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Fees

By FLORENCE JENKINS
Interest in state hospitals and state schools is probably at an all time high right now.

The Oregon Mental Health Association is urging that legislators work toward providing sufficient funds for both phases of the big Dammasch state mental hospital near Wilsonville.

The Legislature is doing some investigation on its own. We are told, of mental hospitals and other state-owned institutions and schools.

It is hoped the Legislature will come up with the answer to one perplexing question.

According to the best information available here, deaf and blind children are accepted into the state schools for the deaf and blind without payment of any fees. The state pays for food, lodging and all other necessities including the cost of education provided.

However, families of the mentally ill or mentally retarded patients in state hospitals are asked to submit financial statements to the Board of Control which sets monthly fees to be paid. In addition, the families must provide clothing for the patients.

Apparently the Board of Control supervises all of these institutions, including the tuberculosis hospitals where, it is understood, families are assessed also for the care of patients.

It has been pointed out in defense of the system in operation, that regular schooling is maintained at the deaf and blind schools and that families of those children pay school taxes already.

On the other hand, there is schooling provided at the Fairview home for the mentally retarded, too, and families of children in that home pay school taxes just as do other families.

A bill failed to pass a few years ago which would put the deaf and blind schools under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education, which is, after all, a policy making board rather than an administrative body.

We are convinced that the state mental health organization is sincere in its statements concerning the need for greater facilities, particularly in the geriatrics field.

However, the present operational set-up appears to be discriminatory in demanding payment on the one hand and not on the other.

A great many Oregonians are awaiting a report from the Legislature's investigation.

Come On Gals!
By RUTH KING
There's a sad state of affairs in Klamath County.

The women are letting the menfolk carry the ball in this Centennial business, and to date there's nary a bustle nor a bow in "airy" a block on Main Street nor a residential side street.

Certainly, the making and the wearing of an old-fashioned gown and a sunbonnet would be no greater task than the growing of a beard and not half as itchy. If the young men and the oldsters can go through that period of indecision, "Shall I or Shall I not," can pass by the electric razor in the bathroom with a wishful glint in their eye and still "let 'em grow," the women of the county should get in the swim and the spirit of the year.

Travelers from East of the Rockies will be heading this way, coming to get an eyeful of Oregon. It's our Centennial Year. . . by December 31 Oregon's 100th birthday anniversary will be history.

To be sure, long skirts and sunbonnets are not indicative to teeing off with aplomb on the golf course, weeding in the garden nor shopping for shorts, but why can't we come up with some idea to get into the Centennial spirit?

Perhaps set aside one day a week to wear the gowns of our grandmothers as we shop or make some other public appearance. . . divide the county into zones, the gals in one zone to appear at one time, those in another on some other day.

Or make it a competitive business. . . give prizes for the most authentic appearing gown, made this year, or compete for this honor in a club or some other group.

Ideas will be welcome. These suggested are only the thoughts of one woman, there should be lots of others.

Many Oregon cities and towns are "going all out" with hitching posts and pole corals, buckboards and burros.

Travel Notes

By NELSON REED
ST. CROIX, Virgin Islands—In these notes, I have spoken of the institution of slavery in the Virgin Islands and the uprising of the slaves that put an end to it. In a little pamphlet put out by the very fine small museum in Christiansted, I find the following account of the slave uprising: It was written by a Mr. George Van Riper—who, I am sure would have no objection to reprinting it in this column. He tells the story thus:

"It was in July, 1827, that Carl Peter Frederick Von Scholten arrived on the Christiansted wharf with a temporary appointment as governor. The ensuing 21 years, while prosperous, were filled with much trouble for Von Scholten—labor trouble, slave trouble. There was constant pressure from the leaders of the slaves with whom he was in sympathy in spite of his official position, and equal pressure from the planters, who thought he was a traitor to his own class. Punishment meted out to fractious slaves was unbelievably cruel. Such treatment can only be explained by the ever present fear of rebellion.

"We now come to the second day of that fateful month of July, 1848. From the kitchens of the great house at Bolew's Minde, the governor's residence, came the faint delicious odors of venison, quail, roast pork, pigeon pie, corn pudding, yams, rice, hot bread and pastry. The punch was prepared, the wine cooled. More than 100 of the planters and their wives were coming to dine with the governor and his lady this night. The paved carriage roads would echo and re-echo with the sharp hooves of fine horses, and the iron bound tires of the smart carriages of the elite.

Within the hour the chosen guests, dressed in their continental finery, had arrived, and the first toasts being proposed, accepted and followed by a second and even a third. From the strident orchestra there came the first notes of a gay exciting French chanson. Suddenly there was a cry of fire, fire, and then another and again fire, fire!

The leaders of the slaves had chosen wisely and planned carefully for the moment to arise. On the other hand the planters, in looking down from the eminences of their great houses, had neglected to remember that those others down below could and did everlastingly look up. And looking up there appeared to them a vision—a burning vision of freedom. They would not, they could not wait any longer and finally in one titanic movement they burst the bonds of slavery.

"This was to be a truly burning vision, for fire was the single weapon possessed by the slaves; it was primitive, but deadly, and the night which was dark soon became bright as the great houses circling the horizon became flaming candelabra. The invited guests fled madly down the carriage road to return to their smoking ruins. This was the ultimate retribution for those who had ruled so harshly, so blindly and for so long.

"The governor knew this was the end and contrary to the expressed wishes of the home government, he prepared a proclamation freeing the slaves, but first he forwarded the owners of the principal estates so they could bury their gold and jewels. Much was unearthed in the bloody days that were to follow, and much has been discovered in the last hundred years.

"So ended slavery and the prosperous Danish era on St. Croix."

Teen-ager Speaks
Klamath Falls, (To the Editor)—The history of juvenile delinquency dates back to the tenth century when King Athelston made

the rule that "men shall not slay none younger than 13 winters," but, if a juvenile committed a crime both he and his parents were imprisoned.

Three things, among others, that formed the concept of the birth of juvenile delinquency are as follows:

One, people try to separate the juveniles from the adult class until someone built a "house of refuge" for juveniles.

Two, they call all juveniles under the age of 21, delinquents. They never stop to think of what the word delinquency means. Upon looking it up, I find that it means, "who committed a misdemeanor or crime, breaks the law." Not all kids commit a crime or break the law, do they? Sure they may be juveniles, but not all are delinquents.

Three, the people who are always running down the teen-agers. They seem to think that, when they were teen-agers, their music was the right kind, but ours is simply trash. They wouldn't even think of doing the things we do now. Why, many think the teen-ager of today acts just like an animal.

The first juvenile court was established in 1899 in Cook County, Illinois, according to the Encyclopedia Americana.

The court is a pivot around which revolves machinery for treatment in cases of delinquency. They have to think of something to do with the kids and the judge, a very nice person, hears both sides before passing sentence.

Some treatments of offenders of the law are as follows: probation, where trained personnel keep an eye on the kids. Foster homes which help a lot and institutions where the kids are taught how to live.

"How can we prevent juvenile delinquency?" you ask. Well, give the kids a happy home life. Just ask any teen-ager what he thinks of the way he acts and what causes his feeling the way he did and you will get nearly the same answer. The home life. Let them join school activities and the most important of all, church. They need God's help in their life, just as much as you parents.

Next don't get them everything they want. Many authorities say this is what helps the situation along. Also the automobile helps. It gives a way of freedom from home and the parents.

Motion pictures, radio, comics and television stress the excitement and romantic thrill of crime. Let's get rid of the trash and help the kids, and in turn they will love and help you, the parents. Charlotte Schorr, 16.

Agreement
Klamath Falls, (To the Editor)—I agree with Bill Jenkins' column in the March 5 paper in regards to House Bill 446, which is a gun law bill introduced by Rep. Elstrom, Marion County.

A question that possibly comes up in some people's minds is, "How can I know when, and what kind of an anti-gun bill is going to be introduced, and what can I do about it?"

One thing a person can do about any kind or type of bill that he wants to be heard on is to write his or her views to each of our representatives in Salem. If it is a short letter and to the point, it will be recognized and you will get an answer from it.

The best way to learn of an anti-gun bill far in advance is to join the National Rifle Association. No, I am not selling memberships, but I have been a member for 19 years, and I believe that anyone interested in rifle or pistol shooting should belong if they want to preserve the sport.

Along with the benefits that go with a membership, such as the

teaching of juniors in rifle clubs, rifle safety and rifle shooting, etc., members are also kept up to date by special bulletins on any gun bills that are going to be introduced in the various legislatures.

Any views that a member expresses in regard to a gun bill are his own personal choice and is not compelled or told what to say by the association. He can either do something about it or leave it alone.

People will get quite a surprise from some of the bills that are introduced in the different states. One of the bills introduced in Oregon last year, which was defeated, was a bill requiring anyone to first obtain a permit before setting up a target range. The bill was so worded that even, for example, if you were far out in Eastern Oregon with nothing in sight for miles in any direction, you could not have legally set up a target to shoot at without first having obtained a permit for the exact spot where you were going to set it up. That would have involved a lot of technical difficulties which would have been impossible to meet.

This bill which is now being introduced is supposed to but will not prevent the illegal shooting from a car or prevent the illegal shooting of livestock, or prevent illegal night hunting from a car, because anyone that is at all acquainted with firearms knows that you can insert a shell in a chamber of a firearm in just a second or you can remove it just as quickly.

As for the safety factor in this bill, I believe that it should be left to the individual. If he is such that he might shoot himself or others in a car with a loaded rifle, then he is just as liable either to shoot himself or others, no matter where he is. Personally, I don't carry a loaded rifle in a car and I don't believe others should, but I want to decide that for myself.

This gun bill now in question will not accomplish what it is supposedly meant to but will be another law infringing on our constitutional rights as American citizens and sportsmen.

Your representatives and the committee members may be reached at the State Capitol, Salem, Oregon.

Members of the house committee on Fish and Game to write to are:

Representative W. H. Holmstrom, chairman
Representative Carl Back, vice chairman
Representative Victor George Attyeah
Representative Bill Bradley
Representative Robert L. Elstrom
Representative Earl H. Hill
Representative W. O. Kelsay
Representative J. Pat Mecke
Representative Carl E. Vancay

Harold Gredsel
4505 Shasta Way

Litterbugs
Klamath Falls, (To the Editor)—Everyone can help.

Let's stop making a speed way out of Main Street.

Keep our sidewalks and streets clean.

We have many new people coming here every week, and they often remark what a dirty city Klamath Falls is! Any week day after the high school kids have been up Main Street for lunch, you'll see paper and milk shake cups on the sidewalk from Tenk to the High School.

Why be a litterbug? There are trash containers. Let's use them.

Oscar Nissen,
Chairman Community Service American Legion

Park Menaced
Bonanza
BONANZA — The Bonanza Big Springs Park will be abandoned for lack of funds unless operating and maintenance costs for the coming year can be met in the next two months.

The park board stated that it has received very little in voluntary contributions this year.

Have we so little pride that we would let the park grow back in weeds, when a little help from everyone both now and in the future would insure its continual beauty?

Various methods of fund raising have been tried, but all have failed from lack of support.

Anyone who has any questions or suggestions as to how money can be raised is asked to attend the regular monthly meeting of the park board, March 16, 7:30 at the Bonanza Library.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

MISS TEECHLY GIVES OUT FIFTY PAGES OF WRITTEN HOMEWORK AND EXPECTS IT OVERNIGHT—



HOWEVER—HOW ABOUT THE TEST PAPER SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO CORRECT WEEKS AGO?



Jury Rules For Trucker

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Did the truck driver kiss the pretty redhead last New Year's Eve?

"It would have been impossible," Freddie Brooks, 26, told the jury. He was standing beside her car and "she had her car window up half way," he said.

Not so, said pretty Carol Ann Tindall, 18. "I had the car window down and was looking back," she said. "Then he grabbed me and pulled me over and kissed me on the mouth."

She said she was en route to a bowling alley to get her husband, Brooks, car bumped hers, she said, and she stopped to survey the damage.

Brooks said there was no kiss. "I asked her if she wanted to celebrate New Years with me but she said she was married."

Police filed a charge of aggravated assault. A jury pondered their verdict for 20 minutes Monday.

Innocent, they said.

Device Invented To Prevent That Loud Snoring

GENOA, Italy (AP)—Dr. Boris H. Vassileff has invented a device to stop snoring by forcing the noise to annoy the snorer.

You snore, says the doctor, when you sleep on your back or in some position in which the back of the tongue sags a bit into the throat. The tongue flutters which the breathing gets heavy and that's what causes all the noise.

Dr. Vassileff calls his anti-snorer a "psicofoon." Like a hearing aid, it amplifies the noise of the snore close to the ear of the snorer. The doctor thinks the wearer will roll over into some position where the racket will stop.

Real name of "Deadwood Dick" was Richard W. Clarke. He was a frontiersman in the Black Hills section of South Dakota.

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OFFICERS' MEETING
BLY—Delegates of the Bly Girl Scout Neighborhood Service who will attend the annual meeting of the officers and board members of the Klamath Area of Girl Scout Council, March 10, are Reva O'Neil and Juanita Nelson. Mrs. Peggy Snodgrass is alternate.

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B. A. Degree	Starting Salary	B. A. Degree	Maximum Salary	Years experience needed to achieve maximum
Salem	\$4230	Lake Oswego	\$6600	12
Klamath Falls	\$4200	Beaverton	\$6467	-
Lake Oswego	\$4200	Eugene	\$6400	12
Beaverton	\$4151	Salem	\$6210	11
Springfield	\$4100	Bethel	\$6160	9
Roseburg	\$4100	Springfield	\$6100	10
McMinnville	\$4000	Cottage Grove	\$6000	10
Cottage Grove	\$4000	McMinnville	\$5800	9
Bethel	\$4000	Roseburg	\$5750	-
Eugene	\$4000	Hood River County	\$5750	12
Hood River County	\$3950	Klamath Falls	\$5700	13
M. A. Degree	Starting Salary	M. A. Degree	Maximum Salary	Years experience needed to achieve maximum
Klamath Falls	\$4600	Eugene	\$7425	14
Lake Oswego	\$4600	Lake Oswego	\$7400	14
Salem	\$4470	Cottage Grove	\$7200	15
Cottage Grove	\$4400	Beaverton	\$7114	-
Roseburg	\$4350	McMinnville	\$7100	14
McMinnville	\$4300	Bethel	\$6880	11
Springfield	\$4300	Salem	\$6810	13
Eugene	\$4275	Springfield	\$6500	11
Beaverton	\$4270	Roseburg	\$6450	-
Hood River County	\$4250	Hood River County	\$6350	14
Bethel	\$4240	Klamath Falls	\$6300	15

These figures compiled from data furnished by the Oregon Education Association.

KLAMATH FALLS CLASSROOM TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

