

Influenza Cases Top Week's List

Influenza, with 132 cases, topped the list of communicable diseases reported to the Jackson county health department for the week ending April 25, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, director.

A total of 193 cases of communicable diseases were reported during the week. The influenza was reported in Medford 71, Ashland 16, Central Point 20, Shady Cove 15, and Phoenix 10.

Measles - Medford and Central Point 9 each and Gold Hill 11 - accounted for 29 cases. German measles were reported in Medford 3 and Ashland 7.

Other diseases reported were chicken pox - Medford 3 and Shady Cove, Ashland and Central Point, one each - gonorrhea 2, mumps - Medford 4, Gold Hill 1 and Central Point 9 - and infectious hepatitis, one case each in Gold Hill and Medford.

Mother Sentenced On Welfare Fraud

Portland - (UPI) - A mother of eight children was sent to prison for welfare fraud Monday.

Circuit Judge Virgil Langtry sentenced Mrs. Dorothy June Becker, 40, to a maximum term of three years. The judge said he hoped the punishment would serve as "an example" to her children.

The state claimed the woman drew welfare funds while also drawing unemployment compensation, working at various jobs and receiving a \$2,400 settlement from an automobile accident. She was found guilty by a jury in February.

Judge Langtry said he had dealt with the family for a number of years while he was a juvenile court judge and said six of Mrs. Becker's eight children had been referred to juvenile court.

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SUIT NAMES ACTOR - Deanna Fish, 22, above, and six other persons are seeking \$105,000 damages in a suit against Academy Award winning actor Gregory Peck. The group claims that they were injured when the actor's car allegedly triggered a multi-car collision on the San Bernardino Freeway Dec. 12, 1962. (UPI)

Two Teachers To Attend Seminar

Two southern Oregon high school journalism teachers have received summer study grants, it was announced by The Newspaper Fund in New York City.

The teachers, to attend a seminar at the University of Oregon, are Mrs. Jane Collins Riggan, Illinois Valley High School, Cave Junction, who lives on Backachers ranch,

Officers Elected by Downtown Merchants

Mrs. VerNetta Brainerd was reelected president of the Downtown Medford Merchants group at its meeting Monday morning at the Jackson hotel.

Others elected were Donald Ford, first vice president; Benjamin Trowbridge Jr., second vice president; Robert Stewart, secretary, and Chester Irish, treasurer.

Selma, and Hugh F. Friel, St. Mary's High school, Medford, who lives at 2784 Valley View rd., Ashland.

Teachers from 46 states, Washington, D.C., and the Philippine Islands have received the study fellowships. Under the program, the teachers will spend up to 12 weeks studying scholastic and professional journalism problems and techniques.

The fellowships pay all expenses for tuition, fees, books, room and board and a large share of the travel expenses. Grants from the Wall Street Journal make the program possible.

LOTTERY BILL SIGNED
Concord, N.H. - (UPI) - Democratic Gov. John W. King today signed into law a bill establishing a state-operated sweepstakes in New Hampshire, the first in the nation since 1894.

Clarence Gladden Observes 10 Years as Head of Penitentiary

Salem - (UPI) - Just 10 years ago this month Clarence T. Gladden, a grey-haired, 23-year veteran of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, took over as warden of the State Penitentiary.

Gladden was hired after a special investigating team of three prison wardens found the convicts in virtual control and the guard force demoralized.

Grange News

Happy Camp Grange
During the last meeting of the Happy Camp Grange, Home Economics Chairman Mrs. Bernice Sutcliffe announced the net proceeds of the basketball championship dinner.

According to Mrs. Sutcliffe, the net proceeds for the ham dinner served by the Home Economics club in honor of the elementary school basketball team and cheerleaders amounted to \$30. Mrs. Sutcliffe also announced that the Home Economics district meeting is scheduled at the Greenview Grange hall May 17.

Master James Tristan obligated the new member Mrs. LaVonne Walters in the first and fourth degree.

Treasurer Mrs. Phil Tolman explained briefly advantages of the Grange Credit Union and Grange Health Insurance, and suggested a representative from each department be invited to speak at one of the meetings to explain in detail the advantages and benefits of both.

For the lecturer's hour a poem entitled "Spring in Your Hears" was read by the chaplain Mrs. Jack Fitzer. A piano solo "Minuet in G Major" by Bach was played by seven-year-old Stan Tristan.

Jayne Mansfield To Obtain Divorce

Dallas, Tex. - (UPI) - Actress Jayne Mansfield left Dallas today for Juarez, Mexico, to obtain a divorce from former Mr. Universe Mickey Hargitay.

Mrs. Harry L. Peers, Miss Mansfield's mother, said her daughter was flying to El Paso and then would cross the international border to obtain the divorce.

Mrs. Peers said she believed "everything was set" for the divorce to be granted today.

Miss Mansfield and Hargitay were married Jan. 13, 1958, at Palos Verdes Estates, Calif. She had previously been married to Paul Mansfield, Dallas. That marriage ended in divorce Jan. 11, 1958.

Discipline due in part to political meddling, was so bad that guards walked in groups for self-protection within the walls.

Gladden, looking back on the day he took over, says now: "It was chaos."

"Certain inmates were in the saddle. Their friends were well taken care of. The rank and file wasn't getting proper food or clothing."

"There was no training program for officers . . . no organization within the walls."

Warden Acts
Backed by three experts borrowed from the federal prison system, Gladden moved to create order.

He coaxed 10 additional officers and more administrative help from the legislature and set up a training program. Guards began to clamp down on the undisciplined prisoners.

Four months later, the word went out along the convict grapevine.

Gladden was to be put to the test.

Convicts rioted, set fire to buildings and flung taunts and demands at guards and state policemen who rimmed the high cement wall ringing the prison.

The warden ordered most of the rioters sealed in the prison yard. They sat and shivered and sweltered and thirsted for three days. The riot collapsed.

Gladden says today those three days of rioting did more to clear the air and establish order than could have been accomplished in several years.

While the prisoners rioted, guards swept the cellblocks clean. One hundred truckloads of weapons, furnishings and junk were hauled away. The contraband included knives, saws, tools, ball bats, clubs, and even sewing machines, typewriters and overstuffed furniture.

Gone also was the "Boss Con," a convicted robber who, as chief prison clerk, boasted he held more power than the warden.

The tired and defeated rioters came back to a new spartan existence.

The prison program now is designed to instill good work habits and to equip prisoners for their return to society.

"The convicts know what we expect from them. And they know what to expect from us," Gladden says.

"They realize that they will be treated like decent human beings, but they are expected to behave in a decent and respectable manner."

Escapes from prison details have dropped from 40 to 50 a year to three or four. Tight

security has broken up inmate goon squads, and Gladden boasts only one secreted knife has been found in years.

The prison farm, where inmates once stole eggs to operate their own egg route to the nearby Turner community, has been put on a productive basis.

Last week the State Senate approved a measure to allow Gladden and other heads of state institutions to stay on beyond retirement age at the

desire of the Board of Control. The steady-state prison expert, brought to Oregon as a "temporary" warden, may be on the job for some time.



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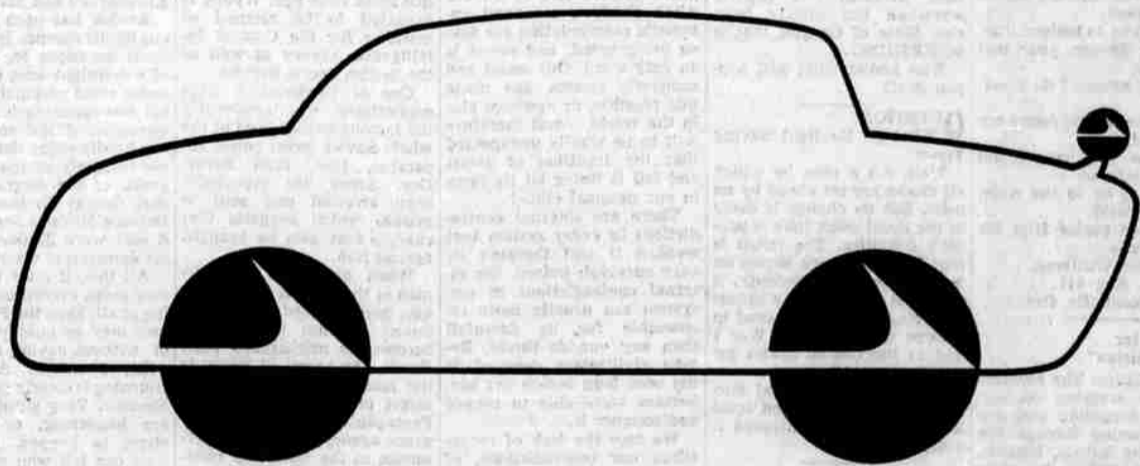
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