

## You Can Start Fighting 'Flu' Now

It's time to get "flu" shots — and the sooner the better.

The state Board of Health reports that Oregon is almost a sure thing to be caught in the middle of a fall and winter influenza epidemic.

Oregon and the rest of the West Coast escaped last year's epidemic. Dr. H. Grant Skinner, director of the Board of Health's epidemiology section, says this is almost a sure indication the state won't escape this year.

He said flu follows a pattern of moving into areas it missed the previous year.

He called for immunizations right away, to be completed by mid-De-

cember. This need for speed is due to the time it takes to develop antibodies after vaccination.

The doctor said immunization was particularly important to high-risk groups such as elderly people, those with chronic ailments such as heart, lung and kidney disorders and pregnant women.

To back his contention that "flu" will boom is the weekly communicable disease report. It shows that flu cases are already on the increase. They aren't yet at a dangerous level, but they have risen slightly above the average. In Douglas County, we have about 30 cases in the last two weeks of October.

## Rabies Possibilities Scare Health Men

While on the subject of diseases, a growing concern is being shown in the state on the subject of rabies.

At its state meeting in Roseburg recently, the Board of Health Advisory Committee began thinking seriously about having all dogs inoculated against rabies.

The reason, of course, is that dogs are the closest animals to man and are most likely to spread the disease to him.

The reason for the fear is the dread form the disease takes and the certainty of death after it progresses to given degree.

The horror of the disease is outlined in the communicable disease report. It tells of an experiment carried out on an 8-month old cat which was inoculated with a live virus rabies vaccine in a study to try to determine cause.

"Twelve days later, the animal manifested slight paralysis of the back legs. It was apprehensive and refused to eat or drink.

"Over the next few days, the disease progressed. The right leg extensors were completely paralyzed. The left leg was also paralyzed, but less extensively."

Later the animal began attacking moving objects. Within seven days of the onset of illness, the animal had to be killed.

So far, cases of rabies in Oregon have been limited recently to wildlife. Experts say it would be potentially disastrous if the spread of the disease is made from this wildlife to such house pets as dogs and cats.

It's reason enough for strong consideration of mandatory inoculations of dogs.



## Revoke Ruling Isn't Justified

By ROBERT C. RUARK

Perhaps my capacity for moral indignation lessens with the gray in my hair, but I think Frank Sinatra took a real rap from the State Gaming Commission of Nevada, which revoked his gaming license in two lush joints in that fragrant state — forcing Sinatra to sell his shares in the Sands Hotel and ordering him out of his interests in the Cal-Neva Lodge, where he has an ostensible 50 per cent.

This high moral attitude was struck because evidently a Chicago hood named Sam Giancana, who is supposed to be one of the high spots in this Cosa Nostra thing, if there is any such thing, spent a couple of weekends at the Cal-Neva Lodge.

About 100 years ago, or so it seems, I once served as guardian of Frank's conscience, when I dug him up in Havana with a flock of hoods, including Lucky Luciano, on a weekend of fun and games. I am afraid I was unduly severe with Francis Albert for the company he kept, since Luciano, who had been mysteriously commuted out of the clink to Italy by Thomas Dewey's office, was moving back into this area via Havana, where the boys had a big lunk of the gambling and were planning on reactivation of the narcotics business.

Mr. Sinatra was a pigeon, at the time, because he was serving as a model for the nation's youth, and the lads with whom he was cavorting at the Hotel

National did not seem fit as a model for the nation's youth. So I wrote it, and forgot it. Mr. Luciano was kicked back to Italy, and Frank went on to considerably more fame and a lot more fortune. So far as I know, he has not stuck up any banks or anything like that since, and only very recently, could only be accused of hanging out with the Irish Mafia, the Kennedy Gang, in the White House.

Exposure Certain

The point to be made here is that since the halcyon days of Dave's Blue Room, very few entertainers have ever made it big without being exposed to members of the mob, whether you call it Cosa Nostra or just the guy who owns a piece of a cabaret in Jersey. Billy Rose, the Wall Street tycoon, can cite you some beauts — as, I suppose, could every big singing star who ever played a room in anything bigger than Cheraw, S. C. The point is that the gambling business, the luxury resort hotel business and the cabaret business all have at least indirectly been hooked up with the mob, if only on the monetary end.

Loyalty Unchallenged

Francis Albert Sinatra is short of temper, but he is a loyal guy, and I suppose if some slightly colorful person from his past showed up in one of the Nevada joints, Frank would be apt to place the house at his disposal. The fact that this person was Sam Giancana, at a time when the public was quivering deliciously over the retelling of Valachi's "revelations" — revelations which nearly any metropolitan reporter could have made in his place — generated a certain amount of heat.

But for Nevada — my God, Nevada! — to go high and mighty and bust the Voice's license to entice suckers to the square crap tables in a couple of real estate ventures is the absolute Chinese end. There isn't enough real morality in Nevada to make a louse blink if it was all in his eye. Any state that lives off big gambling and its byproducts — and I should not like to mention a high order of harlotry — and which has paid court to lice like Buggy Seigel and Mickey Cohen, is living in the glassiest of parlor houses.

Timing Not Good

Except when he sings or acts or makes another million, Frank's timing is sometimes not so good. This was one of the occasions when the timing was off. When Frank flung those brows for the Democratic slush fund, to pay off the deficits, his timing was just fine, and he was a real gone hero.

Sinatra needs no sympathy from me, but I still think he got a bum rattle out of the hypocrites in Nevada. Busting him loose from a gambling license for speaking kindly to a hood is about as lofty, morally, as a madman firing a girl for waving goodbye to a client.

"The complaint charged that Mr. Sinatra brought discredit to the gambling industry by allowing Giancana to stay at the Lake Tahoe establishment."

And that is the state where the paid deputies shoot you for ringing in a pair of personal dice!

HURT

DEAR HURT: It's hard to say. If she's off her rocker, you shouldn't be critical. But if she's simply ignorant, continue to accept the gifts without comment and pass them along where they will bring some joy.

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## The Almanac

By United Press International  
Today is Wednesday, Nov. 6, the 310th day of 1963 with 55 to follow.

The moon is approaching its last quarter. The evening stars are Jupiter and Saturn.

On this day in history:

In 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the United States.

In 1869, the first formal intercollegiate football game was played between Princeton and Rutgers at New Brunswick, N. J.

In 1900, William McKinley was elected President on the Republican ticket.

In 1953, U. S. Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. charged former President Truman had put the late Harry Dexter White at the head of the International Monetary Fund knowing he was a "Russian spy."

A thought for the day: Eugene Debs, Socialist presidential candidate in 1855, said: "While there is a lower class I am in it, while there is a criminal element I am of it; while there is a soul in prison, I am not free."

## Myrtle Creeker Named Newsboy

A Myrtle Creek lad, Jack Mitchell, 15, has been named the News-Review's "Newsboy of the Month."

He amassed a big 9,600 points on the basis of courtesy, efficiency and initiative. He got the greatest number of points by increasing by eight the number of customers on his route which is in the Briggs Acres area.

Jack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Mitchell. His



JACK MITCHELL  
month's newsboy

brother, James, substitutes on his route when necessary.

It's business before pleasure with Jack. He is fond of football and would be playing, if it weren't for his paper route. He does find time for hunting and fishing, though.

There was a tie for runner-up in the contest. Kerry Jordan of Canyonville and Bob Johnson of Sutherlin both had 9,350 points.

## THE LIGHTER SIDE:



## PR Man Made For Track Job

By DICK WEST

SAN JUAN, P.R. (UPI)—The "It's a small world" phenomenon works very well in Puerto Rico. I had been here only a few hours when I ran into Irwin Tress.

Yes, I said Irwin Tress. You were expecting maybe Judge Crater?

I knew Tress about 15 years ago when he was a photographer for the International News Service in Miami, Fla. It was in Korea, however, that he became a living legend.

After the outbreak of the Korean War, Lee Ferrero, an INS man in Seoul, began petitioning the home office for additional reporters. Finally, he was notified that help was on the way.

Event immortalized

But Ferrero's joy turned to consternation when his reinforcement arrived. In fact, the event was immortalized in a journalistic folk song, the first verse of which went like this: "My name is Lee Ferrero. And I work for INS. I asked for correspondents. And they sent me Irwin Tress."

Tress is now public relations director at El Comandante, the San Juan race track. It appeared to me that they were made for each other.

Only someone like Irwin could fully appreciate El Comandante. And vice versa.

Tress conducted a tour of the track one afternoon for me and several other mainlanders from a group of about 500 who came here as guests of the Sheraton Corp. for the opening of a new resort hotel.

Camerero's Grave

"See that floral horsehoe in the track infield?" he said. "That is where Camerero is buried."

Camerero won 36 consecutive races, more than any other horse in history. Then he developed ulcers and died.

"El Comandante also is the home track of Pedro Juan Vinales, a jockey who rode for 11 years without winning a race. He lost 390 races in a row. People said he was the only jockey in the world who could have lost on Camerero."

"Finally one day, when there were only three other horses in the race, his horse won. The crowd went wild. They rushed out of the grandstand, hoisted Vinales on their shoulders and threw him in the infield lake."

"Vinales donated his purse to charity and never raced again. He wanted to quit a winner. Un-

## In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of the News-Review

40 YEARS AGO  
Nov. 6, 1923

"Lady Lois" hair nets were guaranteed to give satisfactory wear and reportedly "scores" of Roseburg ladies were wearing them.

The Grand Hotel was advertising "the best meal in town" for 45 cents and the Y-NOT-EAT was featuring a full-course supper special with all the trimmings for 50 cents. At the Liberty Theater, one of the most "deliciously daring" films ever put on the screen, Elinor Glyn's "6 Days," was winding up a run. Prices for the super-special were 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

25 YEARS AGO  
Nov. 6, 1938

Twenty-five years ago the following candidates were running for office in the November elections on the Republican ticket: for Governor, Charles A. Sprague; U.S. Senator, Rufus Holman; U.S. Representative, James W. Mott; secretary of state, Earl Snell; for county judge, Morris C. Bowker; for state representative, Glen H. (Bert) Riddle and B. A. Canada; for county commissioner, R. O. Thomas; for labor commissioner, C. H. Gram.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate was Henry L. Hess. Willis Mahoney was the Democratic candidate for U.S. senator and Huron Clough was running for county judge on the same ticket. Rex Putnam, democrat, was running for state superintendent of public instruction against Charles A. Rice, republican.

10 YEARS AGO  
Nov. 6, 1953

Opening feature of National Education Week observance in Roseburg will be the dedication Monday night of Rose School's new primary building. One of the most modern schools in the county, the new rooms accommodating 150 students. The building is complete, except for minor details. The dedication will be sponsored by the Rose PTA.

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### The Editor's Corner

By Charles V. Stanton

## Waste Caused By Storm May Aid Silvichemistry

It's an ill wind which blows no good, it is said. Oct. 12, 1962, Oregon was hit by the most disastrous windstorm in its history. The tornadic winds of the storm Freida caused millions of dollars in immediate damage.

It now has come to light that the storm did much more damage to Oregon's standing timber than had been estimated earlier. The blow fractured fiber in some standing trees. The damage done by this storm will not be fully eliminated until all standing timber in the area of the big blow has been harvested. That will be some 100 years from now.

But will this very damage result in speeding an anticipated change in the industry? Will silvichemistry soon replace, at least in part, the saw and lathe in manufacturing products from wood?

Many years ago I was told by one of the nation's leading experimenters that the time would come when the wood from our forests would become too valuable to be cut into timber and boards. Instead, it would be utilized chemically.

A few days ago a professor at Oregon State University made the same prediction. He was speaking at the Forest Products Laboratory where he is one of the lecturers.

He spoke particularly of possibilities for the use of bark. Bark is known to contain a wax which could replace carnauba, now imported from South America as a base for most waxes.

Process Discovered

The process for extracting wax from bark was discovered at OSU several years ago. When the Kellogg Co. obtained an option and conducted extensive experiments, it reportedly found the process satisfactory. But as it began contacting prospective markets, the price for the imported carnauba dropped to half the original cost. That ruined market prospects.

Weyerhaeuser reportedly purchased from the Kellogg Co. the laboratory notes and reports and is still at work on the process.

But, in addition to wax, bark yields a valuable medical compound, a chemical which prevents food from becoming rancid, a chemical used in tanning leather, a dye, is an extender of insect powder, and can be used in making plastics.

Aside from timbers, boards and plywoods, wood enters into the making of paper. Chips also can be used for insulating board, softwood panels, particle board, pressed wood, and other such products.

Other Products Seen

But the cellulose obtained from a tree also can be used in the manufacture of plastics, a high quality rayon, artificial sponges, a fabric that resembles wool but is wrinkle-free. Laminated layers from wood pulp, under pressure and heat, can be made into moulded furniture, boats, automobile coach and airplane seats, and other such uses. Wood pulp reduced to paper, then laminated with adhesives is made into honey-combed sections light in weight but with more strength than solid wood. Wood fiber can be reduced to finished panels for home construction.

In fact, at the Madison, Wis., forest laboratory a house was built entirely from wood but without a single timber or board.

Burners at present are being fed with hundreds of tons of waste wood, all suitable for conversion into some useful product. Conversion of wood also would help to solve our unemployment problem.

Several things, however, are lacking.

For one thing, our experience and knowledge of manufacture is chiefly that connected with production through mechanical

means. Too few people are educated in the field of silvichemistry.

Money Needed

Furthermore silvichemistry needs large sums of money for experimentation and the development of cheap processes. Presently most of the processes for utilization of waste are too expensive for general use.

Then, too, the use of wood for plastics, alcohol, sugar, protein feeds, etc., has much competition from existing industrial and agricultural blooms.

Perhaps, though, the volume of waste material to come from our forests in the future will encourage more research into utilization possibilities.

Once started, silvichemistry is expected to leave mechanical processes far behind. The waste we're now burning will have a far higher economic value than the sound material we now transform into timbers and boards.

## Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

In this space yesterday, we were talking about measures of weight and capacity, such as long tons and short tons and metric tons — the point being that what is called a ton in one country may not be the same as what is called a ton in another country.

Maybe, while we're at it, we might as well take a look at measures of DISTANCE, such as miles and kilometers. Only in American countries and countries with a British background (such as Canada) is the mile the standard measure of distance.

This can be very confusing indeed if you are traveling by car in a country where the kilometer is the accepted measure of distance — in Mexico, for example.

A kilometer equals 3,280 feet. A mile equals 5,280 feet.

If you are driving in continental European countries, where the kilometer is the measure of distance on the highway signs, or in Mexico, where the same is true, and want to reduce kilometers to miles, so you will know where you are and how far it is to the next point you are interested in, you will find this a convenient rule of thumb:

Take 60 per cent of the number of kilometers — that is, multiply the number of kilometers by .60 — and you'll be pretty close to the number of miles.

Actually, a kilometer is 62.1 per cent of a mile.

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