

Family Counseling Reviewed at Session With Mrs. Burnside

"Gross increases in divorce rate, illegitimacy and delinquency are causing many communities to decide that it is more economical to spend tax dollars on family counseling than on long term corrective measures which will suffice."

This statement was made by Mrs. Frieda Burnside, special consultant for the Family Service Agencies of America at a meeting of about 50 interested persons last week.

Mrs. Chester Fitch Jr., Ashland, chairman of the family counseling committee of the Child Guidance Clinic, conducted the meeting and was assisted by Mrs. Henry Padgham.

The family counseling committee has been studying plans to expand the services of the child guidance clinic to include this new service. Mrs. Burnside has been in the valley to speak to groups about the service, what it might accomplish, what it would include and its cost.

No Adversity

"There is perhaps no adversity in human experience that has not been brought to the doors of the family counseling agencies," she said. "The largest percentage of those seeking help come for marriage counseling with parent-child relationships a second. Included in the service would also be problems of aged people, financial and other problems," she stated.

A family counseling service is an effort to spend a smaller amount of money at the point where it would make a difference, and not after the home has been broken or a child has become delinquent, she continued.

In 1959, Jackson county spent \$300,000 in tax funds to take care of families on aid to dependent children assistance programs. Mrs. Padgham stated, the greater majority of these family situations needing assistance being caused by divorce, separation or desertion. If only a small portion could be prevented, it would offset the cost of a family counseling program, she pointed out.

Estimated Cost

The estimated cost of an expanded service would be between \$8,000 to \$10,000, which might be financed through National Mental Health act funds, tax funds, fees and voluntary contributions.

It was pointed out that many other counties in Oregon are budgeting for this, and Mrs. Burnside cited the experience of the conciliatory courts in California where 56 per cent of those applying for divorces have been helped by professional social workers and agreements signed not to break up the home.

Mrs. Burnside pointed out the high rate of teen-age marriages and stated that the girl who marries under 20 has three times the chance for divorce. She also stated that family counseling is one more thing a community may provide to insure greater happiness and better living for its people.

Legitimate Function

Speaking at a meeting of the Child Guidance clinic board, Dr. John Waterman, director of mental health activities for the Oregon state board of health, said this is considered a legitimate function of government, and family counseling services are being encouraged by the health board.

Mrs. Fitch stated that ministers, doctors and lawyers who are now doing counseling within the limits of their time have endorsed the expansion of the guidance clinic and many groups throughout the county have requested the county court to give the matter serious consideration.

Sears Employees Share in Fund

Sears, Roebuck and Co. employees in Medford have \$157,599 in their company's profit sharing pension fund.

Ralph Jacobson, manager of the Sears store here, reported the news to employees-members of the fund at a recent meeting. The fund members received statements showing how they shared in the value of their individual accounts.

The 36 local fund members had 2,247 shares of Sears stock and other securities amounting to \$43,833 credited to their accounts as of Dec. 31, 1959, Jacobson said.

Jacobson pointed out that the value of the accounts of individual employees showed a marked increase in 1959. Also the total assets of the nation wide fund rose over \$250 million, for a total of \$1,321,725,000 as of December 31, 1959. This gain was the result of a larger company contribution from 1959's profits, increased investment income and appreciation in the value of the fund's stock holdings.

The employees' fund is Sears' largest stockholder, Jacobson noted. At the end of 1959, the fund held almost 27 per cent of the company's outstanding stock. In addition to the large investment in Sears stock, the fund's assets are also invested in the stock of over 100 diversified securities.

Created in 1916, the fund is designed to encourage regular savings, enable Sears employees to share in company profits, and aid members in establishing a financial reserve for retirement. All regular employees of the company who have completed one year of service are eligible to join the fund.

Area People Attend Portland Meeting

Representatives from three southern Oregon Coast-to-Coast stores recently attended the company's 30th annual spring convention in Portland.

Those from this area attending were Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Mason, Medford, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever, Ashland, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Paulus, Grants Pass.

The four-day convention featured displays and demonstrations of new spring and summer merchandise in addition to individual speeches and conferences. Among the speakers was Earle Stanley Gardner, noted author, who spoke on the subject, "The Importance of Imagination."



MODEL EXAMINED—President Eisenhower admires a model of a Russian atomic-powered icebreaker which was presented to him at the White House by a group of Soviet government officials who are on a tour of the United States. At right is Dmitry S. Polyansky, chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Russian Soviet Republic, and head of the delegation. Other Russians in the picture are not identified. (UPI Telephoto)

Decrease in Flu Cases Reported

Medford recorded a slight drop in the number of influenza cases reported for the week ending Friday, according to the Jackson county health department.

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 1

Cubs and their families of Pack 1 held a Blue and Gold potluck dinner in the cafeteria of Hedrick Junior High school Thursday. Chairman of the affair was Virginia Krueger. About 250 persons attended. Dens sat together and brought their own course and dessert.

Introduced as special guests were the Rev. John Iig, Pack Chaplain; Judd Compton, Scout executive for the Crater Lake Council, and Earl Delisle, district executive for Big Pine district.

The flag ceremony was presented by Den 1. A program on scouting was presented by the Webelos Den members.

The following awards were made by Cubmaster Hal Krueger and presented to the Cubs by Earl Delisle and Marlow Bates, committeemen:

Bobcats: Michael Doodoy and Dennis Dugan, Den 2; John Corliss, Tim Brophy, Michael Higgins, Larry Edwards and Roy Sowers, Den 4.

Wolf: John Kuchler, Jerry Note and Stanley Van Dyke, Den 4; and Patrick Moore, Den 6.

Lion: Dorian Corliss, Den 5. Gold arrow under the wolf badge: John Gritsch, John Hackett, Mike Mahar, Sam Naumes, Bob Nicoletti, Gary Pullman, Tommy Owings and Danny Ratty, Den 1; and Jerry Note, Den 4.

Dinner stripes: Tom Nave, Den 6.

Assistant dinner stripes: Dorian Corliss, Den 6.

The following boys were presented Webelos badges by Earl Gled and Myron Hollen, assistant Cubmaster: Chris Corliss, Philip Hollen, Kurt Krueger, Danny Marcisz, Steven Williams, Larry Hochstatter, Eric Jensen, Randy Dibble, Danny Stinson, John Lowry, Douglas Nelson, David Nicoletti and Bill Pruet.

Charles Hackett, Scoutmaster for Troop 1, assisted by some of his Scouts, welcomed Chris Corliss, Philip Hollen, Kurt Krueger, Danny Marcisz, Steven Williams, Larry Hochstatter, Danny Stinson and Bill Pruet into the Troop.

The attendance award went to Den 4, which had the most adults present at the dinner.

Each Cub received a 50th anniversary good luck pocket piece in honor of the anniversary year.

Announcements concerning the Pack were made by Bill Dugan, committee chairman. Of special interest was the result of the uniform inspection of the January Pack meeting when John Kuchler of Den 4 received 100 per cent, and all the other Cubs were rated as good. He thanked Mrs. James Pullman, who was in charge of the window display for which the Pack received a blue ribbon award.

Melba Gritsch and Marge Nave are in charge of the Pear Blossom Festival float and announced that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore would assist them in another display this year.

The next Pack meeting will be held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, in St. Mary's school gym.

Limousine Service Starts in City

A limousine service from the Medford airport has been established by Clarence F. and Mary Jane Jones, 43 Summit ave.

The 1960 station wagon which will serve as the limousine will meet all commercial flights. It will pick up customers at hotels and motels 45 minutes ahead of flight schedule and will deliver passengers at all tourist accommodations.

A mobile telephone has been installed in the car for the convenience of passengers, the Joneses said.

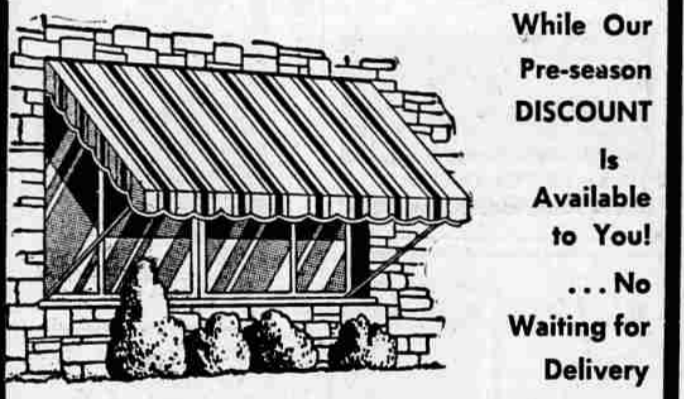
City residents may obtain the service at the hotels. Children are transported for half fare, Jones reported, and receipts for fares are given on request.

He said the business is licensed by the city council and is fully insured.

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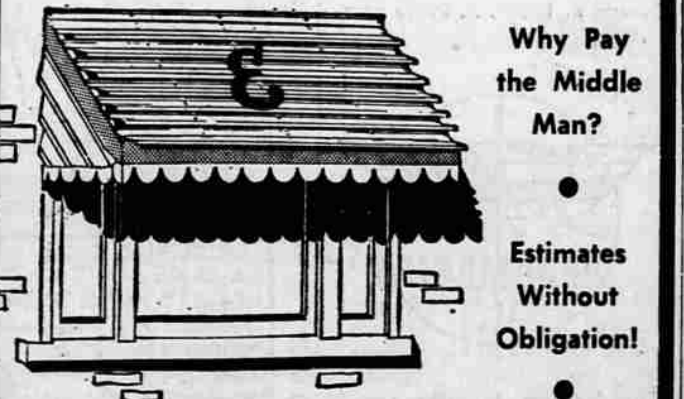


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Unordered Merchandise Subject of Reminder From Medford Chamber

Housewives, business and professional people and the general public are constantly receiving merchandise in the mails they did not order and do not want, Don McNeil, Medford Chamber of Commerce manager, noted Saturday.

"In some instances, dunning letters are sent which imply impropriety upon the part of the recipient for failure to pay for or return the articles sent," McNeil said. "Sometimes such letters threaten directly or indirectly legal action if payment is not made immediately."

Those who receive such merchandise do not have to pay for the merchandise sent without an order unless they use it, McNeil said. Nor must they return it or store it in their homes.

"The practice of sending goods through the mails without an order is widely regarded as an unmitigated nuisance which can best be ended by making it unprofitable to the senders," according to the National Better Business Bureau with which the Medford chamber is affiliated.

"The sending of unsolicited orders COD is a far greater nuisance and is also a violation of postal regulations," McNeil said. "The post office department will not knowingly permit the mails to be used for shipping unordered goods COD. Unordered merchandise is not acceptable for insurance, according to postal regulations."

Those persons who receive unordered merchandise are obliged to surrender it to the shipper or to his agent, if called for in person within a reasonable period of time. However, the recipient may also demand payment of storage charges before releasing it, McNeil said.

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