

New Juvenile Code Provides Public Hearing If Requested

"The Sheriff shall be allowed three percent on all taxes collected by him up to the first Monday in April..." On Oct. 26, 1882, this was changed to "one per cent of all taxes collected to the first Monday in April." The three per cent rebate was first allowed in 1901.

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles written by Mrs. Kay Crowell, Jackson county juvenile officer, concerning the new juvenile code which becomes effective Jan. 1.)

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In accordance with accepted juvenile court philosophy, the new Code provides that hearings shall be held informally and the general public excluded, unless "the child or his parents request a public hearing."

Formerly petitions in behalf of a minor frequently

were filed without legal summons ever being made for a court hearing. As a result, juvenile files were crowded with cases never granted a court hearing, and charges were made, justified upon occasion, that parents were not granted proper legal notice, or summons, for their child's hearing.

Under the new Code, a summons for a court hearing must be issued within 60 days after the filing of a petition. Definition of what constitutes legal service of summons, and procedure for summons are succinctly set forth in the new code, but were not adequately defined in the old Code.

Appoint Legal Counsel

Under the new Code, it becomes mandatory for the court to appoint legal counsel for any child if he or his parents request it, and if the parents are unable to pay for counsel, the county must pay counsel in a manner similar to the manner of payment for defense counsel in the criminal courts. The child or his

parents may have compulsory attendance of witnesses in their behalf at the hearing. All decisions of the juvenile court are subject to appeal in the manner prescribed by law.

The only provision made for the protection of the rights of child and parents

Hartman Reported Coming Along Well

Prof. Henry Hartman, Oregon State college horticulturist and head of the pear decline study here is reported to be "coming along real well," friends here reported. Professor Hartman is recovering in a Corvallis hospital from a heart attack suffered at his home recently. He is not allowed visitors yet, however, a local source stated.

Hartman will probably return to the pear decline study here, but in an advisory position, local sources said.

under the old Code was the right of appeal.

Other innovations in the new code are provision for transfer of juvenile cases from one county to another. In the past many youngsters committed offenses in a county other than the one of their residence, and only a gentlemen's agreement between some of the more progressive counties provided continued supervision and discipline when the child returned to his home county.

This same type of transfer offers protection to communities when a family whose child gets into difficulty in his own county decide to move to a new community "where no one will know."

Member of Compact

The new code goes one step farther and provides for Oregon to become a participating member of the national "Interstate Juvenile Compact" and covers such situations when families and the children move from state to state. Undoubtedly some over-protective parents will resent

these procedures, but no one can deny that it represents a tightening up process in delinquency control in these days of rapid and easy transportation.

Police agencies which handle minors have their duties and responsibilities clearly outlined in the new code. Frequently maligned for long interrogation processes used with juveniles, the time limit allowed for this process in a police station is now limited to three hours.

Police are also charged with the responsibility for notification of a parent that his child has been taken into custody "as soon as practicable," and they will also be required to keep a record of all juveniles taken into custody, and, unless the child is taken into custody as the result of a court order, the police must promptly file a written report with the juvenile court or the juvenile department. Police are given protection in their official duties connected with minors by having set forth by law the conditions and authority for taking minors into custody.

Period of Detention

Vanished too with the new code is the indefinite period of detention for minors without the filing of a juvenile court petition and the order of detention from the judge. "No child shall be held in detention more than 24 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and judicial holidays except on order of the court."

Conditions and places of detention are prescribed, and if jail detention is the only facility for juveniles by a county, the child "shall be placed in a separate room or ward, screened from the sight and sound of adult prisoners housed in the same facility."

Juvenile offenders who fail to adjust under juvenile court methods, or whose offenses are of a serious nature making them unsuitable subjects for juvenile court jurisdiction and who are 16 years of age or older may be remanded to circuit court to stand trial by jury. This provision offers supervision beyond the juvenile court's limit of the minor's 21st birthday, and is indicative of the code's concern for the protection of the community as well as the welfare of the child.

Scientists Combat Smog Problems

Philadelphia (Science Service) — Chromite compounds have been found to cut up to 90 per cent the amount of nitric oxide expelled by automobile exhausts, and scientists here at the Franklin Institute laboratories believe this discovery may open a new avenue toward combating eye-smarting smog.

Use of zinc-copper chromite, iron chromite, barium-promoted, copper chromite and chromium-promoted iron oxide have been found efficient in helping carbon monoxide, already present in the exhaust, to scrub out nitric oxides sent into the air.

Litrogen oxides, along with unburned hydrocarbons, have been blamed for contributing to smog conditions in auto-packed Los Angeles. When enough oxygen is present, chromites induce oxidation of hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide and without special air pumps.

Central Point Man

Charged With Theft
Central Point — A man and his family moved out of their Central Point home Tuesday night taking his employer's pickup truck and some tools with them, according to a complaint in district court. The employer, Lloyd Blac, 2467 Barnett rd., Medford, has signed a complaint charging Robert A. Chiles, formerly of Central Point, with the theft of his pickup truck and some tools, Central Point police said.

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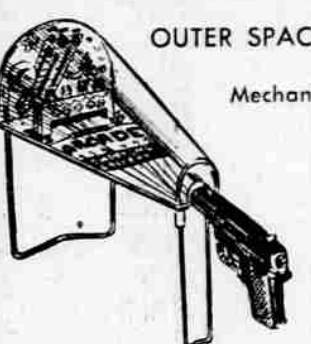


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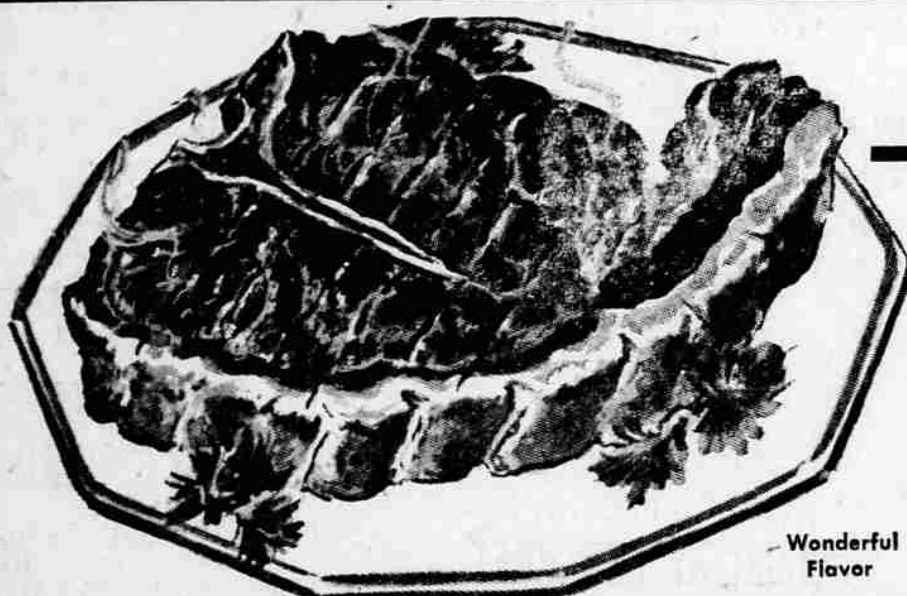
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