

Dateline Series Set for Local TV

Gov. Mark Hatfield will inaugurate "Dateline Statehouse," a new weekly series to be "aired" over station 88.5-TV in Medford. The program is scheduled Monday at 10:15 p.m.

The "Dateline" series features different agencies of Oregon's government, with key officials reporting on such subjects as property taxation, new state laws on migratory labor, and discrimination in housing and hiring of older workers.

Producer and moderator for the series will be Bob Richter, who will discuss with Gov. Hatfield the business of running state government in Oregon. Hatfield will talk about proposals for reorganizing the government, pros and cons of increased taxes, and the varied roles in which he serves as the state's chief executive.

The programs were originally telecast and kinescoped by the state-owned educational channel, KOAC-TV in Corvallis, a part of the general extension division, state system of higher education.

Persons Nearing Social Security Age Asked to Contact Local Office

Persons approaching a social security retirement age should contact their social security office three months before reaching retirement age, Edward B. Jacobson, district manager of the Medford district office, said Friday.

"Inquire before you retire" is a theme we have been emphasizing for several months now," he said. An early inquiry can speed delivery of the first social security check, which is of vital interest to both the retiring person and the Social Security administration.

A retiring individual should file a claim for benefits two to three months before retirement. He or she can apply before actually stopping work. The advance filing will allow time to get information and evidence necessary to establish entitlement before the first check is due.

Provide Evidence

The first time an individual calls at the social security office, it is advisable to provide

evidence of date of birth for himself and any dependents who may be eligible for benefits. Proof of earnings in the past year, Form W-2 if he works for a salary, or a copy of last year's tax return if he is self-employed, will also be needed, Jacobson said.

Submitting this evidence on the first visit may make future contact unnecessary. The social security office will be able to advise just what other evidence is needed, if any, he added.

Persons who have stopped working before reaching the social security retirement age should make application two or three months before reaching that age.

Jacobson advised individuals over the retirement age of 65 for men or 62 for women to contact the social security office even though they don't plan to retire soon. Such a worker will be able to secure valuable information about his status under social security and the effect of present and future earnings on his retirement plans.

He stressed that the advance filing of claims helps speed the delivery of the first social security check.

The Medical Roundup

by *Walter Johnson*
 Emeritus Consultant in Medicine
 Emeritus Professor of Medicine
 Mayo Clinic

Abnormality Found Without Significance

I recently received some letters which interested me much because they call attention to one of the greatest problems for a doctor — to know when the peculiarity he has just found, perhaps in an x-ray film, has nothing to do with producing the patient's symptoms. Actually, if I were asked by a Medical School to help him pick a really great teacher, I would look for a man who, time and time again, I heard saying to his assistants, "Pay no attention to that gallstone or that puckered duodenum (supposed to show an ulcer), or those many diverticula (little pouches) on the colon, or that highly movable kidney; they are entirely silent and harmless; the only trouble with this poor woman is that she has discovered that her husband has a mistress."

Unstable Nervous System

For instance, the last woman I saw who was operated on for a cervical rib, was just delighted when it was found. Other doctors had told her what I feel was true, namely, that she had apparently inherited an unstable and unhappy nervous system as a small share of her mother's insanity. But she hated this diagnosis, and naturally was thrilled and delighted when her young surgeon told her that her troubles were all due to a "cervical rib that everyone else had missed." When her old family doctor brought her to me, I agreed with him that her tendency to regurgitate her food and to ache and hurt all over her body could not be due to the rib. She had no trace of the symptoms that, in rare cases, are produced by an extra rib. But the woman demanded the operation.

More Technical Writers Needed

Chicago (Science Service)—About 66,000 technical writers will be needed in this country by 1970 if the amount of technical information required in the Space Age continues at its current rate. This estimate of writer demand in commercial, industrial, institutional, government and military establishments by the end of the current decade was made by officials of the Chrysler Corporation Missile division at the national convention here of the Society of Technical Writers and Editors.

Chrysler's R. L. Cummins reported that manuals are an essential part of the nation's weapons system and without them "the bird cannot fly."

So important have technical articles and publications become, it was pointed out, that the technical publications industry already has a gross annual volume of \$4 billion and employs more than 35,000 writers.

Birth Party Set for Colonel

A "90th Birthday Party" for Col. W. H. Paine will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, at Kim's, south of Medford, the Crater Lake Council, Boy Scouts of America, has announced.

Colonel Paine was one of the founders of the Crater Lake Council in October, 1924, and has been active in Medford for many years in such organizations as the chamber of commerce and the American Legion.

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Siskiyou Prints Largest Edition

Ashland—The largest edition in the history of the campus newspaper at Southern Oregon college was published this month with a 10 page special election edition, according to Siskiyou Advisor Hugh G. Simpson.

SOC students have edited the weekly Siskiyou for 33 years, and this is the largest paper ever published, he said.

The Siskiyou is printed by Iverson Printing company, Ashland, and owner Wally Iverson praised the students on the publication of the 10 page edition saying, "Editor Marilyn Alter and her staff are to be commended on the fine work they did on this issue, the ease with which their copy flowed through our shop, and on their excellent publication."

Youthful Editors To Merge Papers

Cleveland — (UP) — James Henry Miller III, the 11-year-old editor of "The Rocket Newspaper," plans to merge his newspaper with one published by his rival, Tom Bardman Jr.

Thirty-five relatives and friends read Jim's newspaper, which he has published since "I was fairly young."

Tom's paper, "The Hot News," has a circulation of 20.

Both come out whenever there is enough news to fill them, usually once or twice a fortnight. The new publication will be called the "Rocket Journal and Hot News."

Ardmore, Okla. — Impatient mothers waiting for the final bell at Charles Evans elementary school received a surprise message, the outcome of a classroom project. "Please Mom, No Honkin' — We Are Still A-Studyin'" giant posters covering six windows read.

SOC Student Body Elections Held

Ashland — Student body elections at Southern Oregon college were held last Wednesday with presidential results inconclusive, the office of student affairs has announced.

Barry Pitts, Klamath Falls, and Dale Truax, Ashland write-in candidate, will be on the ballot in a runoff this Wednesday. Neither candidate received the necessary 50 percent of the votes required in the general election.

Ted Pauck, Lakeview, was elected first vice president, and Bill Beber, Ashland, is the new second vice president. Secretary elect is Amy Kerr, Klamath Falls, treasurer elect

is Priscilla Walker, Stockton, Calif.

Representatives at large elected to the student council are Doug Thompson, Klamath Falls; Noble Adamek, Powers; Judy Thrift, Coos Bay; William Speers, Grants Pass; and Karen Elle, Lakeview.

A run-off will also be held for the position of yell king, between two write-in candidates, Glen Steyskal, Klamath Falls, and Earle Tichenor, Medford.

Campaigning was intense this year, Dr. Fellers, director of student affairs reported, with an abundance of write-in candidates.

STOLEN SAFE FOUND

Salem — A safe taken Thursday night from the Triangle cafe here was found abandoned and empty of its cash in South Salem Friday. The sheriff's office said \$870 was missing.

Of the 27 million American workers who get a daily coffee break, better than 16 million don't have to leave their desks or work benches. Their coffee is brought to them. Coffee drinking in the U.S. reached its highest level in history last year. Total consumption was more than 390 million cups a day. An estimated \$7 million was spent for advertising coffee and tea in daily newspapers in 1959.

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