

10-Year Term Given Firebug

A ten-year prison term in the Oregon State Penitentiary was Judge Ralph Holman's sentence for Robert Lee Yeager, 22-year-old "firebug," Yeager pleaded guilty to the charge of setting three fires in Estacada.

Yeager started a fire under the Clayville chapel in Estacada the night of Jan. 17, and while firemen were fighting that blaze he started another in a double garage and a third one in the Methodist church. The fires resulted in widespread damage and required the services of several fire departments to keep them under control.

In response to questioning of his reason for starting the fires, Yeager insisted he did not know why he had done so. His record showed no trouble of this type before, although he had been in trouble on loitering and larceny counts, and the report to the judge showed that he had traveled from state to state and had been in trouble in both Maryland and New Mexico.

Yeager is separated from his wife and two children because, "We couldn't get along."

Grandeur of Mexico's University Contrasts With Sewerless Hovels

This is the third and final article by Leonie N. Brooke, retired, Sandy elementary school teacher, who recently toured Mexico and has written an account of the highlights of her trip.

MEMORIES OF MEXICO

By Leonie N. Brooke

One of our delightful guides drove us to Mexico's University City. "There are 70,000 students," he pointed out. "You mean 7,000," I countered. "No, Madame," he insisted, "there are seventy thousand."

If anyone wishes to see something startling in construction, let him make a visit to University City. How can I describe it? I can't. I'd have to quote what a Mexican enthusiast said, "Since the pyramids of Egypt, nothing of such grandeur has been built on earth."

The new library is one of the most astonishing buildings that you'll ever see anywhere. Its huge facade is one vast mosaic mural, its design an Aztec theme. Its artist is Juan O'Gorman.

The guide pointed out the School of Science, decorated with fine frescoes, the Medical School, the Humanities Building, the Schools of Commerce and Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, the School of Architecture, laboratories for work in Nuclear Energy and Cosmic Rays, to mention only a few of the numerous buildings on the vast campus.

Of course, our guide didn't miss pointing out the new stadium, its walls decorated with Rivera's mosaic murals, where 110,000 spectators may sit. The whole arrangement is something for a Hollywood super-film. We were actually awed by the beauty of it all.

Off-Campus Living
In campus architecture Mexico's University City has no rival in the world, but strangely lacking is so-called campus life, for all students must live off the campus. The reason was explained to us as "the Latin temperament."

This great university, just outside the capital City of Mexico, is on the road to Cuernavaca and Taxco.

Cuernavaca is only about 50 miles over an excellent road from Mexico City. We had a taxi and an excellent guide. The city has a luxuriant setting. No wonder tourists love it! No wonder Cortes loved it and built his palace there! No wonder the famous and rich French miner, Borda, loved it and spent his millions building there! No wonder Dwight Morrow loved it enough to have a home there which is now owned by the Lindberghs!

It was a warm afternoon as we strolled through the Borda Gardens, the cathedral and the adjoining church. We walked through Cortes Palace, now used for state legislative offices. Here again we saw the Rivera frescoes, a gift of Dwight Morrow to the people of this beautiful city. And again our guide pointed out in this mural the artist's bias toward privilege and the church, especially the priests.

Borda Gardens
Who was Jose de la Borda?

We inquired, as we walked through the Borda Gardens in Cuernavaca. The stories of the Silver Kings of Mexico were new to us. Borda, a Frenchman, was the most famous. He arrived in Mexico in 1745, a poor man, but he hit it rich in the silver region of Taxco. It was he who built the famous Borda Gardens in Cuernavaca, which later became a retreat for Maximilian.

Don't miss Taxco, the silver hill city, we were told. We'd have been ashamed to admit we were ever in Mexico, if we had missed this little beauty. Silver made Taxco, and silver is still the core of its business. This is a tourist haven. Pins, brooches and silver ornaments of every kind and description, wrought by local artisans, are on display. Taxco today is a hive of silver shops, which line every nook and cranny of the hilly town. And the making of silver jewelry is again one of the great arts of Mexico.

Every home and every business building has a red-tile roof which adds great beauty to the place. Cortes was the founder of this quaint town, but the French miner, Borda, was the man who really built it. This 18th century millionaire built the sumptuous cathedral there which we visited, admiring the tall, slender towers, and the delicate pink rock facade. We did some of our Christmas shopping at Pedro's Silver Shop and the Rancho Alegre. We left Taxco thinking Taxco is romance itself, done in stone and tile and dazzling plaster and bougainvillea and birds.

Adventurous Eating
We ate well in Mexico, very well, numerous times at Sanborn's in Mexico City, and several times at recommended Koshers places. None of my party were gourmets. We were cautious about water and uncooked vegetables, but for the tacos and tortillas, they waited for our return to the States. There were delicacies like shrimp and green turtle steak and fresh papaya that made eating almost an adventure.

There are some memories of Mexico we'd like to forget. By day or night many of the tiny towns are hardly a pretty sight. At night the lights are dim and far apart. In the daylight the streets are equally unlovely. Cracked and uneven cobblestones lead between dust-gray adobe walls. Few cars, some trucks and many bicycles pick their way along these knobby streets, but the most important means of transportation is on human or burro back.

Most of the houses have no sewage facilities. Sometimes they use the corner of the yard, or perhaps there is an old-style outhouse, only worse. How do these people keep themselves clean? We all wonder.

The dwellings look gaunt and

poor from the street side. There may be a pig or a few chickens grubbing in the dirt. Everything depends on the income and enterprise of the families concerned. If the family group has initiative and some money, behind the adobe walls that front the street we may expect neat and attractive patios where the family dines, sits, meets and chats. The patio seems to be the center of family life.

It is difficult to give a well rounded picture of this interesting country and its delightful people, especially after just one trip there. However, I'm eager to go again and visit this country so abundant in attractions and so appealing.

SANDY KIWANIS CLUB

By AL MORNER

Kiwanis was host this past week to foreign exchange student Jasper Potharst and his American parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rowland.

Dave Wienecke introduced Jasper and praised the work of the American Field Service for its fine work in the exchange student program. Since its inception in 1947, the American Field Service has brought over to the United States some 9000 students from over 60 different foreign countries. It has been one of the finest programs to promote good will and understanding among these countries.

Jasper Potharst is the fourth foreign exchange student to attend Sandy high school. He is 18 years old, comes from Amsterdam, Netherlands, and mathematics and philosophy are his special studies. Jasper gave us a very complete and detailed description of life in Holland, and his talk was followed by a number of questions from the audience.

Some of the pertinent facts brought out by Jasper were:

Oregon is seven times larger than Holland in area but the population of Holland is seven million as compared to 1½ million in Oregon.

Everyone in Holland speaks more than one language as distances are short and one hour travel takes you into another country. One half of Holland is below sea level and government is building a new and larger dike to protect land and people from their old enemy, the sea.

All homes and buildings are built on pillars that are driven into the earth until they reach the "sand ground" that is several feet below the moist and soft top soil. Dairy industry is the most important industry.

Beside the usual three meals in the day, everyone has coffee at 11 a.m., tea at 4 p.m., and coffee again at 9 p.m.

Our thanks to Jasper for his fine talk and we wish him well.

Science Center Remains Open

The Pacific Science Center, in 1962 the highest exhibit of the Seattle World's Fair, is now open permanently as the finest display of science exhibits ever assembled.

Three new exhibits—a Musser planetarium, an optical light maser and a N.A.S.A. satellite-tracking display—were added in December.

Two motion picture exhibits are the only ones of their type in the United States. The first utilizes seven synchronized projectors to show the "House of Science," an introduction to the Center. The second is the Boeing Spacearium, a simulated multi-billion mile trip in space.

Three other main Fair attractions, the memorial, the space needle and the Seattle Civic Center complex, are also continuing operations.

The Pacific Science Center is presently open on weekends only.



Mrs. Erna Batcheller of Boring, wife of a berry and vegetable grower, found during a visit to a Honolulu supermarket that Hawaiians have a sweet tooth for Oregon berries and other farm products as well as sugar cane. Mrs. Batcheller and other Oregon Grange travelers took a quick inventory of Oregon products on sale in the store on the way to visit a Hawaiian cane sugar refinery. C and H Sugar, who hosted the tour, wanted them to see how many farm products are among the more than \$17 million worth of commodities Hawaii obtains annually from Oregon.



Had a pleasant surprise when my one and only sailor boy dropped in on the family. He has been transferred to Bremerton, Wash., and I have the feeling that he will drop in quite often. Now has two stripes and has taken his test for his third, and we have the utmost confidence in his making that third stripe.

Still thinks there is no place like the mountains, but thinks Bremerton is quite an improvement over San Diego. But then he just plain didn't like California. Likes our trees better. Anyhow it was wonderful to see him.

Mrs. Myrtle Klawitter had a terrific fall on the ice at her home a week or so ago, and is recovering nicely. Had a large gash in the back of her head, and it is still quite tender, but she can bend over now and at least get in and out of the chair without any assistance.

The Mert Wheelers brought Mert's mother back with them, and she will be here for an indefinite visit. Welcome to our mountains.

IFY Student Speaks
On Jan. 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Welches school, the IFY student was here to talk and show pictures on Ecuador. He is tremendous and well worth spending the evening visiting with.

My sister-in-law, Joyce Bistorious, was run off the road at Wildcat creek and hit a light pole. She was still in the hospital at this writing. No broken bones, but she banged her head, and they are trying to relieve her from her terrific headaches.

Other bruises, but they were of minor interest — her head hurt too much to give them much thought. Hope she makes it home soon and everything is all O.K. Joyce has had quite a bit more than her share of bad knocks and deserves a rest from any more.

Everyone was so sorry to hear of the passing of Ruth Bartley. A wonderful person and teacher and a great loss to our community. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Also the sad passing of Brooks Bradley. They had moved to Portland last year, and are still considered members of the mountain. Our

deepest sympathy to the Bradley family, also.

Hawaiian Vacation

The Gene Bowmans off on a trip to Hawaii. Guess they thought they could find some warmer weather elsewhere. Hope so, and hope they can bring a bit home with them, enough so that we can have some snow. It's even too cold to do any snowing. Need a bit more moisture in the air.

Milt Fox in his new red truck and now Chuck Meskinen shows up in a bright red Dodge. Bob Mansfield is considering a car instead of a pickup, sure hope it isn't red too. We'll have to report on that later.

Almost have the walls and ceiling up in the utility room; one more piece of sheet-rock to go, and then my works start. All those nice cracks to spackle and tape and sand, then paint, and then move in all the stuff that is now filling up the dining room.

Bet my one and only is just waiting to find out what I will try to fill up the empty space with and also bet he will put a stop to me. But it is a challenge, and I am giving it my full attention.

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LEGISLATIVE NOTES

By Robert P. Dickinson

A number of bills have already been introduced in the legislature, many of which were too late for introduction last session.

Recently the matter of the location of a dog race track in Clackamas County at Wilsonville came into discussion. There has been considerable comment pro and con. Some arguments claim much potential benefit to the County. Others oppose the move, supposedly seeking to keep a monopoly in Multnomah County. The matter has been kicked around, and there will undoubtedly be more hearings, with possible legislation at some future date.

On committee assignments, Sen. John Inskeep requested and received appointment to the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

Rep. Hand, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, is the first woman Representative to serve on this committee. She was just appointed as a sub-chairman of the committee which will study Public Safety, Transportation, and Commerce and Labor. She informs us that the "first item of business will be a study of the budget of the Racing Commission." This was started at a meeting on Tuesday. A study of the Marine Board will follow.

Rep. Orr has informed me she will reintroduce a "bullet report law." According to Mrs. Orr, most states require doctors and hospitals to report bullet wounds, but Oregon makes no such requirement. Oddly enough, she comments, "Oregon requires reports of bullet damage only to automobiles." Mrs. Orr has served in the rec. past as secretary of an interim committee studying social problems. Five bills prepared by the committee direct-

ed at curbing sex offenses have already been introduced.

The sales tax now appears to be something of a dead issue. On the other hand, support seems to be rising for the cigarette and net income taxes, both of which will probably be introduced shortly. Hearings on Constitutional Revision began with a joint meeting of the House and Senate together with the Constitutional Revision Commission. Big problems appear ahead for Education, both with problems of budget and basic school support and the suggestion that the State Boards be united. As a member of the House Education Committee, I am already deep in some of these problems.

NEWS from SANDY HIGH SCHOOL

By NORMAN FOX

Allen Strie was the lecturer at a space assembly this morning. His talk treated man's progress of the conquest of outer space, legal aspects of space travel, chances of survival and other sides of the picture.

The seniors are looking forward to the annual class play. Mr. Orin Allen, director, has announced that the play will be "Lavender and Old Lace" by Rose Warner, and will be presented April 5.

The Future Teachers of America are planning to attend the annual "Senior Weekend" and "Future Teachers' Conference" on the OCE campus next Saturday, Feb. 2.

Sandy High student prexy Ed Holt, VP Rawley Burns, Secretary Jane Lane, Sophomore representative Cheryl Hames,

and Principal David Wienecke attended the David III meeting at Marshall High recently. The purpose of the meet was to discover the main problems facing high schools today.

Latin class has been dropped by the administration as of the semester break, due to the absence of any qualified instructor.

Workmen's Rules Change Proposed

A sweeping reorganization and modernization of Oregon's workmen's compensation system, proposed by a wide segment of business and industry, is called for in a bill introduced today by the Senate Labor and Industries Committee.

Described as a model program for industrial accident insurance, the measure would: (1) Extend workmen's compensation benefits to all employment, regardless of occupation;

(2) Simplify claims procedure and afford injured workers a "quick, easy and inexpensive" review of their complaints;

(3) Offer Oregon employers the opportunity to satisfy their obligations by state, private or self insurance;

(4) Separate the "diverse and conflicting" functions of the existing State Industrial Accident Commission;

(5) Protect the rights of injured workers by prohibiting unfair compromises and providing for state supervision of all claims; and

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