

# Woman Is Instrumental In Helping Palsy Victim

**By RONNIE OWENS**

Herbie Cobb, 14, has come a long way since the day of March 26, 1955, when he entered the Children's Hospital School at Eugene. At that time Herbie, who is a cerebral palsy victim, was unable to do anything for himself. He was completely dependent on others. But today he is on his way to recovery.

On October 29, 1958, he took his first independent steps with no

aid whatsoever but his leg braces. Since that time he has progressed enough to enter a public school in town this fall.

The steps leading up to this accomplishment are long and varied, traveling from a fear of any situation which threatened his positional security at the beginning of his hospital stay, to the school year of 1956 when he began to walk with crutches.

In 1957 Herbie moved to canes with small tripod bases and could walk 115 feet in one minute. By 1958 he was using them with speed and efficiency. Then in October he made the big step of walking unaided.

One person who has been instrumental in Herbie's recovery has been Mrs. Philip Cole, 415 Hillside Avenue. In 1958 she received a letter from George R. Stafford, managing director of the school, who knew Mrs. Cole was interested in the child.

He stated that Herbie was an excellent student and had a good chance to become a useful citizen. But that he had to return for one year to learn how to manage himself in preparation for attending public school.

Mrs. Cole helped to raise money to send him back by sponsoring a rummage sale which raised \$1,000. The money went into a trust fund to help pay for his expenses.

Of the \$1,000 there is still \$50 which will be used for his further education and physical therapy.

Now a year later, almost to the day of the rummage sale, Herbie has made a definite conquest over this crippling disease. School officials have recommended him as a student who should do very well academically and that he should make a real contribution to the grade to which he is assigned.

His first year, they add, may be hard for the boy because he missed a large percentage of his academic work while taking therapy. But they are confident he can do it, as they feel that he has "the intelligence, ambition and character to work through these initial difficulties. And when he does (we) are certain the entire community will be proud of this youngster."

A heartfelt letter of thanks was recently received by Mrs. Cole from Herbie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cobb, 3704 Diamond Street. They thanked the many people who helped make it possible for the little boy to attend the hospital which is sponsored by the Easter Seal Agency.

Mrs. Cole also expressed her thanks to the many people who aided this youngster on his way to becoming a useful, happy member of this community.



HERBIE COBB

# Confederate Near Death

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—The last veteran of the Civil War, Walter Williams, 116, hovered near death today. A physician said he could live "only a matter of days."

Dr. Russell Wolfe said the old soldier's condition had changed little in the last 24 hours. He said, however, that Williams had grown continually weaker for several days.

The Confederate veteran is breathing faster and shallower, the doctor said, and his pulse is regular but weak.

Williams was a forage master with Hood's Brigade in the Confederate army. His present illness has been attributed to a recent bout with pneumonia. He lives here with a daughter.

# Complainant Fails To Show At Preliminary Hearing

DORRIS—Two men accused of pistol whipping an elderly Mt. Hebron man July 11 appeared for a preliminary hearing before Lester Chase, Dorris Justice Court judge, Friday, August 7. But the man who signed a complaint against them failed for the second time to appear.

He is Edward Mahurin, 68, said to have received a beating so severe 26 stitches were required to close facial wounds and treatment for loss of blood was needed.

Mahurin signed a complaint against his stepson, James Mirl Chancellor, 32, a Macdoel truck driver, and Doyle H. Holly, 26, a Chiloquin logger at the home of Judge Chase early the morning following the reported beating.

When a preliminary hearing was set for July 28, Siskiyou County District Attorney Albert H. Newton Jr. subpoenaed Mahurin to appear. He did not show up. Newton said he had received a phone call from a man, presumably Mahurin, who asked that the case be dismissed. Newton asked for a continuance until August 7.

Newton said he has since looked hard for Mahurin but has been unable to locate him. Judge Chase set August 21 at 1:30 p.m. as the date of a third hearing.

The two men, formally charged with felony assault with a deadly weapon, posted \$2,500 bail and were released. If convicted, they could receive penalties of up to 10 years in prison, a \$5,000 fine or both. They are defended by public defender Charles Hurley of Yreka.

Mahurin told deputy sheriffs his stepson borrowed \$100 from him a year ago. In return, Mahurin said, he received collateral which he failed to identify.

One evening Chancellor and Holly appeared at his trailer home at Mt. Hebron, he said, and asked for the collateral. Mahurin says he told Chancellor he could have the collateral when the debt was paid. The pair left, returned later and beat him, one holding him while the other laced him with the butt of a pistol, he said. Deputies arrested the pair at Mahurin's home July 12.

# SF Bay Plan Given Okay

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—John Reber, originator of the Reber plan for San Francisco Bay, said Wednesday he has been informed that House and Senate conferees in Washington have approved and appropriated \$500,000 to continue bay model study work through fiscal 1960.

Reber received a telegram from Rep. John Shelley (D-Calif.) telling of the action. He said the amount was an increase of \$100,000 over the budget request.

Reber said \$2,282,500 now has been appropriated for the study.

The Reber plan calls for construction of causeways and creation of fresh water lakes in the bay.

# Theft Case Hearing Told

DORRIS—The grand theft case against Lester Russell Withee, Tillamook, Oregon, received a preliminary hearing in Dorris Justice Court Friday, August 7. Withee was bound over to Siskiyou County Superior Court and bail was set at \$2,000.

Withee is accused by Dave H. Weyler, a manager and stockholder of the Shasta Cattle Company, operators of the Meiss Ranch at Macdoel, of stealing a truckload of tools and farm equipment from the ranch a few days before Easter.

Irving Gregory, an employe on the ranch, testified during the hearing before Judge Lester Chase that he saw Withee load up a company truck with wrenches, a seeder, a tool carrier, and electric saw and drill and 40 hoe openers.

Weyler said he was away when Gregory said the theft occurred. But he said he missed the truck and items listed by Gregory when he returned to the ranch.

Weyler also said he has records and bills of sale proving he has clear title to the equipment sold to him by Withee.

An equipment company representative of Lakeview, Billie F. Waters, said Withee had sold 40 hoe openers to the equipment company on April 20. Withee, he said, indicated the hoe openers belonged to him.

District Attorney Albert Newton Jr. is prosecuting the case and Everett Barr, Yreka, is defending attorney.

# EFFICIENT THIEF CAUGHT

PASADENA, Calif. (UPI)—Joseph Crescinamo, 26, may not have committed a perfect crime, but according to police it was an efficient one. Police said Tuesday that they arrested him after he walked out of a department store with four shirts he hadn't paid for and discovered he had made out a "shopping list" of other clothes he planned to steal.

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**TRAFFIC SYSTEM BOARED**

TORIN, Poland (UPI)—Traffic planners discovered they had done their work better than they expected Tuesday night. Four wild boars scampered into two and scattered pedestrians off the streets. The boars finally ran back into the woods after being scared by traffic lights.

**BEATNIKS OF DARTMOOR**

PRINCETOWN, England (UPI)—Inmates of Dartmoor Prison are beginning to look like beatniks. They are growing beards to protest a ruling by prison authorities that until the current drought ends there will be no more showers and two men must use the same bath water.

# Angry Pickets Learn Truth

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—When two big trucks moved through a picket line in a local teamster dispute, angry pickets moved to halt the vehicles.

The milling men were admittedly shaken when six men came from the trucks cabs all armed. Then squads of police arrived up on the scene.

The pickets were told that the trucks were carrying government cargo and the trucks were permitted to go on their way.

Only after the cargo had been unloaded was it learned that the big rigs were transporting \$1,500,000 in cash to the Federal Reserve Bank here.

# Man Reveals Life As Spy

OAKLAND (UPI)—A San Jose building contractor told the Oakland Lions Club Wednesday he had been a member of the Communist party for 26 years and a paid FBI informer for 12 years.

The double life of Karl Prussion, 50, was confirmed by Richard Auerbach, FBI agent in charge in San Francisco, who said Prussion had been in the FBI's employ from November, 1949, to July, 1958.

Prussion said he furnished the House Un-American Activities Committee with the names of teachers and other professional persons whom it plans to question at public hearings here next month.

The San Jose man said he plans to write a book about his experiences as a Communist party member in the Palo Alto area and what he learned from it.

# Kaiser Planning New Hospital

OAKLAND (UPI)—The Kaiser Foundation Health Plan announced Wednesday it will build a four million dollar, 140-bed hospital in Santa Clara.

The structure eventually may be expanded to 250 beds.

A medical clinic will be included in the hospital center. Officials hope to have the project in operation by the middle of 1961. Kaiser will soon call for bids for an expanded medical clinic building at Walnut Creek. A clinic at Napa was opened recently.

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