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THE LIFE OF AN EDITOR

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Trials and tribulations of an editor:
It has always been the policy of *The News-Review* to cooperate as fully as possible with the activities of students in our school system. This cooperation often is expensive, but the expense has been cheerfully accepted as part of the news service which *The News-Review* endeavors to give the community.

We really went overboard in publicizing Douglas High School's presentations of "Oklahoma!" We believed such publicity to be deserved in view of the fact that this was the first time the ambitious production had been undertaken by an amateur cast.

But we appear to have aroused violent jealousy. A Roseburg Senior High School bulletin issued Friday contains the following lead paragraph:

The high school opera, "The Desert Song," will be given March 9 & 10 in the high school. Our local newspaper doesn't seem to be giving us the necessary coverage in its daily paper. Therefore we will have to use the old medium of "word of mouth" to let everyone know. It looks like we will have to paddle our own canoe instead of letting the News-Review.

Adults Join Protest

The jealousy of Roseburg High School students is understandable. It is rather hard to understand, however, why adult faculty leadership would lend encouragement to the widely distributed student protest.

But because the charge against *The News-Review* has been generally circulated, we believe we are entitled to call attention to a few facts.

Based on unit costs, *The News-Review* has spent approximately \$35 in providing free publicity for the forthcoming Roseburg High School opera in editions prior to this date.

Pictures and publicity material prepared and on hand for release this week, and on which expense already has been incurred, calls for another \$40. In addition, plans had been made for further picture coverage. Each picture made by a *News-Review* photographer and processed through the engraving plant represents an actual cost of around \$10.

Inasmuch as the Roseburg High School production is not to be given until the 9th and 10th, obviously *The News-Review's* publicity on behalf of the show has not been completed, and criticism of failure to cooperate is premature.

Furthermore, the opera's director had requested advance picture coverage to be spread out over several days, rather than being concentrated, and he was assured his wish would be granted.

Mountain Out Of Molehill

Possibly I am making a mountain out of a molehill in presenting the criticism contained in the high school bulletin. An editor gets lots of criticism. Usually it can be shrugged off, or borne without resentment. But, in this case, I believe the students "hollered before they were hurt," as the old saying goes. And, because those of us who work for *The News-Review* are very fond of our high school students, in Roseburg and throughout the county, and because we have endeavored to the best of our ability, and at much expense, to cooperate with them in all their activities, we are hurt more by this criticism than would be the case otherwise.

It is my hope that in the future when high school students have a "beef" against *The News-Review* they will come in and talk it over. I do not believe the criticism would have been made had the students been aware of the material already prepared and the further plans for co-operation.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — To me Deborah Kerr is one of the most beautiful and talented beings I have seen. She is a her with a whirl-r-r-r.

To meet and talk with her in person was still, after all the movie people I had met, something of a personal adventure. She sits in me the kind of goose pimples I used to feel when I wore real pimples.

I am beyond true paralyzing stage fright, but I came out of the brightness down the steps into the considered twilight of the 21 Restaurant with some awe, not out of respect for the restaurant but out of respect for the actress I used to see.

At the greeting table very close to the entrance I identified myself, said I was to see Deborah Kerr, mentioned that she would be accompanied by a Mr. Leonard Wayne of Paramount Pictures.

"Is she here?" I asked of the dark, not unhandsome attendant. "No," he said positively.

He didn't encourage me to linger. "I'll wait in here," I said, uncomfortably, moving into the lounge area.

Big black brows didn't say yes or no. So I slid into a chair. Nervously I fingered my wallet. It was still there. There was no money in it but I knew it held an identity card from the U.S. Department of Defense, and I figured that in an emergency I could haul it out and cry, if confronted by a black-eyed doorman. "See this?"

I looked at the western drawings of Frederic Remington on the wall. They seemed terribly remote and long ago.

An elderly man near the door growled and half started from his chair.

"Wall Street must have collapsed," I thought nervously. But apparently it hadn't. Because the old man puffed back contentedly in his seat, like a smiling faced balloon.

This is one of the 10 great restaurants of the western world. I had come in at 5:23 p.m. stuffed with superb hashish as sold by P. J. Himself. Mortality, owner

of a sixth Avenue emporium of hunger.

A dignified lady passing by me gave a \$12.45 bill; at least it sounded like \$12.45—give or take half a buck. I felt justified in giving a dignified \$1.75 burp back based on the haddock.

No, reply. Silence. Class will always tell.

I picked up a copy of the New Yorker, smiled at the cartoons, glanced at the short pieces in its talk of the Town section, looked at the signatures of the fiction pieces.

Then I started looking at my watch. Had Deborah Kerr stood me up? It was quite a distinction, but one that somehow I didn't want. She was one of the Hollywood few I really wanted to see.

The black-browed man at the door grumbled vaguely at his table. I hurriedly reached for "Forbes," a magazine that has to do with business, and tried to read but myself would realize my interest was purely temporary, and not mercenary.

Then a tall young man, glided in layers of rancor between a birth day cake and an admiral, came up at 5:45 p.m. and said in a tone as apologetic as an usher who has sealed a guest wrong in the theatrical at a cardinal's first mass.

"You were to see Miss Kerr?"

She had been there all along, patiently waiting for half an hour. As I turned the corner and entered where she was, her red gold hair and friendly blue green eyes, smilingly drew me through the mid-afternoon gloom. As I walked toward her I couldn't but envy the black-browed guardian at the door, so used to beauty that Deborah Kerr could have passed him unnoticed.

Tomorrow, Boyle really does interview Deborah Kerr.

In The Day's News

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American standards. So their roads aren't as crowded as ours are.

For the visitor, this has its advantages. In more than 2000 miles of driving in western Mexico, I saw only one accident. About halfway down in Sonora, a trailer truck had jackknifed and turned over. The speed limit on open, straight roads is 100 kilometers, or about 62 miles.

With reasonable care, driving on Highway 15 is perfectly safe.

This west coast road has been well engineered. There are long straight stretches—many of them 20 to 40 miles without a curve—between the border and Mazatlan.

As a result, excellent time can be made with safety.

Below Mazatlan, there are more curves and the surface of the road isn't so smooth. But there is nothing to worry about, and good time can be made.

What are the cops?

They are few and far between. Often you drive for hours without seeing one. They are uniformly courteous and helpful, and you soon come to regard them as your best friends. Almost without exception, they speak good English. If you get lost, or have trouble of any sort, just hunt up a cop. He'll set your right, and will do it so pleasantly that you'll go on your way rejoicing.

The cities are full of one-way streets, and it's amazing how easily you can go the wrong way. But the cop usually smiles good-naturedly and motions you to get turned around and head in the other direction.

What of gasoline?

That's another story. In the state of Sonora, ethyl is quite generally obtainable. But south of Sonora you're just plain lucky if you stumble onto a pump with high test fuel. The ordinary grade—known as Mexolina—is pretty far down the scale. In modern high compression cars it clanks and knocks and you think your car is going to fall to pieces as sure as shooting.

But it doesn't. Somehow you keep going—especially if you learn the trick of gaining speed gradually instead of shoving the pedal down to the floor boards. Older cars, with lower compression ratios, of course, handle the low grade gasoline without trouble.

Gasoline is measured by the liter instead of by the gallon. So the pumps show liter readings of gallons. There are roughly four liters in a gallon. The price will be in pesos, and it varies with the grade, but it will always be somewhere below a peso per liter. You'll soon get the hang of knowing how to pay for what you get.

The price of high test gas runs slightly less than in the United States. The price of low grade fuel is considerably less.

What do you do with your car? In general, you lock it up and leave it in the street, except in the very big cities. In western Mexico cars left in the streets are quite safe if locked up thoroughly.

BLM Formally Announces Plans For Rogue Forest

PORTLAND — The Bureau of Land Management here has formally announced its proposal to withdraw some seven million acres of public land along the Rogue River for recreation purposes.

Virgil F. Heath, BLM supervisor for Oregon, said the action was to protect the "high recreational and scenic value" of the Siskiyou Forest area.

The withdrawal would protect these values for the use of the general public against the staking of any claims or entries, which might be incompatible with recreational activities, he said.

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THE TIMELESS SCORE CARD

By Red Barber
Famed Sports Broadcaster

To broadcast a ball game I have with me (beside the microphone), a score book, half a dozen pencils, a commercial copy, several record books, and a hardware store egg timer.

The egg timer is a simple hour-glass wherein sand runs from one section to the other in about three minutes. Visitors are openly curious about the timer.

Years ago people complained that they would tune in after the game had started and not hear the score of the game for considerable periods. Since I had no built-in stopwatch in my head, someone suggested I use the egg timer as a reminder.

I wish somehow that there was a simple device like this available to us for knowing the score of our individual lives. For the Big Score, however, we must use different tools and aids.

Through Our Lives

Instead of a microphone we can broadcast constantly through the channel of our everyday lives. In stead of a score book we have the Bible, and in my case, also the

Book of Common Prayer. As for record books—there are numerous volumes that cite the spiritual struggles and triumphs of human beings.

The commercial copy compares to the pages of need of our so many charities and churches, and our fellow men. The well-sharpened pencils? They can be used, or not used, to write the thoughtful letter, or the check.

And the little egg timer that runs empty in three minutes? To me I would say the comparison is prayer, personal prayer.

When the timer is empty, it is turned and there is sand again. When I am empty, I pray, and I am filled again. Not always filled as I pray to be; far from it. But I am given something that brings a peace, an understanding, a strength to go on to another day.

Did I Go To Church

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