

# Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a woman's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Ruth G-I tell her to bring Joe to an outpatient psychiatric clinic.  
Sarah R-I think he'll snap out of the doldrums himself. He'll be all right.

Ruth G-I think my sister is playing with fire to ignore the behavior of her 27-year-old son who just sits home, day after day, with no interest in getting a job, meeting his friends, dressing up and going places. For the past two months, the only times he ventures out are to help Sarah carry home the groceries from the supermarket, or to attend a movie with her.

All the spirit seems gone out of him. When you talk to him, he nods or shrugs, doesn't answer. He was a bright boy, but after three or four disappointments, one on top of the other, he seems to have given up.

He needs help. I'm sure a psychiatrist can set him straight. What is Sarah waiting for, a complete collapse?

Sarah R-I admit I'm worried about Joe, but I think he's capable of getting a grip on himself without outside help. Ruth thinks I'm too close to the situation to see it clearly. But just because I'm so close to it, I can be hopeful and confident, from the small signs of improvement I see.

About a year ago, Joe suffered the first of a string of setbacks. He was rejected for

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

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an overseas Civil Service assignment he had his heart set on. Then he had to give up the apartment he'd been sharing with two other fellows, because the building was being demolished. And then a girl he'd been dating suddenly announced her engagement to someone else. Everything piled on top of him.

But now I see him reading want ads, sending for time-tables and travel folders. I'm keeping my fingers crossed, hoping the worst is over.

The Council: Ruth is right. There's nothing to be lost, and reassurance to be gained, by spitting Joe to a clinic for a general checkup which will include a psychiatric look-see.

There is great danger and heartache in waiting for an emergency to propel one into seeking aid. At present only

the first faint stirrings of 24-hour service can be heard. If Joe should suddenly show ominous symptoms or become violent, Sarah might have no other recourse but to call the police.

In pitifully few areas might she, or Joe himself, pick up a 'phone while in the depths of despair and ask: "Help me through this night," or "Please get us over this hump."

In New York City, there's an all night trouble shooting clinic at City Hospital in Elmhurst for residents of Queens County, and a similar emergency setup at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center. Just a few days ago, the Health Department of Washington, D.C., announced that a panel of 30 psychiatrists will be available for psychiatric first aid at any hour.

But until this sort of quick rescue becomes available in every neighborhood, Sarah should get Joe to someone who can draw him out fully, get him to unburden himself of the layers of distress which have numbed him to a standstill. It may turn out that he doesn't need psychiatry, merely guidance counseling, vocational advice, man-to-man wisdom. It's better to find out, than to drift.

We must add that, unfortunately, the psychiatric clinics scare petitioners away with reports of long waiting lists, and admonitions to "wait your turn." We hope that Sarah won't scare or despair, but will press hard for at least a first interview, so as to determine how close to "emergency" Joe really is.

## Government Items Planned for Sale

Bids for government property will be opened at 2 p.m. April 12 by the Crater Lake National park in room 37 of the Medford post office building.

Items will be sold to the highest bidder on a "where-is and as-is" basis, and payment must accompany each bid. Successful bidders will be notified, and removal from storage must be accomplished within 10 days, according to park officials.

To be sold are transformers and oil switches, used pneumatic automotive tires, sinks and other plumbing, used storage batteries, dishes, appliances, tools, furniture, wire, binoculars, projectors, and many other items.

Prospective bidders may inspect the merchandise between 1 and 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, and April 11, at the interior building, near the Jackson county fair grounds, Medford.

## Assistance Offered In Tax Preparation

Assistance in preparing Oregon state income tax returns will be given by state tax commission personnel at 124 West Fourth st., Medford, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. April 3-7, April 10-14, and April 17.

Persons wishing help in filing their returns are asked to bring earnings slips and other information needed to determine the correct tax, including, if possible, a copy of their federal return filed for 1960.

The tax commission reminded taxpayers that, in order to be eligible for a refund, a taxpayer must file a return. It was also emphasized that if a joint return is filed, both spouses must sign it.

Deadline for filing this year is April 17; since April 15 is Saturday.

## Graduates Invited To Check Navy Plan

High school graduates interested in learning the care, maintenance, and operation of the more than 3,700 different types of advanced electronic equipment aboard ship, have been invited to investigate the advantages of the Navy's Electronic program.

Chief Murray J. Emmerich, local Naval recruiter, said the program offers travel, good pay, and intense schooling. The recruiter said the education is accomplished on one of the Navy's electronic schools where more than 15 different basic electronic courses are offered.

Additional information may be obtained from Emmerich at his office in the Medford post office building.

## MOUSEKETEER HELD

Hollywood - UP - John Anthony Payne, 30, identified by police as a former member of the television group known as the Mouseketeers, and another young man were held Saturday on suspicion of armed robbery.

# Outdoor Recreational Projects Financed by Funds Left by Vets

By JIM GILLAN  
Mail Tribune Correspondent  
White City-Major "outside" recreational and rehabilitation projects at the Veterans Administration Domiciliary, White City, have been constructed with funds other than taxes.

Known as General Post Funds, derived from estates left by veterans without families or relatives, funds were left to the VA by hospital patients and domiciliary members, rentals and other sources, the money pool has been used to improve facilities.

Manager Henry C. Herzog stressed the recreational and rehabilitative projects in extending a welcome to northern California and southern Oregon residents planning to attend the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service sponsored arts, crafts and hobby fair and VA open house and reception, Sunday, April 9, from noon until 5 p.m.

During 1958, the federal bureau of the budget requested the Veterans administration to justify expenditure of the large millions of dollars-General Post Funds which had been accumulating over the years.

The White City domiciliary had plans already drawn for outside projects of value to members. The engineering department, under Chief Engineer Burton R. Sims, was ready. Special Services, then operating under Frank J. Glonning, had plans. Funds were allocated at Washington, D.C., and work started within a short time after the official approval.

As a result of the plans and money, the domiciliary now has one of the finest smaller baseball parks in the West; a flourishing greenhouse; a pitch and putt golf course which has been praised and aided by professionals at the Rogue Valley Country club and the Ashland Country club who have played it; a picnic area and memorial parkway with a built-in kitchen and barbeque, and dotted with memorial plaques from veterans' organizations; a bowling alley installed under the supervision of the Brunswick company and used by members and organized teams from Medford and Eagle Point, civil service employees and others.

General Post Funds also aided in the enlargement of the theater with its 300 capacity, large stage, public address system, lighting effects, wide screen projector and enlarged picture screen.

The picnic area also contains a lovely fish pond, growing trees, landscaped terrain and winding walks leading to Memorial Stadium, proud veterans will remain visitors.

The ball park, equipped with lights for night games, ramps and grandstand areas designed for wheelchair members, has been host to thousands of Rogue valley residents.

It's here where the ever popular Rogue Valley Dairy Maids, women's softball team, plays to its most appreciative fans. And here where the Maids have captured the Oregon State championship; played the world champions from Stratford, Conn., and the equally famous Lind Florists of Portland, a team which was sent by the United States department of state to Japan for exhibition games and good-will visits.

There is a growing hope that this summer, the ball park will witness professional games. Teams such as the Sixth Army's Presidio team, the Rogue Valley league teams and others have played many games before the veterans.

This Easter season revealed the work and creation of the domiciliary greenhouse. Offices and dining tables and other areas have been flooded with potted lillies.

Easter Sunday Catholic and Protestant services benefitted also. Under the able supervision of Melvin H. Neeley, landscape gardener, with member employees Floyd McIntosh and George Maser assisting, plans for the immediate grounds around the VA buildings have and will continue to make the area a show-place of the Rogue valley.

More than 220 trees have been planted this year alone. And more than 6,000 yards of top soil has been trucked in over the past years to better the landscaping.

Under professional supervision are the cleaning and care of the grounds, ball park, golf course, bowling alley, theater and all domiciliary undertakings and the responsibility and work of the disabled veterans.

Assigned crews swarm over the grounds gardening and maintaining the various areas including the playing field and stands at the ball park, the golf course, and grounds.

There is also a Garden club of members, assisted and guided by the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, directed by Mrs. B. L. Lockwood, Ashland, with cooperation from clubs including Ashland, Azalea, Central Point, Crater, Eagle Point, Green Thumb club, Grants Pass, Howard, Illinois Valley, Jacksonville, Jerome Prairie, Medford, Rogue River, Roxy Gardeners, Shady Cove, Talent, Yreka, Calif., and Phoenix.

And topping the beauty spots of the domiciliary area and known to hundreds of

## DEMONSTRATIONS END

Reno, Nev. - (UP) - Negro demonstrations ended in western Nevada Friday after the state legislature passed a bill which sets up a commission to hear discrimination cases. The measure was passed after a group of Negroes staged a sit-in at a Reno coffee shop and picketed the Nevada Bank of Commerce.

# Project Display To Be at Dinner

An illuminated display of reclamation projects now in operation throughout Oregon, Washington, and Idaho is to be shown at the eleventh annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner, April 15.

Harper Edwards, Democratic chairman in Jackson county, said the display, measuring 12 feet long and 10 feet high, was part of the reclamation exhibit shown at the 1959 Oregon Centennial exposition in Portland. Since then, it has been revised and will point out the major re-

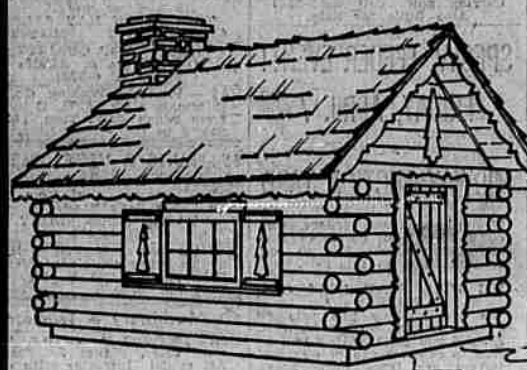
clamation projects now in the Pacific Northwest.

The display is to accent a program given its "great impetus" under the leadership of former President Roosevelt, according to Edwards. In addition, it will pay tribute to Sen. Frank F. Church (D-Ida.), whose state capitol (Boise, Ida.) houses the regional reclamation office.

Senator Church will be the guest speaker at the dinner, which will be at 8:30 p.m. Reservations for former residents of Idaho who wish to sit at the special Idahoans table are being taken now by Mrs. J. A. Mills, SPing 2-4229, and Mrs. Edward Kelly, SPing 2-5131.

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