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Remember all the problems I've written about over the past years regarding the civet cat population around our abode. I mean like we've really had more than our share of trouble with the stinking little varmints getting in the attic, where they run foot races all night, occasionally letting loose a generous quantity of the fragrance only a civet cat has, getting caught in the garbage cans, and on and on and on.

Well . . . get ready . . . 'cause you won't believe this. Sunday night young son spent the night with a friend on Sixes River. Monday night they fetched him home. I watched him get out of their car with a small box in one hand and his clothes (extra) in the other. He didn't come in the house at 90 miles per hour as is his usual custom and I wondered. Instead, he sat down alongside the driveway with his head in his hands staring at that box.

I watched as Second daughter, who was washing the bus, went over to talk to him. In a couple of minutes she came tearing towards the house and dashed through the front door out of breath. "Dad, you'll never guess what," she says, looking both excited and very happy. Knowing young son as I do I readily agreed with her. "No, I can't guess what," says I, "WHAT?"

"Dad, Jim's got the cutest little baby skunk you ever saw and he's afraid to come in house because you won't let him keep it and he's in trouble 'cause he got Mike in trouble 'cause he let the skunk out of the box in the car and he sprayed a little and, and . . . he's only three inches long and really cute . . . and if you hold his tail down he can't spray and . . ."

Well . . . after a few minutes explaining how things stood, young son made a couple of calls trying to give the little critter away . . . but without success. I suggested then (because the hour was getting late) that he secure the cat in his box and place it far away from the house until Tuesday morning when he had more time to find a home for ol' civet.

Came Tuesday morning and more bad news. That doggone cat had escaped from the box and was loose somewhere probably trying to terrorize the whole neighborhood. Young son searched high and low, however, and found the animal cowering in bride's washroom. So all was fairly safe again . . . or so I thought. I checked the house, again around noon and heard the long-faced report that the critter had escaped again. Where, you ask? Under the house. . . that's where. And it can't get out 'cause it's too little. And there is a lot of room under the house with a million places for a little civet cat to hide.

And that's the reason I can't put a finish to this episode right now. You can bet, however, there will be an end a-coming in the hopeful near future.

Don't know about you, George, but near as I can figure the Jubilee was a real whopping success. But I'm glad to see it over for another year . . . despite the fun of it. Makes me wonder how I ever got thru those big three-day celebrations held in years past.

The community lost a mighty good friend when a tragic accident took the life of Major Pat Miller last week. As Rev. Harold Best said during the funeral service, everybody was Pat's friend and he was a friend to everybody.

Despite his medical handicaps, and he suffered more than most of us will ever know,

Pat always appeared in a good mood when you saw him on the street, or at the dock, or driving by, or wherever. The pain he suffered was seldom, if ever, shown to any degree by his actions. Instead, he was jovial, ready with a joke or a story, willing to give advice if it was asked, or doing a good turn for somebody that he felt would appreciate it.

Bride and I really enjoyed knowing the man Pat Miller. It was a sad thing to say our goodbyes Tuesday . . . to Pat and Uncle Pune.

LETTERS to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR

You may call this "one man's opinion" if you wish, but I believe the citizenry will concur with the following:

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce and all the participants in the 1971 4th of July Jubilee Festival are to be congratulated for the bang-up job they did in making it a real fun fest for the wonderful people of this area. Having recently retired to Port Orford from 15½ years of service as an O'Hare Airport bus driver in Chicago and prior to that nineteen years in the wholesale meat business (five years in Portland, 14 in Chicago) I feel qualified to make this statement, especially when I was forced to detour on an average of once per week due to elaborate and extremely costly parades while driving my passengers to the downtown hotels. What my wife of 41 years and I enjoyed most was the fact that this show was put on by the local people cooperating joyfully with each other having a lot of fun doing it and making no money out of it. I can assure you it was the busiest and happiest two days of our lives. We even got two fish out of the deal for free.

Many people worked very hard to give everyone all the fun, but of those we observed mostly, was the vast time and effort put in by the superb master of ceremonies Mr. Paul Peterson and the untiring Delbert Neal. The volunteer firemen and the Curry County Sheriff's posse are also to be thanked for the show they put on.

As one of the three victims requested to act as judges of the parade floats I think it well to comment on the method by which we unanimously drew our conclusion. All floats were judged according to the following impressions and ratings: points for originality, personality displayed, patriotism, crowd approval (hand claps, whistles, squeals, laughter, hollering, jumping up and down and general excitement as each float passed) and finally beauty (of the rig, that is, not a female rider or driver).

If anyone in Port Orford is seriously interested in promoting this lovely city, why not join me in stirring up enthusiasm for something like this every suitable holiday—why wait a year.

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District Ranger F. W. Burgess announced the sale of two timber sales from areas on the Gold Beach Ranger District of the Siskiyou National Forest. The apparent high bidder for the Butler Basin timber sale on June 29, 1971, was Western States Plywood Cooperative. The advertised price was \$40.50 per MBF for Douglas-Fir, \$2 per MBF for Hemlock and other coniferous species and \$4.85 per acre for all species subject to per acre pricing. Western States Plywood Cooperative bid \$40.50 per MBF for Douglas-Fir. All other items were sold at a fixed rate as advertised. No other bids were submitted.

The apparent high bidder for Shasta Thin No. 2 timber sale on June 29, 1971, was Tamco, Inc., who submitted a bid of \$2,580.00 for 7,173 trees of Douglas-Fir and other coniferous species. The advertised price was \$2,550.00 for the Douglas-Fir and other coniferous species trees. Also included in the sale were 288 trees of tanoak and other hardwood species advertised at a lump sum fixed rate of \$30. No other bids were submitted.

Traffic Death Toll Declines

Oregon's tentative six month traffic death toll this year is nearly nine percent below the same period a year ago. Through June, 287 deaths had been reported to the Motor Vehicles Division. This compares with 315 for last year.

June's death toll was 45, compared with 59 for that month in 1970.

Division spokesmen said the traffic toll for the year is very encouraging but cautioned that at least some of the reduction could be erased if July produces a normal death toll for that month. Last July, the state recorded only 45 traffic deaths. The average July toll the previous four years was 66.

Eye Research Is Major Concern Of Odd Fellows

To the Editor:

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in the United States and Canada are working to advance eye research through a professorship in ophthalmology at the world-famous Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore.

The Odd Fellows World Eye Bank and Visual Research Foundation was established in 1956 and has grown to become one of the major public service activities of the Order.

In 1961, the foundation's professorship in eye research at Hopkins was established through an endowment of \$625,000. Odd Fellows Professor at the Hopkins is Dr. Arthur Silverstein, who is studying the problem of rejection of tissue transplants.

Additionally, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs maintain eye banks in 15 state jurisdictions through which members of the Order can donate their eyes after death for corneal transplants and research.

Members of the Odd Fellows World Eye Bank Committee are Hugh J. Bradley, Tennessee, chairman; Ethelyn Schallack, New Jersey, secretary; Clarence Avis, California; John Griffen, North Carolina; Robert W. Wepking, Wisconsin; Margaret L. Watts, Idaho; Clarence A. Munter, New York; Robert K. Williamson, Ontario, and Isabelle Butters, Saskatchewan. LELAND PANTER IOOF Lodge

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. May were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. May, Sr., of Salem, her mother, Mrs. Arlie Cook of Sutherlin, and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson and sons of Sutherlin, and Mrs. Pauletta Holder of Reedsport.

Dellenback Reports

by Rep. John Dellenback

Speeding Up Education Appropriations

A lament which I hear frequently from educators, not only in the Fourth District but throughout the State of Oregon, is that federal education funds are allocated too late in the year to allow time for effective planning. It has been the rule rather than the exception that schools and school districts receive their federal funds anywhere from six months to a year after their budgets have been drawn up, approved and gone into effect. While school districts must submit their budgets to the voters in the spring for the coming school year, Congress often has not approved education appropriations until well after that school year has begun.

Since federal funds account for as much as 7% of the operating budget for Oregon's elementary and secondary schools, a significant amount of any school's budget must be arrived at by what amounts to guess work.

A school administrator does have several sets of figures he can look at to help him make an estimate of how much federal money to expect. First, he can study allocations from previous years. But since educational funds have fluctuated so tremendously recently, these figures hardly make a reliable gauge. Second, he can look at the Administration's budget requests, usually submitted in January, six months before the fiscal year begins. More often than not, however, Congress appropriates amounts significantly different from those requests; so that request figures cannot be counted on either. Third, the school administrator can look at authorization figures. But since educational appropriations have generally run significantly short of authorizations, these figures are probably the most misleading of all.

Despite the problems a school administrator faces in estimating federal funds for the school year, more and more demands are being placed on him to show concrete results from the spending of these dollars. Educators have reasonably protested that, while they do not object to behind held accountable, it is extremely difficult for them to utilize federal funds as effectively as possible without adequate planning time.

Being fully aware of this problem, I introduced a resolution shortly after coming to Congress calling on the House Appropriations Committee to act on education funds a full year ahead of time. Unfortunately, no action was ever taken on this proposal. The Appropriations Committee decided last year, however, to take a positive step toward forward funding of educational programs by having a separate bill for education appropriations. Previously, education funds had been part of the Health, Education and Welfare/Labor Departments appropriation bill. Now the HEW-Labor Appropriations Subcommittee begins each year's work with education appropriations and completes work on that bill before proceeding to its other areas.

The experiment worked well the first year. Even with the Presidential veto, the education appropriation bill for fiscal 1971 was passed into law by mid-August, 1970. That was the first time since I had been in Congress that federal education funds for a school year were approved before that school year began.

This year the Appropriations Committee repeated the experiment of a separate bill for education funding. The result is that the House passed the fiscal 1972 Office of Education appropriation bill on March 31, the earliest yet since I've been in Congress, and the Senate followed in suit in mid-June. Last week both the House and Senate approved the Conference Report and sent the bill to the President for his signature.

Frankly, I think this is still later than it should be, since Oregon's school districts have already had to submit their budgets for voter approval. Yet the progress is encouraging. At least federal funds this year will be on their way to the schools well before the school year begins. I hope that next year the Appropriations Committee will speed up work on education funding still more, so that definite figures will be available to Oregon school administrators by budget preparation time.

Road To Be Resurfaced

Three and one-half miles of the Bear Camp Road No. 3400 from Galice to Agness will be resurfaced, according to Bill Ronayne, Forest Supervisor of the Siskiyou National Forest.

Work will begin on this road on July 6 and continue through about August 10. Delays of up to one hour can be expected during this time.

The Bear Camp Road receives heavy use by recreationists and sightseers during the summer months. This route is an 80-mile "short cut" from Grants Pass to Gold Beach and is a scenic drive that furnishes the tourist vista sites for enjoying a panoramic view of the Rogue corridor and rugged mountains between Grants Pass and the coast.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Preston were her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Unger and baby from Corvallis.



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Basketball Clinic Set

A summer basketball clinic will be held at Pacific high school July 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, directed by Bob Allord, former Oregon State University player and now head basketball coach at Warner Pacific College. Also at the clinic will be Pacific high school's new basketball coach Douglas Orton.

The clinic is free to all boys in District 2CJ who will be in the 6th grade or higher when school starts this fall. The clinic is sponsored by the school district, Port Orford Rotary, Port Orford and Langlois Lions Clubs, and Pacific high school student council.

Boys who this fall will be in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade, will be in the session from 9-11:30 a.m. at Pacific. Buses will leave the Langlois upper elementary school and the Port Orford grade school at 8:30 a.m. in the morning.

For those students who will next year be in the 9th or 10th grade, the session will be from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Pacific. Buses will leave Langlois and Port Orford at approximately 1:30 p.m.

For high school basketball players who will be in the junior or senior year, or sophomores if they are unable to attend the afternoon session, the clinic will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Upper grade students will have to provide their own transportation to the evening session.

For those students who have not already signed up, it is permissible to sign up at the time the clinic starts. There is no charge.

Those boys attending are required to bring their own towels and provide their own gym clothes and shoes.

Any further questions may be directed to the administration office of District 2CJ.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Schelske traveled to Portland over the weekend to visit with a cousin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kindopp. On their return trip home, they stopped in Salem to visit with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schelske.

Governor McCall today announced a federal grant of \$45,000 to Coos, Curry and Douglas Counties to fund a new three-county economic development program.

The Economic Development Administration grant will be matched by \$15,000 from the three counties to provide first-year funding for the Coos-Curry - Douglas Economic Improvement Association.

Goal of the new organization

Lee Tucker Graduates

Army Lieutenant Colonel Lee W. Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Tucker, Port Orford, was graduated June 11 from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. He is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tucker of Bandon.

Col. Tucker was one of 1,247 Army, Navy, Air Force and Allied Officers who were graduated from the college.

The 10-month course prepares officers for duty as Command and General Staff Officers in the field on time of war. In this, officers are instructed in methods of research and formulation of military doctrine.

Commencement speaker was Army General Ralph E. Haines, Commanding General of the U.S. Continental Army Command.

The Lieutenant Colonel, who entered the army in January 1957, is scheduled to be assigned to the office of the chief of engineers in Washington, D. C. He holds two awards of the army Commendation Medal, two awards of the Bronze Star Medal, and three awards of the air Medal, one for Valor.

He is a 1952 graduate of Port Orford High School, Port Orford, Ore., and a 1956 graduate of the University of Oregon, Eugene, where he received a B.A. Degree. He received an M.S. Degree in 1968 from Arizona State University, Tempe.

His wife, Veronica, lived at the fort during his training.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sweet last week were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sweet of North Bend; their grandmother, Mrs. Clara Sweet and nephews, Shawn, Joel and Billy Sweet.

is to develop plans for improving economic growth with programs and projects to increase employment opportunities, according to Al Flegal, chairman of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, and president of the association.

The budget provides for hiring a staff of a director, two planners and a secretary.

Frank Rema, chairman of the Coos County Board of Commissioners, is secretary, and Ira Tucker, Curry County chairman, is treasurer.

The 23-member board of directors include the three county commissioners from each county, four members from the Coos-Curry Council of Governments and four members from the Umpqua Regional Council of Governments, District 6, and six members from the overall economic development planning committees from the three counties.

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