

UP and DOWN the MOUNTAIN

By JOE KIEFIR



In the years of 1500 to 1554 Francisco Vazquez-de-Coronado's journey into the American Southwest remains one of the most remarkable explorations recorded in the annals of American history.

It took place 75 years before the English were able to establish themselves on the eastern coast of North America.

Coronado's goal was the fabled "Seven Cities of Cibola" where he hoped to find much gold. But he did not discover the riches he sought.

For the seven cities turned out to be, it is almost certain the Zuni pueblos of New Mexico.

Surely Elizabeth Ellen Long must have had Coronado's long journey in mind when she composed this beautiful poem of the "Yucca:"

"Seeing them first by full moonlight,
Tall as tapers and waxy white,
Men of the cross, men of the sword,
Called them the "Candles of the Lord."

Conquistadores, helmeted, booted,
Dreaming of golden cities looted,
And brown-robed padres, sandals,
Counting the souls they would bring to God.

Seeing them first when the moon was high,
And hills rose tall on the western sky,

Stood by the trail, their faces aglow,
Long miles behind them, long miles to go.

With mountains to climb and canyons to ford
And called them the candles of the Lord."

It's a funny world these days; President Kennedy's advisers believe they can lower the national debt and give the American people a tax cut at the same time.

I thought glue-sniffing was only a teen-age fad.

Laugh this one off. A fellow told his boss that he hadn't had his ten minute a day coffee break for three years, so therefore he figured he was entitled to take a whole month off with pay.

Remember this:
A second hand car often teaches a man how hard it is to drive a bargain.

Motto of the day:
Flattery will get you nowhere--and there are a lot worse places to be these days.

And then too:
The man who thinks trouble will meet him only half-way is a darn poor judge of distance.

Now relax, light, up your smoke, and get ready for a good laugh.

It was customary in early days for two people to sit up nights with the dead after they were laid out for burial until the interment took place.

A miner who had a deformity of the back had died and been prepared for burial.

The undertaker had difficulty in keeping the head of the corpse down in place, as it had a tendency to spring upward from the slab on which he lay, so he anchored it down with a long piece of twine.

Pat and Mike had been engaged to sit with the corpse.

They had forfeited themselves with strong drink to help pass the long hours of the night, but ran out of spirits about midnight.

Pat volunteered to go to the nearest saloon to purchase some more.

Shortly after his departure a cat meandered into the room and leaped on the breast of the deceased. Mike bleary eyed was comfortably seated by the stove and by the dim light of the coal oil lamp attempted "scat" the cat by heaving a sharp stick of wood at the intruder.

The wood hit the taut string, that anchored the corpse head and broke it, whereupon the head flew forward.

This was enough to spook the startled Mike into yelling, "Lay back down you so and so--I'll take care of that cat."

I bet Bob McMahon, President of the Sandy Lion's club, doesn't know that a Scotchman accidentally discovered the bagpipe by stepping on a cats tail.

Closing this column by saying, I enjoy reading "Beyond Our Horizon by Captain I. S. Hartman. How true he makes the bell ring in our troubled world of today.

Two 4-H Girls Picked for Trip To Chicago Meet

Local 4-H club members have been selected to represent Oregon at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 28-Dec. 6.

Linda Jenkins of Fairview and Cheryl Gustafson of Gresham, will be among the delegation of 25 Oregon 4-H'ers who have been awarded expense paid trips to the congress.

Linda, a 10-year 4-H club member is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Jenkins of Fairview. She attends Oregon State university and

and a graduate of Reynolds high school.

She was picked for her outstanding work in the field of bread baking and her other accomplishments in 4-H.

She received the Reynolds 4-H college scholarship, and the Union Pacific college scholarship.

Cheryl Gustafson, another 10-year 4-H member, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gustafson, of Gresham. Cheryl is a graduate of Gresham high school

and works at Gresham General hospital. As a 4-H'er, she did top notch work in canning and has also been active in food preparation, clothing, recreation, dairy and many other projects. She was named the outstanding Junior Leader in 4-H for 1963.

About 80 per cent of the nearly 2.3 billion acres of land in the U. S. is devoted to agriculture and forests.

Jeanne Stewart's Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Roger M. Stewart of Sandy, announced the engagement of their daughter, Jeanne Margaret, to Larry D. Large of Gresham, at their home on Nov. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford D. Large, Portland, are parents of the bridegroom-elect.

The couple are seniors at Portland State College and Large is president of the student body.

A June wedding is being planned.

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Chaplaincy Program New At Hospital

Beginning this week the Gresham General Hospital and the Gresham Ministerial Association are co-operating in a hospital chaplain program.

Each week a different pastor of the Ministerial Association will be chaplain for the week, calling on the patients admitted for that day. The time of the visit will be shortly before, or after the lunch hour to avoid conflicting with doctors' rounds.

Each patient will receive a pamphlet that includes prayers upon entering the hospital, for those in the hospital, a prayer before an operation, following the operation, and others, along with other scriptural passages.

Rev. Rudolph Johnson is visiting patients this week and Rev. William Tempest will make the calls next week.

Moms and Dads To Hear A.L. Frost

A. L. (Jack) Frost, executive director of the Metropolitan Youth Commission will speak at the Sandy High School Mom and Dad's club, Monday evening, Nov. 25 at 8 p.m.

Frost has served in this capacity for three years and has inside experience having worked on the staff of McClaren school for boys and at the new Oregon State Correctional Institution before taking this position.

Frost works with a council of high school students representing all the high schools in the Portland-Metropolitan area. From the questionnaires he supplies the youth council, he gathers information on his timely topic "Problems Facing Youth in Our Community."

Al Gantenbein, president of the Mom and Dad's club, urges every parent of high school children to hear this speaker, who presents

this factual knowledge in an interesting and thought-provoking way.

Prior to Frost's talk, the music department's "Non-e-tones," composed of Nanette McBee, Judy Jonsrud, Sandra Wolfe, Mardell Belcher, Martie Hanson, Kathy Searls, Pat Colson and Loraine Townsend will sing several selections. Nancy Kitchen and Loraine Townsend will also play two piano duets.

Mrs. Harold Kitchen and her committee will be in charge of refreshments.

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday at P.T.A. was open house for the first four grades. Refreshments were served by the 6th grade room mothers. Pupils from Mr. Boothby's and Miss Proett's rooms sang La Cucaracha, My White Horse, and Camptown Races.

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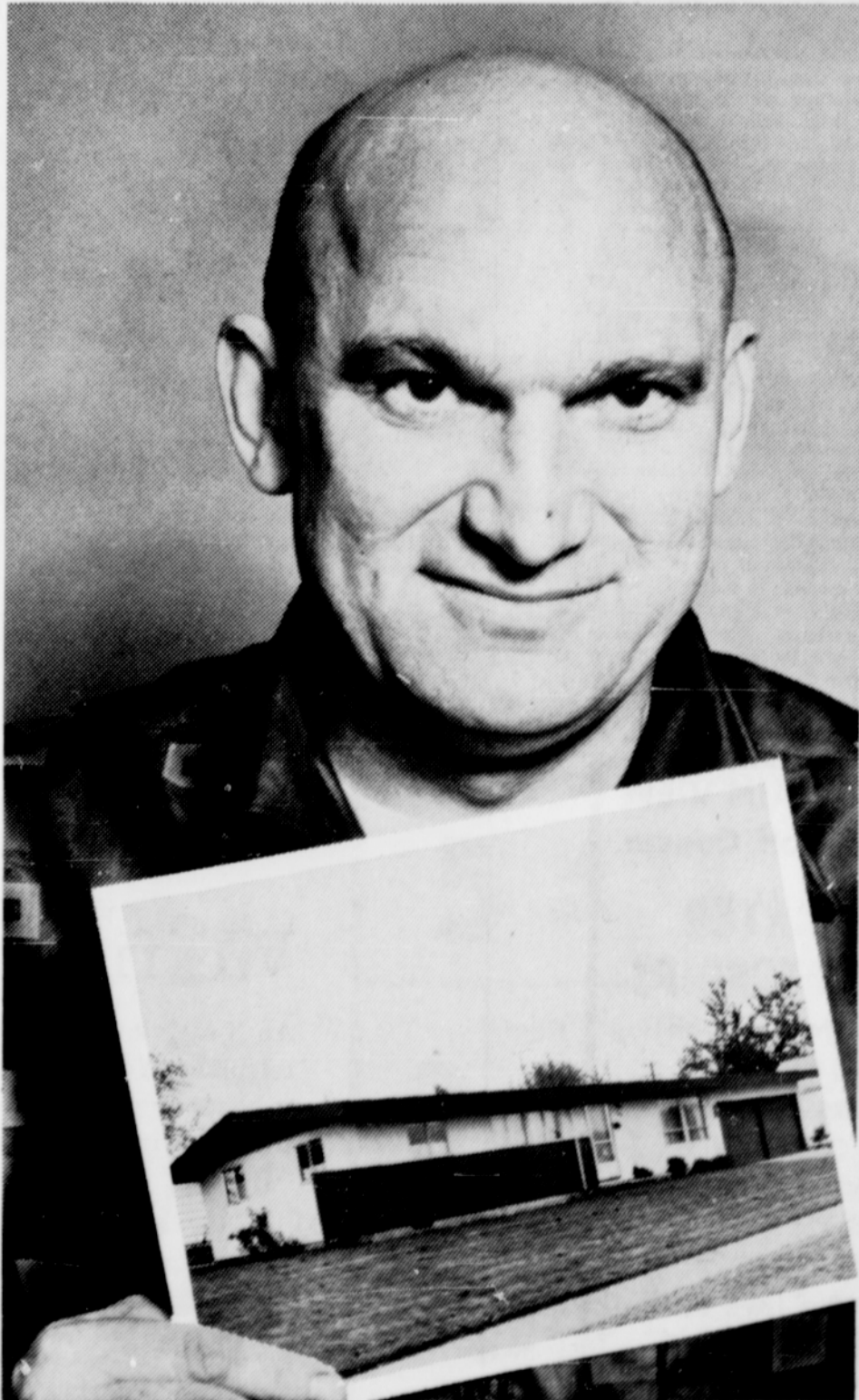
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