

1959 Homemakers Festival Created On 'Future' Theme

"Out of the Past, Into the Future, With Extension," is the theme for the 1959 annual homemaker's festival to be held again this year in the exhibit building of the Klamath County fairgrounds, April 30.

Human Brain Study Based On Death Ray

WASHINGTON (AP)—"Death ray" killings of 10 monkeys may have paved the way for new advances in the study of diseases of the human brain.

The killer device—an instrument giving off a certain type of ultra-high frequency radiowave—now looks like a good bet for an improved tool to study in animals certain conditions involved in human brain maladies.

That's the word from Dr. Pearce Bailey of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness. Bailey told about the monkey-radio experiments in congressional testimony released Friday.

Bailey said that although there is practically no hazard to humans from ordinary radio and radar, the monkey experiment "points to a possible way of testing under what particular conditions ordinary radio and radar could become hazardous."

He said the experiments—in which 10 of 21 monkeys were exposed sufficiently long to kill them—did not alter the picture as to "what little hazard, if any at all, there is in ordinary radio and radar."

Regarding possibilities of using the technique in brain-disease research, Bailey gave this outline: "There was no evidence from the experiments that the physiological changes produced in the monkeys' brains were due to heat from the radiowaves."

So, he said, it is theorized that the effects produced were caused by "molecular disturbances" in the brain cells produced by the radiation itself, rather than its heat.

"Maybe," he said, "they (the brain cells) resonate with the electromagnetic radiation coming in—and at present, that is only theory."

But he said the evidence so far from the tests is that radiowaves can alter the biological activity of the brain stem, a vital area of the brain, in a way that may be reversible. That is, under certain conditions, the effects produced may ultimately disappear.

Even the 10 monkeys that were killed, he said, showed very few abnormalities of the brain when that organ was examined after death. And the 11 other monkeys all had a "quite complete recovery" from their experience. In the case of the latter monkeys, their exposure to the radiowaves was stopped short of the convulsions which, in the other monkeys, were followed by death.

Bailey said the waves that killed a monkey emanated from a radio antenna pointing toward the monkey's head and in line with his brain stem, the central and vital part of the brain. He said the monkey was killed in five minutes. The antenna did not touch the monkey's head.

A tea will substitute for the luncheon. Miss Esther Taskerud, coordinator of the home economics extension program at Oregon State College, Corvallis; Mrs. Frederick Ehlers, and Mrs. Harry Wiard will be on the program. Miss Taskerud will speak on the festival theme; Mrs. Ehlers on "Old Cook Books," and Mrs. Wiard on "What Past Extension Has Meant to Me."

Projects studied the past year by units of Klamath County include camp cookery, tin can craft, color, low calorie meals, sewing, civil defense, salads and dressings. Completed project work will be on display at the festival.

Registration will start at 12 noon with the program to start promptly at 1 p.m. The tea is planned for 3 to 4 p.m., immediately following adjournment of the meeting. Extension alumni will be hostesses.

Free child care will be provided, but tickets for this service must be picked up at the home extension office in the Klamath Falls Postoffice building.

Attendance at the Homemaker's Festival is not confined to unit members but is open to every interested woman in the county.

Rock 'n' Roll 'Like Plague'

PORTLAND (AP)—Broadway show author Meredith Willson, who wrote the Music Man, said here Friday rock 'n' roll music is a plague.

"I view rock 'n' roll like the Biblical plagues," said Willson, quickly adding: "I mean like the locusts."

Willson, who made the statements to Mike Sherill, editor of the Grant High School Grantonian, continued: "In every other change in music you've had craftsmanship... but for rock 'n' roll you've got amateurs."

"When we dedicate our life to three chords, I think it's an insult to the young people of America."

Parole Board May Expand

SALEM (AP)—A big expansion in the state Parole Board was made possible Friday under the \$1,033,558 two-year budget for the board passed by the Senate and sent to the governor.

The budget, \$400,000 more than the board is spending this biennium, would enable the board to hire 36 more employees, giving it a total of 88.

The work load of the parole officers, now twice the standard recommended by the National Probation and Parole Assn., would be cut about 25 per cent.

Sen. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland), chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, said the new budget would enable "the Parole Board to keep more people from going to prison, and to get others out of prison faster."

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California Library Center Gets Film Data On Virginia

A rare historical document has been received by the McLeod Research Center microfilming as an addition to the center's library. The document, in volume form, is a complete record of the "Proceedings of the Convention of Delegates for the Counties and Corporations in the Colony of Virginia Held in Richmond Town in the County of Henrico," starting with the 20th of March 1775.

It is a day by day journal telling of the action of the convention of delegates in taking over control of the colony of Virginia from the British Crown.

The journal begins with the convention's extending warmest thanks to the delegates of the convention, to the American Continental Congress, where George Washington, Patrick Henry Jr. and Benjamin Harris represented the colony.

At the beginning of the document the members of the convention speak of themselves as dutiful and loyal subjects of the Crown.

Their first act was to set up by resolution, a "well regulated militia composed of gentlemen and yeomen, the natural strength and only security of a free government; that such a militia in this colony would forever render it unnecessary for the Mother Country to keep among us, for the purpose of our own defense, any standing army of mercenary forces, always subversive of the quiet, and dangerous to the liberties of the people, and would obviate the pretext of taxing us for their support."

The journal also deals with the problems of provision of ammunition, procuring of gunpowder, encouragement of arts and manufacturers, and where the militia should be stationed. It set up regulations on who should serve as members of the convention, dealt with Indian affairs, land ownership, the problem of desertion, oaths of the Commander in Chief, officers and soldiers.

Drawn up by the delegates

were articles under which the army should be conducted, stated: "The Convention has to deal with such matters as counterfeiting, charges of treason, appoint sheriffs and instruct the courts as to proper procedures."

Until on June 13, 1776, the convention adopted a Declaration of Rights and the Constitutional form of government. It was not until July 5, 1776, that the convention passed a resolution that the following sentences in the morning and evening services be omitted:

"O Lord, Save the King and mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee, that the sentences in the Litany for the King's Majesty and the Royal family shall be omitted."

Thus did the colonists of Virginia sever all bonds in print between His Majesty King George the Third, the British Crown and the Royal family.

The last session recorded in the document was the session of July 5.

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Herter Establishes Liaison With Congress Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter is beginning to forge much closer working links with Democratic members of Congress than John Foster Dulles maintained.

Taking off today for a meeting with British, French and West German foreign ministers in Paris Herter is leaving behind arrangements to keep key Democrats abreast of developments.

The personal liaison which Herter has established with Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will be handed over until his return to Assistant Secretary William B. Macomber.

In his final meeting with Fulbright, Herter agreed to report in person to the Senate committee as soon as he returns.

In the meantime, the understanding is that any significant developments at either the Paris meeting or the East-West foreign ministers' conference in Geneva May 11 will be relayed through Macomber to Fulbright.

As principal Democratic spokesman on foreign affairs, Fulbright has made it clear he looks forward to dealing with Herter on an intimate basis fostered by their friendship while they were members of the House together.

While Dulles made many trips to Congress to explain his policies and acted to keep the Democrats as well as the Republicans informed of what was going on, most of his contacts tended to be on the formal side.

On the other hand, Fulbright and Herter know each other well enough that they can toss ideas about on an informal conversational basis. In this situation, Fulbright obviously feels that his ideas will get more attention than some of them attracted from Dulles.

Autoist Wins, Loses Battle

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Most drivers feel attempts to get the best of traffic policemen are lost causes.

But Salt Lake Officer Billy A. Ford claims Vernie A. Olson, 45, did his best.

Ford said he was investigating a minor traffic accident when a motorist declared: "I think I'll hit you."

And, said Ford, the motorist did. Ford went to the hospital to get a cut eyebrow patched up.

Then he went to headquarters and charged Olson with assault and battery of a police officer, drunk driving, collision with an unattended vehicle and using foul and abusive language.

City College Bill Offered

SALEM (AP)—The House approved and sent to the governor Friday a bill to let people in any area create community colleges.

The colleges, to be financed by the state, local district and students, would offer the first two years of college work and vocational training.

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