Institutions Need Cleanup

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I'm employed in the kitchen of a state institution and there's so much monkey - business going on that I can't keep still any longer. This is not a special situation. I have worked in state institutions elsewhere and it is the same.

I've seen institution employes eat food gifts which were sent to patients and then deny they saw the package. I've watched employes take home roasts, chickens, cans of coffee and jars of fruit. Trays of crackers are hidden in the ovens because no one wants to count them out. Quarts of hot coffee, platters of crisp bacon and eggs, bowls of butter and stacks of bread disappear into employes' dressing rooms.

When the board of visitors come they are served filet mignon and fresh strawberry short-cake. Then they go home and tell everyone the food is great. No one ever pops in unexpectedly to see what is really going on.

Don't tell me to report it. I tried this once and was laid off the following week. Something must be done from the top. — GOD HELP THE TAXPAYER

Dear Friend: I consider your letter a public service. I'm sure many state institutions need cleaning up and such complaints as yours can help trigger action. The badly run institutions are an outrage in a country as well off as ours. It would be unfair, however, to accuse all state institutions of waste, incompetence and negligence. You said "No one ever pops in to see what is really going on." In Ohio last year many newspapers printed a page one picture of Governor Di Salle just after a surprise visit to a mental hospital. What he saw had made him ill.

Ohio's state institutions under Governor Di Salle have been vastly improved. Wisconsin, California and Michigan are among the better ones, too. Most states still have a long way to go.

Dear Ann Landers: I have a close friend who is a widow. She lives alone in a lavish apartment with her two pet poodles. The dogs have velvet pillows in their wicker baskets. They eat choice filets and she takes them to Florida every winter.

Her two daughters married against her wishes and now they are having a rough time financially. The mother never gives them a dollar. What do you think of this?—AN OBSERVER

Dear Observer: It sounds as if the daughters treated their mother like a dog and now the dogs are being treated like daughters.

Dear Ann: I am a 17-year-old girl who needs an outsider's opinion.

I know this sounds terrible, but my best friend got into trouble with a boy. She went with this fellow for a year and thought she was in love. Her folks sent her to a home for unwed mothers and she gave up her baby for adoption.

Now that she's home everyone has turned their backs on her. She needs friends more than ever but my folks don't want me to go with her. My mother says "A leopard never changes its spots." Is she right?—Cele

Dear Cele: Your girl friend isn't a leopard—she's human—and humans often change. She needs kindness at this time, now more than ever. I hope your folks will encourage you to continue the friendship.

To learn the knack of feeling comfortable with the opposite sex, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "How To Be Date Bait," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Farm Worker Gets Probation

A young Tulelake farm worker was sentenced to a five-year probationary period Tuesday by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Carl B. McCollough, 23, pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money and property by false pretenses. The guilty plea was contrary to the advice of his court appointed attorney, Robert B. Kerr.

McCollough admitted passing a worthless $15 check to the Hendricks and Hodge Service Station Jan. 2. The station is located at Spring and Esplanade streets.

Fremont Jr. High News

FREMONT

On Jan. 13, Fremont Junior High had its third of six National Assemblies scheduled for the year. It featured Jane and Paul Westbrook in a program entitled "Songs with a Story." This was a dramatic musical with many songs, folk songs through the latest Broadway hits. The next National Assembly will be held Feb. 2 when Charles Romsden and his "Electric Novatar" will be featured.

The Honor Society conducted an assembly Jan. 20, recognizing old and new honor students. The music was provided by the Girls Small Ensemble who sang two numbers and by Clifford Moore, accordionist. Eugene Favell, Klamath Falls business man, was the featured speaker. His topic was "The Value of Good Grades or Making the Best of Your School Years." Twenty - five students qualified for Honor Society, eight of whom were new this term.

Three students made a straight one average. They were Sharon Callison, Sheila Callison and Cynthia Riley. Others who qualified with a one point five or better were Jack Thomas, Robert Scholl, Julie Phillips, Stanley Kluth, Linda Drew, Susan Leaming, Nancy Wiehrdt, Cathy Chilcote, Kelita Layman, Susan Drew, Jim Drew, Harold Strickland, Susan Hyde, Janell Beebe, Leah Lamb, Paul Felix, Tom Carlson, Linda Greer, Joyce Jolly, Janet Kerns, Nancy Ostrom and Suana Whytal. Suana Whytal is president of the Honor Society and acted as mistress of ceremonies.

Fremont's basketball season has been very successful. The Midgets have played six games and won three of them. The Regulars have played six games and have won five of them. Intramural basketball will begin Feb. 6.

TEMPTATION

CARY, N.C. (UPI) — Charles E. Parrish, 28, an honor guard convict at a prison road camp, was assigned Tuesday to work installing radios in shiny new Highway Patrol cars.

The temptation was too great. He climbed in one of the new patrol cars and zoomed off, but was caught after a chase of a few miles.

The Archbishop of York is "Primate of England;" the Archbishop of Canterbury is "Primate of all England."

Legislator Reports:

Reapportionment Bill Could Hurt Klamath

By GEORGE C. FLITCRAFT

Bills reaching the floor the past week for third reading and voting have been non-controversial — the kind everyone likes. Mainly, these have consisted of housekeeping measures and bills enabling the legislature to proceed with its work.

Reapportionment of the number of legislators assigned to the various legislative districts will be one to watch. Some counties will lose representation in the legislature, while others stand to gain. I have heard three proposals aired informally. Each one has certain logical points in its favor and each would affect Klamath County somewhat differently. I would like to briefly discuss with you one plan that has received some publicity throughout the state. This plan proposes to increase the number of representatives to 61 and calls for one representative for each county regardless of population and apportionment of the remaining 25 according to population. This would increase the legislative strength of eastern Oregon but would reduce Klamath County to one representative. As this matter progresses, I will try to keep you informed. It's our problem and I would like to have your views.

Senate Bill No. 25 was referred to highways on Jan. 16. This bill imposes maximum speeds of 20 m.p.h. when passing a school building, 25 m.p.h. in any residence district and 70 m.p.h. on any public highway. It also authorizes the state speed control board to designate maximum speed limits for city streets or county roads. While doing all of these things for the city and county governments, the bill still retains the basic rule under which we have operated for years.

Another issue certain to arouse much comment, especially among the younger set, is HB No. 1092 which raises the minimum age to 17 for a driver's instruction permit and 18 for a motor vehicle operator's license.

Falling into the same category is HB No. 1072 which would authorize the state police or highway department to require chains for vehicles by posting a notice of the order at each end of the section of affected highway.

These items may seem trivial to many people: However, I feel that the number of citizens affected by these measures warrants mention of them.

Earl Snyder, director of the State Board of Aeronautics, and I discussed tentative plans regarding Klamath County. It is hoped that funds will become available to further improve the Chiloquin airport. With a few breaks on the costs of other projects, it is possible that the field will be surfaced during the next biennium. Klamath Falls airport should receive funds under the grant-in-aids program for seal coating and repairs of runways and taxiways not used by jet aircraft. It has been some time since we have received these funds, but at the present time, the outlook is favorable that this work will be done on the Klamath Falls airport.

Last week I made a tour of the Oregon State Penitentiary to learn about the system of operation. It appears to be a well administered institution. Since there is an $800,000 budgetary item for construction of a women's prison, which normally houses 35 to 40 women, I was interested in learning the need for this expenditure. While there seems to be a need for expanded work areas for vocational training, the spending of this amount of money to care for 35 to 40 people seems a bit out of line.

Thursday, Jan. 19, we attended an Oregon products dinner sponsored by the Farm Bureau. It was a pleasant surprise to step inside and be greeted by Bill Cheyne and Wilbur Harnsberger. Several people from the Klamath area have dropped in to say "hello" and visit with us and we always enjoy seeing someone from home.

If you wish to write to me concerning any of the legislative issues, please feel free to do so.

Mailing Address: State Capitol Building, Salem, Ore.

Telephone calls: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. EMpire 4-2171, after 5 p.m. EMpire 3-0857 or EMpire 4-1595.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

GIRL SCOUTS are reminded of the "splash party" at KUHS pool Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 7:15 p.m.

MAVERICKS will square dance Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Summers Lane School. Free instructions will be given from 7 to 8 p.m. Leonard Williamson will call. Everyone is welcome.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL, officers and committee chairmen will meet Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Winema Hotel for a noon luncheon. All board members are invited to attend.

THURSDAY

KLAMATH MINERAL CLUB will meet Thursday, Jan. 26, at the National Guard Armory on Shasta Way at 7:30 p.m. The program will be slides on crystal.

LADIES AUXILIARY Canton Crater No. 7 will meet Thursday, Jan. 26, at 8 p.m. in the IOOF Hall. There will be a dutch auction.

CUB SCOUTS, Pack No. 71 will hold a pack meeting Thursday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Twila Ferguson School.

GRANGE MASTERS and their wives are asked to attend a conference for grange masters in the county at Midland Grange Hall Thursday, Jan. 26, beginning at 8 p.m. A potluck dessert will be served.

FAIRVIEW PTA will hold its regular meeting Thursday, Jan. 26, at 2:15 p.m. The study group will be in charge of the program. Child care will be available.

SHASTA PTA will hold its annual Dad's Night program Thursday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. A skit "Madam President" will be given by the Pelican Players.

VETERANS of World War I Barracks and Auxiliary No. 925 will hold their regular meeting Thursday, Jan. 26, at 8 p.m. at the VFW Hall. Women are asked to bring half dozen sandwiches.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY CLUB will meet Thursday, Jan. 26, at 1:30 p.m. at the grange hall. Freda Flowers and Laurabelle Chapman will be hostesses.

MIDLAND GRANGE women will have a cleanup and curtain sewing day Thursday, Jan. 26, at 9:30 a.m. Members are asked to bring portable sewing machines and cleaning equipment. A no-host potluck will be served at noon.

WOMEN of the seven Presbyterian churches in this area will meet with moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. Herman Turner, at the Mt. Laki Presbyterian Church at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26. The Mt. Laki Ladies Aid will be hostesses. There will be a short business meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Baby Buggy Bill Held By Solons

SALEM (AP) — Well-drilling machinery and baby buggies will continue to be exempt from laws requiring licensing of vehicles which use the highways.

This was assured Tuesday when the House Highways Committee tabled the bill to remove the exemption.

Well drillers opposed the bill, saying it wouldn't be fair to make them be licensed. They explained they use the highways very little.

Rep. W. H. Holmstrom, D-Astoria, chairman of the committee, asked whose idea it was to introduce the bill. It was sponsored by the legislative highway interim committee, but nobody could remember who first brought the subject up.

Edward M. Jannsen, Aloha, of the Oregon Drilling Association, let a trade secret out.

He said some drillers have learned how to evade a law prohibiting loads from extending more than three feet in front of the front bumper. They extend the bumper by four feet, and then let the load extend three feet beyond that.

The committee couldn't understand, either, why baby buggies are exempted by law from the motor vehicle statutes. The interim committee proposed eliminating that exemption, on the theory that the state never would try to license them, anyway.

A Motor Vehicle Department official said there never has been an attempt to license baby buggies, but that the special exemption has been in the law ever since Oregon started regulating motor vehicles.

MILO CAMERON

OEA President To Speak Here

Milo Cameron, president of Oregon Education Association, will address the Klamath County Education Association during a regular meeting Saturday, Jan. 28, at Pelican Cafe.

In his talk, Cameron will discuss the Oregon Education Association legislative program and the services provided by the professional organization.

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Attorneys, Sheriff Deny Convict's Claims In Local Try For Freedom

Convicted murderer William Thomaston's chances for freedom from the Oregon State Penitentiary appeared to be slim Tuesday afternoon after testimony from Klamath County Sheriff Murray Britton.

Thomaston, who killed a friend's wife (Edyth Atkins) and wounded the friend in July, 1958, had sued the penitentiary warden for release on the grounds that he had inadequate defense counsel and that he was treated with "unnecessary vigor" in the Klamath County Jail during an eight-month term. He is serving a life sentence.

The post conviction hearing for the murderer ended Tuesday afternoon with Judge Herbert M. Schwab of Portland and the rival attorneys taking a tour of the jail. Robert Danielson of Klamath Falls, former assistant attorney general, handled the case for the state and Richard D. Lee of Salem represented Thomaston.

A parade of witnesses, including Britton, Judge David R. Vandenberg, former district attorney Arthur Beddoe and defense attorney Freeman C. Murray took the stand to deny a series of allegations made by the self-sty'ed prison lawyer. Thomaston assisted Lee in examining and cross examining witnesses.

After attorneys Murray and Richard Beesley refuted Thomaston's claims of inadequate defense, Sheriff Britton testified that Thomaston was treated "just like everybody else." The convict had alleged that he was denied sheets and a pillow.

"That is so true," Britton said. "We don't issue pillows or sheets or electric blankets either." The sheriff also answered an accusation of inadequate food by saying that he has held the food contract since 1952 and has provided decent food at minimum cost.

Asked by Lee whether he made a profit on food served in jail, the sheriff said, "If there was a profit, it was very small."

Judge Schwab said he would hand down a written decision within the next week.

Ontario Man Heads Ag Board

SALEM (AP) — Joe Saito, Ontario, Tuesday was elected chairman of the state Board of Agriculture, replacing Ernest Jernstedt, Carlton.

The board also heard Director James F. Short report that his reorganization plans for the department have been well received by farm groups and state officials.

Short said he hopes soon to fill the post of assistant director in charge of livestock programs. The qualifications will be set by the Civil Service Commission.

Frank Tubbs, Adams, said pea growers have organized to set up better marketing procedures with processors. Their goal is payment based on uniform platform grading.

Short said there is increasing demand for grading services from the state as an impartial third party.

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