

Boy Scouts

Pack 8
Cub Scout Pack 8 held their monthly meeting July 28 at Jackson park on the Upper Applegate.

The boys and their parents swam in the Applegate river followed by a wiener roast and pack meeting.

The awards given at the meeting were Roy Sour, Lion badge and gold and silver arrows; Lucky Shopp, Lion badge; Dan VanLiew, Bear badge; Dwayne Powers, two silver arrows for the Bear badge; Rickey Childress, Jay McCollough and Preston LaPratt, wolf badges; and Martin Hooper, a silver arrow for his Wolf badge.

Mrs. LaPratt with Den 10 received the best attendance trophy.

Workshops Set At University

Eugene—Two workshops designed to give Oregon high school student council members an understanding of the aims and objectives of the student council will be held at the University of Oregon Aug. 5-10 and 12-17.

The program is geared to encourage more uniform practices in student council work and to develop techniques of group leadership.

The workshops, which will be conducted by the Oregon Association of Student Councils, will be the 11th and 12th sessions held at the university. The Oregon Association of Secondary School Principals and the Oregon State Department of Education will assist.

Graduate credit will be available for student council sponsors, administrators, and other interested educators who enroll in a special section at the workshops.

Director of the workshops is Amelia Auld of Madison High School in Portland. Marie Allen, Lincoln High School, Portland, is assistant director. Ray Osburn, executive secretary, Oregon association of Student Councils, and Dr. Arthur Hearn, professor of Education, University of Oregon, are workshop coordinators. Dr. Donald I. Wood, professor of education, Rice University, will serve as consultant.

Oregon high schools belonging to the Oregon Association of Student Councils may send from two to four delegates, depending on the size of the school.

Approximately 350 students are registered for this year's two sessions.

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Dennis the Menace



THAT'S A LIZARD'S TAIL. THE REST OF HIM GOT AWAY.

Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS

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Mystery of Tails Was Finally Solved

Some funny things were happening in the park, but just what, no one knew for sure. Visitors to the park were finding tails, tails without their owners. Four of the tails that showed up in one week were of common squirrels, and two were obviously from flying squirrels; all were perfect, and all had been severed from the animal's body that raised them, but left them on the woodland floor. No squirrel bodies were found, only tails.

Something just didn't look right. Regardless of which di-

rection an animal is headed, or how fast or how slow it travels, its tail always follows like a shadow. It is always in close and intimate attendance. No animal intentionally leaves its tail behind; these "afterpieces" of squirrel anatomy are very essential; without the tail the animal could not balance itself on a tree limb; even if it survived the shock of its terminal amputation. Yet a search of the park revealed no dead squirrel bodies. Only tails. The owners had vanished, leaving their hindmost part, as a castoff on the woodland floor.

The mystery of the severed tails attracted several woodsmen, hunters, and students of animal actions, all of whom had a theory and an explanation. But because there were so many explanations was pretty conclusive proof that someone had to be wrong. The mystery of the detached tails became a point of more conjecture than fact.

Some of the arguments had considerable logic, and sounded reasonable. Even very hungry predators ordinarily would discard the furry tail of a squirrel, as a little too hairy to swallow, reasoned many people, but owls were known to eat fur, bones and feathers.

By this line of reasoning the great horned owl, of which several were known to inhabit the area, would gulp down a squirrel, tail and all; so that seemed to eliminate this from the list of suspects. But, as there were flying squirrel tails, along with the ones of those that scampered throughout the daylight hours, would indicate some other species of owl. The flying squirrel was abroad in the night, and so were the owls, so the screech owl was the prime suspect.

The Culprit
This smaller version of the owl clan would be pretty apt to discard the tail as an unappetizing morsel. Any of the smaller owls might eat the body and discard the tail. But, as so often happens, the finger of suspicion was pointed in the wrong direction, as conclusive evidence was uncovered one night, by a man with a flashlight. The pencil of light pierced the park's darkness and revealed the shaggy coat of a feral cat, eating a flying squirrel, whose complete tail was beside the animal.

A feral cat is not some seldom-seen jungle beast, but just a plain, everyday house cat that has gone wild; little wonder the squirrels "went away and left their tails behind."

Educators Gather For Salem Workshop

Salem—Some 200 educators gathered here Monday for the kickoff of a two week workshop on a \$3.3 million Oregon program for improvement of education.

Speakers include Dr. Harry A. Becker, superintendent of schools in Norwalk, Conn.; Dr. Merrill Blair, schools superintendent of Lexington, Mass.; Dr. John Goodlad of UCLA; and Dr. Stewart North of the University of Wisconsin.

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Federal Officials Discuss Jackson County Program

Salem—Federal and regional representatives of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare were in Salem recently for a second consultation with members of state staff and staff from the Jackson and Multnomah county public welfare commissions on Oregon's case classification plan.

The plan for strengthening and rehabilitating families receiving public assistance has drawn inquiries from other states planning similar action as part of a federal goal set by Secretary Ribicoff. Oregon's plan, started in Jackson county and Portland's Peninsula district office in Multnomah county in January, is one of the first in the United States to be developed entirely by members of the agency's staff without outside consultation.

In Salem for the meetings were Mrs. Jean Szaloczi, from the department's division of statistics and analysis, bureau of family services, Washington, D.C.; and Miss Helen Foster and Wilbur Rice, both from the department's regional office in San Francisco.

Team of Consultants

Mrs. Szaloczi was a member of the team of consultants from Washington, D.C., who were in Salem last January after the program was launched. She consulted on methods

Monks Organized By Labor Union

Lafayette — A local of the carpenters union may have established a first in labor organizing.

The local has organized the monks in a monastery.

Ten monks at Our Lady of Guadalupe Trappist Abbey at this tiny farming community southwest of Portland have joined Millmen's Local 1120 of the Carpenters Union at Portland.

The monks are cabinet-makers and their income helps support the monastery. They broke their rule of silence long enough to take the union's membership oath.

of collecting and analyzing data about social problems and community resources for helping alleviate these problems.

Since the plan started, the entire caseload of about 4,000 cases in Jackson county and the Peninsula district office in Portland have been analyzed, and special caseloads have been set into operation for intensive effort in serving a number of these families. This has included an intensive staff training program for the county staffs.

The plan calls for eventually conducting the program throughout Oregon. Late September has been tentatively set for the time when more counties will be added to the program.

The Medical Roundup

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New Type of Suture

A new suture (material with which a surgeon sews) has recently been described—a material which may replace the catgut which has been used for so many years. One trouble with catgut is that sometimes and in certain persons it gets absorbed so rapidly that the wound breaks open, and then there comes a rupture which later has to be repaired. The new suture is a filament made from a chemical called a polypropylene. It has a high tensile strength, comparable to that of the best nylon; it has good flexibility and resistance to "work fatigue," and a good knot can be made with it. Work with it has been reported by Drs. F. C. Usher, J. E. Allen Jr., R. W. Crosthwait and J. E. Cogan, all of Houston, Texas.

Keloids

People get the strangest ideas in their heads. Here are letters from some people who

ask anxiously if keloids are cancers, and how long the person is likely to live with them?

Actually, keloids are harmless, but somewhat disfiguring swellings that occur in the scars of cuts in the skin—of some few predisposed persons.

There is no sense in cutting out a keloid because another one probably will form. All one can do usually is to go to a skin specialist who probably will apply a little radium to the swelling, and thereby will cause it to shrink down.

If I had a tendency to keloid-formation, I certainly would warn any surgeon who ever wanted to make a cut in the skin of my face or neck or arms or hands. Such cuts

should be avoided whenever possible.

Dr. Alvarez is informative about the different forms of epilepsy and their treatments in his new booklet, "What Is Epilepsy?" To obtain it, send 25 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

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So don't be too optimistic. Cars backing out of parking spaces do sometimes back out blindly. Cars coming from the other direction might swing into your lane—especially on hills and curves.

Your best protection is to drive defensively. The only driver you can really be sure of is yourself.

2 If the car won't start, there are a number of simple things worth trying.

Use the starter in short bursts. Press accelerator to the floor once, then hold it there while you try starter.

With manual shift, keep clutch pedal all the way down. With automatic transmission, jiggle lever to make sure it's in neutral.

Note from Shell: We recently published an advertisement with 7 simple starting tips. For a free copy, write to the Shell Oil Company, P.O. Box 272, New York 46, N.Y.

3 Courtesy is contagious—and adds to everyone's driving pleasure and safety.

Nobody ever cured a traffic jam by losing his temper. If you can keep your sense of humor and wait your turn, everyone will probably get where he's going sooner. Including you.

Another suggestion: It takes only seconds to let someone enter the roadway ahead of you, but it can save the other driver minutes. Just remember to signal the car behind that you're slowing down or about to stop.

4 Cars respond to good care. Have the oil, battery and water checked every time you stop for gasoline.

When you're driving, listen for unusual mechanical sounds. If you hear one, have it checked right away. It could save a big repair bill later on.

On rough roads, take it easy—tires are tough, but they are destructible.

Note: For a free copy of Shell's 12-page booklet, "44 ways to make your car last longer," write to the Shell Oil Company, P.O. Box 272, New York 46, N.Y.



Many a young man first borrows the family car for a summer dance. On this page, your local Shell dealers offer some driving tips that can be useful to him all his life.

5 Remember what you learned to get your driver's license, and you'll be a better driver.

Eight out of ten car accidents stem from improper driving practices—such as speeding, failing to yield right-of-way and following other cars too closely.

Truck drivers and other professionals have very few of these accidents—mile for mile, about one-quarter as many as other drivers. The professionals know the rules of good driving—and obey them.

6 If you're going to be late, call home.

And if car trouble is the reason, call the nearest service station, too.

Park off the traffic lanes and wait in the car until help arrives—with the hood up to show you're disabled. Making repairs close to a busy road can be dangerous.

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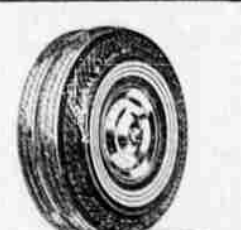
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