

# Dummy Speaks!

by MARK FLOYD

"Abra-cadabra, he sits on my knee; presto, chango, then he is me." Those are the words spoken by the dummy in the recently released motion picture titled Magic, a movie you would think any ventriloquist would want to see.

But Jim Bisel has more important things to do — like putting on a show at the Sandy Elementary School last Friday. Or performing for audiences at veterans' hospitals and nursing homes.

Bisel and his faithful companion, Tony Cares, entertained several hundred seventh and eighth graders at a pair of upper grade school assemblies. The subject of their presentation was human kindness and generosity, but it was sugar-coated with anecdotes about Bisel's personal experiences.

Tony got all of the good lines, of course, bringing many a chuckle to the crowd. Offstage Bisel expresses the same compassion for his fellow man that he does while performing.

"I've been doing ventriloquism for 23 years now, 10 full time," he said, "and I have probably done 250 school assemblies and countless more shows at hospitals and nursing homes."

"I just love it," he added.



Students at Sandy upper grade (left) get a charge from ventriloquist Jim Bisel and Tony.



## Leadership and leather craft topics for state 4-H workshop

A special workshop to improve basic and advanced leathercraft skills and to help 4-H leaders learn new techniques in working with 4-H members has been scheduled for Jan. 26 and 27, according to T.D. Zurcher, OSU Extension agent in Clackamas county.

The workshop is designed especially for 4-H leaders and older youth working with the 4-H leathercraft project to provide experiences not available in many counties and to strengthen the leathercraft program, Zurcher said.

Attendance is open to new and experienced 4-H

leathercraft leaders and older members, including junior and teen leaders, to volunteers considering leading a 4-H club, and others interested.

Approximately eight hours of instruction on such topics as dyes and finishes, figure carving, basic tools review and new materials and techniques are scheduled.

Resource people for the workshop include Pat Hitchcock, Salem, of Tandy Leather Co., Carol Jacobsen, 4-H leader from Salem, and members of the state-wide 4-H creative arts program development committee who planned the workshop.

Members of the committee include Russ Jacobsen and Jon Rose, Salem; Arlene Kovash, Corvallis; Glenn Barber, Tillamook; Eunice Guerrant, Weiser; Rachel McIntosh, Redmond; Debbie Lee, Umatilla county Extension agent; Roy Hamilton, Josephine county Extension agent; Hitchcock and Snider.

Registration for the workshop at the Oregon 4-H Center near Salem is due Jan. 15, 1979, in the Clackamas Extension office. Room, board and supplies will cost \$12 but the Oregon 4-H Club Foundation is

### Bertram wins crown

Competitive chess is alive and well in the Hoodland area as Cal Bertram won the third Dr. Chess Invitational tournament Nov. 29.

Bertram scored a perfect 3-0 victory in the field of five selected players.

Eric Christiansen took second place in the tournament. Under the rules of the tournament, the second-place winner received the top prize — a solid maple and walnut chessboard crafted by local woodcrafter Ken Coulling.

Bertram walked away with the top cash prize of \$1.

Pat Foley and Harold Sandner battled for third place with Foley edging his

providing a \$5 scholarship for all leaders attending.

Those interested in more information may contact the Extension office in the Federal Building, Oregon City, 655-8635.

opponent in the final round of the round robin tourney.

Sandner, who was favored to win second place, faltered in the opening round against Foley and was unable to recover throughout the rest of the event.

Sandner, who flew in from Vienna for the tournament, attributed his lackluster showing to "jet lag and too much stout-hearted ale." He received accolades from all other players for traveling furthest to compete.

Famed chessman Bill Curtis was invited to the tournament but was unable to compete due to poor health.

### Dog licenses are needed

Dog owners in Clackamas County are reminded to purchase licenses for their canine pets by March 1, the Clackamas County Animal Control division said this week.

Notices for renewal of license will be mailed Dec. 22, by the division. Dog owners who do not receive their renewal notice by Jan. 2 are asked to mail in their license fees to Animal Control, 2104 S. Kaen Rd., Oregon City, 97045.

The fee schedule is: \$10 for male and females, \$5 for neutered males and spayed females. A \$7 penalty will be charged persons who do not have the license for their pet.

Senior citizens receive a half-price discount for one dog.

Payment of fees must be accompanied with a rabies inoculation certificate valid through Oct. 31, 1979. Proof of sterilization is also required for discount on all spayed or neutered dogs.

The Animal Control division will hold licensing stations throughout the county in January and February. Times and locations will be announced later.

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