



TIP FROM KAPERS DIRECTOR—Bunny Peterson, one of the scenic effects girls in the Kiwanis Kapers production, "Off the Hook," looks over her costume and gets a tip from professional director Carl Hawley. The show plays tonight and Saturday night at the Medford High school auditorium, completing a four-night run which began on Wednesday. Miss Peterson appears in the first act with a group of other girls. Hawley is a director for John B. Rogers Producing company. "Off the Hook" has a musical revue first act and a minstrel show second act. It has all local talent with a number of prominent residents performing, and runs the gamut in songs, dances, gags and skits. This is the 13th annual Kapers of the Medford Kiwanis club. Proceeds will go toward its philanthropies, mainly the countywide dental clinic.

District A-1 Debate Contest Saturday At Local High School

High school debate teams from Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland and Crater High schools will meet here Saturday for the annual Southern Oregon District A-1 Debate Contest, according to DeVere Taylor, tournament director. Each school is entitled to enter one debate team with up to four members and six rounds of debate will be held starting at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow and extending until about 4:30 p.m. Debating will be done in Rooms 13 and 14 at Medford High school, each round lasting about one hour. The proposition under discussion is the 1961 Oregon High School Debate topic: Resolved, that the United Nations should be transferred into a federal government. The same topic has been used throughout the school year in preparation for the district competition and the state tournament. The winning team will be eligible to compete in the state-wide tourney scheduled April 14-15 at Oregon State college, Corvallis.

Judging the debates in Medford will be faculty members of Southern Oregon college. Included are Dr. Dorothy Stolp, Dr. Marshall Woodell, Dr. William Ward, Dr. Bill A. Sampson, Dr. Frank Haines and Dr. Al Fellers. Debate coaches in the southern Oregon district include Don Lacy, Crater; Art Carpenter, Grants Pass; Herb Lewis, Ashland; and Taylor, Medford high.

The tournament is held at each of the four schools in alternate years. Last year the competition was staged at Crater High school, Central Point.

Taylor has extended an invitation to the public to attend any or all of the debates. No admission charge will be made, he added.

No Evidence New Drug Cure for Hodgkin's Disease

Indianapolis — (UPI) — A pharmaceutical firm emphasized that there was no evidence that a new drug was a "cure" for Hodgkin's disease or any other form of human cancer.

Eli Lilly & Co. said the drug, which comes from a shrub called periwinkle, has been given clinical trials in treatment of Hodgkin's disease and tumors known as choriocarcinoma.

The firm, always cautious in making drug announcements, said it also learned that its common stock had climbed about 32 points during the past two weeks because of Wall Street rumors that it had produced a "cancer cure."

But Lilly denied the rumor and said the drug was only for treatment of patients with Hodgkin's disease or choriocarcinoma, who had responded well in clinical studies.

Now Available The drug, the firm said, already is available to the medical profession under the trademark Velban. The agent is the sulfate salt of vinblastine, an alkaloid extract from the periwinkle.

Hodgkin's disease attacks the lymph glands, liver and spleen, while choriocarcinoma attacks membranes found in the placenta, ovaries and testes.

Velban has been studied in 300 patients with a variety of malignant diseases, the company said. But the availability of results in other cancers has not been completed, it added.

The first clinical study was initiated in 1959 at the Indiana University medical center here. Later studies were conducted at the Ontario Cancer Institute in Toronto, the company said.

Suggestions Expected Soon As To Area for Skiing

Decision of the forest service regional office on which of two southern Oregon areas to recommend for development as a skiing area will be made on the basis of what is best for the entire population. That is what Ralph Weise informed the Medford Kiwanis club at its luncheon meeting at Rogue Valley Country club on Wednesday. Weise is recreation officer for the Rogue forest.

He said that the decision is due shortly and that the recommendation will be based on 28 years experience among the men who studied the sites. ML Ashland and Brown mountain areas have been proposed.

Weise brought out that all Rogue forest land is managed with the idea of getting the greatest benefit for all of the people. He said that the 620,000 acres of the Rogue forest are available for recreation under the multiple use concept of the forest.

Benefit Recreation Explaining how other functions and uses of the forest benefit recreation, Weise mentioned that timber man-

agement and engineering pays for putting in roads. He said, too, that the opening up of small clearings tends to bring in forage and thereby benefit wildlife.

No cutting of timber along Rogue river is permitted, Weise said, as a protection for fish life in the stream. He pointed out that the river is at a critical stage so far as water temperature is concerned. In some places where the stream is already open, hardwoods are to be planted to help lower the temperature of the stream.

Paul Mitchell, Kiwanis chairman for the breakfast held at the Safeway store on Saturday, March 4, said that the service club realized \$165 toward the countywide dental clinic it sponsors.

Larry Horton announced plans for the April 1 Kiwanis Easter egg hunt of which he is chairman.

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins
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We're Still Looking For Fountain of Youth

It has been a long and seemingly tireless search, but "hope springs eternal" and those of us who are waiting are naturally impatient with the delay. We hope for an elixir, or a substance, or a "fountain of youth."

Men have been compounding and mixing various substances for many ages, trying to find that wonderful something that will rewind life's clock and keep our fleshy mechanism running for an indefinite period.

Royal Jelly

It was only natural, therefore, that man looked to the substance used by the common honey bee, called "royal jelly." It was thought it might be just the substance mankind needed to refuel his bodily furnace and keep his inner fires burning brightly. "Royal jelly" does marvelous things for baby bees, and even has something to do with the number of boys or girls bees the colony will produce.

It can even be used by the bees to hasten the development of more members, but what "royal jelly" does for a creature other than baby bees seems sadly disappointing. "Royal jelly" as a human food leaves considerable to be desired, even as a food supplement.

The search, however, continues, and other substances and materials from Nature's vast storehouse are being investigated; one of these is pollen.

Pollen is the usually yellow, powdery material in the form of grains that act as the fertilizing element of flowering plants. It is actually the male element of the plant, the material that adheres to the legs or body of the honey bee or other species of insect, later brushing off on another plant of the same kind, thereby pollinating it.

Every flowering plant has pollen grains peculiar in shape and size to itself. Pollen grains may be shaped like

anchors, triangles, dumb-bells, squares or like baseball bats. Each grain, under magnification, appears to be a tiny, hollow case filled with a suspended drop of oil; each oil-drop as small as one thirty-thousandth of an inch in diameter.

To a flowering plant pollen is "life-stuff," but as a supplement in human food or an aid to renewed vigor, it probably is about as useful as sawdust. So many times we seem to be right on the threshold, with the door apparently open, only to have Nature slam the door right in our face.

Adequate Power Supply Said Goal

Washington — (UPI) — The new head of the Rural Electrification Administration says he'll give top priority to assuring an adequate power supply for rural areas.

The new REA administrator is Norman M. Clapp of Lancaster, Wis., who was sworn into office Thursday.

The new REA chief added that the Administration plans to study methods of building power transmission lines between regions — a power grid, moving electricity from power surplus areas to regions which are short of electricity. Clapp said this would spread the benefits of low-cost hydroelectric power.

Wood School Clinic Set For Grants Pass

Grants Pass — A wood school clinic, sponsored by the National Lumber Manufacturers association, will be held at the Redwoods hotel, Grants Pass, Thursday, March 16, at 5:30 p.m. R. T. Moore, Moore Timber Products, Inc., Grants Pass, is chairman.

The clinic will deal with many aspects of wood-school construction. Special guests will be architects, building officials, school officials and lumber manufacturing executives. The session will begin with a dinner.

Bills Approved By Legislature

Salem — (UPI) — Measures approved Thursday:

By the Senate
SB7 — Letting workers earning an average \$20 weekly during the working period qualify for unemployment compensation.

SB133 — Relating to regulation of bees.

SB146 — Relating to deputy state veterinarians.

SB163 — Tightening unemployment compensation requirements for wives who travel to a new location with their husbands.

SB295 — Provisions for legislative interim committees.

SB332 — Relating to motor carriers.

HJM6 — Urging Congress to extend the 1948 sugar act.

HB1057 — Relating to motor carriers.

HB1021 — Relating to sawmill worker's liens.

HB1078 — Relating to local school committees.

HB1083 — Relating to terms of office of school boards.

HB1171 — Relating to jurors.

HB1218 — Setting provisions for school district elections and polling places.

HB1337 — Revising the code governing the state militia.

AGC Moves To Head Off Strike

Portland — (UPI) — The Portland chapter of the Associated General Contractors has moved to head off a possible strike which could cost 30,000 workers and tie up \$500 million worth of projects in Oregon.

The AGC, in a bulletin report released Thursday, said it has asked the Federal Mediation Service to intervene in negotiations between the contractors and Local 701 of the Hoisting and Portable Engineers.

Negotiations for a new contract have been under way for 60 days. Local 701 represents about 6,000 men. The present contract expires March 31.

A. H. Harding, chapter manager of AGC, said failure of negotiations could result in repetition of the costly, nine-week heavy construction tieup of 1958 in Oregon.

Navy Patrol Plane Falls; 8 Missing

Jacksonville, Fla. — (UPI) — A Navy patrol bomber with eight crewmen aboard crashed and burned Thursday night in fog-shrouded Lake George near the Ocala National Forest in northeast Florida. All eight were missing and presumed dead.

Officials at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, where the PV2 Neptune bomber was based, said a search of the crash scene was launched at dawn.

The Navy identified five of the missing airmen, all of whom were married and living in the Jacksonville area as:

Lt. Robert K. Morse, 24, the pilot; Lt. Cmdr. Walter T. Gardner, 39; Aviation Machinist Mate 2-C Fred G. Prigdon, 33; Aviation Electronics Technician 2-C Harry G. Cummings, 23; and Aviation Electronics Technician Terry I. Ramsby, 19.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Cincinnati, Ohio — (UPI) — Diamond setter Fred Hauser lost his lunch bag containing 12 diamond rings while en route to work Thursday. Police reported that they found the bag and rings, but the banana and ham sandwiches were missing.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

What of the news today? It isn't very exciting. For which let us be thankful. In these modern days, the EXCITING news gives us the shivers.

SECRETARY OF LABOR Goldberg, reporting on the job situation, tells us that in February unemployment rose 320,000 over January to a total of 5,705,000—the highest idle total since the summer of 1941, just before World War II, at the tag end of the great depression.