

Committee Studies Plan for Physical Therapy Program at Farm Home

A local physicians' coordinating committee is studying a proposal to reinstitute a physical therapy program in the Jackson county farm home, Dr. A. Erin Merkel said today.

A committee headed by Dr. Mario J. Campagna met Wednesday morning in Medford to go over plans for the program. On the committee are Dr. Ralph Thompson, Dr. N. J. Wilson, Dr. Thomas C. Bolton, Dr. Henry E. Storino and Dr. James C. Luce.

The County Act pro-

vides federal funds which are allocated to counties through the state board of health, Dr. Merkel explained. Such matching funds pay for a large portion of the program, he added.

Proposal Referred

The Jackson county court had referred the proposed therapy program to Dr. Merkel in January for suggestions. Previously, Millard Hoffman, former county farm home superintendent, had hired a physical therapist for

Thirty people were started through the therapy clinic. Ten cases were found not feasible for treatment. Of the 20 remaining, 11 were able to walk after treatment, one bed patient moved to a wheelchair and one wheelchair patient became able to walk, according to official records.

During a 3½-month program, 14 patients could be discharged from nursing care and transferred to homes for the aged where their care was less expensive, it was pointed out.

"The point is that the taxpayer is saved considerable money if 14 welfare patients can be removed from expensive nursing home care," a local physician pointed out. "In fact, this would pay for the entire program for the period."

"What is even more striking is that a 28-year-old woman left the farm home able to walk," a welfare case-worker said.

"This is why we are pressing for more welfare patients and fewer private patients

using the farm home facilities," a physician explained. "We have to have some beds free there for nursing care patients who can't afford the services of private convalescent homes. These are the people we must reach with this physical therapy work. And this is what will save the taxpayers money."

The Jackson county public welfare commission, which includes the county court, will hold a special meeting Tuesday to discuss a written policy for admission of patients to the farm home. This was requested of the county court last week by Welfare Administrator David Kuhns. "Fought Home Battle"

Contacted in Salem, former welfare administrator James Pullman said he had "fought the battle over farm home admissions for six years."

"The unofficial policy was the court would let us know of a vacancy and give welfare patients first choice," Pullman explained. "But the last 1½ years the policy started reversing itself. Private pa-

tients seemed to get first chance."

Local physicians and the welfare commission became more critical of this policy this last year following completion of the new Hawthorne and Rogue Valley nursing homes. With more good nursing homes available there is less need for private patients to use the farm home, it was pointed out.

Pullman is now head of the public assistance division of the state welfare commission.

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Missiles Installed in Idaho Bring Nine More Far-Off Cities in Target

Mountain Home, Idaho—Nine more cities in a far-off land are on target.

Their destroyers—if war came—are nine sleek nuclear-tipped Titan I missiles now buried beneath the dry sagebrush of the Snake river plain near here.

Simple ceremonies were held this summer when Idaho's first three-missile complex was turned over to the Strategic Air Command on a war-ready basis.

Now two more complexes have been activated—adding mighty muscle to the nation's deterrent strength.

Before the year is out 34 Titan I missiles are scheduled to be ready. During 1963 squadrons of the newer Titan IIs are slated for activation.

Each missile is designed to hurl a nuclear warhead at speeds of more than 17,000 miles an hour over distances up to 6,300 miles. Each missile is keyed for a specific target.

Each is housed in an underground silo, built to withstand all but a direct hit by an atomic weapon.

Specially trained SAC aerospace crews man the underground launching complexes around the clock, ready to fire the monsters of destruction at a moment's notice if an enemy should attack.

Chaplain Lt. Col. A. E. McWilliams delivered the invocation at the activation ceremonies here.

"God, give us character and wisdom in the use of these weapons," he prayed.

A gusty, biting-cold wind seemed to hush for a moment as the plea tumbled from the chaplain's lips, and each word carried with startling clarity

to the group of 60 Air Force officers, civic dignitaries and newsmen gathered for the event.

The sky was cloudless, and the sun shone brightly.

But 50 feet underground the weather went unnoticed. The whir of fans replaced the howl of the wind.

In the control room four men sat before three huge instrument consoles, intent on a maze of vari-colored lights.

A bank of six television screens gave them a view of the ground overhead, and of vital parts of the fueled missiles in their silos.

The security-conscious controllers seemed uncomfortable in the presence of outsiders.

"Will these missiles go farther than 6,300 miles?" someone asked.

"They don't have to," a SAC officer answered.

"When do you pick the target?"

"It's already been picked, these missiles are already keyed," the officer answered. Point of No Return

"Can you change your mind and destroy the missile after it has been launched?"

"No," the officer replied.

The three Idaho missile complexes are located at Orchard, Grandview and Brunner, Colo., and other three-complex installations are at Moses Lake, Wash., Marysville, Calif., and Rapid City, S.D.

All are war-ready or scheduled to be before the end of the year.

Titan II launching sites are to be activated next year at Tucson, Ariz.; Wichita, Kan., and Little Rock, Ark.

The Air Force says the nation's intercontinental ballistic missile strength will triple this year, then triple again next year.

Payoff Year

In the words of Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Gerrity, commander of the Air Force ballistic systems division, "this is the payoff year for the ICBM program."

Sen. Len B. Jordan (R-Idaho), who witnessed the Idaho activation ceremonies, said "we will all sleep a little better now."

"God grant they are never used, but the enemy understands only the language of the sword."

As visitors left the underground control center they passed by a kitchen where a cook was preparing roast chicken.

He seemed unconcerned that his kitchen was but a few hundred feet from three nuclear warheads.

Changes in Signs Along Freeway at GP To Be Made

Grants Pass - Changes in signs to help divert more tourist traffic off the Interstate 5 freeway and onto the Rogue River highway will be made so as to avoid the implication that the freeway is the only way to get to the locality in question.

Met With Businessmen

Tom Edwards of the state highway department met with Rogue River highway businessmen and Josephine county leaders Tuesday and indicated that the Foothills Creek exit sign will be changed to read "Rogue River Route."

At the meeting agreement was reached as to the wording of three signs. Pacific Power and Light company plans to erect to lend further aid in diverting tourist traffic.

One will be placed north of Grants Pass on the freeway to read, "Rogue River Recreation Land, Rogue River Route, Turn Right One Mile." South of Grants Pass a second sign will state, "Rogue River Recreation Land, Full Family Fun Facilities, Stay South on US 99." The same copy will also appear on a sign on the Redwood highway facing northbound traffic on Highway 199.

Jobe Elected Head Of County School Superintendents

Stanley C. Jobe, Ashland school superintendent, was elected president of the Jackson County Superintendents' association at a recent meeting.

Eagle Point Superintendent Glenn D. Hale was elected vice president, and Alf B. Mervold, county school superintendent, as secretary.

Outgoing officers are Central Point Superintendent Charles A. Meyer, president; and Medford Superintendent Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, vice president.

"The superintendents' association has been functioning for many years and has served as an effective means of working on common problems, asserted group action and is a valuable means of communications," Mervold said.

Discuss Many Items

The group discussed several items in planning for the 1963 legislative session. It is especially concerned about ballot measure 10. Mervold said. This proposal by initiative petition would repeal the 1957 school district reorganization law. The association went on record as strongly opposing the passage of this measure.

Dr. Mayfield made a brief explanation of the Oregon Program.

An article in the September issue of Oregon Education, the official publication of the Oregon Education association describes the program as "a massive statewide effort to inject rapid and dramatic changes into Oregon teaching practice and to improve the quality of education in the state," it was noted.

Tweedy Named To Temporary Post As Juvenile Head

Lawrence Tweedy, Jackson county juvenile counselor, has been appointed temporary juvenile department director by Jackson county circuit court.

The acting assignment becomes effective Oct. 1. Tweedy has been a counselor for six years and was recommended by the juvenile advisory council.

The present director, Mrs. Kay Crowell, leaves for a three weeks vacation Oct. 1 before taking a new job with the Sacramento county probation department.

In other action, the following were named council directors: John B. Harr, superintendent of Rogue River schools, the Rev. Robert W. Tull, Medford Congregational minister as new associate member; Mrs. Ben Day, Gold Hill, director and council chairman last year as consultant; James G. Armson, assistant professor of psychology of Southern Oregon college as director.

Submits Resignation

Jerry Lausman, Medford, submitted his resignation as director.

Charles Henry, Medford, associate member last year, was named director and chairman. Other officers named were John Crabb, Medford schools, vice chairman, and Mrs. Owen Kunkel, Medford, secretary.

The council has listed the director's job opening with the Oregon Juvenile council and the National Council for Crime and Delinquency. Applications may be made to Jackson county circuit court. A personnel committee is being established to screen applicants, it was explained.

Qualifications are four years of college plus graduate work to the level of a master's degree in social case work, sociology or psychology or an equivalent combination of experience and training, plus extensive child welfare or juvenile court work including one year, at least, of supervisory or administrative experience.

Oregon Traffic Takes Three Lives

By Three Press International

Three persons—two of them children—died in Oregon Thursday as a result of traffic accidents.

The victims were Glenn Yates, 6 months, Crescent; James Bolton, 3, Portland; and Frank Wolf, 62, Sublimity.

The Yates baby was killed in a one-car accident on U.S. Highway 97 five miles north of Gilchrist.

The Bolton boy died in a Portland hospital from injuries suffered when he was struck by a car in Portland Monday night.

Wolf was killed when his pickup truck went out of control and overturned on a Marion county road seven miles south of Turner.

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Both cars were traveling south when the Foster car stopped and the driver indicated a left turn, when the Haines car struck it in the rear end, police said.

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