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## A FANTASTIC RULING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Some of the rulings by the U. S. Post Office Department are baffling to say the least.

Newspapers are prohibited by postal laws from making mention of any lottery or game of chance. It becomes extremely difficult at times to print news of church bazaars at which quilts are raffled, or grange meetings where prizes are distributed, or any other major gift enterprise. The postal authorities can think up all kinds of angles to define lotteries and make it tough on newspapers.

The latest is a ruling directed against guessing contests on athletic events.

During football season many newspapers offered prizes to subscribers who turned in accurate predictions regarding scores of principal weekend games. A coupon was printed in the newspaper. Readers listed their predictions, and the best forecasts received cash prizes. The idea was a good-will plan to promote readership interest, but now the postal department comes along and turns thumbs-down, claiming the plan to be a lottery.

The ordinary interpretation is that any gift enterprise to be a lottery must involve some form of compensation or consideration by the person seeking the prize. Purchase of admission tickets, lottery tickets, bingo boards, etc., definitely constitutes a lottery, the postal department rules. The latest brainstorm is that the subscription cost of a newspaper is sufficient consideration to provide basis for a lottery interpretation on the sports events guessing contests. To our mind it's a fantastic ruling, but there it is.

The postmaster is authorized to reject for mailing any edition of a newspaper containing news of a lottery, thus keeping editors and reporters on their toes trying to avoid penalties and still publish the news.

Congress, we believe, should pass some sort of a law which would free newspapers from these freak rulings by postal authorities.

We have been reading recently in one of the popular magazines a series of articles dealing with the obsolete methods of the postal department. Our postal business is one of the nation's biggest financial operations, yet is handled in a most unbusinesslike manner, the author claims. He points particularly to the method of foot deliveries of mail from door to door and urges mobile units to handle collections and deliveries, picking up parcels, selling stamps, etc., bringing the post office to the patron. Any type of free enterprise having the same problems as the postal department would have adopted a mobile system years ago, the writer contends. He further claims that the application of modern business methods would change the postal department from its status of continuing deficit to one of substantial profit margin.

And while we're on the subject of mobile post offices, the announcement comes that the first highway post office in the Pacific Northwest is to leave Portland, Oregon, Monday, Jan. 10.

The highway post office, which has been named "Pony Express," is a 35-foot motor truck especially designed as a mobile post office.

It will serve the towns of Beaverton, Aloha, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Carlton, McMinnville, Amity, Dallas, Monmouth, Independence and intermediate stations between the Portland and Corvallis terminals. A round trip will be made daily with 22 stops to discharge and receive mail.

The first trip of the "Pony Express" reportedly is arousing considerable interest from stamp collectors who are sending self-addressed envelopes to postmasters at Corvallis and Portland to obtain commemorative covers from the Jan. 10 inaugural trip.

## In the Day's News

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... easily than they can be driven. So the Kremlin prefers to WIN the Germans rather than to force them.

WAR prisoners are a tender subject. They have relatives at home. The Germans feel as strongly about these men who are being held in slavery as we would feel. So our demand that they be released, as per agreement, puts us on the side of the Germans and against the cold-blooded slavery practices of Russia.

(We'd rather have the Germans on our side in this ruckus than on the Russian side. As the matter now stands, it's a case of self-preservation, and both sides want all the strength they can get.)

MORE important, of course, from every standpoint would be an exact count of the RUSSIANS who are held in slave labor camps in Russia. That gets down to the root of the whole situation.

War is an ancient and cynical business. In earlier centuries, it was quite the custom to enslave conquered peoples. It isn't at all surprising that Russia, being what she is, should go back to this old

and savage practice.

But she is supposed to be holding millions of HER OWN PEOPLE in slave labor camps. These are people who don't see eye to eye with the rulers of Russia. That, if true, betrays the fact that the Communist rulers of Russia ARE AFRAID OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE.

That tells a significant story.

THERE is another significant tale in the news.

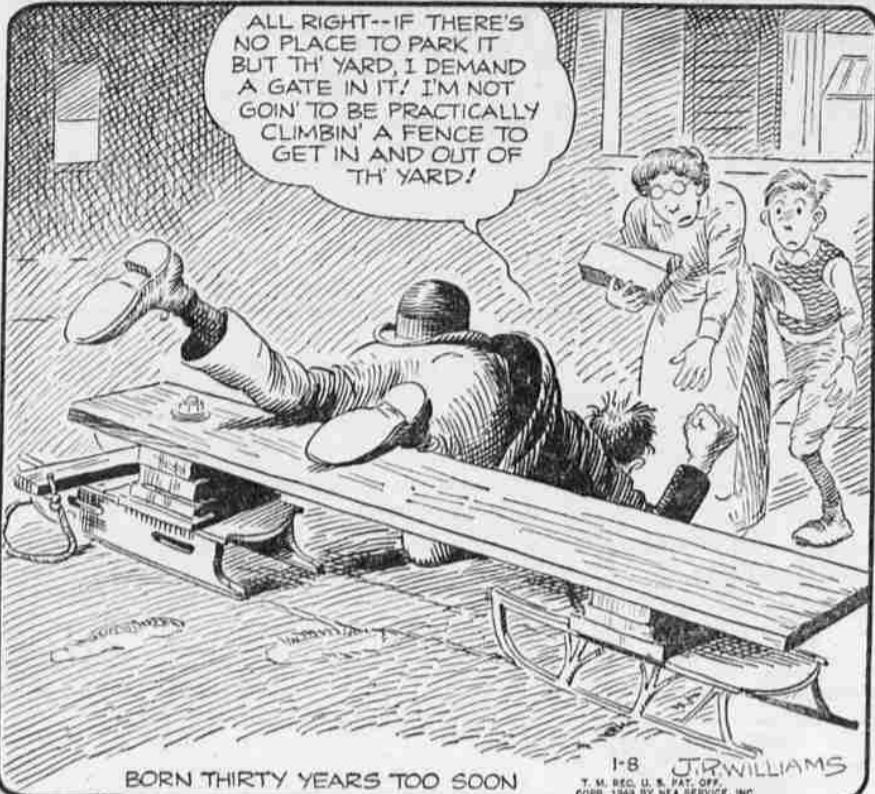
Dr. Bruno Gleize (a German) resigns from the SCIENCE faculty of the Russian-controlled Berlin University. He does so, he says, as a protest against INTOLERABLE DOGMATIC PRESURE.

Webster defines "dogmatic" as "asserting a matter of opinion as if it were a matter of fact." In SCIENCE, you can't substitute opinion for fact without getting into bad trouble.

For example: You can lay down as DOGMA the rule that powder won't explode. But the test is tossing a match into it. If the powder explodes, the dogma is wrong. If you are killed by the resulting explosion, you are as dead as if there had been no dogma.

If the Russians are going to substitute dogma for scientific FACT, they are traveling a dangerous road.

## OUT OUR WAY



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON



By Vianett S. Martin

Fortunately the hens touched by the holiday spirit had been generous, so there were two more eggs to take the place of the ones I didn't soft-boil for Ed's breakfast. It really wasn't my fault the eggs were overlooked! I was doing all right, watching the egg-timer, not daring so much as a glance at the calendar, when a flash of gray on the hill caught my eye. No, it wasn't Mrs. Guinea flying over the gate, as she does a dozen times a day; it was a large gray bird with a speckled breast, a plain gray-back, with a tall black crest on its head.

I called Ed, a bit excitedly perhaps, for he came with one shoe on and carrying one: "Gosh, a fellow never knows what's the matter. After all it might be the house afire!" He leaned on the sink, too, beside me. "Quail," he said, and began reminiscences of his boyhood in the country in Texas.

Suddenly I said, "Oh—the eggs!" He grinned. "Forgot 'em again? Why don't you tell me when you put them in? I can keep my mind on something for three minutes!" He had a look in the pantry. "Couple more. I'll boil these. You tell me how the quail's doing. . . . Long ago I gave up trying to convert Ed to 'hard-boiled' eggs. I like hard-boiled eggs any time but for breakfast.

The hens have emphatic notions about guests who come for dinner. And they see to it none stay if uninvited. But the quail—and Mrs. Guinea—are acceptable. Mr. Bluejay? No! The hens stand in a kind of a "pointing" posture, necks outstretched, their beady eyes riveted on the saucy bluejay perched on a fence post. He watches his chance; swoops down—the hens converge upon him. Off he goes again, with the most uncomplimentary remarks in a raucous screech. After a while the performance is repeated.

It was probably the cold snap that brought so many wild things close to the house? One morning it was a wonder I did any housework at all, for watching out the windows! There was a sapsucker, all day long. It seemed, slip-sipping, clinging to the diamond-ridged bark of our giant maple that is in summer a vast umbrella with a 60-foot 'stick' supporting it. A pair of woodpeckers hunting grubs, and finding them? A flock of tiny creeping birds, too small for sparrows, no tip-titled tall as wrens have; they hunted the bare branches assiduously. Then lastly a big company of grosbeaks: what flashes of white when they flew! And of course Mr. Bluejay—where is Mrs. B?—meddling in everybody's business with officious, noisy chatter.

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

### LEGION SEEKS VETERAN PENSIONS AT 60

(Oregon City Enterprise)  
The American Legion will ask the 81st Congress to enact legislation granting old age pensions of \$60 a month to veterans of both world wars upon reaching 60 years of age. The proposal came out of the special committee of the executive committee and another committee has been named to clarify it in view of previous actions, but a six point directive has been given to the Legion's National Legislative Commission which will formulate the Legion pension bill to be submitted to congress. The six points are:

1. The legislation shall include veterans of both World War I and World War II.  
2. Eligible for pensions shall be veterans who served 90 days or more on active duty or who were discharged for service-connected disability incurred in line of duty and who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.  
3. The pension is to be effective at the attained age of 60 years at the rate of \$60.00 a month and at the attained age of 65 years at the rate of \$90.00 a month.  
4. Before attaining the age of 60 years, the following degree of non-service-connected disability shall be payable:  
\$20.00 a month on a 20 per cent disability rating.  
\$40.00 on 40 per cent.  
\$60.00 on 60 per cent.  
\$90.00 on total disability.  
5. Those veterans having service-connected disabilities and receiving compensation shall continue to receive such benefits and in addition thereto shall be recipients of the old age pension.  
6. Income shall not be considered upon application for pension.

The Legion also is making a sortie into the field for mental illness and its national medical advisory board has called upon the 17,161 posts and 12,666 auxiliaries to undertake a campaign in all communities to encourage the development of mental health clinics and to dispel public pho-

bias about ailments of the mind. Except as mental illness is associated with war service (the Legion says that 53 per cent of all hospitalized patients in the nation are mental cases) the effort in behalf of the mentally ill may not increase the direct cost of war, but the "60 at 60" pension proposal looms very large as a war cost that a good many prominent hospitalizers considered. As the pension plan reaches Congress we look for a lot of false patriotism to explode in public places.

### 22 Flee Hungary by Air To Escape Red Terror

MUNICH, Germany, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A group of refugees who fled Hungary aboard a commandeered plane say they were escaping "Communist terror."  
The fugitives made a surprise landing here Tuesday night aboard a Hungarian National Airways Liner. Twenty-two of those aboard were in the escape plot. Three others said they want to go back to Hungary.  
The pilot, Capt. János Majoros, said he hatched the escape plot because his life was in danger from anti-Communist activities.  
"It was a question of life or death for me to get out," he told newsmen.

### California Gunmen Get Jobless Money

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Two gunmen held up the State Department of Employment office here today and escaped with between \$30,000 and \$40,000 in state unemployment funds.  
The two men, one of them wearing a red bandanna handkerchief over his face, entered the cashier's office on the second floor of the office building at 1609 Mission Street a few minutes after an armored car had delivered the cash.

Add mixed cooked vegetables to a ring of tomato aspic and serve with deviled eggs for a luncheon dish; fill the center of the ring with short sprays of watercress.

By J. R. Williams

## Dimes March Ball To be Sponsored By Active Club

The Roseburg Active Club Wednesday night voted to take on the responsibility of sponsoring the March of Dimes dance the latter part of January. The exact date and place for the dance will be announced as soon as arrangements can be made for a hall and an orchestra. The Army will probably be secured if a satisfactory date can be worked out.

In addition to the dance, the club will put out the coin collection containers in all public places in Roseburg and vicinity, covering the area from Winchester south to Dillard. They will be taken out Jan. 13, in order to be ready for use at the start of the campaign Jan. 14.

Officers for the coming six months were installed. Paul Wray assumed the position of president, replacing Ray Alder. The other officers include Ken Atterbury, vice-president; Lowell Atterbury, secretary; Jack Schoonover, treasurer; Lloyd Nelson, historian; Bill Hansen and Arlo Jacklin, directors for one year, and Carson Chitwood, director for six months. Gordon Todd and Dick Gilman are holdover directors.

## Semester System Urged By U. of O. Faculty

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 7.—(AP)—The University of Oregon faculty Wednesday voted to recommend that the university go on a semester system instead of the "term system" now in effect. The close vote of the faculty group is merely a recommendation to President Harry K. Newburn, and does not bind the president or the State Board of Higher Education to any action.

About 600 colleges and universities in the United States are on the semester system, with two semesters a year, while only about 100 observe the three-term system used now by the University. The University of Oregon operated on the semester system from about 1897 to 1917.

## Ousted Police Chief Hints at Revenge Reason

CHENEY, Wash., Jan. 7.—(AP)—James A. Crawford, 46, Cheney police chief for the past three years, said yesterday he was fired Monday.

He didn't know why, he said, unless it was because he "had stepped on some people's toes in making arrests for traffic violations and so on." He said Mayor Lloyd Holladay signed the letter asking for his resignation.  
"Mr. Crawford resigned and the council accepted his resignation," the mayor said. "His successor has not been chosen." He declined to amplify the statement.

## Don't Ask for Money, Oregon Lawmaker Says

MADRAS, Ore., Jan. 7.—(AP)—A state legislator told his constituents yesterday not to ask for money.

Rep. William B. Morse, who is starting his third term as Crook-Jefferson Counties' representative, declared that Oregon's budget is badly out of balance and should have no more appropriations. Morse, a Prineville businessman, said he would not welcome any request for appropriations, unless they are "absolutely necessary."  
Morse serves on the Ways and Means Committee of the House.

## Evangelist-Magician Dated at Roseburg High

Stanley Cain, evangelist, magician and youth leader will appear at the Senior High School Saturday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. He will use professional magic to illustrate Bible truths.

Before his conversion, Cain was a professional magician, traveling in many Western and Central States and in Canada. He has since been using his magic in this novel form of missionary work.  
He is a graduate of Northwestern Schools, Westmont College, and has attended Winona Lake School of Theology.

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 Sunday Subjects:  
 A. M. "The Lost Coin" by Margaret Plunkett.  
 P. M. "Will Son Be Judged" by Gladys Pearson.



Gladys Pearson

## Girl Found Hanging From Altar Post in Church

PRESTON, Eng., Jan. 6.—(AP)—A German girl was found hanging from the altar post in St. Hilda's Parish Church yesterday, authorities reported today.

The Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt. Rev. Wilfred Marcus Askwith, said he is seeking a ruling from High Church of England authorities whether it will be necessary to reconsecrate the church. Even if it isn't he said, "I shall, in any case, have some sort of service there."

The dead girl was identified as Gertrude Rosa Gammisch, 24, who came to England as a volunteer worker in a cotton mill.

## U. S. Slaps at Dutch For Conduct in Indonesia

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—In a fresh slap at The Netherlands' military action in Indonesia, the United States has recalled its delegate assigned to the United Nations group trying to settle the dispute.

The State Department said it recalled delegate H. Merle Cochran for "consultation" because The Netherlands action had "abruptly interrupted the efforts of the committee of good offices to find through peaceful negotiations a satisfactory settlement of the three-year dispute."

## SKATER DROWNS OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 7.—(AP)—A young man who recently moved to Oregon from Iowa drowned Wednesday when he plunged through the ice on Engle-

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brecht Lake while skating. Police said Keith Wayne Kee-ney, 18, was unable to reach boards thrown toward the hole by a passerby who saw him struggling in the water.

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