

Committee Reviews Needs of Youth

(Editor's note: This is the sixth 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.)

A Children's Code commission, charged with the responsibility for a comprehensive review and recodification of all laws relating to children, is recommended to the 1961 legislature by the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth.

The section on juvenile protection services of the newly released committee report states:

"With increase of our knowledge of the needs of children and of the methods most effective in meeting these needs, legislation once appropriate no longer provides the kind of legal base from which programs can be developed to protect and serve the welfare of children."

Programs Termed Inadequate

The report charges a serious legislative lag in efforts to modernize such legislation, largely limited to piecemeal revision and charges that this is "very costly both in money and in terms of human life" because programs for children tend to be inadequate without a coordinated and sound legislative base.

The committee's report notes that the 1939 legislature did make a sweeping revision of the laws pertaining to juvenile court procedures and hailed this "a major step."

The committee recommends that a training course or school for police be established at the state level, with specific training directed toward selected law enforcement members who will be juvenile officers or work with juveniles. The report also seeks an increase in the number of police officers assigned to juvenile work on "an adequate and realistic level."

It is noted that there are only eight police juvenile officers in Oregon outside of the Portland law enforcement agencies.

Recommendations Listed

- Other recommendations:
1. A system of uniform reporting of juvenile offenses.
 2. Continuation of efforts toward uniformity in processing referrals to the proper courts and agencies.
 3. A consultant on police juvenile services at the state level.
- The Juvenile Protection Study committee (sub-committee of the governor's committee) stresses the need for continuing concentration

on the development of a plan which would help local juvenile courts to interpret their program more effectively and gain community understanding and support. Much progress has already been made, the committee points out, mentioning work of the Oregon Juvenile Judges association, legislative efforts and others.

"Basic to effective interpretation of the needs of children and youth," the committee members write, "is an awareness that this cannot be accomplished by professional workers alone but must involve participation of the total community."

Advise Juvenile Councils

The committee suggests juvenile advisory councils be appointed in each county having a population of over 10,000. These would operate to both stimulate community interest in the problems of children and the functioning of the juvenile court and also communicate to the court evaluation of its services in meeting needs of the children and families in its jurisdiction.

Also recommended is the employment of a juvenile court consultant by the state of Oregon. Fifteen other states have such consultants, and they are credited with having done a great deal to improve juvenile court standards and with solving many administrative and relationship problems between the juvenile courts and other departments.

A section on institutions (Villa St. Rose and the Louise Home for Girls in Portland, Hillcrest School of Oregon, Salem, and MacLaren School for Boys, Woodburn) stresses that they exist to provide specialized services to help children with behavior problems and not for punishment.

Communities Must Be Helped
"If the programs offered are to be an effective part of the total treatment program for delinquent children," the recommendations point out, "communities must be helped to realize the necessity for accepting without reference as to length of stay the release of a child into the community."

The staff of the institutions, because of its intensive work with the child, is in the best position to determine the time of release, according to the committee.

Proper diagnostic services, in the institutions and in the communities, are another need, as well as better financial support of institutional programs and facilities so they can do an "optimum" job.

Also stressed are foster home facilities, if needed; community understanding, and successful placement back in the community with proper help and use of religious, health, recreational and welfare services of the community.

Journal Classifieds Get Results!

Magazine Lists Useful Safety Check for Autos

Although the number of passenger cars in the United States has more than doubled since 1940—the total is now nearly 70 million—only 16 states and the District of Columbia require vehicle inspections at least once a year, according to Changing Times, the Kiplinger magazine.

Results of last year's National Community Vehicle Safety-Check reported in the current issue of the magazine, indicate that every fifth car a motorist meets on the highway is a potential menace. In fact, the motorist himself may be driving the one-in-every-five cars that failed to pass the mechanical checkup.

Anticipating the increased traffic ahead during the vacation season, the editors of the magazine recommend the following list be checked the next time the car is lubricated (and again at least every six months):

Lights

Front, parking, rear, license plate, backing, stop—all should be checked. Inspect all bulbs, whether headlights work on both high and low beam, headlight focus, whether turn signals are operating.

Brakes

Is there at least a two-inch clearance between pedal and floor

TO SPEND SUMMER HERE?

Miss Frances Foster arrived in Nyssa recently to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Foster.

Sherry Lee Steinke of Vale is spending a week with her grandmother, Mrs. Ed Steinke. Sherry will go to Boise today for her checkup.

board when they are fully applied? Does the brake pedal sink under constant pressure? Do brakes fade or grab in a quick stop?

Tires

Are treads wearing thin? Do treads and sidewalls have any cracks or cuts? Are there any patches or "boots"—they are not safe at highway speeds.

Steering

Are there more than 2 or 3 inches of play when the steering wheel is turned? Are front tires worn unevenly? Does the car shimmy at any speed?

Exhaust System

Are there cracks or holes in the muffler or exhaust pipe?

Windshield Wipers

Is the rubber deteriorated or dried out?

Glass

Are there cracks or discoloration in the window glass, especially the windshield? Is the rear view mirror cloudy or cracked?

Checking the whole list takes about 15 minutes, the article notes, and it holds at least one key to highway safety.

Adrian High School Graduates of 1942 Hold Sunday Reunion

NEWELL HEIGHTS—Several members of the 1942 graduating class of Adrian high school, and their families, gathered Sunday afternoon at the M. L. Kurtz home for a class reunion. This was the first time in 18 years that so many of the members had been together.

Mrs. Irma Points Over of Bend traveled the greatest distance. Other class members for the occasion included Mrs. Laura Prosser Brock of Owyhee, Mrs. Betty Eachus McGoldrich of Meridian, Mrs. Louise Hinton Klahr of Nodus, Mrs. Rose McGinnis Willis of Adrian, Merrill Tallman of Ridgeview, Marion Dazey of Ontario, Claris Case of Caldwell and Harold Kurtz of Boise.

Also present with their families were Elbert Fretwell of Boise, Delora Hurst Weeks of Myrtle Point, Harold Kurtz of Nyssa, Betty Toomb Phifer and her mother, Mrs. W. Toomb, the Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Moore of Adrian, Mervin and Donna Peterson, also of Adrian, the Dudley Kurtz and David Highland families and a former teacher, Mrs. Alva Watt.

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FORBESS BOYS VISIT HERE

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Mr. and Mrs. Chester Jameson and Bobby of Nampa were Sunday visitors at the home of their niece, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertam.

her husband and daughter of Parma.

Letters were read from members who were unable to attend.

The Mmes. Betty Phifer, Betty Lou Kurtz, Joyce Highland and Meta Kurtz helped serve light refreshments.

SON BORN TO HOWARDS AT HONOLULU HOSPITAL

A son weighing 5 pounds 9 1/4 ounces was born June 6 to SP/4 and Mrs. Thomas G. Howard at Tripler Army hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii.

The baby, named David Raymond, is the first child of the Howards who are residing in Wai-anae, Hawaii.

Grandparents are Mrs. W. R. Howard, route 1, Parma, and Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Cooper of Nyssa.

VISIT FROM COLORADO

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Evans of Fort Collins, Colo., spent last weekend visiting at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves spent Saturday night in Melba visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Poindexter. Sunday the group attended the Gold Rush barbecue at Idaho City.

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