

Local Committee Plans to Promote Conventions Here

The Rogue Valley Convention committee, an independent organization, has been formed recently to promote development and operation of a convention and cultural arts complex, it reported Saturday.

During the first meeting Wednesday, Chairman James Clizbe reviewed past community efforts and discussed further development plans for the group. This includes establishment of a civic auditorium, banquet facilities and other related requirements.

Members named to the committee so far are Chester Wendt, former county commissioner, Architect Jack Edson, Dunbar Carpenter, fruit grower, Everett Payton, Richard Warner, Architect Bill Siebert, Ben Trowbridge Jr., County Judge Earl M. Miller, Medford Mayor James Dunlevy, John Lusk, Ron Gandee, Bertha Gammel, Bill Patton and Ted Thompson.

All Rogue valley organizations or individuals interested in events which could come under the convention committee are urged to contact the committee office at the Service Unlimited Employment agency, 1005 East Main st., Medford.

This would include all those interested in the development and operation of convention facilities or special events, public or private performances, sports, shows, displays or banquets of a cultural, private, business or entertainment nature.

The next committee meeting will be held a 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, in the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County. Persons wishing additional information may call Service Unlimited 773-7588.

PET TALK

By M. I. L.

CRUELTY IN SCHOOLS

Now that juvenile delinquency has become a top problem and the necessity for character building in young children is being stressed, certain T.V. shows depicting crime and violence have become a target for many protests. There are few protests so far, however, against another demoralizing situation that, in the field of science teaching, is undermining the development of humane attitudes in children in the schools.

Through kindergarten and the first few grades, many schools do an excellent job in teaching children to be kind to animals. But as early as the fifth grade, some teachers are demonstrating principles of nutrition by having pupils watch white mice or hamsters slowly die of starvation. Some teachers permit the starving process to continue only until the animals become perceptibly thin and weak; others carry on the experiment until the creatures are dead.

Another "school" experiment consists in having pupils inject cancer virus into mice or some other animal and watch the creature gradually sicken and die. The result of such an experiment is already known in advance; therefore it contributes nothing new to a scientific knowledge. It is needless, valueless and cruel.

One of the most harmful features of this research method used by immature, untrained youngsters is the encouragement some teachers give them to carry on experiments of their own outside of school. The atrocities some children are known to have inflicted on mice, rabbits, puppies, kittens and other live animals in the privacy of homes, with no supervision, are unprintable!

The infliction of suffering on animals in the much abused name of science has already extended beyond reasonable bounds. It is of vital importance that educators and the humane-minded public should demand that a firm position be taken in schools to prevent demoralization of young people through infliction of suffering on defenseless animals.

"If increased interest in science is to lead merely to greater callousness the world will not have moved ahead."—New York Herald Tribune.

Former Local Man Is Promoted by Bureau

Frank B. Pallo, land examiner in the Portland office of the bureau of land management, and a former member of the Medford BLM staff, has been promoted to the position of assistant district manager in Las Vegas, Nev. Russell E. Getty, BLM director for Oregon and Washington, has announced.

Pallo recently assisted in appraising lands for the Federal-State land exchange to establish the Beardman Spaceage Industrial park on the Columbia river in north central Oregon.



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