superintendent of Coos Bay schools.

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Sun Valley, Idaho, has been selected as site of the 1961 convention of the western states Republican leadership conference.

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