

4-H NEWS

MODOC TOILERS

The Modoc Toilers November meeting was called to order by Johnnie Faircloth with a flag salute and 4-H pledge.

Two new members, Roy and Tommy Bernard, were present, bringing the club membership to 25 persons.

Dorothy Krizo was elected song leader for the year. We discussed insurance for the club.

A skating party was held late in November. We invited the Lava Beds Aggies and the Homestead 4-H clubs and had a good turnout.

Rita Williams,
News Reporter

SNIPPY SUSANS

Carolyn Koehn was hostess for the second meeting of the Snippy Susans clothing club. The meeting was called to order by last year's president, Jean Funderberger, who was reelected. Other officers chosen were Carolyn Koehn, vice president; Jeanette Hooper, secretary; Sara Williams, treasurer; Linda Taylor, news reporter; Margaret Hooper, song and recreation leader. These six girls are the only members at this time, a drop in enrollment from last year's 13 members.

The only one of last year's members who graduated from high school is Hazel Delamater, who is attending the University of Oregon. Hazel has completed nine years of 4-H work. Three other girls are not doing regular club work in clothing this year. Ruth Born and Laila Wakkuri are sewing on an individual project basis. Ann Taylor is helping the Snippy Susans as a junior leader.

Mrs. John Taylor, one of the leaders, discussed things members didn't do correctly on garments last year. She showed examples of different seam finishes and hems, and explained the use of the pressing roll.

It was decided that Linda Taylor will give a demonstration on how to clean an iron at the December 11 meeting. Carolyn Koehn will give a demonstration at the first meeting in January. It is hoped several girls will enter the demonstration contest this year at the Spring Fair.

The girls decided to have \$1 dues for the year instead of having a small charge each meeting.

Jean Funderberger, Jeanette Hooper, Sara Williams and Linda Taylor dressed dolls for the Farm Bureau Women's Bazaar. Other community project work will be decided later.

Linda Taylor,
News Reporter

Drink Habits Change Noted

NEW YORK (AP)—America's whisky-drinking habits have changed in amount since the repeal of Prohibition and in preference over the last decade, the Bourbon Institute said Friday.

A statistical survey released on the 25th anniversary of the 21st, or repeal, Amendment showed this switch in preference, according to institute figures for the decade from 1948 to 1957: consumption of blended whiskies declined 39.2 per cent, while straight bourbon consumption increased 248.4 per cent.

For the entire 25 years since repeal, whisky consumption per capita has dropped from 2.9 gallons in 1934 to 1.16 gallons in 1957, the most recent year figures are available.

Geographically, the survey showed, only the New England, middle Atlantic and east north Central states showed a regional preference for blended whisky last year. The west north Central, south Atlantic, east south Central, west south Central, Mountain and Pacific regions preferred straight, with percentages ranging as high as 87.7 for the east south Central states—Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

The institute was formed to promote straight bourbon as the "truly American liquor."

Coroner Sees Bone Bank

PORTLAND (AP)—One of the first public bone banks in the nation may be established by the Multnomah County coroner's office as a public service.

Coroner Arthur J. O'Toole has made preliminary plans for taking pieces of bones from young persons who have died and storing them under refrigeration until they are needed by surgeons in local hospitals. The service would be free and available to all hospitals.

O'Toole said no bones or parts of bones would be removed without the permission of the next of kin of deceased persons.

Bones considered the best for the bank, to be used in corrective surgery, would come from young persons between 9 and 18 years old, with 21 the maximum acceptable age.

At Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, bones from amputations have been used in many successful spinal fusions and in cases involving congenital dislocation of hips.

FATAL TRAP

GLEN WILTON, Va. — A makeshift bear trap was blamed for the death here of C. W. Thomas, a Botetourt County farmer. Coroner E. B. Morgan said Thomas, whose crops had been damaged by bears, rigged up a rifle and attached a wire to its trigger. He tripped on the wire when going to inspect his trap.

Mental Problems May Cause Auto Accidents

By JERRY BENNETT

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Medical research specialists have started a unique scientific investigation to stamp out automobile accidents.

Their entry into the field of accident prevention stems from the revolutionary idea that the nation's highway slaughter should be regarded as a mysterious disease like cancer.

The problem of finding out why the motorized menace infects some drivers and bypasses others has captured the interest of doctors throughout the country and won support from Uncle Sam's Public Health Service. PHS is currently spending about \$260,000 to help finance projects in this field.

Recent accident statistics show that 80 per cent of all traffic smash-ups are caused by faulty driving. Many doctors, however, view reckless acts like speeding, improper passing and driving on the wrong side of the road, as

merely symptoms of the mechan-

ically disease killer. They believe that the real causes eventually will be found hidden in a driver's mental makeup. It has been strongly suspected for some time that negative attitudes or intense emotions, like fear and anger, cause people to have accidents.

But the exact role which these states of mind play in the annual highway bloodbath is not known. To find out, scientists have established numerous research projects which specialize in probing the minds of American motorists.

A battery of psychological tests is being given by experts of the University of Colorado's Medical School to about 4,000 Denver high school students in an effort to learn how to locate potentially dangerous drivers before they ever get behind a steering wheel. Psychologists are especially eager to find out if one of these tests uncovers the same informa-

tion concerning the school kids as it did about several Air Force enlisted men.

When given to the military personnel in an earlier study, the test revealed that the safe drivers were usually very religious and had relatively little interest in subjects dealing with art, music or drama. Just the opposite was true of men who had committed one or more traffic violations.

The Harvard Medical School is thoroughly studying the life histories of another group of adolescents to find out what significant differences exist between safe and reckless drivers.

Other studies have shown that accident repeaters are often people who have deep-seated feelings of hostility. They have also revealed that aggressive tendencies, tenseness and fear of criticism are major factors in the personalities of reckless drivers.

Northwestern University is conducting a long-range project which calls for a physician, engineer and psychologist to investi-

gate certain traffic accidents in the Chicago area. A thorough analysis will be made of their findings to determine both mechanical and human failures that play the biggest part in accidents.

What this study reveals about the general health of smash-up victims will be anxiously awaited by doctors who believe the unknown causes of collisions may prove to be physical as well as mental.

These specialists believe that studies should be made to find out if serious ailments like heart disease and diabetes hamper a person's driving ability. Also, they favor more research to determine how certain drugs and medicines affect a driver's reaction time.

Doctors believe that pinpointing the actual human failures that cause accidents will help traffic administrators to keep unsafe drivers off the roads. They also think that specialized treatment will eventually be developed that will help cure these motorists of their faults.



MEDICAL RESEARCHERS ARE SEEKING to find if the mental attitude of drivers is responsible for automobile wrecks like the above, in which six members of one family were killed.

Iron Is Key And Problem In Red Plan To Outdo U.S.

MOSCOW (AP)—Iron is a key—and a formidable problem—in the new Soviet master plan to out-produce the United States.

Where it once was available, iron ore now is in short supply.

While the shortage is speeding the Soviet Union's approach to the age of plastics, iron ore still occupies a dominant role in the seven-year plan.

Laying down the terms of this plan for Soviet industrial expansion, Premier Nikita Khrushchev stressed to the Communist Party Central Committee that the iron industry—"especially its iron ore base"—ranked first among the tasks ahead.

The iron content in the ores of Krivoi Rog in the Ukraine and of the Urals, once the backbone of Soviet heavy industry, has been dwindling steadily. Articles in Soviet scientific journals have spoken of this as an iron brake on Soviet industrial expansion.

Mining Journal, a periodical for the industry, has pointed out that Soviet industry has been long suffering from an acute shortage of iron ore.

"The quality of (Krivoi Rog) ores poses an acute problem," the Journal said, "since the iron content of commercial ore has dropped from 60.3 per cent in 1933 to 55.3 per cent in 1956."

Discussing the same area, an Academy of Sciences journal called Questions of Economics reported early this year that in the first six months of 1957, the iron content of these ores was reduced by 0.70 to 0.75 per cent as compared with 1956.

The magazine added that as for the Urals ores, which never were of superior quality, the iron content dwindled even faster.

The government has conducted nationwide campaigns for scrap iron collection on a scale unparalleled since the war.

The iron ore shortage may be temporary, but a mighty effort will be required to cope with what Soviet economists describe as a bottleneck for further industrial expansion.

Soviet planners apparently feel they must take advantage of new deposits discovered in Siberia and

Kazakhstan, suitable to fast opening mining, even though far from industrial centers of European Russia.

Under the seven-year plan, new deposits will form the base for large industrial combines in an eastern Soviet industrial area. The plan earmarks 40 per cent of its total investment for development of these areas, where iron will play a leading role in the attempt to bring the plan to fruition.

Agency OK's Book Sale

WASHINGTON (AP)—Some copies of a novel critical of the U.S. foreign service will be sold abroad under government subsidy.

Officials of the U.S. Information Agency said Friday night that despite the criticisms, the over-all effect of the book—entitled "The Ugly American"—is to present American intentions toward other countries in a good light.

The final decision to subsidize the sales was made by USIA Director George V. Allen, they said. About 500 copies of the book, by William J. Lederer and Eugene Burdick, will be sold in about 12 nations under contract between USIA and the book's publisher, W. W. Norton & Co. Inc., New York.

The Norton firm had applied for the contract under which USIA guarantees conversion of foreign currencies into dollars.

Such contracts, authorized by Congress, are intended to promote sales of books and other publications in nations with currencies not readily convertible into dollars. Officials said 13 nations now have arrangements with the American government covering such transactions.

Just outside the metropolis of Calcutta, India there are two villages with interesting names. One is called Dum-dum and the other is Budge-budge.

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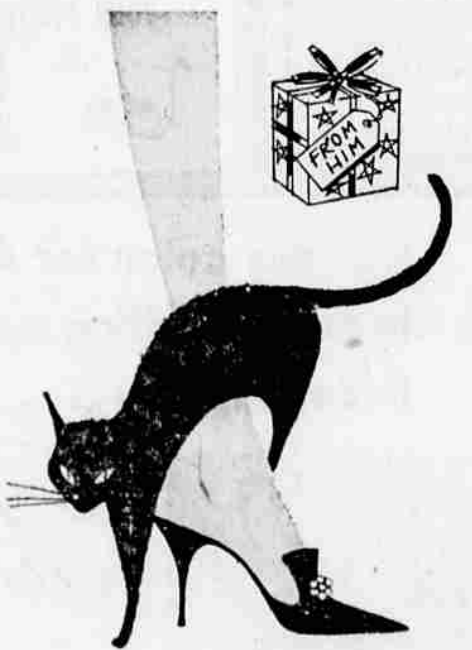
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