

Appling Describes State's Methods of Rescuing Young Men From Road to Prison

Editor's Note: This is the last in a series of guest columns from the state capital. Today: The state's effort to salvage young men from the path to big-time crime, described by the Oregon secretary of state.

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Salem — UPI — As a forward looking state, Oregon has long sought maximum devel-

opment and use of its natural resources.

In the timber industry, for example, salvage of every part of every log is readily recognizable as the key to progress.

At the State Correctional Institution, Oregon's newest on the outskirts of Salem, the raw materials are human instead of natural but the guiding principle is similar. Rehabilitation is but another

name for the salvage of human beings.

Supt. Paul J. Squier enthusiastically expresses the modern thinking. "The idea that people can change is a progressive philosophy," he says.

Inmates Re-Educated
"Rehabilitation at OCI is the process by which we re-educate the inmate to again take his place as a constructive member of society."

It was not always so.

Through the ages, society's quest for revenge motivated many penal policies. An "eye for an eye" was often liberally applied.

But today in Oregon the state is quick to justify the new emphasis on rehabilitation on either humanitarian or economic grounds.

After a diagnostic study of a new inmate, a program tailored specially to him is devised. The therapies of spiritual guidance, discipline, education and proper work habits come into play.

Realistic Program

Heavy emphasis is put on development of these work habits through a realistic work-training program.

The dual function of the institution's vocational training school is to teach useful trades while cutting costs through self-help. Trades now being taught include cooking, baking, meat cutting, barbering, radio and television repair and office machine and typewriter repair.

The reshaping of human conduct and character undoubtedly will never be an exact science.

But the application of revenge in an institution is a whip of yesterday.

Stimulant Pill Dangers Revealed In FDA Report

Washington, (Science Service) — Illegal sales of amphetamine drugs, pep pills, to truck drivers and motorists are adding to the dangers of highway travel.

Reporting on efforts of the Food and Drug administration to stop nonprescription sales since its crackdown last fall, Commissioner George P. Larrick said here today that book-keeping stimulant pills had become a highly profitable racket. The commissioner said:

"When we consider that the annual production of amphetamines is on the order of 60,000 pounds—enough to make approximately 5.6 billion 5-milligram tablets, or about 35 tablets for every man, woman, and child in the country—it seems likely that a large part of the market for these drugs is through illicit channels."

Emphasizing that the FDA crackdown was not intended to interfere with the proper use of these drugs under medical supervision, Commissioner Larrick warned that unsupervised use "can result in excessive nervous stimulation, loss of desire for sleep, gastrointestinal disturbances, impairment of judgment, hallucinations and mental derangement. And the drugs may have adverse reactions in certain conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes."

Since last fall when the FDA had more than 200 cases of illegal sales under investigation, 65 criminal prosecutions have been completed and 31 additional criminal prosecutions have been instituted. In eight separate actions, 1,887,000 tablets and capsules of amphetamine drugs were seized.

Commissioner Larrick said that 40 of the terminated cases and 14 of those still pending were brought against individuals and establishments not authorized to dispense dangerous drugs, but catering especially to truck drivers. These include truck stops and their operators, grocery stores and other peddlers.

The commissioner said that circumstantial evidence linking the use of so-called "pep pills," "pep pills," or "co-pilots" with fatal highway accidents has been provided by bottles found on drivers or hidden around the vehicle.

"Amphetamines can be bought wholesale for as little as \$2.00 per thousand tablets," he said. "They often sell for \$1.00 per dozen."

The need for legislation to strengthen the present Federal law is pointed up in the FDA report.

Colorado City, Tex.—A prisoner strolled out of a district court room to freedom while a jury considered his case. Attendants said the 34-year-old prisoner disappeared 15 minutes before the jury returned with a verdict of guilty of possessing firearms.

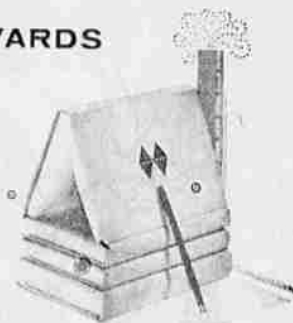
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Officer Finds Bird; 'Budgie' Goes AWOL

Salida, Colo. — Patrolman

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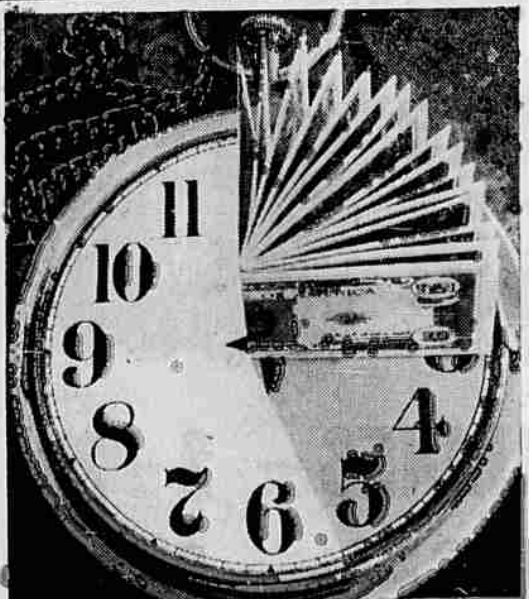
Inside the cage was Mrs. Williams' parakeet, Budgie. She reported it was the sixth time Budgie had gone "AWOL," and headed for home with the bird.

THIEVES REWARD?

St. Louis—Mrs. Anna Frager, 50, a free lance writer, was the victim of a purse snatching. Two boys grabbed her pocketbook containing \$9 and an article she had just written on crime.

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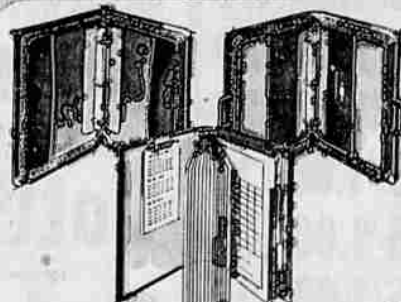
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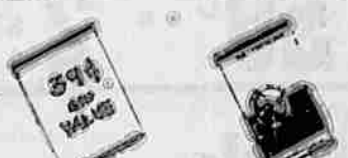
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