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MARK OF THE HOODLUM

By MERLE F. PUGH

It would be erroneous to purport that appearance can be attributed to crime, or vice versa, but police officers, court magistrates and juvenile workers know there are certain marks which identify the hoodlum.

Most common mark of the juvenile hoodlum, aside from an arrogant or disdainful attitude, is the "drake-tail" (dovetail, ducktail or what have you) hair style.

What started out in moderation has now become an overdone work of art on the part of many members of youth gangs. The drake-tail now sometimes is incorporated with a crew-cut top and bleached strands, along with the sweep-around hair on the sides which dovetails at the rear. ("Is that a boy or a girl?" is the query prompted by the rear-end viewer.)

Along with pegged pants, tattoos, etc., such marks of hoodlumism are becoming more prevalent in Douglas County. At the same time, gangsterism is growing, as attested to by Judge Carl C. Hill, who presides over the juvenile court.

The marks of vandalism pinpoint young men in more ways than one. It puts them in a class well known to officers, to victims of vandalism and crime and to others. The youth who sports the marks of a hoodlum creates a ready target for those investigating crime. And, if the drake-tailed youth has been in trouble before, who is the person likely to be questioned in connection with the next law violation?

NO JANUARY TRAFFIC DEATHS

Highway travelers in Douglas County deserve recognition for a record just established. We'll knock on wood before alluding to it, but there were no traffic fatalities in the county during the month of January.

The knock on wood is added to remind motorists that February could also set a record — in the opposite direction.

At this writing, it is not known how long it has been since county roads and highways had a death-free January, but you can bet it has been a long time.

Last year, the death toll began 20 minutes after the new year was heralded. By the time the month ended, there were four deaths on the highways. The year's total was 27, better than in some previous years, but not a commendable record.

It won't be long before No. 1 for 1955 will be marked up. Who wants to head the list?

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Curbside reflections of a Pavement Plato:

Would you hire a plumber who told you he couldn't get hot and cold water from the same faucet?

Probably not, unless every pipe in your house had burst and all the other plumbers had gone to an out-of-town convention. You wouldn't have any faith in the guy.

But in other lines than plumbing, ranging from psychiatry to international diplomacy, there have arisen specialists who find it no trick at all to get hot and cold water from the same faucet.

Our century has seen the decline of the handy man, who could handle almost any task, and the rise of the cult of the specialist. Offhand I can think of only two kinds of handy men left—wives and bus drivers.

Everybody else appears to want to be a specialist. A specialist has been defined as "one who knows more and more about less and less." But much of the befuddlement of modern man comes from the fact he leans for guidance on specialists who disagree among themselves on every point except one—that they are all specialists. Is there any wonder then that educators now worry about what they call an "anti-intellectual" trend in this country?

Is it because the specialists are letting the common man down, and he is therefore rebelling against them?

Specialization is a fine idea in itself. Man's knowledge has grown tremendously. It has been estimated (probably by a specialist in such matters) that no human brain, not even a Harvard sophomore's, can hold more than one millionth of all the facts that are now known.

The question is whether we aren't in danger of getting over-specialized. Are we concentrating so hard in learning all about the little trees we bump into in our daily life that we aren't learning enough about the great big terrible forest we all live in together?

Certainly the ordinary man—and any man today is ordinary outside his own specialty—is getting more and more bewildered. He has more experts now, he should find life simpler because he has more expert opinion to guide him. But often it works the other way. The experts only confuse and baffle him.

For the experts and specialists quarrel among themselves over the real meaning of any set of facts or figures. The plain citizen is still left asking, "What is true? Who is right?"

A husband shoots down his wife's lover in a fit of pique, jealousy or perhaps because the cheap seoundel wouldn't pay his fair share toward the rent. The husband pleads insanity.

Was the husband in his right mind or was he nutty as a pecan orchard? That is all the man in the street wants to know.

But he never finds out for sure.

One of Uncle's Saddest Tragedies



PEERY MEDICALS
BY W.K. PEERY

Roseburg is among a few cities in the Northwest holding rigidly to streets named in honor of early pioneers. Many of these are names that had statewide and national significance in a past time. To many of us today most of them are names and nothing more. Yet we may be assured that the humblest of those men did woman's work, each one helping to further the interest and advancement of his community, its schools, its churches, and other cultural factors that contribute to the spiritual growth of a people. Others were what the people of that time termed the practical men. They were avid for better highways, railroads, for better communication and trade between widely separated places. They built sawmills, gristmills, brick works and public buildings, as well as sub-divisions and privately financed housing projects, as well as organizing the local Chamber of Commerce.

Occasionally you found a man who was a combination of qualities and practical business ability. Such were Joseph Lane and Aaron Rose, the latter the founder of the city of Roseburg. Others, less well known, contributed to the development of the county, but to many they are merely names on a street marker.

Too bad that among our many study groups in the county that none, to our knowledge, is making any organized attempt to gather the life stories of these less known men as part of the comprehensive story of the development of our county. Perhaps there is a feeling abroad that only a few are qualified to gather these broken threads in the early story of our area. Yet there is enough talent in most any community group, if given the proper stimulus and a little coaching by its leaders, that would gather vast stores of early historical lore. We are sure, that once this talent is given direction, members will find it a fascinating work.

The writer has held membership in international service clubs over a long period of years. It seems

Sergeant Claims Major 'Acted Part' As Prisoner

FT. SILL, Okla. (AP) — An Army master sergeant, his sleeves decorated with many medals and overalls, Tuesday testified at the general court martial of Maj. Ambrose H. Nugent that the officer "acted the part" as he read a peace petition to fellow POWs in Korea.

Nugent is charged on 13 counts of collaborating with the enemy while a prisoner of war in Korea. "He made it look like he was selling a bill of goods he believed in himself," M. Sgt. Austin B. Flack, Ft. Benning, Ga., testified. Flack, eighth witness against Nugent, said prisoners in the POW compound in North Korea were forced to attend the meeting in May 1951.

"We were rounded up and if we were able to walk, they forced us into the meeting," Flack said. He added it was part of the compulsion that started off "in what you might say on kindly the east basis and slipped up on you gradually."

Flack said Nugent appeared to be in charge of the meeting. The sergeant said he read a "peace appeal, very slanderous to our country."

"The exact words I can't recall," he told the court. "A man's memory just doesn't hold him that well."

Flack said he tried to leave the meeting without signing the petition. He said he was stopped by a North Korean official named Lee and told there were "ways and means of making us do things."

Churchill Hopes Communists Will Accept Peace Bid

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill expressed the hope Tuesday that the Chinese Communist regime will accept the U.N. Security Council's invitation to discuss a Formosa cease fire.

Churchill told the House of Commons: "The Security Council has decided to send an invitation to the (Communist) Chinese government to attend the discussion."

"Her Majesty's government regarded the Security Council's action as a genuine attempt to seek a peaceful solution and they therefore very much hope that the Chinese government will accept the invitation."

The 70-year-old Prime Minister made the statement in answer to a question. He is host now at a conference of commonwealth prime ministers in London.

Laborite Philip Noel-Baker asked in view of the gravity of the clash between the Chinese Nationalists and Communists whether Churchill would consider sending Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden to New York to sit in on the Security Council meetings next week.

"Is it not plain that debates in the council, and negotiations outside, cannot be adequately dealt with by an official acting on cabled instructions?" Noel-Baker asked.

Churchill replied: "I certainly do not think we have any reason to complain about the way our affairs have been conducted."

Sir Pierson Dixon, veteran career diplomat, is Britain's permanent representative to the United Nations.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA) — When the pretty new Georgia congresswoman, Mrs. Iris Blitch, was formally introduced to the Democratic caucus the other day, one representative whispered loudly, "Mrs. Blitch — can she pitch?"

There was more truth in this question than poetry.

For in the Georgia Democratic primary last year, the new congresswoman defeated Rep. W. M. (Don) Wheeler, who has been a state pitcher for the Democrats in their annual baseball game with the Republicans. Representative Wheeler has been mainly responsible for a string of six consecutive Democratic victories. Last year he pitched a no-hit, no-run game.

REP. CARL ALBERT (D., Okla.) is being kidded by his friends in the House of Representatives for being the first majority whip (assistant leader) who has to take the floor at 2 o'clock in the morning.

Representative Albert is the father of a two-month-old baby, David Ernest, and it is usually the father's chore to give the youngster his 2 a.m. feeding. After Whip Albert's election to succeed Rep. Percy Priest (D., Tenn.), who becomes chairman of the Commerce Committee, it was reported that:

"A sleepy-eyed Representative Albert arose to receive the acclamation of his colleagues. He had been on the floor most of the night before, pacing up and down with his new baby."

TOM MECHLING, the bold young newspaperman and Democratic David who twice tried to win election to the U. S. Senate from Nevada, and twice lost, has given up politics.

The Democratic machine, built up by the late Sen. Pat McCarran, was just too much of a Go-liath for Mechling to beat. Knowing when he was licked, he moved to San Francisco to do public relations work.

In his new job, however, young

Reader Opinions

Reader Backs Up Judge On Delinquency Problem

ROSEBURG — No doubt most of the public has been reading of the destruction done to homes and other private property by vandalism. Jan. 21 in the News-Review we read a report of Judge Hill to get tough with juvenile gangsters.

In this article, to quote Judge Hill, parents to take stock of what their children are doing and the company they keep. Much trouble lies with parents' attitude and lack of guidance at home. To be sure there are few words in this important advice, but parental attitude and home guidance covers a great deal.

It does not seem reasonable for our judges to have to devote their time to correct these juveniles.

We also read of Judge Wimberly ordering a young man to make a tour of the state prison instead of sending him there for several years. Perhaps this will do him some good.

Once I saw Judge Wimberly pass a life sentence on a young habitual criminal, but before he did, he tried every way to get the criminal to say one word in his own defense, which he would not do.

These judges do not enjoy sending young men or boys to prison, but the law demands it.

So many parents only glance at a student's report card to sign it, never to study the different subjects and credits their child is getting. And if the child is chastised in school then there is ill feeling against the teacher.

Also there are the parents who furnish their children a car to ride to school instead of using the school bus, which the taxpayers furnish, and the child is never questioned when he remains out to 3 a.m. or all night.

A few days ago we read where the Dawson home two miles east of Roseburg was greatly damaged and several valuable articles stolen by three youngsters who were caught by a sheriff's officer.

Sunday a friend drove me to look at the Cloverdale homes. The sight was terrible. Almost new vacant homes with windows broken, screens torn off, doors broken, light fixtures broken, furnaces wrecked and in one home the young gangsters got up in the attic and wrecked the ceiling plaster.

Much of the destruction was done with BB guns.

Now who is to correct these young outlaws? Is it to be our judges, or would it be better to leave parents to pay all damages? There is no doubt, with the parent shielding their child in crime, the next school will be the penitentiary or training school and the son will blame his parents for the rest of his life.

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Roseburg, Ore.

(Editor's Note: Criminal and juvenile court judges cannot require parents to pay damages incurred by their offspring. If parents do not feel morally bound to pay the damages, the person damaged may take recourse in civil courts.)

Income Tax Cut Proposal Under Study In House

WASHINGTON (AP) — A personal income tax cut tied to a proposed extension of present corporation income tax rates is being studied by House members seeking action this year.

Some Democratic strategists were reported as believing the combined action might give the bill a chance for passage, despite opposition to a personal tax cut from President Eisenhower and Chairman Byrd (D-La.) of the Senate Finance Committee.

Rep. Rodds (D-La.), a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, Sunday suggested that plan as a possible procedure and predicted a general income tax cut would be passed by the House before June.

Majority Leader McCormack (D-Mass.) said "strong sentiment" is appearing among House members for action this year.

The corporation tax extension, which Eisenhower has asked, would avoid a two-billion-dollar drop in government revenues now scheduled to take effect April 1.

Sponsoring Democrats say an annual tax cut of \$20 for each taxpayer and dependent would cost the government only \$1,400,000,000 a year. Combination of the two would cut revenues less than failure to win the corporate extension, they contend, and thus would improve the bill's chances.

Eisenhower has asked that all present tax rates be continued this year, but held out hope for some reductions next year.

Joseph Ryan Sentenced To Six Months, Fined

NEW YORK (AP) — Joseph P. Ryan, 71-year-old former union boss of New York's dock workers, was sentenced to six months in prison and a \$2,500 fine Tuesday for accepting money illegally from a firm hiring his union members.

His lawyer had pleaded for mercy for the aging Ryan, describing him as "a man broken physically and broken mentally."

Federal Judge Edmund L. Palmieri said he had no doubt of Ryan's guilt. However, the prison sentence was only half the maximum.

Ryan now is president emeritus of the International Longshoremen's Assn., which recently won a bitter fight to represent the city's dock men.

The union formerly was affiliated with the AFL, but was kicked out when it failed to rid itself of criminal elements.

Governor Finds Opposition To Tax Program As Session Winds Up Its Third Week

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.
SALEM (AP) — Gov. Paul Patterson's plea for higher unemployment benefits and bigger payroll taxes on employers has run into the same stormy weather that has struck his tax program.

As the Legislature coasted along to end its third week, the governor wasn't doing too well.

Employers, who say they can't afford the higher payroll taxes that would be needed to pay the bigger benefits, propose that the employees and the public might pay part of the cost. They don't mind increasing the benefits, though, but they suggest making a lot of people pay to get them.

Opposition to the governor's program to have a state property tax and to take away the federal income tax deduction on state income tax returns comes from the governor's fellow Republicans.

The bill to raise the \$25 maximum weekly benefit to \$35 was introduced Friday. The measure to extend coverage to employers of fewer than four persons was submitted two weeks ago. But there's no sign yet of the bills to boost the employer taxes.

The Legislature's pace slowed down in the third week, with presiding officers of both houses pleading that the members introduce their bills.

There have been 360 bills introduced, compared with 371 at the same point two years ago. About 1,200 bills probably will be placed before the Legislature before it's over.

The governor's power recommendations, which consist of sending three memorials to Congress, made some headway. The House, over strong Democratic opposition, passed memorials urging construction of John Day, Green Peter and Cougar dams. They are now in the Senate.

Another major power issue—whether Oregon should ratify the proposed Columbia River Compact—was introduced in the Senate this week. A public hearing is scheduled Feb. 7. Gov. Patterson hasn't said yet what he thinks of the compact.

As if the Legislature didn't have enough to quarrel about already, it got a few more hot subjects this week.

The freight rate fight between

the railroads and trucks shaped up with introduction of two bills. One would let the state set minimum freight rates for railroads, as it does for trucks. Then the railroads were made happy when a bill was introduced to abolish all minimum rates, for every kind of transportation.

Another battle that was unexpected loomed when Sens. Harry Boivin, Klamath Falls, and Pat Lonergan, Portland, said they would ask for creation of a Senate Un-American Activities Committee. Labor, asking for higher unemployment benefits, also sought a 35 per cent boost in industrial accident payments. It also requested that these benefits be extended so they would cover accidents which are not caused by violent or external means.

Gov. Patterson's tax program was finally introduced in the House, but the Taxation Committee won't get around to it for about three more weeks. The Democrats will say next Tuesday what taxes they want to balance the budget.

The State Tax Commission said income tax receipts last year were down 11 per cent. It refused the House Tax Committee's request that it revise upward its revenue estimates for the next two years. This leaves the budget deficit still at \$53,000,000.

Other new argumentative bills submitted during the week would ban fishing derbies, let the state police use radar to catch speeding motorists, have compulsory state meat inspection, and ban wire tapping.

The Legislature now has reached the point where each house has a few bills to pass each day, but the committees aren't getting them back to the floor very fast.

Gov. Patterson, who has been taking some knocks because of his recommendations, got a bouquet from the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

This committee issued a statement saying that the governor's budget is the best one it ever saw. It called the budget "light and realistic."

There's not much hope there that the Legislature can trim spending very much, it means that the Tax Committee just will have to figure out a way to raise the money to meet it.

7th Fleet Warships Steam Into Unidentified Waters To Assist With Evacuation

By FORREST EDWARDS

With the U.S. 7th Fleet steamships of the 7th Fleet steamed into unidentified waters Tuesday ready to participate in the evacuation of the Red-throated Tachens if ordered.

Ships and men held themselves alert and ready for any possibility but had received no specific orders concerning possible action in the Tachens.

Rear Adm. Stanhope C. Ring, commander of Task Force 77, said his force was on a training mission designed to "bring to a peak and maintain the highest degree of combat proficiency."

Swift Cougars, Bluebees and Panther jets and longer range propeller driven Skyraiders roared off

pitching carrier decks at much more frequent intervals than when it cruised with this carrier three weeks ago in Philippine waters.

The pilots said the program of training flights had been stepped up by approximately 5 per cent. Planes carry ammunition on all flights and pilots have orders to defend themselves against any attack.

Neither pilots nor higher authorities aboard the carrier would comment when asked if the pilots had orders to pursue any plane that might attack, should the attacking plane return to the mainland China base.

The increased training schedule, coupled with the fact the ships now are operating in troubled area, shows up in increased awareness the alertness of crew and pilots.

Shortly after I was landed aboard this carrier Tuesday by a Skyraider, the ship radar located an unidentified plane in the area. The response to the alert was speedier, snappier and more efficient than drill action during previous training cruise off the Philippines.

But there is no noticeable uneasiness or undue tenseness aboard.

Navy sources aboard ship and at Taipei remain mum on the possibilities, but China sources in a position to have information pre-dict the U.S. ships will participate in the actual evacuation in addition to furnishing air and sea cover for the operation.

Race Is Started To Be First With Aid To Schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Eisenhower administration and the Democratic-controlled Senate Labor Committee headed into a race Tuesday to be first out with a proposal for federal aid to public school construction.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said late Monday that President Eisenhower probably will send Congress a "school aid message next week instead of Feb. 15 as originally scheduled."

A few minutes later the committee wound up three days of hearings on the same topic and a staff member said the group would attempt to send a bill to the Senate within a week.

The committee is pointing toward immediate emergency steps to take the edge off a shortage of an estimated 370,000 public school classrooms. Chairman Hill (D-Ala.) and other Senate Democrats introduced bills calling for 500 million dollars in federal school construction help to hard-pressed communities over the next two fiscal years.

Exactly what the President will propose is not known. The only authoritative hint that his plan may call for emergency as well as long-range aid came in a remark by Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ) during a committee session last Friday. There has been speculation that Eisenhower may recommend federal guarantee of state school bonds.

Get-Rich-Quick Bond Plan Foiled By Officers

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — A get-rich-quick savings bond scheme operating here has been squashed, postal authorities announced.

The scheme, another version of the old chain letter plan, extended to getting up to \$3,000 for an investment of \$37.50.

Postmaster Thomas Simpson said he had received official notification from Washington that bonds purchased in furtherance of the scheme are non-negotiable, and called on residents to sign pledges they won't accept any bonds through the mails henceforth.

Health Program Faces Doubtful Future, Report

WASHINGTON (AP) — The reaction of key Democrats in Congress indicated Tuesday that President Eisenhower's health program faces a long look and a doubtful future.

In a special message Monday, Eisenhower again urged a government reinsurance service to back up private health insurance firms if they will expand their coverage and benefits.

And he called also for federal grants for mental health projects, increased aid for nurses' training, government mortgage insurance for building private health facilities, federal grants to improve health care for the needy, and aid in training public health specialists.

No one argued with the President's avowed goal of "better health for all," but some key Democrats in Congress voiced doubt if Eisenhower's program would be effective in reaching that goal.

Republican leaders generally applauded the message.

House majority leader McCormack (D-Mass.) said the President's program "is inadequate to meet the needs."

Chairman Priest (D-Tenn.) of the House Commerce Committee, which handles most health legislation, said the health reinsurance plan was "considerably improved" over a similar program requested by Eisenhower last year and soundly beaten in the House.

But Priest declined to endorse it, or predict the prospects for it, until further details are disclosed.