

Springfield Teacher Enthusiastic Over Cultural Exchange

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Washington-Zane Phoenix, whose name suggests that he might have risen from the ashes of a Hollywood western is a young teacher of Russian from Springfield, Ore. High School who has just completed six months with a cultural exchange exhibit of technical books in the USSR.



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Phoenix, 30, explained before catching a plane for Eugene and a reunion with wife Iva and his three sons, Stephen, 12, Rocky, 8, and Monte, 6, that he was one of 18 exhibit guides sent by the United States Information Agency to Russia as interpreters.

Phoenix said that because of his experience in his father's contracting business he was assigned to the transportation and construction section. The 7000-book exhibit was shown in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev, and lasted a month in each city. The books, all printed in English, covered engineering, medicine, theoretical and applied science, arts and crafts, music, agriculture and business administration.

He was constantly amazed at the number of Russians who could speak English. He said that although the exhibit naturally drew those who could read English, nevertheless the total was startling.

He told of an automobile mechanic in Moscow who spoke stumbling English, yet was easily able to read the English texts about automatic transmission and the like. He said the Russians seemed to take it for granted that a specialist should be able to read technical books in English.

His duties were to help the visitors find the books that were of interest to them and answer their questions. Some came back repeatedly and copied or photographed the texts which could not be taken out.

Phoenix said that the Russians asked him questions about American education, the standard of living and sometimes about the racial troubles. He said that on the whole they were extremely friendly and curious and only

occasionally were the questions rude.

He regularly read the Russian newspapers, which he said were well supplied with pictures and text of southern policemen and their dogs attacking Negro women and children, but the tenor of the Russian questions were merely curious—"Is this so?"—and not hostile.

Phoenix said he had a total of 70 students last year in his five Russian classes in Springfield. He expects to return to teaching and wistfully hoped that more students would be interested. He majored in history at the University of Oregon, with two years of Russian, and took his masters at Indiana university, under the National Defense Education Act program for high school teachers.

His wife taught in a Bellevue, Idaho, elementary school during the six months he was away and is at present attending the University of Oregon summer school. He was enthusiastic about the worth of the cultural exchange program.

"I feel it is very worthwhile, because the more opportunity that the Soviet people and Americans have to come in contact with each other, the better chance of improving relations," he said.

Under an agreement signed with the USSR in 1959 exchange visits of artists in the performing arts, and experts in technical fields as well. In some cases experts study in their various fields in other country. The Bolshoi Ballet came to America, as did the Ukrainian dancers to Portland, under this program, and Benny Goodman was one of the many artists sent to Russia.

Petition Filed In Court by Ann Todd

A petition for writ of mandamus has been filed in Jackson county circuit court by Ann Todd, Eagle Point, against the board of directors and secretary-manager of the Eagle Point Irrigation District, seeking certain irrigation district records for use in her preparation of legal proceedings.

Defendants in the petition are Phillip Nevin, Elbert M. Bigham and Stanley Straus, directors, and Lawrence R. Silveira, manager.



BOND PRESENTED—Pat Redmond of the Mail Tribune classified advertising department is shown above presenting a savings bond to Dick Breeden, who wrote the prize-winning letter in a contest sponsored by the paper.

Local Youth Wins Contest

Dick Breeden, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Breeden, 2640 Table Rock rd., Medford, believes that advertising in the Medford Mail Tribune really pays. And he has a \$25 bond as reward for that belief.

Breeden wrote the prize winning letter in the newspaper contest and was presented the bond by Pat Redmond of the Mail Tribune advertising department.

More important, of course, is the steady job he got from his ad in the newspaper, he noted, and the jobs he was able to give his brother and a neighbor.

His letter to the classified advertising department reads: "The result of my ad in the Medford Mail Tribune was astonishing. I have had more than 15 phone calls for work."

The best result was a steady job with Burens Carpet Service. Other job offers included mowing and weeding, window cleaning, hospital sitting, removing junk, digging, painting (two different calls), hay-

ing, and concrete work. There were more jobs than I could handle so I was able to give my brother two jobs and my neighbor two jobs also.

"I thank you for the opportunity to put my ad in the paper. It will make this summer very rewarding. I have learned how valuable advertising really is."

Breeden, who attends Medford schools, is saving his money to continue his education at the University of Oregon.

Bodies Found in Willamette River

Portland-UPP—The bodies of a woman and her seven-year-old daughter were found in the Willamette river near the Richfield Oil Co. Docks here Thursday.

Multnomah county coroner's office identified them as Mrs. Pauline J. Cockerham and her daughter, Janet Eileen.

Passengers on a pleasure craft spotted the woman about 8:15 a. m. and the girl was found about 2:30 p. m. by lumber scalers working on a log raft. The two had left their home about 4:45 a. m. according to the woman's husband, Albert Cockerham. He told them his wife had been distraught because of family difficulties.

Smokey Says:



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The Medical Roundup

by *Walter Alvarez*
Emeritus Consultant in Medicine
Mayo Clinic
Emeritus Professor of Medicine
Mayo Clinic
(Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1963)

Inflammation Of The Thyroid Gland

Because a few people keep asking me what Hashimoto's disease is, I will mention here a paper by Drs. K. L. Becker, R. H. Ferguson and W. M. McConahay. They studied records of 506 patients with Hashimoto's chronic thyroiditis (inflammation of the thyroid gland in the front of the neck) seen in recent years at the Mayo Clinic. What is particularly interesting is that in almost a quarter of the persons in the group, there were symptoms and findings that suggested the presence of a collagen disease of the whole body. Collagen diseases are peculiar and puzzling ones in which it looks as if a small part of the body has been attacked and injured by other parts because the body has become allergic to the small part such as a joint in the hands, or part of an artery, or a bit of skin or muscle.

Four per cent of the patients with the thyroiditis had definite or probable rheumatoid arthritis, with its great pain, weakness and deformity of the joints in the hand. Perhaps 10 per cent had pains in a number of bones and muscles.

These observations are likely to be available because they will help physicians to find a better treatment for the thyroiditis.

Today, much research is being done in an effort to throw light on the chemistry of these puzzling and often very distressing diseases. As I have said here in this column, we know they are related if only because in the case of one patient, rheumatoid arthritis can change into a generalized lupus erythematosus or vice-versa.

I am afraid this discussion will be of little interest to the average reader, but it will be of tremendous interest to anyone who is suffering from a collagen disease. He keeps daily watching the horizon for a word of hope.

Do you have thyroid troubles? Do you know how to

recognize and treat them? Learn more about this subject in Dr. Alvarez' booklet, "Thyroid Troubles and Gitters." To obtain your copy, send 25 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

Northwest Natural Gas Receives Franchise
Ridgefield, Wash. - (UP) - Northwest Natural Gas Co. was granted a franchise by the Ridgefield City Council Thursday night to distribute natural gas in the community. The company will construct a line about 5 1/2 miles long to bring natural gas to the community.

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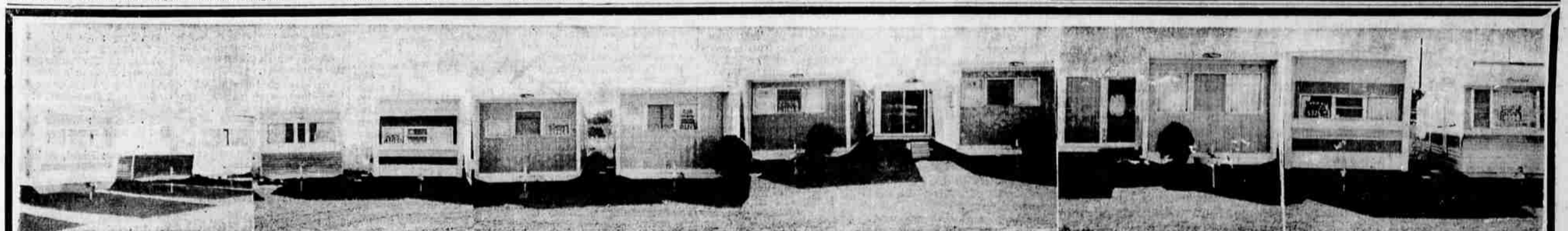
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