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AGE OF MARRYING

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Grandmother married at 17, a shockingly youthful age it seemed to her grandchildren. Somewhere in the twenties, was the approved age for entering into wedlock according to the prevailing mode or mood at the turn of the century. Of course if the opportunity didn't present itself in the 20s it could be seized in later years if it passed close enough to be grabbed and held. Came the war and the old notions about the proper age for marrying were tossed out the window. The imminent prospect of separation for years, perhaps forever, impelled young folks to throng to marriage altars, and not yet have the averages been reversed. No longer do young people wait until they are all through college and perhaps until the groom-to-be is secure in his occupation before taking their marriage vows. Many marry before finishing college, though the proportion of married students is less than in the immediate postwar days when ex-GIs thronged the campuses. College authorities evidently think the style is here to stay, for we observed at the University of Iowa a brand new dormitory specially planned for married students, built to replace the temporary quarters thrown up for them after the late war.

A writer in the New York Times Magazine discusses the trend toward marrying younger, and offers as explanation the fact that uncertainties about the future which might be expected to delay marriage actually work to spur young folk into matrimony earlier. The change in age levels, however, the author traces back into the last century. In 1890 the median age of grooms was 26.7 years; of brides 22. Now the median for men is about 22.5 and for girls about 20. Couples are having their babies earlier, too. Today, this article reports 30 per cent of mothers of first babies are 19 years old or younger. Also they are having more babies and spacing them closer together.

One thing is clear, the older generation has gotten well over its shock at 'teen age marriages. They are taken in stride now, with the universal hope that when love finds a way all will turn out for the best. And what fuddy-duddies those prophets of race suicide have been proved to be. For our part we have come to the conclusion that the coming generation will be amply able to take care of itself.

COUNTY JUDGE OR COMMISSIONER?

Oregon Statesman, Salem

Historically the county judge in Oregon functioned as a judge as well as an administering officer. His judicial powers were limited, being confined usually to probate of estates, handling cases of juvenile delinquency and commitments to mental hospitals. He served also as chairman of the board of county commissioners. In a number of the counties his judicial duties have been transferred to the circuit court (Marion is one of these counties), but the office of county judge remains unless the title has been changed by law as in the case of Multnomah and Lane counties. There the official is designated as a commissioner, one of three; and the commission elects its own chairman.

A representative from Clackamas county has introduced a bill to make a similar change for his county where the judge is no longer a judicial officer. A similar change might be considered for this county.

There is this possible objection, however. The people would no longer be designating the chairman of the county board. The present title with the accompanying responsibility as chairman does give primacy to the office which may justify its continuance even though it has become a misnomer. Something for the people to think over anyway.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Names make news, and right now Mr. Hammer is making world news.

So are George Little, Nick Beetle, George Bug, and Nicholas Scandalmaker.

They've been plotting and feuding ever since old Mr. Steel died—a death that made big headlines in every front page in America.

Never heard of them. Of course you have. But not spelled that way. They are the English translations of the names of some top Soviet leaders—Molotov, Malenkov, Khrushchev, Khukov, Bulganin and the late Joe Stalin.

Lets take a peek behind the Iron Curtain and see how the Russians get the names that sound so odd to us and, indeed, often do have an odder origin than our own names. Our information comes from Tom Whitney, who had ample opportunity to study Russian nomenclature during a 7-year assignment as an Associated Press correspondent in Moscow.

Most Russian names, like many well known American names, have a meaning, but the meaning is often less obscure.

Many Russian first names have a Christian origin, such as Mikhail (Michael, Pyotr (Peter or Nikita (a variation of Nicholas).

Some names come from professions. Thus Mr. Miller in Russia is Mr. Melnikov. Mr. Smith is Mr. Kuznetsov. Instead of keeping up with the Jones, your problem in Russia would be to match the income of the Ivanovs. Ivanov, meaning "Son of John," is the most common family name in Russia. Just as Ivan is the most common Christian name.

A number of names come from places or nationalities. Mr. Moskovsky is Mr. Moscow. Mr. Khokhlov is derived from "Khokhol," a slightly contemptuous nickname for a Ukrainian.

Deputy Premier Maksim Saburov, Mikhail Pervukhin and A. N. Kozynin—Mr. Maxim Alosa, Mike First, and Mr. A. N. Reaper.

Atomic weapons czar V. A. Malyshev—Mr. V. A. Littleboy. Communist Party Central Committee members P. N. Pospelov, M. A. Suslov and N. N. Shatalin.

—Mr. Peter Ripe, Mr. M. A. Gopher, and Mr. N. M. Watering (which, according to some reports, is just what he's doing).

That sums up the situation, except to point out that if former Poliburo member Andrei Andreyevich Andreyev had been born in America he would be known as Andrew Andrew-son Andrews.

On the other hand, if Henry Ford had been born in Russia he'd have had to get used to hearing himself called Genrikh Brodsky.

Government Asks Court To Throw Out O & C Suit

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government has asked the Supreme Court to dismiss a Clackamas County Ore. suit to force distribution of timber sale receipts to 18 Western Oregon counties.

A Justice Department attorney, Tom McKeivitt, said the action was taken as a result of an Interior Department announcement earlier this week that checks for the impounded funds had been mailed to the counties under terms of a 1934 law.

Inasmuch as the funds have been distributed, McKeivitt said it is the government's position that there is nothing for the court to decide.

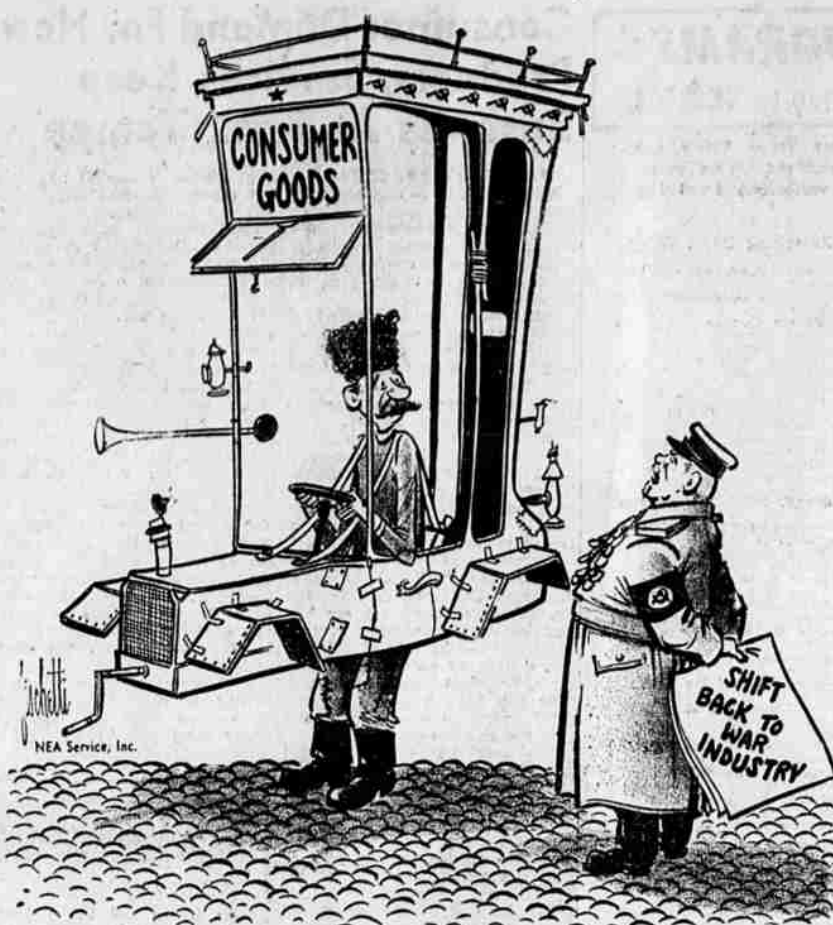
Circuit Court

Complaints Filed

Umpqua National Bank vs. Van-vel S. Welch and others. Plaintiff asks judgment and foreclosure of \$6,900 chattel mortgage in the purchase of a power shovel.

H. W. and Gladys Irene Sanders vs. Ernest Nazelrod. Plaintiff seeks recovery of \$1,547.95 claimed due on promissory note.

"You'll Have To Give Up Your Car, Comrade"



Peter Edson

Reader Opinions

WASHINGTON (NEA)—President Eisenhower's special message to Congress on his Formosa fight policy resolution got reduced to a football game when the subject reached the Senate floor for debate.

Explaining that "I used to play football badly," Senator Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts (Harvard, 1914) said: "A player, let us assume, is about to throw a forward pass. Is the opposing team going to let him throw the pass without any effort to defend its own goal line? Or is it going to stop him? We see that situation in every game of football we watch."

But Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee (U. of Tenn., 1924) interpreted this analogy as meaning preventive war. What Senator Saltonstall was saying in effect, said Senator Kefauver, was "that if you see a fellow about to throw a pass, you jump in first to break it up."

"Yes; but you do this only after the game has started," observed Senator William F. Knowland of California (U. of Calif., 1930).

"No!" objected Senator Kefauver. "He (President Eisenhower, West Point, 1915) did not say anything about waiting until after the football game had started."

Senator Saltonstall then gave his interpretation of the rules. "As the senator from California, who has played football, perhaps more recently than I, knows, one cannot throw a forward pass until after the game has started."

ATOMIC ENERGY Commission Chairman Lewis L. Strauss recently sent a letter to Herbert L. Block, a Washington cartoonist who has been pretty critical of AEC policies in his drawings. The letter said:

"Before you run me out of town, would you mind sending me one of your originals, for my collection?"

CARLETON SMITH, head of the National Arts Foundation in New York, is trying to cook up a unique program to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of his home town, Bement, Ill.

Senate Approves Emergency Clause On Tax Measures; Opposes Tariff Reduction

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Senate approved legislation Friday to allow emergency clauses on tax bills, and opposed President Eisenhower's tariff reduction policy as it applies to farm products.

The emergency clause resolution, which would be submitted to the people in November, 1956, was passed 23 to 7, while the tariff measure won 20-10 approval.

Both measures go to the House. Allowing the Legislature to attach emergency clauses to tax bills would make it impossible for the people to attack them by referendum.

Under present practice, filing of referendum petitions postpones bills from going into effect until the general election of November of the year after the one in which they are passed.

Sen. Lee Ohmart, Salem, pleaded that the people should let the Legislature vote tax policies without having them held up and defeated by the referendum.

"This would let the 1957 Legislature, if the people pass this resolution, get the tools to squarely meet the state's fiscal problem. Oregon is the only state that does not permit emergency clauses on tax measures."

"This is not an approach to a sales tax, but that could be the end result. But a sales tax still is inevitable in Oregon," Ohmart said. He pointed out that the governor has the power to veto emergency clauses, and that the people can initiate measures to repeal any laws.

The attack against the measure was led by Sen. Robert D. Holmes, Gearhart Democrat, who called it "an attempt to weaken the initiative and referendum. If we adopt a sound tax program, the people will sustain us."

Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie Democrat, said "this measure would make it possible for the Legislature to impose upon the people a program that would disrupt our economic policy. The people have such a fundamental distrust of the Legislature that they have voted five times against sales tax bills that were passed by the Legislature. Oregon has the best tax system now, and the people are responsible."

Voting against the measure were Sens. Phil Brady, Joseph K. Carson, Harry George, John Merrifield, all of Portland; Carl Francis, Dayton; Sweetland and Holmes. All are Democrats except Francis and Merrifield.

House passage also is expected, since 33 of the 60 House members joined in introducing it.

On the memorial to Congress asking that there be no tariff reductions on farm products, 17 Republicans and three Democrats supported it. Seven Republicans and three Democrats opposed.

The measure, introduced only three days ago, took the Senate by surprise, with Sen. John Hunsell, Hood River, sponsor, getting the Senate to suspend its rules to get it considered. The Senate suspended

History Of Gymkhana Reviewed By Reader

SUTHERLIN—I would like to correct a statement made by the Douglas County Mounted in the News-Review, Feb. 10th, regarding the history of the first Gymkhana in Roseburg.

In Nov. 1952 a committee from the Timberline Trail Riders of Sutherlin met with each of the saddle clubs in Douglas County, i.e. Yoncalla Saddle Club of Yoncalla, Elktion Saddle Club of Elktion, Trail Dust Saddle Club of Roseburg and Myrtle Creek Saddle Pals of Myrtle Creek, to discuss the possibilities of a county association for the purpose of creating further interest in horses and competitive activities among the clubs. Games on horseback to prove the ability, training, and speed of the horses and riders were decided upon. Rules and regulations were to correspond closely with the Oregon Association of Mounted Possees. They decided to call it a Gymkhana, a word relatively unfamiliar to most of this area at that time.

The word Gymkhana does not mean mainly horse racing. It covers almost every other sport on horseback but racing.

The five saddle clubs, Yoncalla, Elktion, Trail Dust, Saddle Pals and Timberline Trail Riders formed their Association shortly after the meetings and the name Douglas County Saddle Club Association was chosen. (Please do not confuse this with saddle clubs of similar name). Two Gymkhana meetings a year were held: Spring of 1953, Yoncalla Saddle Club at Yoncalla and the fall Gymkhana, sponsored by the Trail Dust Saddle Club and held at the Douglas County Fair Grounds in Roseburg; 1954 spring meet, the Elktion Saddle Club at Elktion and fall meet, Timberline Trail Riders at Sutherlin.

The next Douglas County Saddle Club official association Gymkhana will be held this spring at Myrtle Creek, the Myrtle Creek Saddle Pals sponsoring.

So, if a Gymkhana is making history in Roseburg for firsts in recent years the credit should go to the Trail Dust Saddle Club, members in excellent standing of the Douglas County Saddle Club Association.

DOROTHY J. COLLINS, Sec.-Treas. Timberline Trail Riders of Sutherlin.

KP Drum-Bugle Corps Impresses Sports Fans

CORVALLIS—On Monday night, February 14, the forty-five piece Knights of Pythias Drum and Bugle Corps of Roseburg performed at a Gill Coliseum in Corvallis before 7100 fans attending the OSC basketball game.

We have received much favorable comment from this group and I wanted to pass the word back to the people of Roseburg what an outstanding group of youngsters they have in this drum and bugle corps. The hard work of Director Bill Black has born fruit as this group did a marvelous job of entertaining.

It was certainly our pleasure to have them on as half-time entertainers and we hope that they can come back next year. Your chamber of commerce is indeed fortunate that a group such as this is making appearances throughout the state carrying the banner of Roseburg wherever it goes.

JAMES G. BARRATT, Athletics Business Manager Oregon State College

Groups, Individuals Delving Into State Business Lauded

By ESTHER GEDDES
Legislative Correspondent

I cannot say too much in the way of commendation and encouragement for those individuals and groups who are making an intelligent effort to become acquainted with the activities of state government and the business of the Legislature.

More than at any recent session, members of the Legislature are receiving informative and helpful letters from their constituents relative to the measures being considered. It is a real help in formulating opinion and guiding decisions.

Sen. Geddes was particularly thrilled, and I wish to make some public mention of the fact that the Sutherlin City Council members have taken the time to discuss and analyze some 30 legislative measures, dealing largely with public problems, and to express their approval or disapproval of these measures.

No small amount of work is necessary to form an opinion on that many measures, and the expression of the opinion is most welcome here in Salem.

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