

Relative Debts To Welfare Said Biggest Problem

Portland — (UP) — Relatives of persons on Oregon relief rolls owe the state nearly \$5 million under the 10-year-old Relative Responsibility Act, a subcommittee of the Legislative Interim Committee on Welfare was told Tuesday.

Officials of the State Public Welfare Commission told committee members that the state had netted more than \$500,000 but that the backlog of unpaid obligations had become the department's biggest problem. In two cases, individuals owe the state more than \$7,000 each.

Act Still Valuable

Welfare staff members, however, said the act still was valuable as a deterrent to mounting relief rolls.

Mrs. Lola Ballinger, supervisor of the relative responsibility division, and Harry G. Spencer, an assistant attorney general and counsel for the Welfare Commission, criticized the formula used in fixing relative responsibility.

Spencer said a person with a \$9,000 a year income and two dependents pays \$50 a month, but if his income were \$9,001, he would pay \$60. Mrs. Ballinger said it was "ridiculous" for a single person earning \$5,000 to pay only \$10 a month.

Drycleaning Expert Says Moths Choosey

Silver Spring, Md. — Moths are choosey chewers, says Clay Hardin, chief textile analyst for the National Institute of Drycleaning.

Jardin found two moth holes in a wool necktie, both of which had been chewed through the middle of food spots, while the rest of the wool was untouched.

He concluded that moths are more likely to close in when food stains on clothing offer them an added attraction.

Quotes From the News

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Charlotte, N.C.—Mrs. Mary Heasley, fired from a sportswear manufacturing company because she wouldn't let the plant management search her pocketbook in a check against petty thievery, defending herself:

"No man has the right to search a woman's pocketbook."
Ankara, Turkey—Gen. Cemal Gursel, provisional chief of state of Turkey, charging that the toppled regime of Premier Adnan Menderes planned to kill 1,500 military college cadets to weaken the army:
"We threw out the most guilty people in history."

Washington—A State Department official, commenting on the department's statement that commitments to defend "the Far East" in the new U.S.-Japanese security treaty do not mean the U.S. and Japan commit themselves to defend eastern Russia:
"It all goes to prove that when geography enters international relations one can't be too careful."

Pittsburgh—Sgt. Patrick Moloney, one of two British sergeants hiking across the United States, recalling that he read about Pittsburgh's steel production when he was a child:
"But I never thought I would get to see it by walking."

Plastic Surgeons Able To Make Usable Hands

Milwaukee, Wis.—(Science Service) — Dramatic demonstrations and reports at the annual meeting of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons showed how operations can transfer bones, tendons and skin from one part of the body to another to rebuild a usable hand.

Ten patients of Drs. William H. Frackelton and Jack L. Teasley, Milwaukee plastic surgeons, came to the meeting to show what had been done for them. Most of the men had been injured in industrial accidents in which fingers were crushed, skin torn away, nerves and tendons severed.

Eight had a series of operations that enabled them to use their hands. Seven could return to their former jobs. Only two had to have amputations and had to be fitted with artificial hands.

sation and movement," the doctors said, "performs better than any artificial hand thus far conceived."

One of the men had lost four fingers from his right hand, retaining only the index finger. An operation that transferred tendon and skin and deepened the cleft between his forefinger and the stump of his thumb enabled him to write and pick up objects.

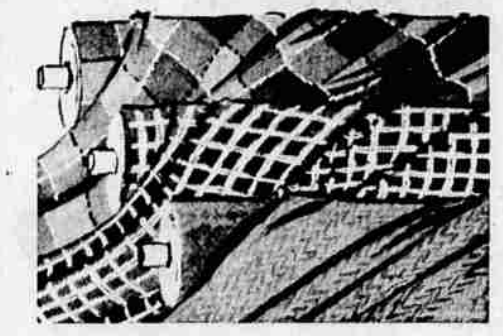
Reporting on seven operations on small children born without thumbs or with a rudimentary thumb, the British surgeon, Dr. David N. Matthews of the Hospital for Sick Children in London said that in each case he turned the child's index finger into a useful thumb by shortening it and shaping the discarded bone into a peg. He then fitted one end of the peg into the hand and the other into the forefingers.

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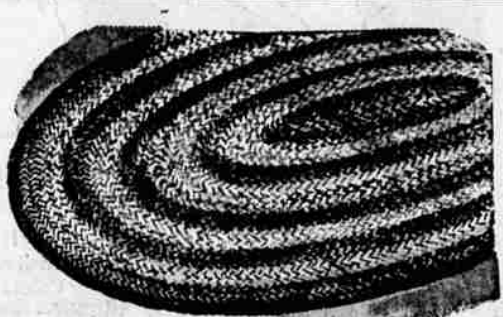
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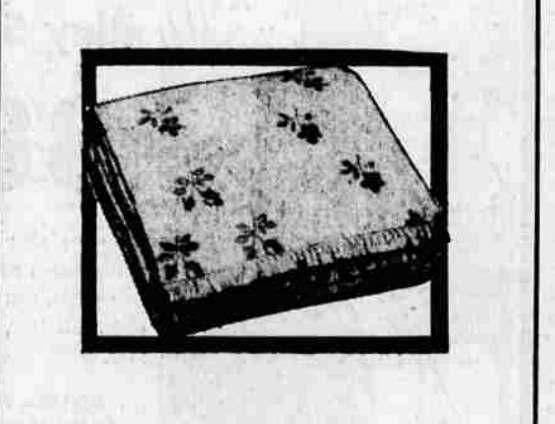
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