

Try and Stop Me

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AMANDA'S NEW boy friend drew up to her doorstep in a sleek new foreign sports car, and while waiting for Amanda to put in an appearance, treated her pa to a few of his views and sentiments. Pa, very definitely unimpressed, told his daughter the next morning, "That new young man of yours is a pompous pinhead. What does he do for a living, anyhow?"

Amanda explained loftily, "He inherits."

The British medical journal, *Lancet*, offers this re-writing of Kipling's "If": "If you can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds' worth of distance run, you'll have the world and everything that's in it—and a coronary before you're fifty-one."

A sad-eyed guest at a Catskill resort confided to an intimate, "My wife had a disconcerting dream last night. She dreamed she had married a multimillionaire." "You're lucky," sighed the intimate. "My wife dreams that in the daytime."

Mourns Robert Fitch: "All day I drink it black and strong. All night I lie awake. More than I need a friend or song. I need a coffee brake!"

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Cost of Replacing State Ward Labor Said \$18.2 Million

Salem—The cost of replacing inmate, patient and state ward labor would be more than \$18.2 million a biennium, secretary of state Howell Appling Jr. announced Tuesday.

The estimate was prepared by the State Board of Control at the request of Appling and State Treasurer Howard C. Belton.

The issue was born when Gov. Mark Hatfield was outvoted by Appling and Belton on use of inmates in construction of the women's prison here.

Undue Competition

Hatfield agreed with AFL-CIO spokesmen that use of prison labor amounted to undue competition with free labor.

Organized labor has filed a suit seeking to prevent the use of inmate labor on the new facility.

Hatfield, Appling and Belton make up the State Board of Control, which operates state institutions.

Appling and Belton claim if labor's suit is successful, the state could be prevented

from using all institutional wards in performing work.

They then asked Board of Control Secretary J. N. Peet to contact all state institutions to determine what the added cost to the state would be if use of prison labor and other state wards was eliminated.

763 New Workers
Peet's study indicated it would be necessary to hire 763 new employees at the prison, at a cost of \$6,383,730 a biennium. Oregon State Hospital would need 602 more employees, at a cost of \$4,055,605.

Other agencies would have to employ varying numbers of workers to handle jobs now done by inmates.

Peet's survey showed a total of 2,505 employees would be required to carry on the services now done by wards. He estimated the total cost at \$18,238,655.

DE-SMOG TOGS
London—A dry cleaner, aiming to capitalize on last week's fog, posted this sign today: "De-smog your togs."

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Mrs. H. K. — I want her out of the house immediately.
Sylvia K. — That's cruel. Let's all move away.

Mrs. H. K. — My 16-year-old daughter had pimples on her face. Some wretch told her that the pimples would go away if she stimulated her hormones by necking and petting. Well, she followed this horrible advice and now she still has the pimples, but in addition she's pregnant.

We are respectable people. I have nowhere to turn. I can't hide this disgrace the way rich people do. I want her to report this to the welfare people and be taken away until it's over. But her 19-year-old sister wants to figure out some way to give Claire a choice in the matter.

Sylvia K. — My poor sister! This is a terrible time for her. All she hears is get out. What happened was unfortunate. It can't be undone. But it need not mean the end of everything for her.

I know my mother is beside herself with shame. But she's a mother and she just can't yell get out. She never sat down to figure out where Claire can go, besides to an institution or a jail. My idea is for all of us to move. In a new neighborhood we could say Claire's husband is in the Army overseas. That way my sister could even keep the child if she wishes.

The Council: We agree with the mother's long-term solution of this tragic snarl, but we endorse the daughter's softer approach. Keeping the baby would be inhumane. But keeping the affection of this miserable girl should matter to her mother as well as her sister.

The finger of blame had best be set on here, while the helping-hand takes over. Who knows but that more concern, more awareness, more warmth toward Claire might have improved communication between her and her family. She might have been wanted over to a doctor's office in time to get responsible advice and treatment for her acne, rather than being left to agonize over it alone. She was easy prey for the mischief maker who advanced the sure "cure."

But all is not lost. Somehow there's a balance in the world, of married people who can't have babies but want them passionately, as against unmarried people who can have them but shouldn't. Claire's baby can be offered to a childless couple, brightening its own and their lives from the day of its birth. Meanwhile, both public and private agencies offer quiet help. The Salvation Army, for

L. L. Sawyer Named To Association Post

Jackson County District Court Judge L. L. Sawyer was elected vice president of the Oregon District Judges association at an association meeting in Eugene recently.

Others elected are Judge Henry Kaye, Umatilla county, and Judge Frank Alderson, Lane county, secretary-treasurer.

The association members approved a set of by-laws submitted by Judge Edward O. Stadler, Marion county, and approved a committee report on statistics and information concerning the courts presented by Judge Thomas Hansen, also of Marion county.

Amendments to the district court small claims statutes were proposed by Judge Alderson. The proposal was adopted and will be referred to the association's legislative committee.

State Policeman Target of Gunman

Springfield, Ore. — A state police officer exchanged shots with a man east of here early today.

Officer Cleve Veto, 32, said a traffic violator he stopped charged from his car with a rifle and fired at him.

Veto said he clambered down a roadside ditch and when he pulled his revolver the armed man fled in his car. Veto jumped up and fired after the car, he said.

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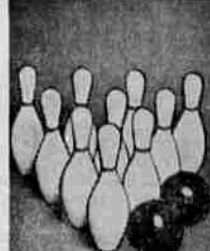


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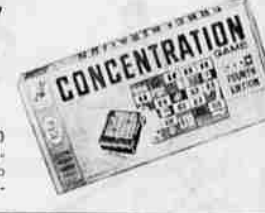
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