

Educational TV Symposium Slated At Hedrick School

An educational television symposium will be held in Medford Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the speech room in Hedrick Junior High school from 1 until 4 p.m.

The symposium is being presented for school administrators, school board members, parent-teacher association chairmen, legislators, representatives of the state board of education and all interested persons. It is under the sponsorship of the Jackson County District Superintendent's association and the county school office.

Alf B. Mekvold, school superintendent, explained that the program would be in two parts. The first part, starting at 1 p.m., would be of a general nature giving an overall view of educational television, what other school districts have been doing and plan to do in the future, and what can be expected through the uses of educational television.

Technical Aspects

Following a break at 2:45 p.m. the technical aspects of the problem will be discussed, he said.

Mekvold explained that interest in the possibilities of educational television has been expressed as a number of programs are already in operation on various levels in sections of the country. He said many of the programs are in the experimental stage, and the chief concern here is to find out as much as possible about what has already been done in order that the practical and effective uses of television in education may be considered.

Installation, costs, and equipment will be discussed on both closed circuit and broadcast television. Actual equipment will also be on display and demonstrated, Mekvold said.

Freeport, N.Y. (UPI)—Harry Shelland, 83, boating editor of the Long Island Press and the oldest working newspaperman on Long Island, died Thursday.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Isn't It Ironic? Fish Don't Drink!

It would be natural to suppose that a whale or a porpoise, both warm-blooded animals, while swimming along in the sea would take a drink of nice fresh salt water any time they became thirsty. Possibly they would, but there is also a stranger possibility that just about cancels out the first.

The peculiar fact is these air breathing, gill-less animals who spend their entire lives in salt water, probably seldom, if ever, feel themselves in need of a drink. The water is there of course, worlds of it, but the animal doesn't need it. Mostly he only uses the water in which to swim.

Recent Discovery

A simple discovery made within very recent years helped greatly in solving the drinking habits of animals that live in the sea. During the last war it was a cruel paradox of Nature that a man afloat in a raft could actually choke to death for the want of a drink and at the same time be completely surrounded with water. That "water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink" really said a mouthful.

Even a mouthful of sea water would nauseate a man into spasms of pain resulting often in death. Many things were tried, including portable stills, but usually most of such equipment was lost before it was needed. Then the "discovery" was made; something that should have been obvious from the first. Someone discovered that the flesh of a fish contained fresh water, even in a fish that had lived all its life in salty water.

The fish was simply cut up into small pieces, the pieces placed in a cloth and wrung out. Drops of fresh water soaked through the cloth. Even a small fish yielded several drops of precious water. It didn't taste "cool and re-

freshing" but it was drinkable.

Require Less Water

A porpoise, whale, sea lion or sea gull, as well as any other animal whose natural environment is the ocean, would not require as much water as a man floating on the surface. The sea animal never sweats, he never gets too warm, so he needs very little water to maintain his body liquids. What little he needs is derived from the flesh of the fish on which he lives; the amount would not have to be great.

Neither would it cause any discomfort if the animal became unusually thirsty and gulped down a few swallows of sea water. Being adjusted to the environment in which they and their ancestors have lived for so long, they would be capable of drinking briny water.

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Kiwanis Club Drops County Fair Project in Area

The Jackson County fair has been dropped as a Medford Kiwanis club project for next year, it was announced Wednesday at the service organization's noon luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club.

Kiwanians sponsored the fair at the Medford armory the past three years. The club will concentrate on its annual Kiwanis Kapers, a now traditional event, as source of income for its philanthropic projects.

Annual ladies' day will be observed at the Wednesday, Dec. 9, luncheon of Kiwanians at the country club. Kiwanian Dames will have charge of the program.

Members of the service club are asked to bring gifts at the Dec. 16 meeting for distribution among youngsters at the annual Christmas party for handicapped children of Medford schools.

Kettle Drive
Kiwanians will participate on Dec. 12 in the Salvation Army kettle drive and will conduct their annual Christmas party on Dec. 17 for residents at the county farm home.

Information on the Kiwanis Medford foundation, club-backed philanthropic corporation, was given to members at this week's luncheon. It was reported that a Language Master for the special education department of Medford public schools has been ordered with funds from the earnings of capital funds of the foundation.

Club President Tom Anderson spoke on the value of Kiwanis members to the community.

RED-FACED POLICE

Fort Worth, Tex. (UPI)—Embarrassed state police had to ask the Fort Worth Police department for help Thursday when the theft from the highway patrol office of \$28 in drivers' license fees was discovered.

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Museum Visitors Come from 28 States

Jacksonville — Visitors at the Jacksonville museum during November came from 28 states, Canada, Ireland, Germany and Hong Kong, according to the monthly report.

Groups which toured the museum included Cub Scout Troop 48, Eagle Point; Brownie Troop 13, Hoover school; and Mrs. Forbes' kindergarten class, Medford.

Gifts and loans were made last month by the Medford Public schools, which donated a short history of the Medford school system, the Jackson County home extension alumnae, who gave a history of county home extension service; Mrs. Evelyn Finney and Mrs. Marguerita Burch, Jacksonville; Thomas Farlow, Eazrozi, Floyd C. Crosslin and Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, all of Ashland.

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LAKE DISAPPEARS

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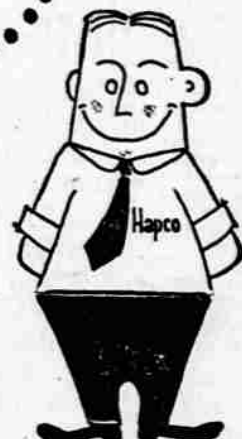
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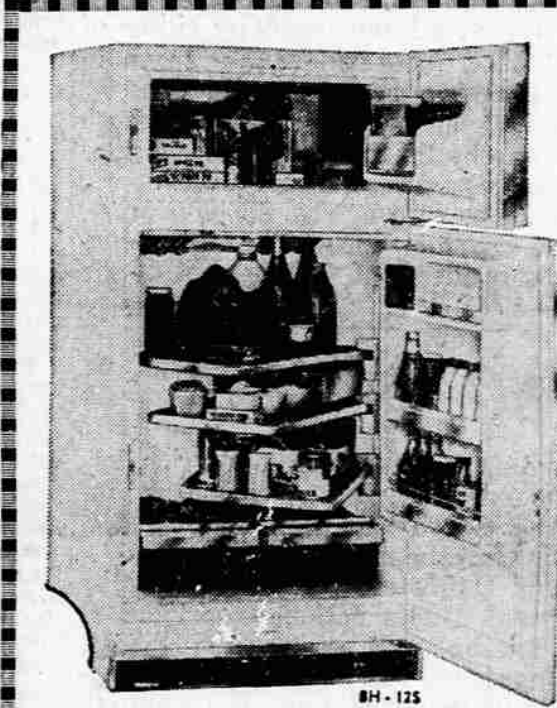
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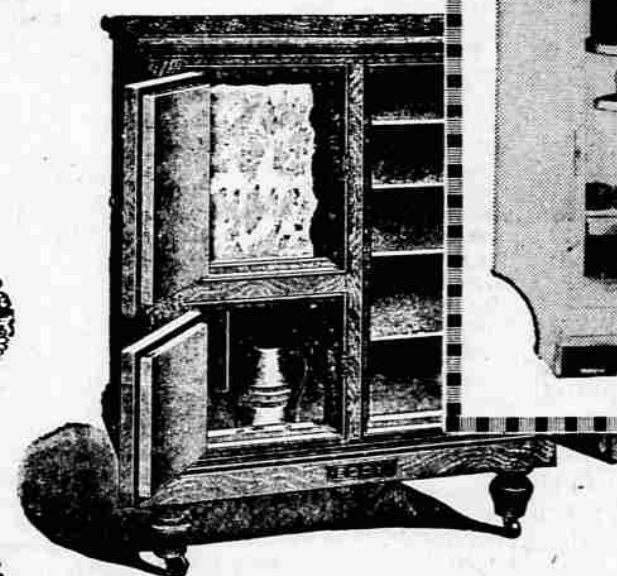
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