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New Pope Has Fateful Decision

Nothing in the western world can equal the majestic ceremony of the transition between Catholic Popes.

Catholics and non-Catholics alike are watching with subdued excitement the events closing the life of Pope John XXIII and the magnificent new chapters opening the reign of his successor, Pope Paul VI.

The interest focused on the new Pope is probably greater than for any other Pope in modern times. And it stems from the work started by Pope John.

The one great question is whether or not the successor will have the strength and will to face the formidable task of promoting Christian unity.

If he does, the impact will be felt here in Douglas County as well as in the rest of the Christian world. In recent years, the question of Christian unity in a world fraught with efforts to sap the vitality of Christianity itself has been a growing one.

The tentative effort to investigate greater unity was welded into a great purpose when the Pope, representing the most inflexible, and most populous Christian church, indicated he was interested.

That interest was announced by Pope John in these words: "...today, the spouse of Christ (the Church) prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity. She considers that she meets the need of the present day by demonstrating the validity of her teachings rather than by condemnation."

From the lips of almost anyone else this would have been a statement of only passing interest. From the lips of the

Pope, it was a statement of tremendous significance because, up to that time the Catholic Church's conception of religious error was strongly condemned. This had the effect of driving a broader wedge between Catholic and non-Catholic Christians.

To show his good faith, the Pope in calling together the 21st ecumenical council in Rome also invited delegate-observers from other non-Catholic church groups, including Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Disciples of Christ, Quaker, Methodist, the World Council of Churches, National Baptist Convention and Orthodox.

The ecumenical council's first session ended last December before ever reaching the discussion of greater Christian unity. It is scheduled to convene again this September.

The future activity on the great docket of subjects to be discussed in the succeeding phases of the council will be shaped by the new Pope. He will have the power of nurturing the flickering fire of hope which was lit by Pope John. Or he can snuff it out.

The fact that others wished to carry on that hope was expressed in an official pronouncement by council fathers last Oct. 20. They said: "We shall strive to propose to the men of our times the truth of God, integral and pure, so that they may understand it and accept it freely."

The achievement of that purpose depends heavily on the new Pope. He holds in his hands the power to launch a great, new historical era in the often stormy and fractionated profile of Christianity.

Meeting of Minds



Ennis, Weems Had Powers Of Style



By ROBERT C. RUARK

Skinny Ennis and Ted Weems bugged out on me in the same week, and took a lot of my youth with them. It was good orchestral timing for both musicians to die at the week of the final dances. Skin, as vocalist for the late Hal Kemp, had a power of style in the young days when dance bands were important to youth and love.

Perhaps today's younger fry will not understand what importance a big dance band with featured performers meant in the older, simpler days before television and the kind of songs that cowboys sing through their noses.

The early '30s wallowed in tenderly realized waltzes. Every Ginger Rogers-Fred Astaire movie, every Bing Crosby film, spawned

a clutch of enduring ballads. The Gershwins, Arlens, Porters, Mercers, Yellens, Yagers and Van Lousens were writing the durable stuff that Sinatra would sing 30 years later.

Position High

The name band occupied a position of positive hero worship: Kemp, Artie Shaw, Ellington, Glen Gray, Red Nichols, Weems, Isham Jones, Ray Noble, the Dorseyes—like it or not, even Lombardo—were concurable names. They meant youth and fresh young love.

The band leaders were the high prophets of romance, and Chicago's Blackhawk was the mosque for the walls of the muzzies. Female defenses crumbled before Al Bowlly's rendition of "The Very Thought of You," with Ray Noble's outfit.

Anybody at all who listened to anybody at all sang "Stormy Weather" or "Body and Soul" went out and fell immediately in love with somebody—anybody.

The man who really took the starch out of the coeducational armor was Skinny Ennis. Skin had the gaunt appeal of a Sinatra, and his voice was a hesitant crumbly sugar. Ennis worked with artists—Kemp was a superb orchestral stylist—and he hired the likes of John Scott Trotter on the piano, Earl Geiger on the horn, Saxy Dowel on the reeds, with girls like Deane Janis and Maxine Grey to help Mister Ennis on the voice side.

Janis Sang

Janis sang "Remember My Forgotten Man" in a way to induce happy suicide in the listener. And Skinny Ennis had two specialties that nobody but Kemp ever tinkered with very much: "Got a Date With An Angel" and "Heart of Stone." Ennis's rendition was fantastic. He sounded as if he were being gently shaken when he sang, and the boys and girls who refused to dance when he sang the stuff were genuinely shaken. Skin Ennis became an involuntary godfather several thousand times in North Carolina alone.

Dancing to the better stuff, such as Glen Gray's Kenny Sargent hitting the high notes on "For You" or doing something magnificent with "Under a Blanket of Blue," was regarded as sacrilegious. You did not dance, you merely grasped your beloved by her tender waist and swayed while the masters sang. Eddie Stone could stick a quiver into "Sweet Lorraine" that still haunts me, and I am past the age of being as happy as a baby boy with a brand-new choo-choo toy. But the oh, what joy lingers on.

They Were Great

I've got a flock of the old 78s, and it is not my imagination that tells me that Kemp and Gray and Noble and Artie Shaw were magnificent. The stuff is just as good as when fellows like Shaw were making \$45,000—imagine, with small taxes, and a scale payroll—a week to tour the country and play the tobacco barns in places like Cheraw, S.C.

These orchestra types were perfect. Each had his specialty—the Dorseyes were sentimental gentlemen, Skip Fields had his rippling rhythm, Lombardo played a shaky version of "Little Girl" that found great favor with the young, and anything Ray Noble did was to die over. It was not a time of live or hurting bodies; orchestras played melodies written by enduring musicians. It was the age of the ballad, and calisthenics had not yet invaded the dance floor.

Ancient smoke may be getting in my eyes, but I remember it as a wonderful time to be young in, and the music as sung and played by the moderns today is just as fine as it used to be. It's just that we lack specialists and specialties, and, of them all, nobody was specialer than Skin Ennis singing "Heart of Stone" with Hal Kemp. Not, you understand, that I am knocking Isham Jones.

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Question: How did the moon get started? G. H. Darwin, son of Charles Robert Darwin, founder of the theory of evolution, theorized that the moon was once a part of the earth. According to him, the earth at that time was in a semi-liquid or plastic condition. As it spun around, it passed first into the shape of a pear, then into the shape of an hourglass and finally into the form of a dumbbell, with unequal weights at the end.

Eventually, the theory goes, the two weights of the dumbbell separated and the smaller one became the moon.

One of the most interesting superstitions about the moon concerns its supposed effect on insanity. Our word LUNACY comes from the Latin word LUNA, meaning moon. Lunatics once were supposed to have become insane from gazing at the moon.

It sounds reasonable. Maybe that's how these lunatics who are proposing to spend \$40 BILLION to put a man on the moon got that way.

IRAQI PRESS ATTACK
CAIRO (UPI)—Iraqi army units pressed their attack against rebel Kurdish tribesmen and villagers in northern Iraq Thursday, the U.A.R. Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported.

The MENA dispatch, from Baghdad, quoted a military communiqué from the combat zone which claimed the regulars had met "very slight resistance" and 400 rebels had surrendered in the Sheikhan region.

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Saturday, June 22, the 173rd day of 1963 with 192 to follow. The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The morning stars are Venus, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening star is Mars. On this day in history: In 1870, the U.S. Department of Justice was created by an act of Congress.

In 1874, Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, of Macon, Mo., founded the science of osteopathy. In 1940, France fell to Adolf Hitler, who invaded Russia exactly one year later.

In 1942, the U.S. Post Office sent its first film "V" mail to American soldiers in England.

A thought for the day—English author, Geoffrey Chaucer said: "He makes speed who can his time abide."

Annual Red Cross Meet Set Friday

The annual meeting of the Douglas County Chapter of the American Red Cross is to be held June 28. Eldon Caley, chairman, reports that the meeting is to be held at 8 p.m. in the ballroom of the Elks Lodge hall. A no-host dinner will precede the business session. Ben Padrow, professor of speech at Portland State College, is to be the chief speaker, Caley reports.

There is nothing in divorce for the husband. Therefore, it is necessary to look elsewhere for the cause. Can it be in the fact that the wife does not even have to pay her own attorney's fee, or that she is assured support money from the date of complaint to trial date, guarantee of alimony, child support, custody of the children, acquiring their home and possessions, debt free, or, if she doesn't want the children, she is not required to pay child support? Or is the cause in the attorney's fee which is needed by him in order to feed his children or his wife will divorce him?

We feel that a fair divorce alone would reduce the divorce rate considerably. U.S. Divorce Reform has through its court observers acquired histories of many divorce cases which would be interesting reading to anyone. They can be acquired by writing to U.S. Divorce Reform, Inc., P.O. Box 6222, Sacramento 21, Calif.

Divorces have become so popular that recently a woman in California obtained a divorce from a man she wasn't even married to with all the property settlements usually to a divorce. She was admittedly married to another man. There is apparently nothing to deter the divorce courts from doing anything they please.

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In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of The News-Review

40 YEARS AGO
June 22, 1923

Deer are being killed in great numbers in the North Umpqua district by timber wolves, according to a report made last Friday to the state Game Commission by B. F. Shields and Joseph Murphy, timber cruisers, who returned from the Douglas County mountains this week.

The cruisers report that the carcasses of 20 deer had been counted in four days. A. E. Bergdoff, state game warden, announced that the commission is taking action to eliminate the "varmints." Douglas County is now the "timber wolf" center of Oregon, it is reported.

25 YEARS AGO
June 22, 1938

Joe Louis weighed in at 198 pounds today for his 15-round heavyweight title bout against Max

Schmeling at Yankee stadium tonight. Schmeling, the German challenger, weighed 193.

Despite a brief light shower in the mid-afternoon, Mike Jacobs made no move toward postponement of the fight.

Townsend old age pension advocates heard at their third national convention today that population studies indicate a greatly increasing proportion of elderly persons in the next several decades, an increase that may stimulate further efforts toward publicly-supported old age security.

10 YEARS AGO
June 22, 1953

Roseburg voters have until 8 p.m. today to cast ballots on annexation of several areas into the city. Main territories included in today's election are West Roseburg, Hucrest and the Veterans Administration property.

THE LIGHTER SIDE:



What If Everyone Stopped Smoking

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI)—If my own circle of acquaintances is a reliable indicator, a lot of people these days are trying to give up smoking.

I have heard so much about this recently that it started me to thinking what might happen if all the people who now smoke were suddenly to stop.

Here are some of the possibilities that crossed my mind:

1. All of the farmers who now grow tobacco would convert their acreage to wheat, corn and cotton. This would greatly aggravate the surplus problem and cause the Secretary of Agriculture to shoot himself.

Seeking a scientific solution, the government would underwrite a vast research program to find other uses for wheat, corn and cotton.

After 10 years and 10 billion dollars, the laboratories would announce a chemical discovery through which wheat, corn and cotton could be used to make cigarettes.

2. A number of actors who have been appearing in cigarette commercials on television would be

stuck with worthless tattoos. 3. The ceramics industry, whose main source of income is the production of ashtrays, would have to go back to kewpie dolls and mustache cups.

4. Composers who make their living turning out jingles for cigarette commercials would have to go back to writing symphonies.

5. Tobacco auctioneers would have to find jobs as hearing aid salesmen.

6. The paper match industry would go into bankruptcy, taking with it the art schools that advertise correspondence courses on the covers.

7. Thousands of persons employed in the production of "no smoking" signs would be thrown out of work.

8. There would be a slump in the sale of dentifrices purported to remove tobacco stains from teeth.

9. Companies making cigarette lighter fluid would have to switch to the production of charcoal lighter fluid.

10. The demand for pipe cleaners would be restricted to women who use them for hair curlers.

11. Smoky, the Bear, would have to find someone else to blame for forest fires.

Opinions From Readers

Fair Divorce Regulation Cited As A Major Need

To the Editor: The News-Review should be highly commended for its editorial, "True Love Hits Rocky Shoals" in the June 18 edition.

The article points out some of the evils of divorce, i.e., juvenile delinquency, more divorce, and disrespect for the institution of marriage. Also the article points out one of the facts which U.S. Divorce Reform, Inc. is now combating, that of public apathy toward the divorce problem.

Americans shudder at remembrance of history lessons on medieval justice, yet shrug their shoulders at mention of current divorce court practices where a father's children are practically always taken from him, also his possessions and future earnings. And, if he is unable to remain gainfully employed, he is imprisoned. This regardless of his innocence.

Very little investigation would be necessary to determine that

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The Editor's Corner

By Charles V. Stanton

Resource Potential Needs An Increased Exploitation

Douglas County has a resource potential that isn't given nearly enough exploitation, in my opinion.

I'm thinking particularly of Salmon Harbor, the unique big fish sports fishery at the mouth of the Umpqua River.

Douglas County and the Port of Umpqua deserve great commendation for what has been accomplished with a minimum expenditure. There has been no expenditure of federal money in connection with the development. The sports fishery presently is served in a very able manner. But it could be producing far more revenue to the community, given proper promotion.

Douglas County, it is true, has spent a comparatively large sum of money on Salmon Harbor development. The Port of Umpqua has been cooperative in improvements. But a great deal remains to be done. Possibilities are almost unlimited. Money going into this recreational project is coming back in increased tax valuations, business development and improvement, and increased population.

Of course, the State of Oregon and the federal government probably are benefiting more than is Douglas County because of income taxes; for the income of the area has been greatly enhanced because of Salmon Harbor.

While I was attending the dedication of the W. M. Tugman State Park at Eel Lake, right on the Douglas-Cosco county line, recently, Harry Ludwig, Salmon Harbor manager, took "Chuck" Collins, former supervisor of the Douglas County Park Department, now executive vice president of the Cal-Ore Recreational Development District, Collins' son, "Cy," members of the county court and myself on a short tour to see some of the development now in progress.

Development Amazing
The development truly is amazing.

"The Corps of Engineers is supervising rebuilding and extension of the south jetty, which is expected to improve boating conditions."

The Coast Guard recently negotiated purchase of a small tract at the entrance to Salmon Harbor and is preparing to erect a new station.

The breakwater, which parallels the Winchester Bay waterfront, has been widened to three or four times its originally planned width and now is being considered as the possible site of a resort.

A bridge is being constructed across Winchester Creek and will make possible a road to the breakwater which, in turn, accommodates a huge picnic and parking area. At the same time material has been used to produce a fill that will be improved later for camping purposes.

New Road Due
A new road will lead around the base of the elevation south of the town of Winchester Bay to Zolokouski Beach Park, now accessible only through the Umpqua Light-house property. This road also will connect with the existing paved road leading to the very fine beach south from the Umpqua to the Tenmile Lake outlet about 7 miles of unbroken beachfront.

At this time the beachfront is the scene of a large salvage operation.

A lumber barge carrying many feet of lumber struck a submerged block just beyond the south jetty and was capsized, dumping the lumber into the ocean, to be carried ashore by the tide.

Many thousands of feet of lumber were carted off by individuals before guards were set up. More recently salvage operators collected the debris in a more systematic manner.

Use Begins
Presently quite badly littered, the beach probably will be cleared and cleaned before the vacation crowds start gathering. However, some use of the facilities already has begun.

Salmon Harbor draws big crowds each year during season, but the number is only a handful compared to the potential should an adequate program of promotion and advertising be undertaken.

HUNT CUTTING BURGLAR
WICHITA, Kan. (UPI)—Police are seeking a burglar who entered the home of Vernon F. Coss, stole his liquor, cut off the left leg of 17 pair of pants, and chopped 12 neckties in half.

If a merchant couldn't hold a successful clearance sale he'd end up with all his money tied up in merchandise nobody wanted. (Advertisement)



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