

Small Worlds Around Us

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We Tamper With Nature—But It Takes Its Course

Sounds utterly ridiculous, but there have been efforts made to change the physical structure of living animals whereby they would be better suited to human use.

"Wouldn't it be nice," these optimistic boys ask, "to be able to raise chickens without the wasteful, always-in-the-way bones." With no skeleton at all, nothing would be wasted. Just skin-enclosed bags of tissue, tender, succulent, all meat and delicious.

This, they say, would be a glorious accomplishment; a great step forward in human progress.

Hasten Growth

Already we are happy to have hormones and various other elements that are supposed to hasten the growth of cattle, make the meat more tender, preserve it for longer periods of time. We look forward, some of us, with happy and idiotic pleasure when a calf can be raised to profitable maturity in less than half the allotted time it now takes.

We can douse various chemicals onto vegetables and give them more color and better keeping qualities; even make them develop faster. We can doctor things with chemicals that give them the taste of age, where age is necessary to palatability.

So often we overlook the fact that we, as human beings, are not as perfect as we think. We brag that we have pulled a fast one on old Mother Nature and have even extended our own life span by a number of years, but in reality we have not. A man now 45 years old has no better chance of living over his allotted time than did his great-grandfather.

Satisfaction Derived

But we derive a great deal of satisfaction from thinking we will. We still ask the person who has reached a ripe old age, to what do you attribute your advanced years?

When we so wisely and generously say "let nature take its course," we subconsciously imply a certain degree of tolerance, as if we could do something about it. Actually, in most instances, we can't. Nature will take its course whether we will it or not, and in spite of our efforts to change it.

Some of us believe we can step in at any point and revamp the whole works. There are those deluded optimists

Duncan To Speak At League Event

"Let's Meet our Medical Care For the Aged Crisis Now!" will be the theme of an address by Democratic Congressional candidate Robert B. Duncan at a meeting of the Eleanor Roosevelt League at Ping's Gardens Thursday, May 24.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. and is open to the public, according to Mrs. Frank Christian, president. Coffee will be served on a no-host basis.

Duncan, speaker of the Oregon house for two terms, was one of the legislative leaders responsible for getting Oregon to participate in the benefits offered under the Kerr-Mills bill. He will discuss the King-Anderson bill now in the House ways and means committee of Congress.

In other talks, he has advocated the need for having both plans in operation at once to assure more adequate coverage for the elderly ill.

A question and answer period will follow. James A. Redden, Jackson county Democratic legislative candidate will introduce Duncan and discuss the primary election results, Mrs. Christian said.

The evening's topic, "Medical Care for the Aged," is one in a series of "Operation Support" educational programs being followed by the Eleanor Roosevelt League, a plan backing President Kennedy and explaining the administration's major legislation.

Assisting Mrs. Christian on the meeting will be Mrs. James A. Redden, Mrs. Al Bradford, Mrs. Henry Padgug, Mrs. Marvin Madden, Mrs. Thad Hatten, Mrs. Carl Janouch, Mrs. Charles Cray and Mrs. Dee Newton, Democratic vice chairman.

IN MEMPHIS

Pfc. Robert G. Criswell, USMC, son of Mrs. Mae A. Criswell, 622 South Central ave., was graduated from the four week aviation mechanical fundamentals school at the Naval Air Technical Training center, Memphis, Tenn., this month. He is continuing his training at the seven week Aviation Mechanist's Mate school, also located at Memphis.

'Inside' Look at Medford Schools Rotarian Subject

Officials of Medford public schools use the "iceberg" method of evaluating students, Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent, said in a luncheon address here Tuesday before the Medford Rotary club.

The iceberg method, he pointed out, seeks to determine the capabilities of youngsters which are not apparent on the surface. There is an effort made in Medford schools to bring out these "underneath" potentialities.

Dr. Mayfield, who received his doctor's degree at the University of Oregon in 1938 and has a distinguished record in Oregon educational fields, spoke at the Rogue Valley

Country club on an "Inside Look at Your Schools."

High tribute was paid to the non-partisan, non-salaried school board, composed of public spirited lay members selected by Medford voters. The system tends to keep the schools close to the people and the record shows efficient, wise and economical direction of school affairs.

Outstanding Academically
Medford schools have been outstanding academically as shown by comparative grades with schools throughout the U.S. Schools here have likewise been highly successful in many fields such as competitive athletics, debate, band

and vocal groups, dramatic and operatic presentations, school paper and annual and other widely diversified fields. The distributive education program for non-college bound students was especially singled out by Dr. Mayfield

College Students Are Named To Committee
Ashland-Six Southern Oregon college students were installed as the executive staff of the recently organized Collegiate Campaign committee at the recent annual meeting of the Young Republican Federation of Oregon in Portland. Officers are Fred Heard, Klamath Falls, state chair-

man; Wally Davenport, Grants Pass, vice chairman; Duane Jarnagin, Ashland, executive secretary; Frank Alessio, San Jose, Calif., executive director; Gordon Holgate, Sutherlin, recorder; and George Mikesell, Eugene, news director.

In Medford the number for a three year program is 89.

During the past year, 1,683 citizens have availed themselves of the adult education courses featured by the Medford school system, Dr. Mayfield said. This program is completely self-sustaining financially and costs the taxpayer nothing.

Advances Made
During the past 39 years, greater advances have been made in science, in general human knowledge and technology than during the previous 2,000 years, Dr. Mayfield reminded Rotarians. It is likely that similar great strides will be made in the en-

uing 39 years. Education is not the answer to all problems, but the need for greater knowledge is increasingly vital.

To emphasize the points in Dr. Mayfield's address, displays of work performed by Medford students were on exhibit in the country club's banquet hall.

Four contestants for the title of "Dairy Queen" for Oregon were introduced by Chaperone Barbara Kimball of Applegate. They are, Georgia Hubbard and Karen Jossy from Eagle Point, Connie McDough from Sams Valley, and Barbara Gysin from Phoenix.

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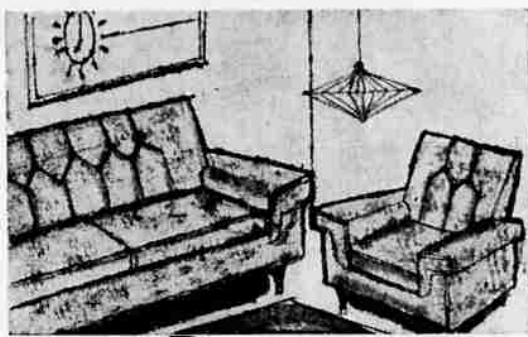


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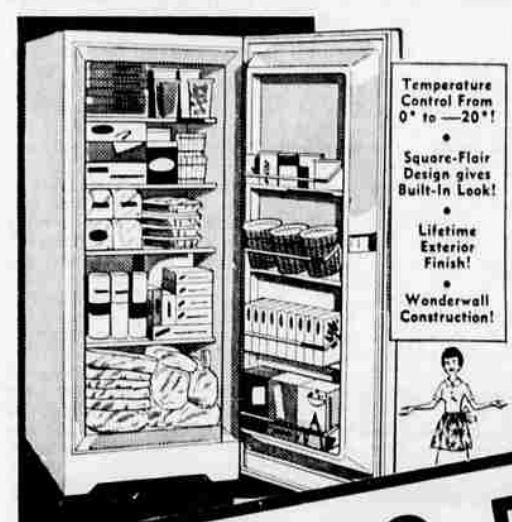


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