

Dog Law Needs More Teeth

Douglas County has a dog control law which is almost useless, and the reason is, if you'll pardon the expression, because it has no teeth. Several years ago, the county voters approved institution of a permissive state law aimed at stopping dogs from running at large. Most people thought this would solve a big problem of dogs, whose owners were not keeping them under control. But it turned out that the law was aimed at the wily dog, instead of his owner. It boiled down to the question of whether or not one dog control officer, ranging over 5,000 square miles of county could catch the dog before he got back home. If the dog could be captured before he returned home, he could be impounded at the Douglas County Humane Society shelter until the owners came to claim him. However, if the dog could leave his home, trample shrubs, chase livestock and generally be a nuisance, and return home before he could be captured, he was (and is) virtually safe. True, the law is still there, but it's practically worthless. If the dog control officer and the distressed property owner who is disturbed by the dog can find out who owns the dog, the property owner can sue. This means such a property owner would have to pay costs of hiring a lawyer and bringing it into court in a civil action. If the dog owner is found guilty of letting his dog run at large, he will be fined \$10.

A nuisance has to be very great before a property owner will go to all the trouble and cost of filing an expensive civil suit to see the dog owner fined \$10. The legislature is now examining bills in both houses to change that law, so a person whose dog is running loose can be charged with a misdemeanor. The dog control officer himself could file the charge. This is the sensible approach. It's not only that dogs running loose can be a nuisance, but lack of control by owners can be costly to sheepmen. In one of the worst raids last year, three police dogs killed 91 head of sheep in a period of two days. The owners of these dogs were never found. Recognizing the big economic loss such a raid causes, the county pays livestock damages amounting to \$7 each for ewes and lambs over 50 pounds and \$5 for ewes under 50 pounds. This is about half the value of the livestock, but it still amounted to a cost to the county of \$2,131 last year. Dog control officer Bob Hall estimates this much again was paid out by dog owners whose dogs had killed still other sheep. Thus, dogs on the loose were responsible for more than \$6,000 in economic waste involving livestock alone. True, dogs can't be completely controlled, but with a stronger law to enforce responsibility, it's logical to assume dog owners would do more to keep their dogs at home.

Another Hot Line



Time To Desist In Cuban Action

By ROBERT C. RUARK
Lord knows enough has been written about our criminal inactivity in handling the Cuban situation, from earliest feeble fumbling until tomorrow's newest baleful bulletin. But the time, I think, has come, to quit playing political pool with it. Certainly, the time has come to quit making side-bar deals, under-the-table barter, with the furry frenetic who runs the country. The time has come to quit buying bodies back and forth with money and drugs and suggested tractors. The time has come to tell James Donovan to find another line of work; the time has come to tell Bobby Kennedy to keep his mouth shut and to quit hustling dough from admirers to make deals with. Time Has Come The time has certainly come to cease and desist from allowing Mirro Cardona, the disenchanted Castroite, from making loud statements about Jack Kennedy promising him an invasion with six divisions of troops. Absolutely the time has come for the popularity-loving President to stop shooting off his mouth about recapturing Cuba for the Cubans unless he intends to send in a mess of Marines and planes and really knock off the joint. And the time, most assuredly, has come for Americans to stop putting themselves in positions where bribery and barter must be implemented in order to buy them loose from Castro's jails. America should not really be in the anti-kidnaping business, shaking down the drugstores for money and products to leave in hollow trees in order to ransom the freedom of the kidnaped. Line Needed One of the great lines to come out of World War Two was: "You can't do business with Hitler." You damned well can't do business with Castro and the Russians, who seem varying to control or not control Castro. Somewhere you have to draw a line. Nobody ever really won, even in the sordid racket of diplomacy, by trying to conduct trade on the level of the gangster. Eventually you have either to admit the swindle or call in the cops. Cuba has been poison for America since we tacitly backed Castro against the cynical old perverter of right, Batista. Batista's perversion of right was calculated along the lines of the local crook who steals, bribes, occasionally murders a rival, but never really does anything rough enough against the syndicate to start a gang war or attract the attention of the FBI. Under the former sergeant Cuba was surface-prosperous. Havana was a jewel of a city; Varadero was a fine place to visit; the guajiro who cut cane perchance went barefoot, but shoes were not entirely necessary anyhow, and at least he had a suckling pig, the lechon, to add to his basic black beans on feast days. Vice, tourism, gambling, construction, rum, night clubs, fishing, mining, TV, theaters, radio, sugar and sunshine all flourished. Nothing Left Of the lot, about the only thing left is sunshine to recommend the country. The output of murder has certainly increased; there is a housing shortage in the prisons, and certainly there is a heavy increase in Russians, Chinese, Czechs, secret police, unpaid informers, paid informers, and unpaid-for time on TV to allow Fidel an opportunity to conduct his usual five-hour fireside chats. We have crumpled up the Cuba deal from the beginning of recognition of Fidel, when he was an outlaw fighting against the limited sins of old Batista. We measured emigres from the Batista regime, and from all the other old cynical regimes of Machado, Grau, and the rest, in terms of squads. Now, as the Spanish joke has it, we have made Cuba the biggest country in the world, because: "The capital is in Havana, the government is in Moscow, and all the people are in Miami." Record Not Good I don't know what the Kennedy boys have in mind about Cuba, but it can't be very capable or even feasible, judging from the record. So far nothing the government has done had made any sort of sense, with the possible exception of the Russians last fall, a gutsy bit of business which risked a nuclear war to make a point which never should have been allowed to sharpen itself in the first place. But one thing I do know: The time has come to quit operating on a conversational basis with Cuba. The time has come for Mr. Donovan, the great negotiator, to stay home. And the time has certainly come for Washington to tell the public what it has on its mind in reference to Cuba, for up to now all the public has generally been told has been a pack of lies. (Copyright, 1963 by United Feature Synd., Inc.)

THE LIGHTER SIDE:
Mountain Climb Is For Intrepid

By DICK WEST
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Hard on the heels of the American expedition to Mt. Everest comes news of another expedition that also was hard on the heels. An intrepid group, of which this correspondent was a member, has just returned from the summit of Old Rag Mountain, Va. That craggy, forbidding pinnacle known as "The Roof of Madison County," had previously been conquered only by approximately 325, 275 Americans, give or take a Brownie troop and the Young Republicans club. Setting forth from Washington, which is the capital of the United States, we crossed the wide Potomac, a river, and drove through a region of thick, virgin suburbs. Roads Were Passable To our delight, the roads were passable. We had been warned that they might be clogged with native vehicles. Eventually we came to the foothills of the Blue Ridge chain and established a base camp where we took on extra supplies of ginger ale and cheese crackers. By unanimous agreement, the post of group leader was assigned to Myron Glaser, a travel writer who was instrumental in organizing the expedition. Glaser was chosen mainly because he has a pair of shoes with leather laces. Nothing inspires confidence like leather shoelaces. Having assured ourselves that everything was in order, we began our ascent, our eyes fixed on the distant summit. After running into a couple of trees, we took our eyes off the summit and began to watch where we were going. Among mountain climbers, there is a closeness and camaraderie that sort of brings a lump to your throat, particularly when you have been eating cheese crackers. All Share Honor It would be a pity if the fraternal spirit that bound our group and made it possible for us to achieve our goal were shattered by rival claims over who beat whom to the summit. It really doesn't matter which of us was approximately the 325, 276th American to conquer Old Rag. The honor belongs equally to all of us. Someone had to be content with being approximately the 325,277th, the 325,278th, etc. There wasn't room up there for everybody at the same time. Besides that, crowds make me nervous. Rather than hicker over individual credit, I propose to end my account of the expedition on a philosophic note. Why should a man of sedentary habits lame himself with blistered heels, stiff joints and sore muscles climbing a mountain? My wife asked me that question and I responded with the traditional reply. "Because," I said, "I'm stupid."

The Editor's Corner
By Charles V. Stanton

Dunes Seashore Hearing Won't Carry Much Weight

Arguments both for and against the proposed Oregon Dunes National Seashore Park were heard Saturday at Eugene. The hearing arranged by Sen. Maurine Neuberger to give Oregon people a chance to participate, was conducted by Sen. Lee Metcalf, Montana, representing the Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands. The Eugene hearing, while highly desirable in respect to permitting local expression of opinion will, in my opinion, be of little weight in any final decision—a decision to be made in Washington. A very interesting feature of the argument concerning the park is that people who live at some distance are all for turning the area over to the National Park Service. They anticipate that creation of a national park along the seashore will be a big boost in Oregon's economy. On the other hand, people living in the area are very bitter. They want no part of a national park. They can see little sense in turning over to the National Park Service an area in which the major recreational resource already is in federal hands, being controlled by the United States Forest Service. In my opinion, the very attitude of the residents of the area is assuring a transfer to the National Park Service. Status Quo Wanted It is evident from letters, statements, testimonies, and other expressions from people of the area (except Douglas County) that they insist upon the status quo. They want no change. They want no control. They want no regulation. They want no interference. But the area proposed to be included in a National Seashore has one very outstanding attribute. The whole coastal strip is most definitely recreational in character. The recreational asset should — and must be preserved for future generations. I cannot fully justify in my own mind a huge expenditure from the federal treasury to create a national park in the area when the same results could be secured with far less cost if the existing recreational facilities, most of them already in the control of the Forest Service, were to be developed to maximum use. But, such a program would require cooperation from private land owners in the region. Program Possible It would be possible to create an over-all recreational and development program between the State of Oregon, through its Park

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Wednesday, May 8, the 128th of 1963 with 237 to follow. The moon is full. The morning stars are Venus, Saturn and Jupiter. The evening star is Mars. Those born on this date include former President Harry S. Truman, in 1884. On this day in history: In 1541, Hernando De Soto and a company of Spanish explorers discovered the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tenn. In 1942, Vice-President Henry A. Wallace coined a new phrase when he said: "The century on which we are entering can be and must be the century of the common man." In 1945, President Truman announced the end of the war in Europe on "V-E" day. In 1958, former vice president Richard M. Nixon, touring South America at the time, was spat upon by leftist students at Lima, Peru. A thought for the day—American author Nathaniel Hawthorne said: "Mountains are earth's undecaying monuments."

Riddle High Musical Slated This Week

The Riddle High School Chorus of 44 students will present a musical entitled "The Guy From Venus," in two performances set for Thursday and Friday of this week in the high school auditorium. Show time is 8 p.m. The stage action is accompanied by a 15-piece dance band accompaniment, similar to last year's popular presentation, correspondent Erma Best reports. The major roles of the play are dual cast with a different set of actors and singers carrying the leads each evening. An admission charge will be made with proceeds to help defray expenses for the proposed trip to the Portland Junior Rose Festival Parade on June 14. Jack Mahoney is music director for the Riddle schools. The GI Bill added 400,000 engineers to the nation's work force, the Veterans Administration says. Seventeen years after VJ Day there are 15,115,000 World War II veterans. Their average age is 44, says the Veterans Administration.

In Days Gone By

Taken from the Files of The News-Review
40 YEARS AGO
May 8, 1923
The drive to raise \$6,000 for the public library building starts tomorrow and every individual in the city is asked to do everything he can to help raise the funds for the new building. The 23rd annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Medford, May 21-24 it was announced today.
25 YEARS AGO
May 8, 1938
Petitions will be placed in circulation throughout Douglas county in the near future asking the state hydroelectric commission for a public utility district survey. It was decided at a meeting of representatives of 28 communities meeting here last night.

In The Day's News

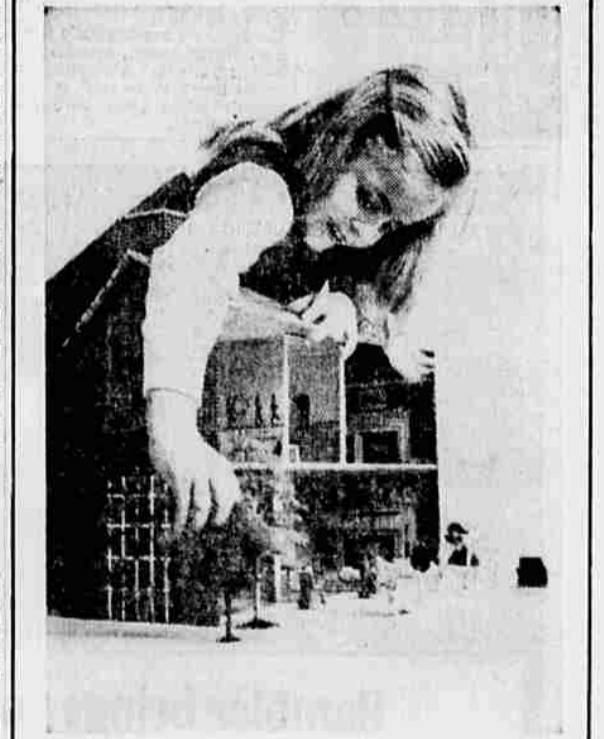
By FRANK JENKINS
From Salem: The Senate passed and sent to the governor a bill banning lie detector tests as a condition of employment. It's probably just as well. If you have an employe whose word you can't trust without the aid of a lie detector, you'd better fire the guy, anyway.
From San Francisco: The cost of living in San Francisco rose to a new all-time high in March—108.4 per cent of 1957-59 prices — sharply exceeding the nationwide rise to 106.2, the U.S. Department of Labor reported yesterday. The department's consumer price index for the San Francisco area was 0.6 per cent higher than in December, 1962, 1 per cent above March, 1962, and 19.1 per cent higher than a decade ago. The Los Angeles index last month stood at 107.7 per cent of the 1957-59 level.
Question: Is it all due to the high cost of living? Or do you reckon the high cost of LIVING IT UP might be partly responsible?
From Chicago: The claim of some rheumatists that their aching joints can "feel" an approaching storm received scientific verification recently. Dr. Joseph Lee Hollander, a distinguished rheumatologist who has pioneered various types of physical and drug therapy for the disease, reports he has produced the "weather effect" in arthritis sufferers living in a controlled climate chamber sealed off from normal outside influences. His experiments showed that the patients suffered a significant worsening of symptoms when there was a combination of rising humidity and falling barometric pressure. These are the factors, he adds, that prevail in nature before any rainstorm.
So... The next time your rheumatic knee aches and you say it's going to rain, don't let anybody laugh at you.
Your knee knows what it's talking about.
Let's be serious for a moment. Along with the lightener-uppers, there is this serious and significant item in the news this morning: Nearly 4,000 employees of Kaiser Steel Corporation will get a bonus of about \$80 a man, or some 45 cents an hour, in the first monthly cost savings distribution under Kaiser's new labor plan — which involves automation. The plan gives to workers each month about a third of the cost savings realized over Kaiser's 1961 cost level. It guarantees CONTINUED JOBS, despite automation, which was extensively employed in the Kaiser operation during the month. Kaiser announces that during March, the first full month of effective operation of the new plan, cost savings amounted to \$962,000 — and the workers' share of the savings will be \$312,000 for 3,930 eligible employees. This is the interesting point of the story: Automation can be made profitable for both employers and employees. If it can be made to result in LOWER PRICES, it will be profitable for CONSUMERS also.

Attendance Good At Riddle Event

A capacity crowd of over 400 appreciative parents and friends attended the annual Spring Concert of the Riddle Elementary School music departments last week in the elementary school auditorium. The program featured the 50-piece Cadet Band (seventh and eighth grades); the 33-piece Intermediate Band (fifth and sixth grades); and the Junior High School Chorus. Jack Mahoney is band director and Verna Goodwin is choral director and accompanist, correspondent Erma Best reports. The program opened with the National Anthem by the Junior High School Chorus and the Cadet Band. The Intermediate Band played a group of selections and accompanied a cornet solo by Pat Shea. The chorus gave a medley of service songs. Vocal solos included "Whispering Hope" by Rita Deal, "Finest Lord Jesus" and "Silesian Folk Song" by Myrna Newcomb and Teresa Pearson and "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" by John Sorenson. The Cadet Band played several pieces and accompanied a baritone solo by Linwood McFarland.

Reader Opinions

Decent Literature Group Draws Lash From Reader
To The Editor: It is with considerable interest that I read of the censorship committee being formed in Roseburg and, in particular, the standards set up to judge literature by. This group will have the easiest judging choice in the world — it will eliminate every piece of writing there is, including the newspaper. Forever I suppose there will always be a group of people brilliant enough in mind to decide what I shall read. Letters such as this will not do much in rebuttal I know and, coward that I am, I don't propose to resist them. For it seems when such human beings once decide that this story, or this book, or this magazine is going to corrupt my morals there just simply is no turning back. However, for the record, I want to be put down in protest and give fair warning that I shall resist their effort with wholehearted cooperation. And, even if there was a case for the side of censorship, the standards to judge by, as set by this committee, are far more extensive than a stern dictatorship would use. Who in the world would assume to be so holy, so almighty, so wise, so supreme in assurance that I, and all of us, could not safely read any newspaper because the newspaper would violate nearly all of these standards. For example, in tonight's paper: "Alabama Police Hold Marchers." In the story that follows the news reveals disrespect for the law — Negroes challenging police to arrest them; racial discrimination; Negroes describing in detail how to beat southern law. All this really happened. It was not in a make-believe story. Therefore, the truth would be more damaging than fiction. My kids now know that people really do these things and not just that some people think you should do this. This might have a terrible influence on them. "Out of reason," you say! Quite the contrary! A self-appointed group, with the powerful authority of deciding public manners and morals, eventually comes to this. Just last year a P.T.A., or some such brilliant group, attempted to get the Tarzan books out of a school library in California. It seems that Tarzan and Jane weren't married by a Justice of the Peace in Burbank. Examples such as this could be recited forever but, of course, our "protectors" wouldn't be so silly. That bunch down there didn't suppose they would be either. O.K., go ahead and censor away! There might be a magazine in the supermarket there that will make one of your kids go out and rob a bank. If so, maybe I can smilingly give up my pleasure of reading it. Melvin Boyce
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Tennile Church Slates Mothers Day Program
Special music is planned for Mothers Day of the Tennile Community Methodist Church on Sunday morning at the Sunday School. The children's choir under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Dwight, the junior choir under the direction of Mrs. Bill Centers and the adult choir under the direction of Mrs. Douglas Croy, will sing special numbers with Mrs. Edgar Dwight as organist, correspondent Mrs. Walter Coats reports.