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Committee Reviews Needs of Youth

(Editor's note: This is the second of a series of feature articles by Ann Sullivan on the newly released report of the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth, following two years of work and study by hundreds of people throughout the state of Oregon.)

Heartening progress in citizen awareness of basic health problems is noted in the newly released report of the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth but the committee deals several slaps at public apathy in a number of areas.

A top priority is given to the problem on inadequate health service facilities in many counties of Oregon. The committee writes that since 1950 the number of full-time health departments in the state has decreased from 25 to 16.

Unwilling to Provide Service

"This situation," the report laments, "is chargeable largely to public apathy resulting in inadequacy of funds to support full-time health departments. In more sparsely settled areas there has been unwillingness for two or more counties to get together to provide district health service. The 16 health departments serve 19 counties. There are 14 part-time departments, each with a public health nurse, and three counties have no nurse and provide no public health service to the children."

Oregon has an adequate food supply, but many Oregon children and youth are inadequately nourished, according to the report. Many adolescents consume inadequate diets, particularly serious for girls, since many of them marry and become mothers while still adolescent. The committee makes several recommendations in the field of tuberculosis prevention and treatment.

The committee reports that food allowances from Oregon's Welfare department are inadequate in the allowances for children, and that this is particularly pronounced in large families because of percentage reduction in money allowed for food in families of more than four.

Food Allowances Inadequate

The matter is mentioned both in the section on health, which is being discussed in this article, and in the chapter on child welfare. In the latter it is noted that an elderly couple on old age assistance gets more for food (\$89.50) than does a family of two, an adult and a child, under ADC, where the minimum grant is \$59.50 and the maximum \$75.50 according to the age of the child.

The report notes that Oregon stands favorably in ratio of dentists to population, yet dental care for the medically indigent is not generally provided.

The committee also notes "much public apathy" toward the accept-

ance of fluoridation of water, "which has proved safe and effective (in markedly reducing the number of decayed teeth in children)."

Research Greatly Accelerated

The health chapter notes with pleasure that research into causes of cancer, prematurity, congenital anomalies, mental retardation and muscular dystrophy has been accelerated greatly and there is an increasing concern for the prevention of accidents.

"There has been notable strengthening of Parent-Teacher association health programs," said the report, which also lauded an increase in health facilities for children through enlarged hospital facilities at Doernbecher, expanded pediatric education at the Medical school, completion of the new Dental school and the excellent efforts of the Crippled Children's division.

Other features receiving high praise included safety programs, the poison control registry, statewide hearing conservation programs and increased facilities for premature infants.

Recommendations Reviewed

Brief resume of the recommendations the report makes in the health field:

1. It is recommended that every effort be made to reverse the trend of fewer full-time health departments in Oregon.

2. That increased emphasis be placed on periodic examinations of all children.

3. That more funds be made available for nursing education on both graduate and undergraduate levels.

4. That more emphasis be placed on the teaching of nutrition in the high schools.

5. That continuing educational programs concerning fluoridation of water supplies be presented to the public. It is evident that the majority of citizens are not yet ready to accept fluoridation, so the issue must not be forced.

6. That service be provided for the child with severely handicapping orthodontia conditions. The University of Oregon Dental school or the Crippled Children's division should provide these services on a statewide basis.

7. That a state perinatal (around time of birth) death committee be formed to coordinate the activities and reporting of local hospital committees.

8. That a broadened service for the convalescent patient be provided through extension of visit-

From This Corner . . .

By T.M.B.

Don't be surprised to see the wild ducks and geese flying south instead of north. Our weather has been so confusing they, too, might be turned around.

The normally cold areas were warmer this winter and those that are normally warm were much colder. We presume when the records have been checked that there will be many new ones set, especially for snowfall recorded.

Starting March 17 and lasting through last Saturday, we had some days in the high 70's but it is back to "long underwear" temperature this 29th day of March.

To be observed about town are new dwellings about finished and ready for occupancy . . . Bob Elliott's new tire shop nearing completion on North Main street . . . Chet and Vivian Bowns' Ben Franklin store now open at the new location . . . Nyssa Auto Parts in the process of preparing their newly acquired building for their automotive parts . . . Rex Voeller's King Laundromat busy . . . Fanger Bros. Greenhouse preparing their new floral shop for a grand opening soon . . . and the construction of a new manse for the Faith Lutheran church on the lot adjoining on the west. Joe Chamberlain and John Briehl even looked good to us while shoveling dirt.

Nyssa is growing and will continue to do so—not because of what we are doing but in spite of what we are not doing. It seems that we should have some publicity and some action on Nyssa Industries again. John Dority is driving a Midwest Structural Steel pickup here in town. It has been almost a year since the land was contracted for by the leaders of Nyssa.

Can you lads remember when you began taking an active interest in the girls but didn't quite understand why? Awkward, eh?

A local banker says more than one Nyssa business is at the awkward stage—too much business for the personnel and not enough to hire additional, competent help. They settle by putting in more night hours and some Sunday

ing nurse, homemaker and foster home services.

9. That a consistent policy in regard to the care of the infant with tuberculosis be adopted by the State Tuberculosis hospitals and the Doernbecher hospital and that the state TB hospital be remodeled to provide separate facilities for tuberculosis children.

10. It is recommended that increased emphasis be placed on educational programs to make the home safe from tuberculosis infection through periodic screening of all members of the family and the baby sitters.

11. It is recommended that a regular cycle of tuberculin testing be adopted in the schools, and particularly for the high school age child.

12. It is recommended that provisions be made for adequate medical appraisal of all mentally retarded children receiving special education, aid to dependent children or other public services and that programs for the home training of the mentally retarded be developed.

labor hoping the thing will level off one way or the other.

Not only have we been at this stage, we face it quite frequently in deciding about the size of the paper. Not enough ads for 14 pages but too many for the normal 12.

It has often been said that newspapers advertise for their local customers and fail to do a decent job of selling their paper to the public. It is much like an M.D. prescribing rest and medicine for his patients and never practicing the same on himself. It might be because there is much more personal service involved in getting the paper to the subscriber than is involved in the sale of most products. We don't want to appear in the role of a braggart!

Looking back over some old clippings we see where the Nyssa Planning commission recommended, March 1, making Bower a through street and putting a stop sign at Seventh and King. The council hasn't yet taken any action on either. We can see merit in making Bower a through street. . . . We believe it is much more heavily traveled than the north-south streets crossing it. But we cannot see the need for a stop sign at Seventh and King. The dwellings do not crowd the lots at the corners and one can see very well in both directions and traffic normally is not heavy. If another stop sign is needed on Seventh it is at the intersection with Reece where traffic coming from the south side of Boise Payette cannot be seen.

In the January issue of Teamster magazine, President J. R. Hoffa writes that the Teamster union will have a "modestly" broad legislative program for 1960. It will include such legislation as increasing the federal minimum wage law, strengthening the Walsh-Healy and Davis-Bacon acts, expanding the social security program, expanding the civil rights laws now on the books, enacting depressed area legislation for areas with chronic unemployment problems, improving the federal highway program, and enacting a federal aid to education bill. (In his "modesty" he must have forgotten to include the Forand bill to provide federal medical aid to the aged persons on the social security rolls.)

"You're a funny guy. I call you a skunk, a rotter, a bum and a crook—and you stand there and smile!"
"Sure, I used to be a baseball umpire."

Youth Rally Held At Christian Church

There were approximately sixty in attendance at the protestant youth rally held at the Nyssa Christian church Tuesday evening March 22. The young people enjoyed singing and a talk given by the Rev. Grant Hendrickson of Caldwell.

Refreshments of cake and punch were served at the close of the meeting.

Program Concludes Study of Africa For Methodist Youth

The study of the Belgium Congo for Methodist primary and junior departments ended March 23 after ten sessions.

Hostesses for the social hour were Mmes. Wm. Barton, Gilbert Klinkenberg, Merilean Robbins, Norville Robbins and Ray Huffman.

The primary group exhibited a replica of the first Methodist mission in the Congo, "Wembo Nyama", and sang several songs, one a native tune, complete with drums. Teachers for this department were Mmes. Roy Knoedler, Kinsey Kevern, Kenneth Toomb, and Mrs. Helen Wilson of Apple Valley.

Students of the junior department took part in a skit showing the contrast of life in a native village and that of a city. Teachers for this class were Mmes. W. W. Foster, Bill Wilson and Paul Ludlow.

Forty-eight children, including those from Apple Valley were enrolled in this study which was sponsored by the WSCS and supervised by Mrs. Norville Robbins, children's superintendent and Mrs. Herke Stam, society secretary of children's work.

Owyhee Community Church News

Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Bible study was held at the Howard Finger residence.

Friday, 2 p.m.—Owyhee Missionary circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles Chapin.

Adrian Community Church Events

The regular monthly meeting of the Adrian Mariner's group will be held Sunday evening, April 3, in the church basement with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krieger as hosts. There will be some guests from Boise.

Fidela Amicae will meet on Thursday, April 7, with Linda Bishop.

Nyssa Legion Post Celebrates Birthday Anniversary Sunday

American Legion Post 79 and auxiliary will celebrate the Legion birthday anniversary at a potluck dinner at 4 p.m., Sunday, April 3 at the community hall in Nyssa.

All Legion and auxiliary members and their families are invited to attend. The birthday cake, rolls and coffee will be furnished by the auxiliary.

MARCUM FAMILIES ATTEND 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Murle Marcum and Billy returned March 21 from a five day trip to the Oregon coast. They visited their son and brother, Melvin and family in Eugene.

A highlight of the trip was attending the 50th wedding anniversary of Muri's parents, Mr. and Olney Marcum in Salem, Sunday. They also attended a family reunion dinner with 71 members of the family present. All nine children, 22 grandchildren and six great grandchildren were in attendance.

Methodist Church To Have Special Preaching Series

The Rev. Robert McNeil of Vale Methodist church will be in charge of special preaching series at the Nyssa Methodist church each evening at 8 o'clock, April 4 through 7.

Rev. McNeil is a graduate of Boston University school of theo-



The Rev. Robert McNeil

logy and of Iowa Wesleyan University. While a seminary student he was youth director of the First Methodist church of Boston. He is making an outstanding record as minister at Vale since coming west in June, 1958. He is a summer camp counselor, sub-district youth counselor and member of the conference board of missions. The sermon titles for this series are Monday, "The Gutter Look;" Tuesday, "Suburban Christians;" Wednesday, "Bungalows on Skyscraper Foundations;" Thursday, "Give God a Chance."

Congregational singing will be led by the Rev. Raymond Thompson of the Fruitland Methodist church. Following each service there will be an opportunity to discuss the sermon and problems of Christian living.

Everyone will be welcome at these services.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Schaffer of Lucas, Kansas are visiting at the R. M. Cochran home. Mrs. Schaffer and Mrs. Cochran are sisters.

DO YOU KNOW?

By Mrs. J. W. Rigney
During the next several weeks, the Nyssa schools will be presenting information concerning various areas of school work. The first of these articles will be in the way of an introduction to what may be expected at the next Parent-Teacher meeting, Thursday, April 14.

DO YOU KNOW?
1. How many mentally retarded children are now attending Nyssa schools?

2. The differences between mentally retarded children who are educable and those who are merely trainable?

3. That Ontario people can show us how the special program is working in their school now?

4. The cost in taxation required to keep a child in an institution during a lifetime as compared to the cost of training him to be socially and economically competent?

These questions and a number of others will be answered at the meeting of the Nyssa Parents and Teachers on April 14, 1960.

Many people who are not parents or teachers find these meetings interesting and worthwhile, and everyone is always welcome.

TRIO LEAVES FOR TOLEDO

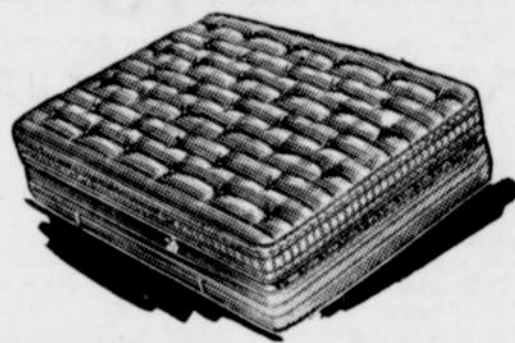
Elmer Jaques left Friday morning for Toledo, Ore., to attend the State Elks' scholarship contest. He was accompanied by Dennis Lynch of Ontario who was winner of the Elks' district contest and also a contestant at Toledo. Jaques was also accompanied by Roy Probasco of Ontario.

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