

Mayor Proclaims NG Muster Day

Medford Mayor James Dunlevy today proclaimed Feb. 24 as National Guard Muster day in Medford and called upon area residents to support the guard's current recruiting drive.

The drive is part of a nationwide campaign to maintain the strength of the Army National Guard at 400,000 officers and men, and the Air National Guard at 72,000 men.

Mayor Dunlevy said that while indications are that the Guard today is more ready than it has ever been in its history, young men are still needed to fill present vacancies in skilled jobs in the guard.

Court Awards Contract For Supplying Tires

The Jackson county court awarded contracts Wednesday for new tires, tubes, recapping and tire repairs for the county for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Oregon Tire and Supply company, with a low bid of \$12,849.57, was awarded the contract for supplying passenger car and truck tires and tubes; Medford Tire Service Inc., with a bid of \$5,094.20, heavy equipment tires and tubes, and White City Tire, with a bid of \$9,082.30, for recapping and repairing tires.

The Medical Roundup

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Everyday Heroes

Every so often, as a physician I get to know well a man or woman who, to the average acquaintance may seem quite ordinary—but to me, who knows of the long struggle the person has waged against illness and adversity, the person seems heroic in stature. To illustrate: some 25 years ago I saw as a patient a school teacher, an unmarried and sickly woman of 35 who complained of a number of puzzling symptoms, some of which seemed to be due to the fact that, poor soul, she was so far from good-looking that she had little chance of getting married. And this was particularly sad, because she had a heart as big as all outdoors, and her loneliness was bringing her unhappiness and a sense of frustration.

I so admired the way in which she kept hard at work in spite of almost constant illness that we became good friends, and through the years, we wrote occasionally and kept in touch with one another.

A year or two after her first visit to consult me, she wrote that a handsome young widower with two little children, a boy and a girl, had married her. Later she wrote that as she adored the children and they adored her, he dropped out of sight. My patient took this philosophically. Seriously ill as she often was, she managed most of the time—somehow or other—to keep hard at work. She had to work in order to make enough money to bring up and educate the children. Today, both of these children are married and have children of their own.

Foster Mother Died

I was prompted to write this because the boy, now a grown man, telephoned from 2,000 miles away to tell me that his much loved foster mother has just died. Overwhelmed with his loss, he turned to me as one who he felt was his mother's closest friend.

Another patient of mine, a business man of 50, would not give anyone the impression of being a hero—and yet for a long time I have regarded him as such. Friends told me that for years he had a mean and unpleasant wife who raised Cain with him. Then she divorced him, and in the process, stripped him of most of his assets.

A couple of years later, when he heard she had gambled away all the money and was dying of a cancer, with no one around to take care of her, he remarried her and nursed her with great kindness until she died.

I could tell many more such stories of bravery, kindness, generosity and heroism, but these two cases are enough to show why many a kindly and philosophical physician looks with a charitable eye on many of his fellow men.

Even when a man does some strange things, I am ready to forgive him much, if I know how badly life once treated him, or if I know how great the man's trials and temptations were, and how bravely he lived for much of his life.

Taking a New Drug

I must keep warning you that whenever you start taking one of the many new and powerful drugs you should know what are its possible bad side effects. For instance, many new drugs destroy so many of the white blood corpuscles that the person is soon left without much defense against any serious infection that may come along. With other drugs, the liver is attacked, and then unless the use of the drug is quickly stopped, serious damage can be done.

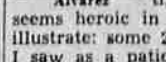
I was just reading about a new drug which can quickly produce a severe diabetes. Many people know that cortisone and some of the cortisone-like drugs can produce a number of serious illnesses, such as tuberculosis, a stomach ulcer, diabetes, dropsy, or a mental upset.

One of the tranquilizers can produce jaundice, and another can cause a depression. Other drugs can cause a dangerous rash or severe nausea. My advice to everyone who has started to take one of the new drugs is to stop its use the day he feels ill. He might do well then to get a blood count and a test of his liver function.

Fortunately, a person is likely to recover his health if he stops using a drug the day it makes him ill. I, who happen to be taking a drug to keep my blood from clotting too easily, get my blood checked every two or three weeks. I do not wait for trouble to hit me.

One thing that can help a bit when a person is taking a strong drug is every so often for several days to stop taking it so as to let any excess of it run out of his body.

Since there are so many heart trouble cases, many persons are surprised to learn what a tough organ the heart really is. You'll understand the heart better from reading Dr. Alvarez' booklet, "Heart Trouble." You may obtain it by sending 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request for it to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, Box 937, Des Moines 4, Iowa.



Alvarez

University Reports Show Property Tax Increases Greater

Eugene—In recent years property taxes in Oregon have constituted an increasingly larger share of all local taxes, according to reports issued this week by the University of Oregon Bureau of Municipal Research and Service.

In 1953 property taxes constituted 94.3 per cent of all local taxes, but this grew to 95.3 per cent in 1957 and 96.6 per cent in 1961, the bureau reported. Information about property tax levies in Oregon cities and in Oregon counties for 1962-63 was compiled in two separate reports by the bureau.

The reports show that Oregon property tax levies have grown from \$88 million in 1949-50 to \$230 million in 1962-63.

Pharmaceutical Firm To Build at Portland

Portland—EPI—Haack Laboratories, Inc., of Portland announced Wednesday it plans to build a new headquarters office and plant here. The firm, which manufactures pharmaceuticals, said the facility will cost \$250,000.

1962-63. Within incorporated cities the total of such levies grew from \$49 to 127 million. Total Local Levies

In the period from 1954-55, total local levies increased by 73.5 per cent, which includes increases of 41.3 per cent by counties, 63.1 per cent by cities, 86.1 per cent by school districts, and 94.2 per cent by special districts.

The studies show that the average tax rate for all Oregon cities is 22.2 mills in 1962-63, compared to 19.7 in 1959-60, 21.1 in 1960-61, and 20.7 in 1961-62.

"The exemption of certain properties from the tax rolls over the years and changes in the tax treatment of certain classes of property have also had the effect of increasing the burden on the remaining property subject to taxation," Herman Kehrl, bureau director, wrote in a covering letter.

Miss Schweibert Named Finalist

Ashland—Gay Lynn Schweibert, Ashland, a sophomore at Southern Oregon college, has been selected as one of the 12 finalists for the title of "Miss Photography of 1963" in the contest sponsored by the Master Photo Dealers and Finishers association.

Judging was based entirely upon observable beauty and charm, according to an association spokesman. Entrants submitted portraits for consideration by the judging panel.

The winner will receive a \$300 savings bond and trophy, plus an all-expense trip to Atlantic City to reign over the association's annual convention in March.

county property taxes have provided a declining share of total county revenues in Oregon in recent years and that county property taxes have constituted a diminishing share of total property taxes in the state.

"Certainly the pressure on taxable property would be less if the automobile and intangibles were still on the property tax rolls," he wrote.

"An analysis to determine all of the facilities and services that are required by the automobile and its full impact on local government as well as the implications of reduction of the direct tax originally imposed might be worthwhile at this time."

Man, Woman Are Fined For Disturbing Peace

An Ashland man and a Medford woman—brother and sister—were fined \$35 each in Medford municipal court Wednesday as a result of a disturbance at a drive-in restaurant Tuesday night.

Fined were Dennis Hugh Hile, 20, and Judith Ann Goins, 20, of 625 Lozier lane. They were arrested by city police about 11:45 p.m. Tuesday at Jack's Drive-Up, 911 North Riverside ave., for disturbing the peace.

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Youngster Drowns In Woahink Lake

Florence—UPI—Steven Rash, 2, drowned in Woahink lake six miles south of here Wednesday.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rash, who live in a house on the south end of the lake. The boy fell into the water from a boat dock while playing.

His body was recovered.