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THERE'S SPUTNIK, AFTER ALL

By Chuck Grell

Russia's Mr. Khrushchev has won his point. We were ready to write a letter of protest to the Soviet Premier, pointing out that Sputnik III couldn't be a fact: It was mass hypnosis. After nights of craning our necks to sight the satellite, we had about given up the quest. Monday night's show cancelled the need for any nasty letter sent to Mr. Khrushchev. He won this round. Also happy to hear the news will be the Roseburg man who got up at 3 o'clock one morning to see the satellite. It was only after it failed to appear that he learned it was scheduled to be over the following day.

MINEO RIDES HIGH

When Sal Mineo fell off his horse the other day at Bend, injuring himself enough to be put to bed in a hospital, more persons than those working on Walt Disney's picture, "Tonka," must have been sympathetic.

The 19-year-old Brooklyn-born actor has become a popular young man in Central Oregon's capital. Outwardly, the idea of a Brooklynite playing an Indian in a western movie — and learning to ride a horse just before he goes before the cameras — may tickle the funny-bones of some easterners. And particularly when the subject in question is better known as a rock 'n' roll singer and drummer than as an actor.

Apparently, though, Mineo is dead-set to learn the acting trade. Bend residents tell of his refusal to have a double perform for him in a scene in which he was to scale the log wall of a stockade provided by the Bend Chamber of Commerce for a succession of movie-makers in the area. The scene didn't go right on the first few attempts. But Mineo willingly kept trying to scale the wall until the director was satisfied that he had what he wanted on film. It was a wrung-out young man who found his bed welcome after that day of labor.

That manly demonstration hasn't hurt his standing with the teen-agers in Bend. Mobs of pony-tailed girls flock to the window of a noted Bend eatery every time Mineo puts on the feed bag.

Rock 'n' roll apparently is part of Mineo's system. On occasion, he's taken over the drums in a Bend night spot, and put on a show. It must be a sore point for competing clubs, for the word soon is out that Mineo is drumming, and again he's the center of interest for a crowd of people.

At any rate, not too many westerners can be critical of Mineo and his unfortunate horse ride. The percentage who have even been astride a horse probably is small.

HOLLYWOOD MEIN SHOWS

The Bend Bulletin notes editorially that members of the Disney movie company have been "good guests." That, in part, probably is true, but there's been more than one case in which a member of the east has high - hatted the Deschutes people.

One such came at a country club dance at which a prominent businessman was holding forth as doorman. The Hollywoodite was invited. During the evening, he had cause to shed his coat in keeping with the informal atmosphere at the dance. Handing it to the Bend man, he instructed: "Hold this." The Hollywoodite, at the end of the dance, found his jacket piled on a table with all the others.

The height of the movie-making coincided with Bend's Fourth of July Mirror Pond Pageant. The movie company, together with the popularity of Central Oregon as a tourist attraction, is making this month a good one for business in Bend.

In the early afternoon of the Fourth, motels and hotels were filled — a traveler couldn't buy a vacancy. Thousands watched the pageant on the Deschutes River, which is ponded in the city to provide a beautiful park setting.

Reports from the city, however, indicate that promoters of the pageant may change its form next year. Those who worked with the pageant complain that, as in civic endeavors in most cities, the burden of work falls with the few.

It's hoped that the Pageantarians can change their organization to obtain more help. It would be a tragedy to alter the pageant's form in any way. Among similar productions in Oregon, Bend's is easily the one that stands out.

—Hal Boyle—

KANSAS CITY (AP) — What makes the Midwesterner different?

There's no doubt he is. Coming from the East to the Midwest you are aware of a difference in the people who dwell in the great heartland of America. But it takes you some time to puzzle out what that difference is.

Here are a few things you may observe. The Midwesterner seems to get as much done as anybody else, but he never seems to be in a great hurry about it. He feels that every day is long enough for the work that has to be done in it. The Midwesterner loves to talk, but he prefers small talk to big talk. He seems to have an innate understanding of the fact that time has a way of punishing braggarts.

The Midwesterner doesn't believe much in hysteria. The periodic panics and alarms that sweep people in coastal areas rarely touch him. He still retains a kind of wonderful 19th Century feeling of security in both himself and his section of the country. Wry Sense of Humor

The Midwesterner has a wry sense of humor based on a sound set of normal values. To him nothing is funnier than anyone or anything that lets itself get out of perspective, or, as he puts it, "too big for his britches." The Midwesterner is self-confident in peace and makes a good soldier in wartime because he learns early to adjust to life, not

as he might want it, but life as it is. He knows each winter probably will be long and cold, and each summer long and hot.

The Midwesterner, like the Southerner, is instinctively polite. He is, however, in a more informal way. He prefers to take the other fellow at his own estimate as long as possible.

The Midwesterner is automatically friendly to everyone he meets. He enjoys doing small favors. But he can also be a long hater if he feels his friendship is imposed upon.

Can't Be Stomped The Midwesterner is endlessly curious. He likes to hear about how other people live, but he is slow to change his own ways — and won't be stomped into doing so.

The land usually molds and patterns the people who live on it. This is particularly true of the Midwesterner. He is the man in the middle, far from the influences of the seas, and his nature is influenced more by the slow-changing soil than by tidal impacts. Weather rules his existence

They Cried When He Sat Down to Play



Reader Opinions

Argument Continues Delay Steamboat Swimway Project

I want to take this opportunity to thank Charley Stanton for his editorial on Steamboat Falls (July 12).

He has stated some of the facts of the case much better than I have, or perhaps can. In the process of so doing, he has pointed up some of the salient arguments against the fish ladder (in its present planned location).

I'm not sure this was intentional on his part, but to anyone reading his editorial, many of the facts in favor of halting construction would be obvious.

His statement that "Game Commission public relations stink" is a classic of phraseology as well as truth.

Charley's statement that the Game Commission believes "increased fishing intensity and change of conditions particularly logging" are the reasons the "once large run is now small despite the falls" is certainly a logical explanation of the reduction in the run in recent years.

Poor Enforcement Charged

Poor enforcement by the Game Commission of poaching in all the spawning creeks in the Steamboat Creek watershed is another important cause that he failed to mention. Part of the \$87,000 that Charley calls a modest cost (for constructing the fish ladder) might be better spent on enforcement against wholesale snagging, blasting and angling in this stream for which the Game Commission professes such a protective attitude. Another statement that Charley made about the falls certainly points up the most important argument for halting construction. In his editorial, he has stated: "As I understand the plans for the fishway, it will impair the scenic beauty only at the extreme low water stage." Now I ask you, when do people usually frequent places of scenic beauty? In the mid of winter?

Of course not. The heaviest use by picnickers and assorted varieties of spectators is in the summer, which in this country doesn't start until after the Fourth of July and lasts until the first of October. I'd say his is the low-water period. So, what Charley's statement boils down to is an admission that the scenic beauty of the falls will be impaired only during the time when most people would be likely to be looking at it.

Again the editorial scores a point. Even those who are doing the most crying now about spoilation of the scenery, I doubt have ever made more than a few trips to the falls just to absorb the beauty."

Park Being Built

Charley admits here that he hasn't himself visited the area enough to have noticed the number of people who do visit the spot. The Parks Department, I might point out, thought so much of the beauty of the spot and its use by people who would appreciate the scenery to build a park right on the bluff overlooking the falls.

Enough comment on the editorial. I'm sure most readers had difficulty understanding which side Charley was arguing for. All that has been heard from the Save Steamboat Falls Committee is the argument for halting the construction. Of course, this is the most important thing to do at this time, for any day now, the dynamite will be touched off and for all purposes, that will be the end of Steamboat Falls.

Since most of the members of from birth, and is always there ready to ruin or enrich him. To a Midwesterner, probably, the most important things in life are the weather and his home. He's a great homebody. No other American takes a deeper pride in his home or works harder at keeping it up.

the committee are scattered in various parts of the county, mostly along the Umpqua River, I could not contact them all to poll them on the following alternative proposal, but I am sure all will agree to favor such a plan. Most of the members of the committee are avid fishermen. But just because they are fishermen, they are not scenery blind. In fact, I would be willing to bet that fishermen are actually more likely to appreciate the beauty of the country, particularly Steamboat Falls, than the person who seldom gets out into the yet-unspoiled wildernesses of our beautiful North Umpqua area. In fact, a list of the names of the people who have taken the strongest exceptions to the construction of this particular swimway reads like a Who's Who of expert fishermen of the North Umpqua.

Concessions Listed

Well, anyway, I believe I can speak for the group when I say that we want the following concessions in regard to a fish conveyance.

1. We definitely do not object to a means of getting the fish over the falls. This, I am sure, we all agree upon.

2. We favor a ladder or swimway which would not use more than two-thirds of the lowest water flow, if there must be two separate flows.

3. We would like to see the swimway or ladder placed someplace where the "right" smack" in the middle of the falls if it must be a man - made looking contraption, preferably in the area nearest the road.

4. We would like to see a really exhaustive study of the various possibilities for removing carefully parts of the rock of the falls in such a way as to not have appearance of its having been done with jackhammers and a truckload of dynamite.

We can cut our trees and they will grow again in time. We can scarify our mountainsides with cat roads and roads and highways, but the earth heals quickly and time takes care of the land for future generations.

Future Generations Affected

But when we destroy a waterfall, we are passing on our work to all future generations who may look upon our work and reflect that it might have been more carefully done and much longer considered. This is a responsibility that is now resting heavily upon the shoulders of the Game Commission and upon the various so-called conservationists who now hold the power to stop the work.

We, the Save Steamboat Falls Committee, have exhausted every means at our disposal to hold up the work so that it might be carefully reconsidered.

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Research Set To Find Cause Of Pear Decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Research to find the connection between pear decline and either virus diseases or nursery root stock will be sought by the Agricultural Research Service during fiscal 1959.

Sens. Warren G. Magnuson and Henry M. Jackson (both D-Wash.) announced this week \$20,000 has been allocated for the added program.

The research service expects to recruit an expert to study the relation of rootstocks to the decline problem. The virus studies will be conducted by E. L. Reeves and Philip W. Cheney of the ARS staff in Wenatchee, Wash. Jackson and Magnuson said production in central Washington has been reported cut in half by the malady.

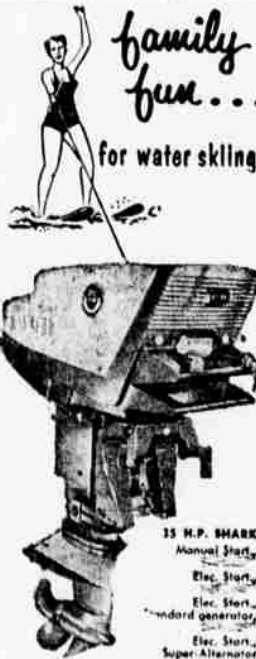
Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D. D.

(Written for NEA Service)
Sin is deplorable. Nobody likes sin. We ought to do away with it. How can we accomplish this simply stated objective? Merely talking about it means nothing. Legislation will not eliminate sin nor even a part of it. Man controls a few major results of sin, but he merely scratches the surface of the overall problem.

Sin would not be a problem if it were not for people. What is more, people must be considered as individuals. So we better deal with sin as it affects these individuals. We cannot do as much about sin in others as we can about our own sins.

Instead of deploring sin, we better eliminate the portion in our own lives. Such a program requires action, work, self-denial, stamina and a lot of other effort. Unless we get busy and clean up ourselves we better not waste our concern on others. Now is the time to start eliminating sin from the world and "I" must begin with "myself."



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IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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step was taken to "protect American lives and... to encourage the Lebanese government in defense of Lebanese sovereignty." He adds: "These forces have not been sent as any act of war."

In a special statement, President Eisenhower pledges that the United States will support the United Nations in taking measures adequate to meet the Middle East situation—measures WHICH WILL ENABLE THE U. S. FORCES PROMPTLY TO BE WITHDRAWN.

So much for the OFFICIAL explanation. Let's now probe beneath the surface. What does it REALLY mean?

This, I think, is the best guess: We're handing RUSSIA a challenge. We're presenting her with what the diplomats call a "fait accompli" — (an accomplished fact) and

are saying to her: WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Why do we go that far?

Here's another guess:

We need to know what Russia has in mind. Is she READY for war now? The chances are somewhat against it — at least enough against it to justify us in calling for what amounts to a showdown.

Competent authorities tell us we are NOW superior to Russia in military might — that our capacity for instant and massive retaliation is

tion if she starts anything is unquestioned.

Maybe it will be different LATER. Russia's modern (meaning nuclear) might is rising rapidly, the experts say.

And— We know from past experience that the Russians respect NOTHING BUT FORCE.

So— In menacing situations involving them, it's better to be firm than fuzzy.

Ill Prisoner Confesses Forging Federal Check

PORTLAND (AP) — An ill prisoner — his face masked with gauze to prevent the spread of tuberculosis—pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court here this week to forging a government check. Judge William East deferred sentence and ordered the man—Clifford Leroy Keller, 33—sent to the state hospital for treatment. Keller recently was picked up on a city charge and has been confined to the Portland Isolation Hospital since.

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SCENERY AND FISH

Salem Oregon Statesman

One of the lovely spots along the North Umpqua is Steamboat Falls. How it got its name is not known. Tam McArthur in his invaluable book on Oregon Geographic Names, has this explanation for a Steamboat in Jackson County:

"Many old mining camps have this name applied to one or more geographic features, and it does not mean that a steamboat has ever been in the neighborhood. When mines have been worked out, or where prospects do not come up to expectations, either naturally or through fraud, they are said by miners to have been 'steamed-out.'"

Steamboat Falls now is the subject of concern by a group of Douglas County citizens who are aroused over plans of the State Game Commission to build a fishway round the falls so steelhead can get up Steamboat Creek to spawn — the Umpqua being prime steelhead fishing water. A delegation will ask Gov. Robert Holmes to halt the mutilation of the scenery.

Noteworthy is the fact that the commission held a hearing before authorizing the project including a trip to the falls. At the hearing in Portland no one showed up to protest. The commission went ahead and let a contract for the fish swimway, with plans which seem to provide pretty good concealment for the ladder. Maybe if the objectors visited Elkhorn Falls in Marion County where last year the Fish and Wildlife installed a fish swimway they would see that we can preserve beauty and have a stairway for fish, too.

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