

Valley Academy To Participate in National Survey

Rogue River Junior Academy, Medford, has been selected as one of the schools to participate in "project talk," a national survey of the abilities and aptitudes of American youth.

The announcement was made by the project's headquarters at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. J. Spencer Carlson, University of Oregon, is regional coordinator for the study.

All junior high students at the local academy are scheduled to receive a two-day series of tests. Approximately 30,000 high school students in the 50 states will participate.

Testing here will start Monday, March 14, with follow-up studies later, Fred Wilbur, school principal, announced.

According to the plan of the survey, administered by the University of Pittsburgh with funds from the office of education and other federal agencies, it should be possible to learn about the educational system of America and about the talents of American youth by testing them one year and then following up a year later and again several years later.

General Information
Students will be asked general information questions based on current events and general knowledge which a person gets from out-of-school sources. Planners hope to learn how educational background and interests work together to lead various kinds of talents into various professions.

Dr. John C. Flanagan, university administrator in charge of the project, said that the project will aid local and national planning groups to determine what the youth of 1960 have to offer.

Educational researchers wish to determine the importance of aptitudes, educational and guidance programs in assisting the student to identify, develop, and use his talents.

Included in the study will be public, private and parochial schools.

The project will also determine the number of students who are planning to enter college and advanced training during the next few years.

Rogue River Junior academy is a Seventh-day Adventist school.

Paid Committeemen May File for Seats

Salem—UPI—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said today that paid employees of legislative interim committees may file for seats in the state Legislature.

House Speaker Robert Duncan (D-Medford) asked for the opinion.

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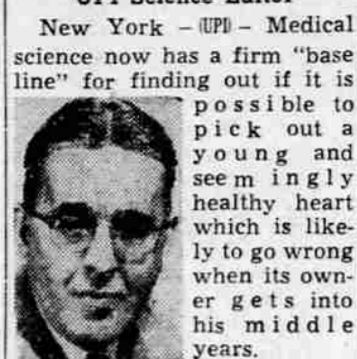
New York—UPI—David Muir Wood, 67, of Great Neck, N.Y., senior partner in the Wall Street law firm of Wood, King & Davidson and an expert on municipal and other tax-exempt bonds, died Wednesday.



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Finding of Future Heart Disease Victims Studied

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor



New York—UPI—Medical science now has a firm "base line" for finding out if it is possible to pick out a young and seemingly healthy heart which is likely to go wrong when its owner gets into his middle years.

If and when that can be done, preventive medicine will be entering a new era, since heart disease is the number one killer of middle aged males. Presumably science could find ways of heading off pre-destined heart attacks.

The "base line" is 3,983 men whose hearts first came under the scrutiny of the electrocardiograph 15 to 20 years ago when all were vigorously young. For the past 11 years or so these recordings of the varying electric waves kept in motion by the beating heart, have been repeated periodically.

Shows Heart Waves
These recordings show the heart electric waves in patterns. Some patterns are dis-

tinctly normal and most young hearts show them. Others are markedly abnormal in a variety of combinations. When such a pattern comes out on the paper, the specialist expects to find abnormalities when he examines the man whose heart gave it off.

In the cases of the 3,983 medical examiners turned to men who were in the pink—who were the crewmen of World War II bombers and post-war pilots. Of the 3,983 individual heart wave patterns, however, 42 were definitely abnormal and the normality of 109 were questionable, although these 151 seemed just as healthy as the others.

This raises the big question of the meanings of abnormal heart wave patterns in apparently healthy persons, and it is the question Dr. F. A. L. Mathewson and G. S. Varnam of the Royal Canadian Air Force heart research laboratory hope to answer. Specifically, do abnormal heart wave patterns in relatively young persons indicate failing hearts when they get older?

Too Soon To Compare
Of the original 3,983 men, 83 died but only seven succumbed to heart disease. Of

the survivors, 69 per cent still are under 40 years and so it is too soon to compare heart attacks among those who had abnormal readings with those who had normal ones. The scientists expect their heart experiences over the next 20 years to tell them much.

Men who have heart attacks before 40 are a very small percentage of those who have their attacks after they're 50. But so far, 3.3 per cent of the 3,983 who had abnormal readings when young have developed heart disease. The comparable figure for those with normal readings is 0.7 per cent. The mean age of the men who have had heart trouble is 48 years.

The scientists reported their work to the American Heart Assn. They pointedly noted that some of the recorded heart abnormalities they had studied were due to faulty recording rather than to faulty hearts. Physicians and technicians who take electrocardiograms should be very careful, and thus "reduce the number of instances in which doubt is cast upon the soundness of the heart of an apparently healthy person."

Weisfield Relected Diamond Council Head

Leo Weisfield, president of Weisfield's Jewelers, Inc., recently was relected president of the Diamond Council of America.

He is head of 28 northwest jewelry stores bearing his name, including Weisfield's Medford branch.

Hibernation Habits of Oregon's Animals Vary

Corvallis—The "long winter sleep" is just about over for all of Oregon's reptiles, amphibians and small animals but the hibernation habits are vastly different, an Oregon State college zoologist has reported.

All of the reptiles—snakes, lizards and turtles—hibernate throughout the cold weather, according to Dr. Robert Stor.n. So do the amphibians—frogs, toads and salamanders—in eastern Oregon. In western Oregon, however, they are often roused to activity on days when the temperature gets above 40 degrees.

Champion hibernators among the small animals are ground squirrels, marmots, bats, and jumping mice. In the case of tree squirrels, skunks, chipmunks, and bears, it's really a case of "sleeping," not hibernating, he explains.

True hibernation involves a drop in body temperature to within a few degrees of the surroundings. Breathing and heartbeat become extremely slow and irregular. In hibernation, animals literally sink to the brink of death, Storm said.

Hibernate in Groups
Snakes and bats hibernate in groups, almost all the others alone. Hundreds of rattlesnakes have been known to gnaw in underground, rocky retreats. Gopher snakes and racers often join them. Bats

hibernate in colonies in caves or buildings, hanging by their toes. Lizards hibernate in burrows, logs or stumps. Frogs, toads and salamanders sink into mud or gravel hibernation homes.

Oregon ground squirrels sometimes go into hibernation in August after they have built up a good layer of fat. During the winter, they "live off the fat," Storm explained. They do not store food in their 2-to-3-foot down hibernation nests.

Tree squirrels, on the other hand, are not hibernators—just sleepers during the coldest days. They store nuts, seeds, and other food and live off them during the winter. The California ground squirrel or "gray digger" is in between. It hibernates but comes out for food on warm days.

Until recently, it was believed that birds did not hibernate. It has been found, however, in California that the Poorwill—found in eastern Oregon—does hibernate either on the ground or on ledges of rocks.

DINNER SPEAKER

Rogue River—The Rev. Harold Kurtz, a missionary from Ethiopia, will speak at a potluck dinner at Hope Presbyterian church, Rogue River, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12.

Queen Candidates Selected for Fair

Eleven Rogue valley girls have been selected by valley schools as queen candidates for the 1960 Crater Lions Sportsfair. Selections were made by a vote of the student body or by the dean of girls.

Competing for the title are Susan Revel and Jean Sumner, Ashland; Karen Larson and Pattie Straus, Crater High school; Beverly Tresham, Eagle Point; Janet Myhre, Linda Lowry and Margo Preston, Medford; Darlene Palmer, Phoenix; Diana Maddox, St. Mary's; and Jill Morrison, Talent.

The queen will be selected at a no-host banquet Saturday, March 12, at the Rogue Valley Country club. The event is held each year prior to the Sportsfair for Crater Lions, exhibitors, and guests.

A \$100 scholarship to the college or university of her choice will be given to the queen. She also will be a candidate in the 1961 "Miss Jackson County" contest, if the contest is held.

Crater Lion space salesman for the fair expect to complete contacting interested businessmen within the next few days, according to David Franklin, general chairman.

INSECT DAMAGE

Washington—One acre of 10 in the U.S. planted to crops is lost to insect damage.

General Manager Named by Company

Jack J. Lovejoy, San Diego, has been named general commercial manager of Pacific Telephone-Northwest in Oregon, according to Medford Manager J. H. Creager.

Lovejoy succeeds H. A. Gerrish, who became assistant vice president of the telephone company's new Northern Counties Area March 1.

A native of Canada, Lovejoy began his telephone career in southern California in 1937. He has held management posts in Los Angeles and San Francisco, and formerly was San Diego division manager.

Geology Board Sets Meeting in Portland

Portland—A meeting of the governing board of the Oregon department of geology and mineral industries has been called for 9 a.m., March 16, in room 1069 of the state office building, Portland.

William Kennedy, chairman, said matters concerning general business of the department will be considered. Meetings are open to the public.

Enlistments Available in Special Fields

Qualified young men and women may enlist directly for a chosen school or vocational field under the Army's present high school graduate specialist and "choose-it-yourself" vocational training programs.

M/Sgt. Warren M. Long, Army recruiter, announced that further information concerning the programs is available by calling at the recruiting station, room 1, post office building, or calling SPRing 2-5022 for appointment.

The office will be closed until Monday, March 14, while he attends an Army recruiting conference in Portland.

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