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Reserve In Front Line Of Public Service

"It's one of the right arms of the Sheriff's Office."

That's what Sheriff Ira C. Byrd has to say about the Douglas County Sheriff's Reserve.

Most of Douglas County, apparently, got to see the Reservists in action last week at the Douglas County Fair. Judging from their reactions, some of the people seemed to think these were just a bunch of guys trying to be policemen.

Without them, however, the parking situation at the Fairgrounds would have been utter chaos. Averting such chaos is the most obvious duty of the Reserve, but it has many more which contribute to the comfort and safety of the county.

These men are all volunteers from the business community, who have been given police training, almost as rigid as that given to regular officers.

This training paid off handsomely in 1959, when the Reserve swung into action immediately after the Aug. 7, 1959, explosives truck blast. The members of the Reserve were the first on the scene to retain law and order. They held the situation in check, with other police officers, until the National Guard arrived on the scene.

This was just one of the jobs they handled without compensation. They are also called out on roadblocks, searches and other police activities whenever they are needed. Their services are available to any police force. The Roseburg City Police and State Police often call on them for help.

They also handle other jobs for pay, which ordinarily would have to be taken by policemen. To supplement sheriff's office patrols, they are called in for special patrol duty each weekend. They are the first organization to come to mind when any mass parking problems are involved in a special event, such as the fair. They also are called when guards are needed for prisoners in hospitals.

On all the jobs where a bulk of the members are needed, the pay given the

unit is put in a special fund which goes toward buying new equipment for the unit. In evidence this year at the fair were walkie-talkies which made the parking operation even smoother because of better communication. These were purchased from the fund.

The organization was activated in 1940 as a war emergency unit. The threat of war was strong, and the National Guard had been called into service. This left a gap in case of community emergency, so the Reserve was established.

Among the several charter members of the organization were Sheriff Byrd himself, present Reserve Capt. George Caskey and former county Treasurer Oliver Johnson.

After the war, it was found that many of the members of the emergency organization liked police work and saw a need for continued operation of the Reserve. This fall it will be 23 years old.

During its years of service, it has handled car parking work at every Douglas County Rodeo and every fair. Caskey estimates his men put in from 16 to 20 hours each at this year's fair. It also parks cars at the hardtop races and Fleet Days at Salmon Harbor.

But probably the most important function is that of supplementing the law enforcement agencies of the county.

The police forces are small. They are able to handle day-to-day routines, but in case of emergencies, their numbers are far from adequate. That's when the 50 men of the Sheriff's Reserve are called in (or in most cases arrive spontaneously because they know they are needed.)

Speaking of his own police force, Sheriff Byrd pointed out that it is sometimes difficult to cover the county with the 12 regulars he has. "The assistance of the Sheriff's Reserve is invaluable," he concludes.

We agree with the sheriff. They deserve far more credit than they get.



Honeymoon's End? What Do They Say



By ROBERT C. RUARK

Justice Bill Douglas' marriage, at the smoke-seasoned age of 64, to the dewy Joan Martin, aged 23, poses a question which has often puzzled me in unions between persons of greatly disparate ages: What do they talk about during the honeymoon is over, the flat furnished and the drapes hung?

It is tragic in concept, not so much for the fact that when father's physical powers have waned the young mama is just reaching her prime. It is tragic because after a while Baby has heard all of Pop's stories, read all his press clippings, and all that's left is a 20-year, or in the Douglas case, 41-year gap in experience and knowledge.

No Reference Point

To the young lady, there is no reference point of depression years, of national poverty, because she was born in prosperity. There is no use mentioning Ernie Pyle or General Rommel, or Albert Kesselring or Mauldin's Willie and Joe, because World War II was finished before she was out of the playpen. Adolf Hitler is only a word, and if you asked who might be Clara Petacci, she would probably venture that she was a new Italian movie star, Eva Braun? Never heard of her.

Wallace Reid would be lost as a later modern who hit the pipe, and if I approached her with Stanley Smith, or a piece in which he performed called "Come Out of the Kitchen," you would be so mixed up with Theda Bara that it would be impossible to identify two Williams, either Earnum or Hart. Hart? Not even Marie E. Hart, who was taking off her clothes for money before Christine Keeler was born. Here you would have to explain that Margie was an aristocrat of show business, such as was Larry Hart, who used to write songs with a guy named Rodgers—

not Will Rogers, or Buddy Rogers, but Richard.

In our fireside chat, after the blues has worn off, we would possibly not be able to distinguish all the Rubens — Peter Paul, the painter, from Alma Rubens, the tragic one, from Benny Rubins, the comic, Billy Rose, Baby Rose Marie and Gypsy Rose Lee would get all confused, no matter what the judicial approach to separation of fact from fancy.

Perhaps the talk turns to cars, the Duesenberg turns out to be a German city, the Hudson is a river — as in "cry me et cetera" — Essex is in England, Franklin was a guy who discovered electricity, Pierce Arrow was an Indian chief, Stanley Steamer was a riverboat, Cord is the hero of "The Carpetbaggers," and Auburn is either a college or a jailhouse. The sad fact is that the bridegroom drove most of the aforementioned, in the days when Packard was not Vance and also had distinguishing lines of its own.

Worms Responsible

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Goldstein, Walter Hagen, Kid Chocolate, Luis Angel Firpo, Mickey Walker, Bob Muesel, Tony Lazzeri — even Waite Hoyt or Vernon Gomez — you'd have a hell of a time conducting a casual sports conversation in terms of contemporaries. What was Babe Ruth, a man or a candy bar? Bronco Nagurski was a horse, and so was the Candy who played with Gene Austin, which was an automobile that had a radio which played "My Blue Heaven."

Climbing Studied

I imagine the new Mrs. Douglas had read up on modern mountain climbing, since the bridegroom gets around with an alpenstock in one hand and a book of Tibetan philosophy in the other, but I bet it was not so long ago that she thought Everest's first name was Edward and his last name Horton, give or take a little in the spelling. She probably never heard of the time Paul Gallico — a modern folk-singer — fell off an Alp in the 1934 Olympics and won the involuntary championship of the press corps.

You would have to explain that Gertrude Neisen did not swim the channel, and that Ederle was not a do-it-yourself hairset. Paul Robeson did not play the infield for the Dodgers, and Alexander Woolcott was not Wolcott Gibbs.

I hope the Douglaseses are hiking a lot on the honeymoon and tiring themselves out, because Paul must have a hell of a time explaining the difference between Felix Frankfurter and a hog dog over that loving old flickering campfire.

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—In The Day's News—

By FRANK JENKINS

Probing question:

What is the BIG problem in the Senate hearings in Washington on the test ban treaty?

It may be this: Are the Russians farther ahead in the race to develop an ANTI-MISSILE MISSILE than we are?

Dr. Teller thinks they are. Speaking at a luncheon at the National Press Club in Washington yesterday, he said:

"The Soviet Union, through their magnificent test series in 1961 and 1962, may have gained the knowledge to enable them to PERFECT such a missile."

He conceded that he doesn't know whether such a weapon has been developed by Russia, but he noted that "they claim they can shoot a fly from the sky."

Dr. Teller has been joined in his objections to the test ban treaty by Dr. John Foster, Jr., director of the Lawrence radiation laboratory at Livermore, Calif.

He testified yesterday that "from purely technical military considerations the test ban treaty appears to be disadvantageous to us."

He added that one of his starkest worries is that the United States will not be able to PROOF-TEST ITS WEAPONS SYSTEMS because of the lack of atmospheric tests — particularly as they relate to ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSE and protection of the U.S. missile sites.

In his National Press Club address, Dr. Teller insisted that the treaty would prevent the development of a U.S. missile defense which, he said, could save 90 per

The Editor's Corner
By Charles V. Stanton

Major Fish Battle Starts Over Columbia River Act

The Oregon division of the Izaak Walton League of America is preparing to circulate petitions calling for an election to prohibit commercial fishing in the Columbia River. This action was threatened when an initiative to stop the commercial catch of steelhead by making the steelhead a game fish in all Oregon waters was beaten by the commercial interest on a technicality. Petitions had been signed by some 50,000 people. Organized sportsmen were very resentful that they were denied the right of a public vote on the issue. They were quite critical of what they believed to be a decision based more on prejudice than on law.

The proposal to place a prohibition against all commercial fishing in the Columbia may be expected to become a major issue. Thus, Oregon is embarked on another fish fight of top magnitude.

Some of our newspapers already have taken up the cudgel and are beating organized sports groups over the head with the charge of selfishness, special interest, destruction of industry, and the usual cries raised by the commercial interests.

One of my good newspaper friends constantly pleads the loss of salmon as food. The consumer, according to his apparent, and I believe sincere, belief, would be denied the opportunity to enjoy canned or fresh salmon.

I would suggest to him that he go to the food stores of his area and find out from them just how much Oregon salmon is being sold. Virtually all Columbia River salmon go through Bumble Bee Seafoods, which has a packing operation at Astoria.

Catch Small

The Bumble Bee brand is one of the finest to be found anywhere. But Bumble Bee gets the bulk of its commercial pack from Alaska and from the ocean troll. The part taken by gillnets in the Columbia is but a tiny fraction of the whole. If my friend will only examine the matter, he'll find that the few fish that would be denied the canners by the proposed closure would have little effect upon the availability of salmon to the consumer.

Another of my good friends repeats the time-worn wail of the commercial interests that removal of nets from the Columbia River would force the industry to close its operation in Oregon and go elsewhere.

This is the same "wolf" cry we've been hearing every time a change in the law has been proposed. Closing the Columbia River to commercial fishing would deny only a very small percentage of the total commercial pack to the canners. To believe that this minute loss would seriously hurt the industry seems to me to be completely illogical.

'Our' Not Used

One critic of the sportsmen's group, we note, contends that sportsmen look upon salmon and steelhead as "our" fish; that they are motivated by strictly selfish interests. But this same writer didn't use the word "our," insofar as I can recall, when the chairman of the Oregon Fish Commission proposed to the Legislature that, in effect, take all control of the anadromous fishery away from the Oregon Game Commission and deliver the entire migratory fish population into the hands of the commercial interests.

At the last session of the Legislature the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club offered a plan that would have met the situation. The plan, however, was a compromise. As such, it had few friends on either side of the controversy.

Division Eyed

The central theme of the Roseburg plan was that there must be a division of authority and area. Sports and commercial fishing, it was declared, are not compatible in the same waters. The Roseburg plan would give recreational priority to inland waters with the ocean

primarily to be used for commercial fishing. The proposal suggested provisions whereby there could be an overlapping of interests within the limit of continued protection and production.

The bill got exactly nowhere. The concept, however, is one the people of Oregon, I believe, will accept eventually.

While the Izaak Walton plan may be called radical in some respects, it, I anticipate, lead to the division which the Roseburg plan would have provided. Following a division of authority and area, I believe, it will be possible to turn to one-commission control and, finally, to the Department of Natural Resources so long advocated.

Klamath Forest Closures Made

SALEM (UPI)—Weather conditions have brought a nother woods closure in the Klamath area, the State Forestry Department announced today.

Effective next Thursday the 31,000-acre Bryant Mountain area southeast of Klamath Falls will be subject to entry by permit only.

A permit restricts smoking and open fires and requires fire tools under certain conditions.

Meanwhile, only three fires were reported Thursday on state-protected forest and rangelands. One was a 20-acre wheat field fire near Tygh Valley, and the other two were small blazes in the Linn and Douglas districts.

The U.S. Forest Service had eight small fires in the state.

CHARGES INTRUSION

TOKYO (UPI) — Communist China announced Thursday night its "255th serious warning" at the United States for alleged violation of Chinese sea or air space.

The latest alleged intrusion was made Thursday morning by two U.S. warships in "China's territorial waters off Kwangtung and Fukien Province," the New China News Agency said in a broadcast monitored here.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE:



Women's Knees Seem To Stare

By DICK WEST

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Earliest this summer there was an interesting bit of news from Paris concerning one of the famous fashion designers.

This designer, who is so famous I have forgotten his name, was reported to be featuring extremely revealing necklines in his new fall creations.

Although delicately phrased, the account I read conveyed the impression that he was bringing a significant portion of milady's rib cage into the public domain.

When I called this to the attention of my wife, who is an authority on such matters, she told me it would never become fashionable. Naturally I asked why not.

"Because," she said, "fashions are set by women who can afford to buy originals, and too many rich women are flat-chested."

Since her own rib cage is more favorably endowed than my bank account, it may be that she was just being catty. But I devoutly hope that she correctly called the shot.

Having been through a rather trying summer of ignoring women's knees, I simply am not in condition to spend the winter overlooking their rib cages.

Somewhere there is a portrait of a lady, also so famous I have forgotten her name, whose eyes appear to follow you no matter from what angle you view the painting.

This same optical illusion, as I have pointed out before, occurs in women's knees.

Time after time I have been accused of staring at their knees, whereas actually their knees are staring at me. It is all very nerve-racking.

If two or more women are present, it is impossible to avert one's eyes. The entire room becomes a sea of knees.

It has been my expectation that the summer would bring surcease. During the summer, women usually shift into shorts. When that happens, their knees are not as disconcerting as when they are wearing skirts.

It's not an ideal situation, but I can live with it.

This summer, however, many women did not shift into shorts. Instead, they shifted into shifts.

A shift, as you know, is a loose fitting garment that only touches the body in four places. Sometimes the wrong four. But

that is not its main drawback. What makes a shift intolerable is that it not only fails to cover the knees, it spills up the side as well. For someone already in the throes of a knee complex, the effect is shattering.

It has made me plumb shifty-eyed.

Reader Opinions

Radio Interference Noted As Legal Problem Here

To The Editor:
An interference situation has arisen in the Roseburg area involving some of the two-way radios operating in the "Citizen's Band" and some information on the legalities involved in the situation may be in order.

Radio frequency energy is being put to increasing uses in various phases of industry. In the Roseburg area there are a number of such units being used in wood products manufacture.

Ten years ago — or more — the Federal Communications Commission set aside certain bands of frequencies in which operation of these industrial RF machines are permitted. Some of these bands are "shared" with other services such as is the case with the Citizen's Band.

Many users of the Citizen's Band have overlooked the fact that they are subject to whatever interference may result from industrial sharing of their band. Unfortunately for them, as long as the industrial equipment continues to operate within the band, or bands, assigned to it, the other services which operate on the same bands have no recourse to the FCC.

By the very nature of the principal of their operation, the industrial machines using this process are inherently unstable to at least a certain extent. Until now no one has devised adequate circuitry permitting crystal control that would hold them to a specific frequency. Experiments along this line are going forward and there is a certain degree of promise in results obtained to date but final conclusions and installations are still at least a matter of months away at best.

The undersigned has conducted necessary measurements of frequency and field strength on certain equipment in the Roseburg area and has certified to the FCC that it is operating within the provisions of the FCC rules. Pending further technological advances there is nothing further that can be done about this source of interference to Citizen's Band users in this area.

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The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Saturday, Aug. 24, the 238th day of 1963 with 129 to follow.

The moon is approaching its first phase.

The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Mars and Saturn.

On this day in history:

In 79 A.D., Mount Vesuvius erupted and burned the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum under molten lava.

In 1814, the British captured Washington, D. C., and burned the Capitol and the White House.

In 1909, construction began on the Panama Canal.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart Putnam became the first woman to make a non-stop transcontinental flight.

A thought for the day — German novelist Franz Kafka said: "There are two cardinal sins from which all others spring: impatience and laziness."

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of the News-Review

40 YEARS AGO
Aug. 24, 1923

All time records for transcontinental airplane flights have been broken by W. L. Smith air mail pilot who brought one of the air-rail planes to New York on the last leg of a cross country flight that took only 26 hours and 14 minutes.

T. H. Hill superintendent of the Rock Creek trout hatchery, says that the hatchery has been short of water for the past few weeks, but the new dam he has been working on will be completed this week. The hatchery will have a capacity of over three million trout.

25 YEARS AGO
Aug. 24, 1938

The old Coos Bay Wagon Road running over the Coast Range to Roseburg which taps millions of feet of virgin timber may be taken over by the state as a secondary highway.

The American pilot of a Chinese airliner reported today Japanese war planes had forced him to set his plane down near Canton and then machine-gunned it killing or wounding at least 14 of the 17 persons aboard.

10 YEARS AGO
Aug. 24, 1953

The Drain Black Sox kept their perfect record in the Southwestern Oregon League competition over the weekend by walking off with their second pennant in two years. Impending autumn rain, threat of new disaster to 130,000 earthquake victims on Greece's three devastated Ionian islands.



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Riddle Scouts Chosen For National Jamboree

Ricky Gillespie, Mike Rasmussen and Terry Weakley, members of Riddle Boy Scout Troop 36, have been accepted to attend the National Boy Scout Jamboree to be held in Valley Forge next July. Pat Boyd is 17th on the waiting list if that number should cancel out.

One hundred and eleven scouts will be going from Oregon Trail Council and nine scoutmasters were chosen from the 44 applicants. The group will fly to Washington, D.C., for a brief visit, then to New York to attend the World's Fair before going on to Valley Forge, correspondent Erma Best reports.

NOW YOU KNOW

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Australia is the only nation to occupy an entire continent, according to the National Geographic Atlas of the World.



When you read some magazine articles you wonder what the editors could have rejected.