

Formation of Local Council Progressing Rapidly, Holdt Says

Formation of a Medford council for the rehabilitation and employment of ex-offenders is progressing rapidly, according to Ted J. Holdt of the state board of control.

Holdt, who is state director of rehabilitation and employment for ex-offenders, reported last week that seven prominent Rogue Valley businessmen have agreed to serve on the council, the first of its kind in Oregon.

"I am extremely pleased with the response to the program here," Holdt said. He announced his hope of setting up a council in Medford, March 7, and followed it up with talks before several valley organizations, including the Medford Chamber of Commerce.

Purpose of Council
The purpose of the council will be to help ex-offenders

readjust to society and gain employment. Members will disseminate information relative to the importance of acceptance of qualified ex-offenders by the labor market and the public, enlist the cooperation of employers in hiring ex-offenders, provide food, shelter and medical at-

Blue Star Marker Will Be Relocated

A new site will be found for the Blue Star Memorial Highway marker located on the Siskiyou eight miles south of Ashland on Highway 99, according to Forrest Cooper, state highway engineer.

The Siskiyou district of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs purchased the marker, and the Oregon state highway department installed it at dedication ceremonies in April, 1951. A contract was recently awarded for the construction of a section of Interstate 5 freeway which will pass through the rest area, Cooper

said. The bronze memorial marker will be salvaged and placed in a new location when one can be determined. The plaque gives tribute to those who served the Armed Forces of the United States.

The Blue Star Memorial Highway movement started in 1945 in New Jersey. Many federal highways, with the cooperation of state highway departments, have been dedicated as Blue Star Memorial Highways since that date. Such markers are placed in roadside rest areas along the designated highway.

tion for limited periods if an ex-offender is unable to get a job and provide counseling when needed.

"Ex-offenders are people," Holdt pointed out. "It is just plain good business to employ these men and make of them taxpayers rather than tax-consumers," he added, pointing out that if an ex-offender is denied employment, he will either revert to illegal acts to obtain subsistence and thereby eventually return to prison, or he will have to rely on public assistance.

Councils in Counties
Holdt said he will next attempt to set up a council for the rehabilitation and employment in Lane and Linn counties.

He is still eager to present his program, which includes the showing of a film, to any group of 40 persons or more.

Interest persons may contact Holdt by writing in care of room 20 at the capitol 230, or by telephoning 364-2171, extension 230.

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SCIENCE PROJECT—Stephen Lee, sixth-grade student at Griffin Creek school, explains his award-winning science project to fellow student Bill Langdon after the science fair at the school recently. Lee's project is in the biological division and shows how plants are grown with the use of chemicals. Langdon also won highest honors in the physical science division with his project, an exhibit of how concrete is made.

80 Projects Exhibited During Science Fair at Griffin Creek

More than 80 projects were exhibited at a recent Science Fair planned and staged by students and teachers at Griffin Creek school.

Mrs. Myrna Frink, school principal, said about 90 per cent of the parents of children in the upper grades attended, adding to a large turnout for the fair.

Students were encouraged to do independent research on some topic of special interest to them. The exhibits were to show research, technical skill and/or illustration and demonstration, with the research division receiving the higher number of points.

Grades one, two and three exhibited class projects; while grades four, five and six were individual exhibits in two categories: physical or applied science, and biological or living science.

Use Score Cards

Judges, elementary school principals Ron Weatherford, Roy Gilbertson, and Robert Phillips, used the Northwest Science Exposition score cards in conjunction with the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. Judging criteria are divided in six areas: creative ability, scientific thought, thoroughness, technical skill, clarity, and dramatic value.

The Gold and Silver Medal awards were in the highest honors bracket and demonstrated, in addition to the six judged areas, originality, excellent workmanship, and a logbook listing step by step procedure of the exhibit.

Receiving the highest number of points for exhibits were Stephen Lee, in the biological division, and Bill Langdon, in the physical science bracket.

There were a total of 12 gold medal award winners and eight entrants received the silver medal awards.

Gold Medal Awards
Others receiving the gold medal awards were Margaret McKee, Mark Savage, Mary

Jo Minear, Yvonne Walker, Gary Osborn, Wynne Perryman, Marcia Priebe, Lynn McCallister, and Kathy Garrett.

Silver medal winners were Rodney Peterson, Dearnna St. Martin, Gall Burke, Donna Overturf, Barbara Finch, Vickie Martin, Barbara Hutchinson, and Jeff Kendle. Other entries were awarded merit awards for entering.

Each exhibit was accompanied by a logbook prepared by the student, containing data on the exhibit and describing what had been done, what particular scientific principle was being proved, materials used, and an evaluation of the project as a whole.

The subject of Bill Langdon's exhibit was concrete, tracing the development of the product, with examples of the material at the different stages. The log describes how he first decided on the subject and traces the development of his exhibit. Bill is a student in Maurice Nelson's fourth grade.

Nurtured in Rock
Stephen Lee, who is a sixth grader in Roland Griffith's room, set out to prove that plants can be nurtured in rock by using chemical fertilizers. A sweet potato, a bulb plant, and radishes were flourishing in crushed granite and were fed by tubes from large glass containers.

Lynn McCallister, a fifth grade student in Howard Lindstrom's room, had as her project the human ear, its parts and function. She fashioned the ear from clay, using different colors to represent the different areas. The log consisted of a box, fashioned on the order of a television set, with a manually operated picture roll describing the exhibit.

Grades one, two, and three had stories, pictures, and displays of plants, animals, outer space, living things, and

spring discoveries.

In the natural science division, there were such exhibits as methods of weather prediction, ant life, solar eclipse, a compression chamber, a miniature oil derrick operated by a steam engine and using black shoe polish as oil, views under a microscope, different methods of communication, and the structure of a volcano.

Exhibits in the biological division included gardens under glass, kinds of mold, types of birdlife, animal cells, how the growth of plants is affected by different colored lights, and one exhibit answered the question "Can you graft a tomato to a potato?"

Tour Suggested by County Extension Agent for Motorist

It is pear blossom time in the Rogue valley, and whatever the weather, many people will be driving through the orchard areas to view the blooms.

The tour recommended by County Horticultural Agent C. B. Cordy starts with Jacksonville, where motorists are advised to turn south on the Old Stage rd. and continue south to Talent, keeping west of the railroad tracks. Whenever the route is interrupted by railroad tracks, stay on the west side until approaching Talent.

There, the sightseer should cross and when reaching the Pacific highway continue south for about 100 yards, then take the Valley View or Suncreek rd. into the Suncreek area across Bear creek. By continuing the drive and keeping east of Bear creek, the motorist will eventually reach the Hillcrest orchard.

The largest solid block of pears in the valley is south of Medford from Stewart ave. to the Foothills rd. The Jacksonville-Phoenix rd. cuts through the southern part of this area. But the only way to really travel into the heart of these orchards is by taking private orchard roads and this practice, Cordy pointed out, is frowned upon because of the constant danger of getting stuck in orchard mud.

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