ENJOYS WORK — 81-year-old Robert E. McCulley is shown here running a tractor on the Davis Ranch near Cedarville. He loves to spend his time in the fields mowing hay on the Harold Davis Ranch.

Cedarville Oldster Enjoys Helping Stepson On Ranch

By BARBARA JOBE

ALTURAS—"The longest days I have are when I have to lay off and do nothing." On weekends he and his wife Vesta go into the woods and chop and haul the winter wood supply, but during haying time in Modoc County 81-year-old Robert E. McCulley of Cedarville spends his 12 hours each day in the fields mowing hay on his stepson Harold Davis' ranch.

McCulley, a native of Modoc County, has spent all his years in ranching and says the happiest he has had are since he has retired and started working with his grandchildren on the Davis ranch. Retirement to Bob and Vesta merely meant shifting their time and labor over to helping out the grandkids and stepson. He and Vesta help with all the buckarooing on the ranch and spend weeks at a time helping to gather the cattle off the Nevada range. "Vesta can really buckaroo better than me," McCully says proudly of his spry wife, who also helps daughter-in-law Eldred cook for the hay crew.

They sold their ranch in 1953 and retired but kept 160 acres and still run 100 head of sheep to keep from getting bored. This year before going over to the Davis ranch to take over the mowing job, he put up 50 tons of hay on his 160 acres. "Just enough to winter the sheep and Vesta's and my seven head of horses."

"This year granddad had his first accident," his grandson Roger reported. "He cut his finger while sharpening his mower's cycle blade and it sure made him mad. We thought he might have to give up mowing for us a few years ago when we got a new high speed mower to replace the old one he had used for 30 years. He thought it was too fast for him until he found out the salesman who sold them was younger than he and had trouble with them too. Now he can run that mower like a veteran."

McCulley, in commenting on the mower jerked his bandaged thumb toward the hay chopping mill in the next field and commented dryly "All I have to do is keep ahead of that chopper, and I'm two days ahead now."

He wouldn't miss a football or basketball game that his grandson plays in for the Surprise Valley High School and has gone all over the state to watch his granddaughter Judy twirl the baton. He says that the best trip he ever took was last year to the East-West game with the family and grandchildren. He spent New Year's Eve at Disneyland and was quite the life of the party with the family and other tourists. "They sure liked granddad's teasing and his cowboy hat," granddaughter Kathy reported. He took in the Rose Bowl game and the Rose Parade, which he says he is going to see again.

He drives his own car and still hunts and fishes whenever he can get a day off. "I can drive with anyone in the mountains yet, but sure don't want to drive in that danged traffic in the city."

When asked when he was going to retire and take it easy he retorted, "I don't intend to." At the young age of 74 Bob was slowed down a bit with a broken appendix. Complications of acute peritonitis kept him in the hospital for weeks, but now he is hale and hearty as ever with only a slight deafness. He spends a great deal of his time reading and loves all the sports on TV. He has his television set rigged with special earphones for better hearing. ...

McCulley's father and mother were two of the earliest settlers in Modoc County. He was born near Goose Lake, one of 13 children of which eight brothers and sisters are still living. When he was 16 years old he and his two brothers, Lewis and Elmer, went on their own. That was when sheepmen stayed on the range with their sheep the year round. He was on the range up to six months at a time without going to any town, moving the sheep from Warner Valley to the Catlow Valley in Oregon as they grazed from summer to winter feed ground. "The only time we came into the home ranch was during lambing season and to ship."

When he and his brothers sold out their sheep operation they were running 18,000 head of ewes. He was 25 years old when he bought the McCulley and Rea hardware store in Cedarville. He ran this for some years but the love of ranching won out and he sold out to go back into ranching in Surprise Valley. He says that during his lifetime the greatest change he has seen is in the weather in Modoc County. "Why the snow used to be so deep we could only travel on skis. I can remember crossing Goose Lake in May on solid ice. People were isolated all winter and the snow covered the tops of the fence post. One year the snow didn't run off until the 10th of March. The next day we woke up to find 10 inches of new snow on the ground."

When asked how he accounted for the fact that he is still so active and busy while most of his contemporaries are retired at best or many pretty well disabled he snorted, "Ah, they're just lazy."

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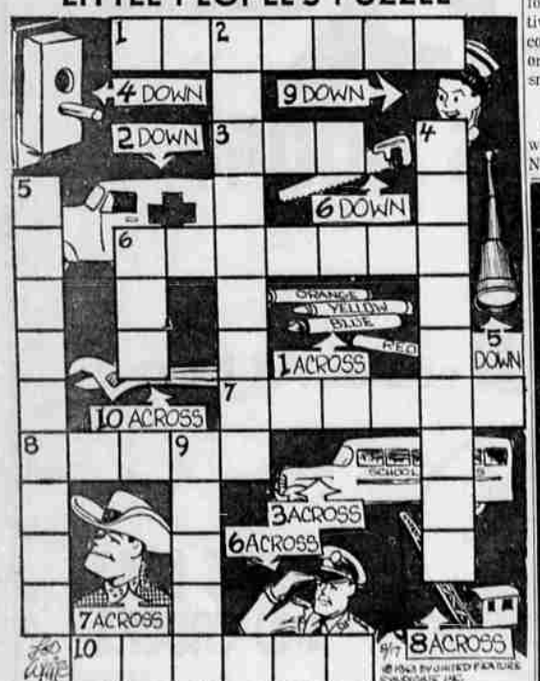

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Big Problem Of Drunks Perplexing To City

By DAN WALTERS

One of the most common scenes in Klamath Falls today is that of a man staggering down a downtown street.

The man may be young, middle-aged or old; white, Indian or Negro.

To the bulk of the citizenry he is "just a drunk."

But he is actually the symbol of a problem that has perplexed civic and government leaders here for years—recurring alcoholism.

Klamath Falls Police in 1962 made 2,603 arrests for non-traffic offenses.

Of these, 1,772—or 68 per cent—were for drunkenness.

The city boasts one of the highest drunk arrest rates in the state.

Police do what they can to keep the drunks off the streets. Many times they are called to a cafe or store to arrest a drunk who is causing a disturbance.

The men are booked under a 34-year-old city ordinance which makes it illegal "for any person or persons to engage in disorderly conduct, fighting, being drunk or under the influence of intoxicating liquor or using obscene or loud or profane language within the limits of the city of Klamath Falls, Ore."

Most of them aren't strangers to police, having gone through the routine time after time.

One man, for instance, was arrested by Klamath Falls Police more than 125 times for drunkenness in a 13-year period.

The period ended with the man's death in 1945.

After booking, the drunks are left in a "tank," or large cell, on the main floor of police headquarters. There, the officer on duty at the desk can watch over them.

If they become sick, police give them aspirin and in some cases, the county-city health officer, Dr. Seth M. Kerron, is called.

Most of these men are struck by a disease called the DTs.

DTs are the deliriums which mark an advanced alcoholic.

The disease is brought on not only by the alcohol which attacks the nervous system, but also by the lack of nourishment.

To calm these stricken men, Dr. Kerron uses a formula of rest, food and vitamins.

But usually the men serve their 10-day terms in jail and are released before the medication can really take effect.

In almost every case, the man who has been released after serving a term for drunkenness will be back in jail on the same charge within a few days—and in some instances within a few hours.

This cycle will continue until the alcohol and lack of nourishment begin to attack the brain. The man will become unable to function and finally will die.

This cycle can be broken, however.

"Sometimes," says Dr. Kerron, "a man realizes he has reached the bottom."

But to break the cycle takes a great amount of will power.

The man must admit to himself that he is an alcoholic. Then, progress can be made.

Some men choose the path of Alcoholics Anonymous. Others are voluntarily committed to the state mental hospital. And a very few are aided by a man in Klamath Falls who operates a way-station for men wishing to remake their lives.

In this house, an alcoholic who wishes to start over can receive up to 10 days of rest and food to dry him out.

Since this way - station opened a year and a half ago, several hundred men have been treated.

Many of these men, given a chance to catch their breaths, are able to move to other towns, find jobs and forget their past.

A prime factor in nearly all treatments is a change in environment.

Even those alcoholics who have been treated at a state hospital will revert to their former lives if they return to the same locales, with the same associates and the same problems.

Not all of the alcoholic cases which are handled through the Klamath County Health Department come through police agencies.

Many alcoholics hold jobs, have families and in other ways lead normal lives.

A case may come to Dr. Kerron's attention through the Klamath County Welfare Department, or a relative of the alcoholic may come to the health department's mental health clinic for assistance.

To these people, Dr. Kerron offers the treatment of medicine and counseling.

The medicine — again mostly vitamins and other nourishments — is designed to combat the physical sickness which attacks the body. The counseling is aimed at the root of the alcoholic problem which lies in the alcoholic's mind.

The best hope for solution of the alcoholic problem in all its forms lies in an understanding and acceptance of it and a determination by the public that it can be licked.

Dr. Kerron says there are signs that this awareness is becoming fact as more and more alcoholics and their relatives take advantage of the rehabilitation services offered.

House Urges New Project

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Reclamation subcommittee was urged Friday to renew its approval of the Crooked River project extension in Eastern Oregon.

Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., and J. Karl Lee, assistant chief of the Interior Department's division of project development, appeared before the committee in behalf of the $995,000 project.

A bill to extend the project to supply water to an additional 2,850 acres was passed by the House last year but the Senate did not act on the legislation.

The Interior Department again reported favorably on the bill introduced by Ullman but asked that it be amended to provide that power for pumping come from The Dalles dam at cost.

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FAMILIAR SIGHT — This is the place where a "drunk" in Klamath Falls spends a lot of his time. At left is the booking window at police headquarters where a man being arrested for being drunk is processed. After booking, he is left in one of the large cells—called tanks—at right.

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