St. Mary's Home For Boys At Beaverton One Of Many Institutions Aided By United Fund Drive

(This is another in a Herald and News series of reports on Klamath County United Fund agencies. As many of the 27 agencies will be covered in subsequent stories as time and space permit.)

The story of the help and assistance given by St. Mary's Home for Boys, near Beaverton, was recently told in the first person by a former student there, James W. Murphy of Portland.

Calling the agency, which is one of the member agencies of our Klamath County United Fund, "Boys' Town in Oregon," he says, "Boys' Town is the whole world. You see him that way in a cafeteria when his eyes are bigger than his stomach. You see him that way if he is walking in a jungle where there is unknown danger that he does not see.

"But before he begins his adventure into the world of commerce, he needs preparation in the way of instruction and guidance. I know, because my own take - off place into the world of economics and profits was from a Boys' Town—our own Oregon Boys' Town—St. Mary's Home for Boys, established at Beaverton about the year 1900.

"I ran away four times. Looking back, I am glad that the priest in charge at that time found me and brought me back on three of those occasions.

"The last time I ran away, St. Mary's Home for Boys understandably decided to help me find work in Portland.

"St. Mary's Home for Boys welcomes boys of all creeds and is proud of the records of those they have sent into the different branches of the commercial world. Many have been in the armed forces of our country, some are painters, construction workers, teachers, priests, and businessmen. Many, in fact most, of them return again and again to visit the institution—proud of the fact that they are successful alumni of this great Boys' Town of the West. So am I. I always will be proud of it."

Father John Goodrich, superintendent of St. Mary's Home for Boys in Beaverton, released a statement today in which he states that one of the most puzzling problems faced by child caring agencies today is the problem posed by a family with several children who reject one of them, abuse him, tease him, make it plain that he is an unwanted child and, eventually, drive him out of the family circle. This is not, said Father Goodrich, a problem which crops up only occasionally, but is a constant one.

Citing the case of a boy recently received at St. Mary's for care, Father Goodrich says that the boy's own family so abused him, while treating all its other children well, that the boy ran away from home on numerous occasions and was finally committed by the court in his county to a foster home. He could not adjust to a foster home situation, although he liked it well enough.

After placement in St. Mary's Home he stole, fought, quarreled with the other boys and staff and insisted that he be placed again in a foster home. The staff knew that only group therapy would bring him stability and balance. After some months of care in the institution, a foster home placement was made—but Wilbur was not ready for it. In his relations with his foster parents he lied, stole from them, was truant from school, and so upset their family life that they returned him to the institution.

"Such boys," said Father Goodrich, "constitute the future criminal element of our society if we do not overcome their problems."

Stating that St. Mary's is making some progress with Wilbur, Father Goodrich continued by saying, "But months of care, psychological counseling, some corrective surgery, and much counseling will be needed before Wilbur reaches the place where he can go out into society as a mature person. At St. Mary's we believe we are making progress. But it will take time—much of it."

Father Goodrich tells in his report of a family of four children who had been so completely neglected by their parents that the court took custody of the parents and committed the children to foster homes. But parental abuse, neglect, lack of discipline, had so affected the children that Delano, the oldest boy, simply could not accept the discipline of a well ordered home where he had to do things on time, keep himself clean, respect the rights of others, and make progress in his school work. He just simply did not have the ability to live with and in a family. He was, therefore, sent to St. Mary's Home for Boys.

Months of work with Delano has resulted in a good deal of progress and today he is making the grade in a good foster home where the parents are sympathetic and understanding. But he often tries their patience, and he has many lessons to learn.

"If," says Father Goodrich, "we did anything for the boy, it was to awaken in him a sense of his own weakness and need. While at St. Mary's he had to learn how to live with others. Having learned to live in a large group, he is finding it not so difficult to adjust to a smaller family's situation. We are keeping in touch with Delano and his new foster parents and are continuing our counseling of both the boy and his parents."

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Communism Study Added

SACRAMENTO (UP)—The state is "going ahead immediately" on preparations for teaching about communism in California public schools starting with the next school year.

Dr. Richard M. Clowes, chief of the division of instruction of the Department of Education, said today the state had decided that facts of communism should be taught in the public schools.

He told a meeting of county superintendents of schools that two committees would be appointed, one of educators and one of laymen, to guide the state in setting up such a course of instruction.

At an August meeting of educators, the state announced it had decided to study whether a course on communism should be taught in California.

"We now have decided that we should go ahead immediately to prepare a course of instruction to be taught in the school year beginning in the fall of 1962," Clowes told the county superintendents.

Clowes said Superintendent of Public Instruction Roy E. Simpson already has asked a number of educators to serve on one 15-member committee and was waiting for acceptances.

He said the "principal responsibility" of the committees would be to help the department produce a publication or text "for use by school districts that lack resources to develop such material themselves."

He said "We have in mind a teachers guide on teaching about communism—a source book containing unimpeachable material that a teacher can use with the knowledge that it is authentic and proper for use at the grade level concerned."

The second committee, Clowes said, will be made up of noneducators and will include "subject matter specialists such as political scientists."

GOP Chief Opens Tour

SALEM (AP) — Fred Schribner Jr., legal counsel for the Republican National Committee and a former assistant secretary of the Treasury, will begin a four-day tour of Oregon Saturday.

The schedule for the tour, announced Monday, will take him to Clatsop, Tillamook, Lincoln, Marion, Umatilla, Union, Baker, Malheur and Benton counties.

The first appearance will be at a Saturday luncheon at Astoria, followed by a coffee at mid-afternoon in Tillamook and an evening dinner in Newport.

Schribner will be honored guest at a Sunday evening barbecue in Corvallis and fly Monday to Pendleton for a noon luncheon.

He will attend two coffees in La Grande during the afternoon and be in Ontario for a dinner.

Schribner will fly back to Salem Monday evening and will speak Tuesday at a Willamette University convocation in the morning and address the Marion County Bar Association at noon.

QUICK BUCK ARTIST

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Twelve motorists each paid an enterprising young man $1.50 Sunday for ideal parking spaces near Kezar Stadium for the pro football game.

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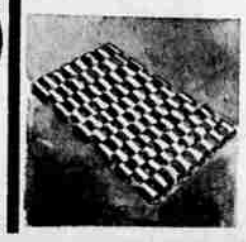
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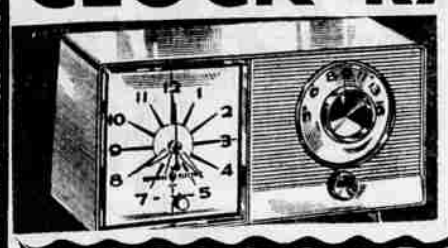
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