

System Among States Aids In Finding Runaway Fathers

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 WASHINGTON (UP) — An extraordinary system of interstate cooperation, developed quietly over the past few years, has left runaway fathers with no place to hide from laws requiring them to support their families.

Every state and territory under the U.S. flag is now covered by the system, which is designed to take the financial incentive out of desertion, the so-called "poor man's divorce."

The last link fell into place this week when the District of Columbia joined 53 other states and territories which had previously adopted laws providing for reciprocal enforcement of family support obligations.

Until last July, when Congress passed the belated bill which authorized the District of Columbia to participate, the federal government had no part in bringing the system into being. It was entirely a project of the Council of State Governments, which has sponsored conferences each year since 1952 to induce the states to work together on a problem which long has plagued them all.

In the past, state boundaries offered a high degree of protection for men who abandoned their families.

While desertion is a crime in every state, the machinery for extraditing and trying a runaway father on criminal charges is cumbersome and rarely evoked. When criminal procedures are used, as a last resort, they are little help to the abandoned family, since a man in jail can't support.

The great advantage of the new system is that it operates under civil, rather than criminal, procedures. The absconding husband or parent is not thrown into jail, nor is he hauled back home under arrest. He can live where he pleases and work at any job he can get. But he is required, under penalty of contempt of court, to make monthly payments for support of his family.

The system works across state lines because of its reciprocal enforcement feature. In effect, each state promises to cooperate with every other state in tracking down and collecting support payments from any deserter who takes up residence within its borders.

Suppose, for example, that a man deserts his family in Los Angeles and moves to New York. The abandoned wife goes to a local court, and gives sworn testimony about the desertion, the best information she has on her husband's whereabouts, the number of children to be supported, the amount of money needed, etc.

California officials relay this complaint to New York, where another court takes over the job of finding the deserter and bringing him to book. The New York court, after questioning the defendant, fixes his monthly support payments, based on what he can spare after meeting his own necessary living expenses.

The payments are made directly to the New York court, which forwards them to California where the local court sends a check to the family. Failure to meet a payment places the deserter in contempt of court, and liable to heavy fine or jail sentence.

Officials say the system works best in big cities, where courts have the manpower and the determination to enforce collections. It works poorest in rural areas, where county courts are sometimes unable, or unwilling, to bother with collecting support payments for a far-away family.

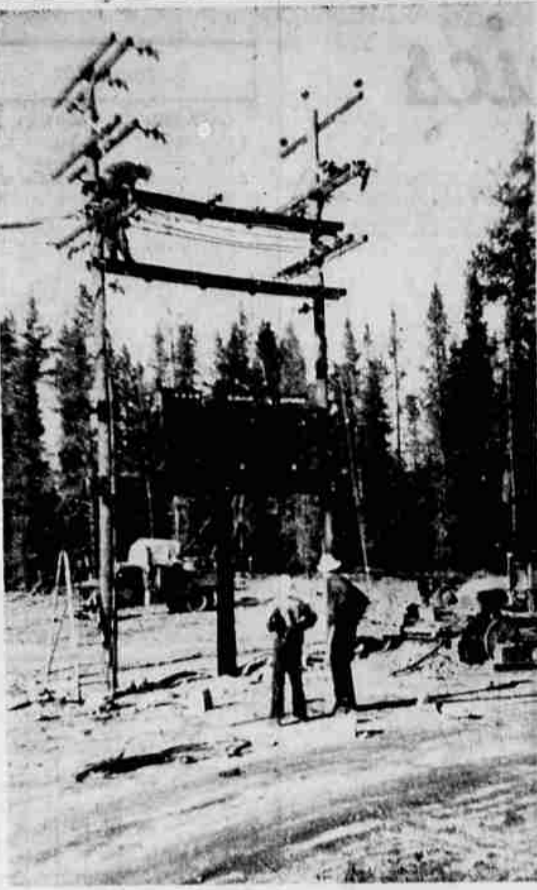
BONN TO END PAYMENTS
 BONN, Germany (UP) — West Germany will end its contribution to the cost of allied troops stationed in this country next March 31, a foreign office spokesman said today. The spokesman added, however, that under the North Atlantic Treaty, nations with troops stationed in West Germany could seek bilateral negotiations with Bonn over support costs after that date.

Houseguests — at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ketchum, Bonanza, for several days were her brothers, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McCord and son of Sacramento, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McCord and three children of Ukiah, and his cousin Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ketchum and three daughters of Healdsburg.

Mrs. Lois Hard — is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. King Hubbard of Bonanza. Her husband, Frank, is stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

Returned — to San Diego after two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ketchum, of Bonanza was Ronald Jr., on October 30. He is on the USS Prairie until November 8, when he will be transferred to another destroyer.

Diane Nork — 18-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nork, has returned to her home after several days in a Klamath Falls hospital. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nork of Langell Valley.



PAUL BUNYAN never had it so good. Here three members of a Midstate Electric crew from LaPine, Darrell Ferns, top, and Howard Seed and Gene Anderson, put the finishing touches on the transformer bank at the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company camp west of Silver Lake. All of the bunk houses are heated with electricity.

Lodge Chief To Visit KF

Roy Terney, of Pendleton, grand master of the grand lodge of Oregon, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will visit Klamath Lodge No. 137 Thursday evening, November 7. Accompanying the grand master will be Stanley Oldham, Portland, grand marshal.

This will be a special meeting of the local Odd Fellows lodge in order to allow the grand master to visit all the lodges of Klamath and Lake counties on this trip to the southern part of the state.

Terney will make his official visit to Bonanza Lodge No. 143 on Monday evening, followed by a visit to Lakeview Lodge No. 63 on Tuesday; Merrill Lodge No. 187 on Wednesday; and on Saturday evening, November 9, Paisley Lodge No. 177.

SWEDES BUILD MISSILE
 STOCKHOLM, Sweden (UP) — Sweden has built a guided missile which is being tested by two destroyers. It was announced today. The missile is fired by a rocket and powered by a jet engine, and can hit a target in any kind of weather, the announcement said.

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HAIL QUEEN MARY was the cry as Mary Johnson was crowned by Councilman James Barnes at halftime in the OTI-OCE football game at Modoc Field. Looking on during the coronation activity are, left to right, princesses Peggy Brown and Laurine McFarland. Extreme right, is Don Sands, president of OTI student body.

Court Records

KLAMATH COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
 Philip Franklin Chadbourne, failure to appear, \$25 bail forfeited.
 Talmadge Howard Freeman, no PUC permit, \$25 bail forfeited.
 John Bruce Seark, exceeding daily bag limit, \$7.50 bail forfeited.
 Grover Lee Rodgers, no stop light, \$7.50 bail forfeited.
 Brady Ross Vicars, no vehicle license plates, \$30 bail forfeited.
 Gene Claude Stalcup, passing crest of a hill, \$10 bail forfeited.
 Fred Jones Jr., improper muffler, \$7.50 bail forfeited.
 Lyle Ira Leach, axle overload, \$20 bail forfeited.
 Jimmie Daniel Land, improper lights, \$3 bail forfeited.
 Fred Phelps Jr., combination overload, \$121 bail forfeited.
 James Leroy Stewart, fail stop at stop sign, \$5 paid.
 George Pon Wu, no stop light, \$5 paid.
 Donald Alexander Ambers, violation basic rule, \$10 paid.
 Chilers Myles, larceny in a store, preliminary held; sufficient evidence to bound defendant on grand jury; ordered held to grand jury; bond set at \$2000 remanded to custody of sheriff.

KLAMATH FALLS MUNICIPAL COURT
 Dorset Ben Gifford, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
 Eve W. Peterson, charged with drunk driving, asked for time to enter a plea.
 Blarnton Baker, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
 Leroy Jim Dennison, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
 John Oscar Gray, drunk and disorderly conduct, \$50 or 25 days.
 Robert K. Lewis, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
 William B. Slaymaker, drunk and disorderly conduct, \$50 or 25 days.
 Danny C. Lay, violation of speed restriction, \$10 forfeited.
 John W. Madison, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
 Albert Toucette, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
 Joseph B. Roland, drunk and disorderly conduct, \$50 forfeited.
 Fred J. Aspenwall, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
 Luis Ferrada, charged with being drunk in automobile, \$25 forfeited.
 Jimmie O. Watsco, drunk, \$50 or 25 days.
 Ross C. Walden, drunk, \$25 forfeited.
 Tom Seymore, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
 Victor F. Fritz, charged with drunk driving, \$100 bail posted.
 Bud L. Bills, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
 Joe Davis Henderson, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
 William A. Walden, drunk, \$25 forfeited.
 Charles D. Spence, drunk, \$15 forfeited.
 Charles M. Ahart, drunk driving charged, disposition continued until November 5.
 Kenneth D. Wells, held on felony warrant from Douglas County Nevada, being held for Nevada authorities.
 Patricia Hall, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
 Joseph P. Pitkington, failure to stop for red light, \$5 fine.
 Leroy A. Hicks, charged with disorderly conduct, disposition pending until November 5.
 Roy E. Doherty, charged with disorderly conduct, disposition pending until November 5.
 D. Farooq, drunk, \$25 forfeited.
 Arthur L. Smith, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
 Warren W. Aldrich, no vehicle license, \$3 forfeited.
 Robert Denton, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
 Ardella Mendez, reverse turn and no mirror, a license, \$3 credited on each count.
 G. D. Durant, no visible registration, \$3 forfeited.

SISKIYOU COUNTY
 Justice Court:
 Stanley LeRoy Pannaker and a juvenile, both held for Manteca, California police for questioning about armed robbery.
 Albert E. Hantz, arrested for defrauding an innkeeper.
 Earl B. Dodd, vagrancy.
 Chucky Anderson, failure to pay fine for previous arrest.
 Morris H. Beach, drunk in or about an auto, 30 days.
 Mervin Rose, failure to provide.

REACHES HIGH COURT
 RALEIGH, N.C. (UP) — The case of seven Negroes, each fined \$25 and court costs for trespassing at a racially-segregated ice cream parlor in Durham, N.C., has reached the state Supreme Court. The Negroes, one a Methodist minister, were arrested June 23 when they refused to leave a section of the Royal Ice Cream Co. reserved for whites.

BASIN BRIEFS

On Leave — Allen Ray Prowell, USN, home on leave after three years of perfect health in the service, has been in bed with the flu since he arrived in Chiloquin from Long Beach, where his ship, the USS Helena, docked following a year in Japan. Allen will be here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Prowell, until November 20. In February he will return overseas for his last tour of duty before discharge. All the Prowell family has been very ill from the flu during the past two weeks.

Pneumonia — gave Peggy DuBois just enough warning that she could rush home from Ashland where she is a freshman at SOCC, and be ill at the Chiloquin home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill DuBois.

In France — David R. Rowe, U.S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira M. Rowe of Montague, recently was assigned to the Ingrandes Quartermaster Depot in France as a supply handler with the depot's Detachment B. Rowe, a 1955 graduate of Yreka High School, entered the Army last April.

Polio Clinic To Be Conducted
 DORRIS — A polio vaccine clinic will be held at the Dorris Grade School from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 13. It is announced by Mrs. Dorothy Johns, Butte Valley school nurse.

The clinic is for children from three months of age through high school and adults. Mrs. Johns said, and a fee of 50 cents will be charged. Pupils of Red Rock, Macdell and Mt. Hebron schools will be brought to Dorris for vaccination.

Third shots will be given to those who have had second shots seven or more months ago, she added.

Local Officials To Attend Meet
 Members of the Klamath County Court plan to attend a meeting of Oregon Land Grant counties to be held in Portland on November 19.

County Judge Charley Mack adds that the count board of equalization is also being polled to determine how many of the members will be able to attend a State Tax Commission meeting for board of equalization members in Salem on November 7.

Another scheduled meeting is that of the county fair board in the Klamath County Court chambers on November 13.



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