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Loss of Balance Dangerous

When we went to school, we were taught that our government was one of checks and balances, that the executive, legislative and judicial branches had equal power and equal authority.

That certainly isn't the case today.

The legislative voice is non-existent in Washington, D.C., and the judicial has been reduced to a hollow rubber stamp. The executive reigns almost completely supreme.

If LBJ were to ask that all blue-eyed blondes be banished to the moon, his rubber-stamp Congress would agree. And the Supreme Court would rule it constitutional.

Actually, the great increase in the

power of the executive branch began under Franklin Roosevelt. It decreased a bit under Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower but flowered again with John Kennedy and now is apparently reaching its zenith with Lyndon Johnson.

In the past, when one of the branches of our government moved too far, too fast, another branch would step in and call a halt . . . as witness FDR's abortive court-packing plan.

But, unfortunately, today there no longer seem to be any brakes. LBJ seems to have free rein to lead this country wherever he desires. We only wish there were a few more with the courage of a Wayne Morse to talk back.

More on Printing Juvenile Names

A veteran Washington State newspaper editor thinks that so-called "walls of secrecy" erected around juvenile court proceedings are a real disservice.

Hu Blonk, managing editor of the Wenatchee Daily World, told last weekend's meeting of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' Assn., that the public needs to know more about juvenile court proceedings.

It was Blonk's thesis that a well-informed public would be willing to give more financial support to courts and to the programs needed to handle juvenile problems.

He had conducted a survey among Pacific Northwest editors, law enforcement officers and high school

students this spring and found an overwhelming belief that newspapers should print the names of youngsters involved in serious trouble.

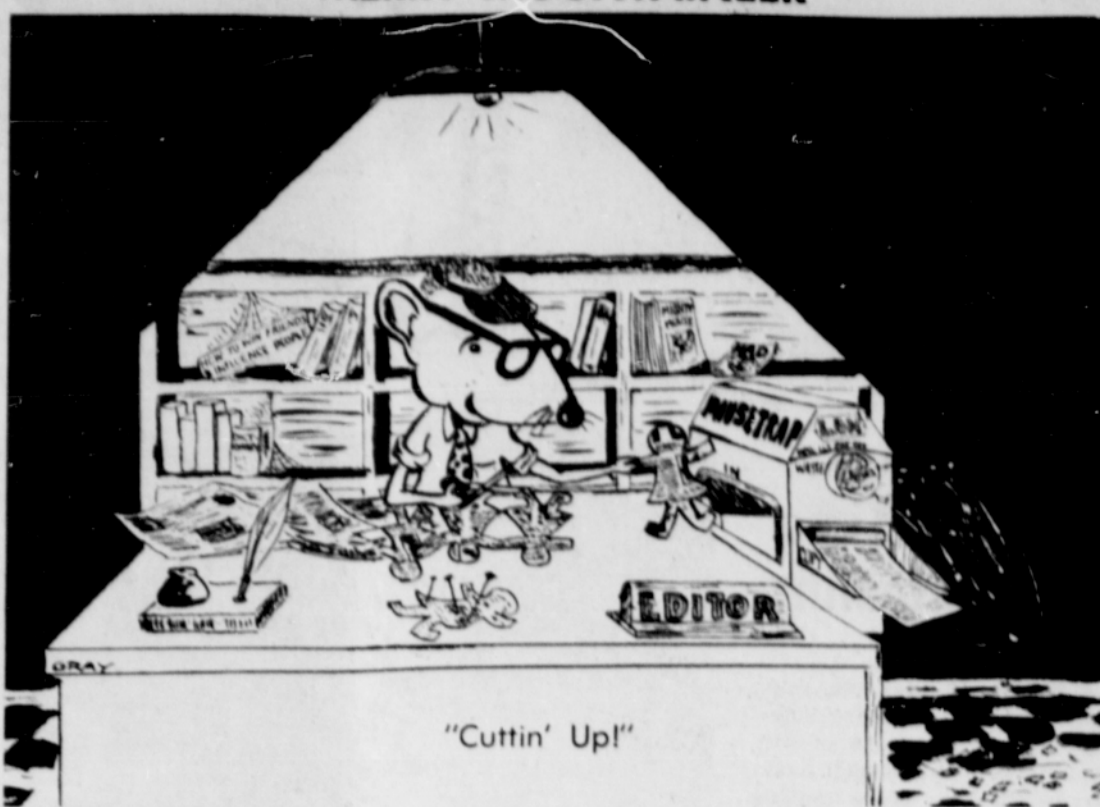
Blonk probably is right but it is indeed difficult to get the public very excited. Some Gresham merchants suggested earlier this year that names of juvenile offenders be printed in The Outlook. We had mixed feelings and asked, editorially, what our readers thought. The response was practically nil.

Publication, after all, is only a pin prick at the real problem . . . indifference or outright hostility at home. That's the only place where the problem can be attacked with any chance of success.



High cable logging operation on the Bull Run forest area is explained to group by Ranger guide during Hickman Butte excursion taken on July 11.

MERRY MOUNTAINEER



"Cuttin' Up!"

The MOUSETRAP

I expect to pass through life but once; if therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or good thing I can do to any fellow-being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.

Those are the words of a fellow named "Penn."

I do appreciate the fellow, Denny Gray, who does our cartoon drawings. The one in today's corner was an inspiration that he brought to us on Monday with the query: "Will you print this one?" Of course, I will.

Study it closely for it seems to bear out the fact that a young fellow said to me the other day -- "You're a controversial guy in town!"

Really now I didn't intend to become this way but I have to live with myself more hours in the day than I do with others so I put the paper dolls on the desk and its amazing what that tracking machine does for this column.

But if you should wonder how I really manage to win friends and influence people it's because of a little book that tells me "How To Be Enthusiastic All the Time."

That's really the name of the book and the fellow that wrote it is a successful public relations man in Los Angeles and noted speaker. I heard him when I was the advertising manager of the Burley Reminder over in Idaho. He was so enthusiastic that he bounced all over the platform of the big high school auditorium that night he spoke. I bought his book, read it, and I've been on-the-go ever since.

Get enthusiastic, man . . . anyone can be down in the dumps.

After reading the article in last week's Oregonian I find out that I'm not the only controversial figure in my family. So the headlines read: "St. Helens Newspapers Square Off In Bitter Feud!"

Two newspapers in St. Helens are locked in a bitter struggle. For the first time in its 84-year-history, the twice weekly Sentinel-Mist is faced with stiff competition in this Columbia River mill town of 5,300 population some 25 miles

north of Portland. The competition is from two former employees.

Former Sentinel-Mist advertising manager Eldridge Crouse, 39, left the S-M in May to join his brother, Gilbert, 44, in the purchase and revitalization of The St. Helens Chronicle, a once undistinguished weekly tabloid. The brothers have transformed the tabloid into a competing 12-page, full-size weekly offset newspaper using color.

Gilbert Crouse managed the S-M until two years ago when he moved to Moses Lake, Wash., to operate a radio station. He returned to St. Helens in June to assist his younger brother in running the offset Chronicle, which stirred the community with its transformation June 10. The Chronicle's offset press work is being done in Hillsboro.

The Sentinel-Mist, which until last month was undisputed news leader in the community, is owned predominantly by the Longview Publishing Co., of which Longview publishers John H. McClelland Sr. and his son are stockholders.

The Crouse brothers claim the 29-year-old Chronicle's circulation in the past six weeks has surpassed the paid circulation of the S-M, which employs 13 persons. The Chronicle is charging \$1 a year for subscription; the S-M \$4.50. The Chronicle has a higher advertising rate.

George Hess, owner of a minority interest and publisher of the S-M, said he does not know if the competing Chronicle has the larger paid circulation, but he admitted his "troubles" began in June when the sleeping competitor took on a new look with two home-town men as owners.

Since the transformation, Hess has written scathing editorials against the Crouse brothers, who bought the Chronicle from Paul Paulson, founder. Paulson has retained control of the job printing business of the Chronicle. Now, you see, it just runs in the blood!

By the time you read this the family expects to have their new addition at home. All was not well at first and mommie had to leave the hospital without our newborn in arm. This was a queery feeling since the other three trips brought a bundle of joy (there are times when you question this statement) home, too.

The cherub, Careta Sue by name, is responding to the doctor's medication and Wednesday morning said if all goes well she can be taken home Thursday morning. Hurray!

Thinking about maternity wards recalls to mind an unusual incident in my own life for I believe that I am one of the very few hospital patients that ever spent time in the maternity ward of a hospital. I mean, outside of the first few days of birth, as an actual hospital patient.

My appendix was giving me fits and the doctor ordered me to the hospital for the normal operation. However, the surgical ward was filled and so the most natural place to go was the maternity ward, you know.

The night I went in the doc scheduled me for a morning session on the table. He also had a cesarean for that morning, too. When I left home that night the wife told the doctor to make sure he didn't get

the operations mixed.

And wouldn't you know it, I got placed in the maternity ward . . . and the next morning my wife comes to the hospital early to discover they had moved my operation ahead of the cesarean and she couldn't find me in the surgical ward. Seeing the doctor she asked where I was and he says, "Why, in the maternity ward, of course!"

So, as Col. Glenn went soaring into outer space that morning I was giving a grand opening on the operating table. As you can realize both were a success.

This wasn't so bad but a few days after I got out of the hospital a pastor friend of mine calls on the phone and what does he ask me: "Are you nursing the baby?"

RETURNS TO HAWAII

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Henderson, parents of Paul Henderson of Sandy, arrived by plane from Hawaii on July 21 for a visit at Hill Crest.

They left for their home in Holtville Imperial Valley Tuesday by plane.



Dave Patterson, building superintendent for the Sandy Shopping Center, is shown here handling ready mixed concrete being poured from truck by the flipping of a switch. (Post Photo)



Fingerlings are shown in this photo as they jump at intake to their pond at the hatchery. They are Coho salmon. (Post Photo)



Ray Steiger, guide from the Zig Zag Ranger Station, explains mechanics of this micro-wave facility located along the Timberline Trail. It relays signals for radio, television and telephone communication. (Post Photo)

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