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Mental Health

By FLORENCE JENKINS
Praise for the achievements of the Klamath County Child Guidance Advisory Council in interpreting the work of the mental health department psychiatrists and psychologists to the rest of the community was expressed this week by Dr. John Waterman, head of the mental health department of the public health service for the state.

His remarks followed a talk by Dr. S. M. Kerron, Klamath County public health officer, on brain injury and its effects on health and behavior.

"Brain damage is caused 30 per cent of the time by prenatal injury or infection, 60 per cent by natal causes and 10 per cent post natal," Dr. Kerron stated. "Brain injury in a child has one or more of four results," he added. "There are a million and a half cases of mental retardation in the United States today as the result of brain injury. There are a half million cases of cerebral palsy and 10,000 new cases reported annually. Epilepsy cases total more than 300,000. The fourth on the list can be lumped under the terms behavior syndromes," he said.

Medical science has made great strides in effecting complete cures in some of the behavior syndromes cases, Dr. Kerron said, but other cases do not respond at all to medication.

"The outcome of brain injury may be complete recovery, death or residual disability and the latter accounts for many cases which are referred to the child guidance clinic for psychiatric treatment under the mental health program," the doctor said.

Behavior syndromes are determined by six behavior symptoms in the child: unpredictable variability in behavior, hyperactivity, distractibility, impulsiveness, irritability and difficulties in abstract thinking and through I.Q. tests, he said. Usually all six behavior symptoms are present to a greater or less degree.

Residual disability is usually present when the Intelligence Quotient is below 70, it was pointed out, but the lower than average I.Q. does not necessarily result in the person's failure to become a self-sustaining adult. A great many persons become highly proficient in a chosen trade despite an early brain injury which would preclude success in scientific or technological fields.

Development in the field of psychiatry enables the parents of a child with a brain injury to recognize the situation realistically, without shame or embarrassment, so that the most help possible can be given to further the adjustment of the individual.

A person with this type of mental disability is no more likely to transmit the disability to the next generation than a man who has had a leg amputated is apt to have one-legged children, Dr. Kerron concluded.

Oregon... USA

By JOSEPHINE KITTREDGE

The economy of Oregon is in a temporarily (I hope) depressed condition. In plain Anglo Saxon that means that many people are out of jobs, and that existing industries are in many instances not operating at full capacity.

It also means that we have been questioning ourselves on whether Oregon is doing everything possible to provide jobs, additional payrolls, maintain existing payrolls and markets, and take care of our own problems in the proper manner.

Unemployment Compensation payments to the jobless have reached an all time high. I wonder how many of you know that Unemployment Compensation is a tax paid by the individual employers, and that not a cent of the fund is provided for by a tax on the worker?

In the Industrial Accident fund the worker pays a certain amount, and the employer the balance. Not so, in Unemployment Compensation.

An interpretation or definition of the original intention of the Unemployment Compensation law might be that it was intended to provide a subsistence payment for those who were out of work through no fault of their own. It would include those laid off, to help them through a period of unemployment until they could secure other jobs. Those fired for no cause.

The working force is supposed to be composed of workers who intend to work whenever employment is possible, or obtainable; not the seasonal worker who normally makes more than the regular employee because of the seasonal aspect of his or her work. This was the ideal situation projected for Unemployment Compensation when the law was originally written and passed in Oregon.

The past session of the Oregon

Legislature amended the law to provide for the inclusion of city, county, school and other public agency employees under the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

I would like to ask a few questions about this amendment. Budgets of the city, county, and school districts are being studied at this moment. It is the proper time for consideration of any question that involves a levy of public funds, or tax monies.

If we grant the premise that employees of school districts, city and county government and state public agencies are just as entitled to a provision for accidental unemployment through no fault of their own as are employees of private business, there still remains the problem of paying the bill.

In this case the person who foots the bill is the property tax and income taxpayer, who are already groaning under a heavy burden of taxation. The inclusion of the employees of tax supported bodies in the Unemployment Compensation program, makes in effect, every single property and income taxpayer a member of the employer group.

Up to now private industry has been footing this bill, through their special levy paid directly to the Unemployment Compensation Fund, or a direct tax to the fund. If tax supported groups are now to come under the benefits of the Unemployment Compensation program it would appear that a case for the employer who already is contributing directly, might be made on the basis of double taxation. Very few business firms do not pay a heavy property tax and income tax, and in this tax will be included the additional monies required to bring public employees under the Unemployment Compensation act.

I wonder how many individual home owners employed by others, and themselves beneficiaries under the Unemployment Compensation act will relish becoming employers, in turn themselves, and raising property taxes for school support et cetera, by still another contribution. This additional levy, if such is considered, should perhaps be subject to a vote of the people before its adoption. It would seem unwise to use tax monies without clearly defining the impact of such a program on both the individual and the businesses involved.

It would seem that a thorough study of the implications of such a program and the responsibilities involved, should be made before any decisions are reached.

The Department of Planning and Development of the state of Oregon, and other organizations such as chambers of commerce, are doing everything in their power to bring new jobs and industries to the state. It seems rather strange to beckon and call loudly to business that "we are your friends... locate here... we'll treat you fairly," and then on the other hand certain of our tax laws such as the Unemployment Compensation law, appear to be basically inequitable. My information is that industries whose employees come under this act, are very sensitive about locating in the states where they consider the law to be unfairly drawn, or where it can be easily affected by political changes.

Let's ask these questions. Is it possible to draw up a bill of particulars listing the advantages to both employers, and employees of the Oregon Unemployment Compensation law? Is it possible to evaluate in dollars and cents the effect on your pocketbook as a taxpayer, that the inclusion of the city, county school and other public

agencies under the Unemployment Compensation benefits would have?

The results should be publicized and the voters make their decision at the polls.

Signs Of Spring

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Editor Roseburg News-Review
The groundhog reportedly saw his shadow on groundhog day, so, according to tradition, dodged back into his hole and we will have more winter weather.

Do I hear someone ask "what winter?"

But while the groundhog was ducking the sunshine, all animal life wasn't so easily frightened and there is evidence of differences of opinion in the animal kingdom concerning the early coming of spring.

Russ Briggs, who operates the highball logging show in the Diamond Lake region, reports that some of the men at his camp, near the summit of the Cascade Mountains, last weekend saw a she bear and her cub out for a stroll in the sun.

If bears have emerged from hibernation in the high mountains, spring can't be far off, say the weatherwise.

But out here in the "banana belt" of the Pacific Coast we deserted long ago the groundhog tradition. He may be a weather prophet in the Midwest, but predicting weather in the Umpqua Valley gives even the very efficient U.S. Weather Bureau a pain-in-the-neck at times.

It's true that we have a little spell of inclement weather at times, and, occasionally, we get enough of a flood to wash stagnant water out of a few of our sluggish streams, but otherwise, year in and year out, we get a mighty good brand of weather; especially when we compare it with some of our neighboring communities.

Lumbermen aren't averse to seeing bears emerging from their long sleep early in the season. They make for more lumber business.

The U.S. Forest Service used to mark its roads and trails with nice, shiny, black and white wooden signs, erected on fairly high, white wooden posts.

As bears came out of hibernation, their claws were overly long and blunt, and their muscles stiff. Nothing served better to sharpen claws and stretch muscles than the pretty little white signs on their tall, white posts. So each year the Forest Service has had to buy lumber to make signs to replace those clawed to pieces by bears.

Nowadays you're seeing more Forest Service signs on duller colored shields, mounted low, where they do not provide an exercise bar for the awakening bear.

Of course, I'll probably get a dozen or so letters in a few days telling me that bears don't hibernate in this area. And I'm not one to argue the point. I've heard "experts" on the subject put up a real debate about it.

But the preponderance of opinion seems to be that while bears in the lowlands don't go into full hibernation and frequently emerge from their beds during the winter, they more nearly approach full hibernation in the high mountains where Russ Briggs' crew saw the she and her cub. Thus there is evidence from the animal kingdom that spring is just around the corner.

Although the groundhog and the bear may not be conclusive and dependable weather prophets, the Umpqua Valley has one sure harbinger of spring.

The infallible omen is the lamb's

tongue, the delicate creamy flower which lifts itself on long stem, often through snow, to announce the coming season. Though storms may rage above its brave petals, one who sees the sturdy flower knows that storms are but the farewell gesture of winter and that soon the warm sun will dispel chill and fog.

It will be only a few more days until someone passing along the south slope of an exposed hillside will see the nodding, creamy violet, rising from its bed of broad green spikes and will be able to carry the news that spring is at hand.

Already there have been reports of spring beauties and other of the flowers of late winter. They, like the groundhog and the bear, are unreliable. But we will have proof positive with the first lamb's tongue and we will then know that the wild trillium will be close behind.

Ike Defended

Medford (To the Editor)—Why all this hullabaloo, smearing and criticism of President Eisenhower by Truman, Stevenson, and numerous others of the Democratic Party, and their objection to him on the grounds that no military man is fit to be president of the USA?

Some of the best presidents we ever had were military men. What about the Father of our Country, George Washington? And Teddy Roosevelt. Both of those men were for the people and protection of the weak, such as the Cubans from Spanish tyranny.

Then they say Ike is plunging this nation into debt and trying to start another war, because of his preparations for defense, against a Godless warmonger. If I knew he was doing this for the purpose of starting a war I'd be against him, for no one is more against war than I am. It has been the curse of mankind throughout the ages. But I know he is not an aggressive man, and doesn't want war any more than I.

Didn't we have war when Franklin D. was president? It is true he did a fine thing by opening up the banks during the depression, but he also plunged this nation into debt, and allowed Communists to hold meetings against our government almost under the eaves of the White House. Did he or Truman put a stop to it? No. Their excuse was people are allowed freedom of speech in America. Right, but not when they are trying to overthrow our government.

Wars and the inner strife in this country will never cease unless we drive out the Communists who are working socially and in the business world, 21 rings of them, and no one knows how many are in those rings. Wake up Americans! before it is too late. All these things need not be if we would put our faith in God, live right and pray as we have never prayed before.

Elsie Nagle

Painless

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—I enjoyed reading your humorous editorial titled "Painless" in the Sunday, February 16, 1958, Herald and News. It was filled with much wit, satire and misunderstanding.

In reality, dentistry today is nearly painless using modern anesthetics and techniques. Actually it is an unending effort for us in the profession to keep up with the new advances in the field, so it is quite easy to understand how impossible it would be for someone not directly associated with dentistry to be well informed of these advances. The type of dental experience you refer to in your editorial is certainly a thing of the past and in committing yourself the way you did you not only revealed the limited scope of your understanding of the subject but also belittled the integrity and professional proficiency of your dentist—whomever he was before last Sunday.

Dr. Mel Amsberry, D.M.D.

Quotes

By UNITED PRESS
MONTPELIER, Vt.—Mrs. Ella Ann Divoll, who will be 105 years old this year:
"I guess I'm not bad enough to go to the devil or quite good enough for the Lord to want me yet."

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Gov. Orval Faubus, on the expulsion of one of Central High School's nine Negro students from the city's school system, of which he was critical:
"She should have been allowed to go back to Horace Mann School." (a Negro high school)

They'll Do It Every Time

DITCH AND DRY, WIZARDS OF THE WATERWAYS, COULD DRY UP VENICE AND IRRIGATE THE SAHARA....



By Jimmy Hatlo

BUT THEIR OWN PARKING LOT... THERE THEY CONCEDE DEFEAT TO MUCK AND MIRE....



California Weather

By UNITED PRESS
San Francisco Bay Region: Partly cloudy through Friday; high today near 60; low tonight near 49; variable winds 7-14 m.p.h.; rain probability 20 per cent today and 30 per cent Friday.

Northern California: Partly cloudy through Friday except chance of snow extreme southern Sierra today and rain likely Friday from vicinity of Ukiah and Red Bluff northward; night and morning valley fog; little change in temperature; west to northwest coastal winds 10-20 m.p.h. except southerly 8-16 m.p.h. Eureka northward.

Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou area: Partly cloudy today and tonight; rain likely Friday with snow level about 4,500 feet; colder tonight.

Sierra Nevada: Partly cloudy through Friday with chance of snow above 5,000 feet extreme south today; colder tonight.

Sacramento Valley: Partly cloudy through Friday except rain likely Red Bluff northward Friday; night and morning fog; little change in temperature; high both days 52-58; low tonight 40-48; gentle variable winds.

Northwestern California: Cloudy through Friday except rain likely Ukiah northward Friday; local

TAKE POLITICS SERIOUSLY

LONDON (UP)—A judge ruled Wednesday that political differences are not grounds for divorce. He dismissed the petition of Mrs. Louisa Colledge, who had charged that her husband, George, was cruel to her because among other things he was a "sincere believer in socialism" while she was "a conservative by way of thinking."

Funeral Service Set In Lakeview

Boss Richardson, 58, Burns, Oregon, a well known stockman in eastern Oregon and Klamath County, died in Burns, February 16.

Funeral services will be held in Lakeview, Saturday, February 22, 2 p.m. with final rites and interment in Paisley.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Thelma Richardson; two daughters, Mrs. Lorraine Lynch and Mrs. Elaine Miller, also three grandchildren, all of Burns.

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Speaking Tour Planned By HST

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Former President Harry S. Truman says he plans to embark soon on a speaking tour in behalf of human fellowship.
The ex-President, here last night to receive an award from the Golden Slipper Square Club, a Masonic-affiliated group, said he will make a series of speeches on the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. He did not say when he planned to start.

NASSER TO VISIT ITALY
ROME (UP)—Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser has accepted an invitation to pay a state visit to Italy this summer, the government said today. President Giovanni Gronchi extended the invitation.

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I NEVER! I SAID THEY KEEP CATS! A DISGRACEFUL HABIT.
IF THEY LET 'EM IT WOULD BE WORSE.
NOW I RECALLS... I SAID: "MICE IS THE KEY TO THE ECONOMY."
HA! BETTER THEM THAN ME!
ME! I LIKE DOES... YOU TAKE A GOOD COULD DOB LONG ABOUT MIDNIGHT WITH A GLASS OF MILK AN!
YOU KNOW, YOU FEELS ARE ALLUS CHEWIN' THE RAG.
OR TAKE DOB CROQUETTES... OR PERHAPS YOU COULD PLAY THE GAME T!