NONSENSE-Sense And Some

By Dewey

Writing a column for a newspaper with the editor, must, it is presumed, be compared to a housewife in her planning of the meals her family will be served. One column, like one meal, may be a "lark," but repeated efforts really bear heavy before the year is up.

Like a meal, a column must have spice to make it palatable. It is permissible, at times, to just put in the "left-overs," but this becomes old, after a time. Constantly the housewife watches the season for tid-bits to tempt the lagging appetites, so likewise the editor of a column must scan the horizon for his choice morsels of wit to "feed into the linotype."

An editor doesn't necessarily want his readers to agree with him—that would become monotonous. He wants, most of all, to create comment in the community over his ideas. Maybe, he did it entirely for that reason.

Youth read the papers, perhaps more thoroughly than do their elders. Youth derives considerable education from the columns of a newspaper. Don't believe it — just go to most any school and see how current events are read and discussed. Talk to any high school lad about consumer choice of an article, or style.

It is impossible to estimate the number of syndicated columns in the American press today. Your daily newspaper will carry no less than four each day, with others alternated the following day. These men, each with his own pair of eyes, sees and reports what he sees. His findings may or may not agree, and sometimes, it is possible for a man to be entirely wrong in his deductions.

In journalism school, back in the days when I was a fledgling reporter, it was our fortune to be sent out on a train wreck case, which, at the same time, was being covered by reporters from many metropolitan daily reporters. This wreck had as varied and numerous accounts published as there were reporters.

The high school staff is learning the technique of writing as it is done in the newspaper field. They are learning what the cost is in physical and mental effort to produce a newspaper.

Going back to column writing, the author must be brief in his remarks, so as not to tire the reader with useless details, but at the same time, must tell the entire story. This accomplishment comes only with long experience, and sometimes not then. While many columnists are made, by their connections, most of the columnists are born.

The Christmas holidays will be upon us before we realize that the month is up. Several of the local stores are planning to stay open Saturday evenings until eight, to care for late shoppers who may find it difficult to reach these places during the working hours.

Christmas, coming on Wednesday, will wreck the week. The Pilot will print Tuesday of that week, in order to carry any good wishes people may want to extend the public. Thursday, following Christmas, most places of business will begin their inventory, in order to be ready by Jan. 1, with a clean slate.

Quite a number of people have asked the Pilot: "What about the proposed police set up for this area?" That's a good question, one which must be answered by the people of the area. However, these facts are existeent:

There is no police protection in this area at present, except for the occasional, and often infrequent visit of the state highway patrol. The sheriff's office has a deputy here, mainly for serving legal papers, and that explains the local police protection.

With no bank in the locality, it is necessary for business firms to carry quite large sums of money from week to week, which may be temptation for burglaries, if times were such as to encourage this practice. In addition, local people have become so lax in observing traffic rules because of this lack of police protection, it is little wonder that many, when in larger places, can remember such rules.

Police protection will cost — a sizeable amount each month, if the community can expect anything in way of service. Certainly the need is here, if people can but see it.

From Exchanges:

COQUILLE—A party of highway surveyors from the Oregon state highway office will arrive here early in December to start surveys of the proposed new highway which will skirt the edge of Coquille and cross the Coquille river at the edge of town, it was announced this week by Hode Caughell who has arranged hotel reservations for the party.

The survey party is well ahead of planned schedule and President Evan Alborn stated that this was a concrete example of what the visit of R. H. Baldock, state engineer, has done for the work project on Highway 101.

Manager Thompson of the Hotel Coquille has arranged to take care of the party which will be made up of at least six men and not more than eight.

It is the belief of the Chamber of Commerce highway committee that a survey now is a real cause of rejoicing as it seems probable that construction work on this end of 101 might start much sooner than originally expected.

At present the state highway commission has $600,000 to spend on the Coquille-Marshfield highway and costs at the present time average $125,000 to $150,000 per mile.

CRESCENT CITY—Final count in the Del Norte sheriff race was made last Friday, when the county board of supervisors met in special session to count the absentee ballots.

It was revealed that out of the 170 absentee ballots sent out only 156 of these were returned to the county clerk, and eight of these were rejected by the board, due to improper signatures, thus leaving only 148 ballots to be counted.

The final tabulation gave C. W. Glover a lead of 23 votes over his opponent, Frank J. Blackerby, electing him to office of sheriff of Del Norte county.

COQUILLE—Quick thinking on the past of young Darrell Sanders, son of Mr and Mrs. Ed Sanders of this place, saved a young playmate's life Tuesday afternoon in the flooded creak by the Fifth Street bridge.

The youngsters were playing by the water, throwing chips and other articles in and watching them swirl away in the current, when one of the lads lost his balance and plunged in. Young Darrell Sanders jumped forward and grabbed the lad's foot and held on while he called for help. He is in the first grade.

SMITH RIVER—Jose Sanchez of this place is confined to the Seaside hospital, suffering from severe burns received last Saturday, when his car overturned south of Crescent City, about 6:30 p. m.

It is said, Sanchez, driving toward the south, lost, con... the car, going over a gra... turned over. He was subse... rushed to the hospital, wh... is said he is rapidly reco...

Local News Ite...

Wendell Willard, studen... Oregon State College, Co... was a brief caller on his ... Miss Zora Ziegler, here Sa... afternoon. Wendell, who h... a gunner on a navy dive b... following his freshman y... OSC, is now in his sopho... year, studying to be an ag... ture teacher.

The Grange dance, Thu... evening, attracted a large ... of merry-makers, it is re...

After returning last F... from a business trip to San ... cisco, Elmer Bankus left S... for Medford, from where he ... plane reservations for Por...

The Altar Society card p... scheduled for Dec. 17, has ... cancelled, it was reported S... day afternoon. Conflict of ... was given as reason of c... lation.

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