

Local Help For Troubled Girls Stressed By Hillcrest Director

By CHARLES G. WOODHOUSE

Klamath Union High School

"If girls can be helped in the home county, they should not be sent to an institution like Hillcrest. Catch them early and prevent trouble before it has a chance to develop," stated Marjorie McBride, superintendent of Hillcrest State Training School for Girls at Salem, in an address at a meeting of the Klamath Falls Classroom Teachers Association at Mills Auditorium Feb. 14.

"How long am I going to be here?" "Why can't my boy friend visit me?" "Why can't I wear jeans?" Questions like these are part of the daily routine at Hillcrest. With an average enrollment of 140 girls (capacity 150) whose referrals from the juvenile agencies of the state's 36 counties constitute the main objective at Hillcrest, each case is an individual problem. "In no way is Hillcrest a penal institution," said Miss McBride, "rather it is a place to rehabilitate girls to help them achieve for themselves a normal, happy, and fruitful life."

Besides the Hillcrest School at Salem, there are three other institutions for girls in Oregon. The White Shield Home, operated by the Salvation Army, and the Louise Home, both in Portland, aid distressed girls, mostly unwed mothers. The Villa St. Rose, also in Portland, provides help for girls but will not accept pregnancy cases. Hillcrest is non-selective, accepting girls, 12 to 18 years of age, mainly involved in truancy, incorrigibility, and sex offenses.

Newcomers to Hillcrest are placed in the intake section for interviews and counseling before being assigned to a cottage. About 50 per cent of these girls come from broken homes, and the rest come from places where adoption and guardianship methods have failed.

Legally, girls at Hillcrest can be kept until they are 21 but they rarely are. There are no color, religious, or racial barriers, and all are treated on equal terms and are given equal opportunities to earn privileges. Some girls come with complete dossiers to aid Hillcrest officials, and others have scant records for counseling and guidance. All are given complete training and counseling services, and in the most disturbed cases psychiatric services are available.

Adjustment to oneself and to society is the key to the program at Hillcrest. Operating on a 12-month basis Hillcrest has a staff of 120 which includes office personnel, housemothers, and other employees, including a teaching staff of 12 who instruct and counsel in grades seven through 12. More is accomplished in a school of this type because there is 24-hour control over students, and classes are smaller. According to Miss McBride, school work is fully accredited, allowing transfers from Hillcrest to continue school work anywhere in the state.

The overall program at Hillcrest attempts to deal with collective problems among the girls themselves and with the individual differences of girls whose IQ's sometimes range as low as 70 to 90. Supervising and training are

average total enrollment of 140, and sometimes this figure reaches 200, is time-consuming and exacting in the various aspects of juvenile readjustment. Religious counseling is done on both the Catholic and Protestant basis, and weekly conferences, sometimes in groups but more often individually, are part of the training program. There are four professional counselors on campus and four off. Of course, privileges have to be earned; weekend passes and "open-cottage" rights (unlocked doors) prove worthy goals for the girls.

"Graduates" of Hillcrest are supervised by the school for two months after leaving. Return rates vary, but the average of those who come back to Hillcrest is 14 to 24 per cent. In some instances, girls have sought readmission because of their fear of the outside. A high percentage of dismissals from Hillcrest return to their own homes fully adjusted; others are placed in private homes as domestics, in hospitals, or in responsible positions. The school operates on state funds, and any contributions are returned to reimburse the state. Visitors are allowed and encouraged as part of the program.

With a look to the future Miss McBride declared that the program at Hillcrest can be most effective when the public understands the purpose of the school and when trainees are accepted as normal people seeking equal rights and opportunity in society. The public can help by sending castoff clothing suitable for teenage girls, and articles like skirts, sweaters, blouses, and coats are needed constantly. Donations should be sent to the Hillcrest State Training School for Girls, Salem, Ore.

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Sometimes intermediate cards will block a suit if you don't play them right away.

North scraped the bottom of the barrel to find his three no-trump bid, but South can see nine tricks provided he can bring home five diamonds. The suit figures to break three-two, but South wants to guard against the possibility of a four-one break and sees that if East holds four diamonds to the jack there will be no way to make nine tricks.

Suppose West holds four diamonds to the jack? In that case the second lead and South will

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West North East South
1 ♠ Double Pass 2 ♠
Pass 4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠
You, South, hold:
♠ A K 7 6 5 ♣ K J 9 2 ♦ A 10 ♣ A 10 6

A—Pass. You should have no trouble making four hearts, but you don't have the right cards to think about a slam on this bidding.

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CINDY HARLESS



MARCHELLE NICKLER

More Entrants Compete In Mardi Gras Contest

Cindy Harless, 16, and Marchelle Nickler, 21, are two of the eight queens-elect now in competition for the 408th Fighter Group Mardi Gras queen, to be selected Friday, Feb. 22, at Kingsley Field.

Miss Harless, a Miss Teen-Age America finalist, is representing the Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at the base. She has brown hair and hazel eyes and is interested in water sports, speech, French, writing, singing, and Red Cross activities. She appeared in last year's Armed Forces Day parade as a beauty queen of CAMRON, A junior at Henley High School, she is the daughter of Capt. R. L. Harless.

Miss Nickler, the daughter of Major Frank L. Nickler, is representing the Air Base Squadron. She has brown hair and eyes, and is currently the air base's Miss Aero Club. Miss Nickler spent two semesters at the University of Arkansas, and is also

Society Holds Guest Meeting

Guest night of Scholastic Society, Children of the American Revolution, was held Feb. 11 at Rebecca Pierson's home.

Paul Dearborn presented an interesting talk on his trip to the United Nations last summer. Slides tracing his visits across the country delighted the members and guests.

"Freedom's Fateful Dates," a radio program featuring United States history dates, will be presented by the society members on KAGO Feb. 21 at 10 p.m.

Michael Ryser, Linda Hicks, Paul Dearborn, Becky Whitney, Mrs. Lloyd Ryser, Mrs. Will Pierson, Mrs. Bruce Tolly, past society and state president, and Mrs. Lola Van Scoyk were guests. Senior officers present were Mrs. Richard Baldwin and Mrs. Juli-an Ager.

Rebecca Pierson, Peg and Betty Baldwin were hostesses for the evening. The next meeting will be March 11 at the Community Lounge.

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interested in water activities. She has previously represented the base in beauty contests and is employed at the Base Exchange. The queens-elect will compete for votes until the evening of Feb. 22, when the queen will be chosen at the Mardi Gras, scheduled from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Proceeds go to the Intercommunity Hospital Fund.

South Viet Nam Minister To Speak At Bly Chapel

BLY—Rev. J. L. Newman, missionary for Overseas Crusades Missions in South Viet Nam, will speak at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Chapel of Bly on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Reverend Newman returned to the United States several months ago, after nearly five years of service in the Asian country, and is acquainted with the natives' fight against communism and the current political situation.

Speaking at the January regional evangelism conference of the CMA in Portland, he said that anti-communist forces are making headway among the mountain people of South Viet Nam.

"The only encouraging aspect of the fighting that I've seen in four and a half years is the work of the American Special Forces," Newman added.

"Their program is working in the central mountain areas. The tribal people, who are much like the American Indians, will fight to defend their own villages and homes. And they are much impressed by the fact that Americans are willing to fly over guerrilla-infested jungles by night to reinforce their hamlets when the Communists attack."

The American Special Forces live in the jungle among the tribal people and train them in using guns, which had been forbidden

until the Communists began infiltrating. Working in groups of 12, the ASF teams include two medics.

Newman works with the mountain people from headquarters at Dalat, approximately 200 miles northeast of Saigon. He is personally acquainted with Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Mitchell, former Bly residents now stationed in Viet Nam.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION — Marjorie McBride, center, superintendent of Hillcrest State Training School for Girls at Salem, addressed members of the Klamath Falls Classroom Teachers Association Feb. 14 on a subject vital to parents, teachers and the community. Left is Mrs. Anne Overman, president of Klamath Falls Classroom Association, onetime staff member at Hillcrest, and right, Mrs. Dorothea Buck, Klamath Falls, state chairman of the Oregon Association of Juvenile Advisory Councils.

Student Art Wins Honors

Art works submitted by 17 Klamath Falls students received regional honors at the 36th Annual Scholastic Art Awards Competition which opened in Portland Feb. 16. Sponsored in this region by the J. K. Gill Company, the competition was open to Oregon students from grades seven to 12.

Judges selected 900 works for special recognition from more than 4,000 entries. Gold Key awards for outstanding achievement were given to 200 entries, and 100 of these were given Blue Ribbon labels designating higher recognition.

Blue Ribbon works will qualify for the National Scholastic Arts Exhibition, May 6-24, at the exhibition hall of the Union Dimes Savings Bank in New York City.

Senior division Gold Keys and Blue Ribbons were awarded to six Klamath Union High School students including Jim Beene, Kathy Chilcote, Roseann Dearing, Diana Denton, Mary Hyde, and Ruth Spani. Larry Gill of Sacred Heart Academy also received the double honors.

Gold Key works were submitted by Susan Beiber, Henley High

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exhibition as a candidate for a cash award.

The actual presentation of awards will be made Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Gill Company. Plans have been made by 42 students from the KUHS Art Club to attend the Award Assembly and visit several Portland art galleries. The group will leave Friday and return Sunday.

Diana Denton also received two other top awards in the competition. Her portfolio was one of the four selected each year to be sent to New York as prospects for scholarship grants, and she was named for the Hallmark Honor Prize which entitles her entry to be forwarded to the New York

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