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IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

I can't quite make up my own mind about the re-actions I held Sunday, reading about Elgin legalizing the slot machines to pay costs of city government; and Monday, in the next issue, came the story that state police raided . . . and confiscated a number of the machines in three different Willowa county towns. I haven't figured out whether it was the publicity that prompted the raid, or if the shame county residents held that give rise to the drastic action.

It seems that both the eastern and central parts of Oregon go in quite heavy for gambling in most any form. While I haven't been in all towns, I have, on a few occasions been in Bend, Pendleton, Baker, LaGrande, and in all these places, I have noticed that public officials do not look about too many corners to see what is going on. I believe it was Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee's election that made the state as a whole as conscious of gambling as it now is.

There are advocates who say that the state legalizes dogs and horses on a gambling set-up. The county fairs benefit many thousands of dollars from this fund. These same people point out that it is no more of a crime to play a slot machine than it is to bet on either dog or horse races. That seems to me to be logical reasoning. However, these same advocates say that slot machines should be legalized and owned by the state to help lower the already heavily burdened property taxpayers. Perhaps it is the answer since there seems to be no other way of keeping these gambling devices from the people.

The crime today, concerning slot machines, is that they are owned by a syndicate—they were in Chicago during Al Capone's reign of terror, and other metropolitan areas. Legalizing by the state, at least, would eliminate this feature. With people as a whole not in sympathy with doing away with slot machines and/or gambling devices, some other method of control must be devised. Personally, I am not an authority on the answer to this question.

Brookings Bruins returned to town last week, with but one victory in three attempts on the mammoth Ashland basketball court. Thor Ask, who saw the lads in action, told the Pilot it was the floors, and not the opponents that defeated the local boys. This is understandable—and here's one good reason why: In Curry county, the gyms are small, approximately the size of the local floor. Play are set up for these gyms, and the boys condition themselves for these smaller floors.

On a larger floor, the boys, especially those of high school age, cannot adapt themselves to this "inflated" situation easily—and so never do. Thor mentioned to me that he saw quite a number of instances when a local boy would take a shot at the basket, and the ball would fall as much as five feet short. He also commented on the comparative brilliance of the lights at Ashland gym in comparison to those of Curry county. One, he said, cannot conceive until they have seen for themselves.

In the previous trips to Ashland, Brookings fared no better, despite the statement that former teams were stronger. In years gone by, while I was yet in high school, before the days of modern gyms, I recall that I have played on dance floors, in grain warehouses, and even in the old time "opera houses," of sloping ceilings, and not too level floors.

I still can remember how my coach used to say, before we ever played a certain team, "We have to 'spot' them twenty or so points." This meant that on their own floor they could be equal to a team on a neutral win from them on a neutral floor by twenty points. Certainly I can remember an instance of just that which cost my high school the county title, when we knew and felt we had the better team. You don't have to go outside Curry county to prove my thought.



By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

The Department of Agriculture has just recently issued a really excellent booklet entitled, "The Family Fare—Food Management and Recipes." It is more than a cook book. I suppose the best description of it would be to call it something of a kitchen manual. It even has some pages devoted to a discussion of vitamins. One page which caught my attention (and might interest many people) is headed: Controlling your weight. I shall be glad to have a copy of this booklet mailed to anyone who sends me a letter or postcard requesting it. My address is: House Of-

fice building, Washington, D. C.

Last month both Republicans and Democrats put on a big eating-speaking-program affair here in Washington. Each was record-breaking in attendance but that was the only similarity. The Republicans filled the hall with 12,000 folks and had to turn away 3000 more. The Republicans only charged a dollar and wore street clothes. The Democrats seated more than 5000, all dressed in evening clothes, and charged \$100 per plate.

The federal tax collector is still wondering how he is going to collect the more than \$100,000 in the regular 20% tax which should have been paid on admissions to such an affair. The Democrats, however, claim that the dinner was a free gift from the Democratic National Committee and that the \$100 paid by each diner was a contribution to the Democratic campaign fund. That is where the argument is at the present time. But how about it—maybe churches, schools and charitable organizations should sell 'donations' or 'contributions' instead of admission tickets for their entertainments, bazaars or dinners.

On the other hand, Congressman Robert Hale of Maine, (Republican of course), pointed out in a discussion of the subject on the floor of the house the other day, that maybe the Democrats are right in refusing to pay the tax after all. The tax, Hale has pointed out, is an amusement tax. He then offered the observation that certainly nothing very amusing happened at the dinner of the Democrats.

During the war the navy developed a missile that could knock down planes at 40,000 ft. and is fired from an 8-inch radar-controlled gun. It is practically a seeing-eye shell and when in flight is attracted to the plane and explodes within 40 yards of it. The operation of it is uncanny. Its value in time of war cannot be estimated. It was in the secret classification. But after the war our government shared this secret with the British. They in turn sold it to Sweden, and—well, you guessed it—Swedes sold it to the Russians. If our fliers are being shot down by the Russians in any future war, you can remember this story. Uncle Sap is the right word.

Along Azalea Row

BY B. MILLER

Over the teacups, at Mrs. Harry Lockland's, recently, conversation was discussed by Mrs. Bradley Page, president of the Azalea Garden Club, ably assisted in a round-table discussion by the following members of Mrs. Lockland's conversation department: Mesdames Chester Maris, Glenn Simpson, Frank Pallady, E. B. Mathews, Will McVay, Lyle Redfield, George Weber and Will Crissey. Mrs. Max Brainard, Mrs. Ralph Luick and Mrs. Erskine Miller were guests.

An interesting report was made by Mrs. E. B. Mathews of the work done by the junior garden club in the school, and your reporter hopes to cover it more fully in the future. Other reports were given by members, and Mrs. Ralph Luick brought maps and plats of the proposed redwood tree park on the north bank of Smith River, on the Grants Pass cut-off. She explained in detail the advantages, status and the progress to date.

A redwood park here, would be decidedly advantageous from a tourist and residential standpoint to the Brookings and Harbor communities as well as the California neighbors—a beautiful stand of forest growth, easily accessible to all.

Here are some DON'T FORGETS for Azalea Garden Club

members and friends:

DON'T FORGET the Azalea Garden Club plant sale on Thursday afternoon, March 9. Bring all you can spare from your gardens and a purse of jingle, jangle for purchases.

DON'T FORGET this is an all-day meeting and come at 10 o'clock in the morning, dressed as your garden sees you and be prepared to spend the morning in flower arrangement practice with Mrs. Martha Grayshel who has an eye for better and better exhibits at the coming flower show.

DON'T FORGET Mrs. Frank Pallady would like some wild flower arrangements.

DON'T FORGET that Mrs. Roy Weideman, chairman of the Flower Show has set in motion her final plans; has shifted from low to second and is running along smoothly progressing toward her goal—a FLOWER SHOW the community will be proud to invite friends and relatives to from distant places.

She is drawing on the community as a whole, for talent and has been assured of co-operation by many who are not members of the garden club.

Don't Forget the dance on March 11 at which time the princesses will be present.

Spring has come winging to Weedy Acres. Here, we do not count time by the vernal equinox, but by the arrival of the tree swallows from their tropical wintering. Preparatory to their coming, the philosopher had cleaned his bird houses, fastened new and firmer twigs upon which the birds like to sit and survey the little garden world, and then placed them high on the poles. Waiting expectantly, we were rewarded just at noon-time, Feb. 28, by the swallows' return, whirling and wheeling about our rooftops and coming to rest before the last year's nesting place.

LOCAL NEWS

V. F. W. Auxiliary has planned a food and rummage sale for this Saturday at the former Leming Barber shop. The sale will begin at 10 a. m.

A meeting, at which discussion of the 1950-51 school budget is planned, has been set for Friday evening at the Grange hall, as may be seen elsewhere in an advertisement in this issue. The movement is under direction of M. L. DeMartin, secretary of the Southern Curry County Taxpayers League.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Knapp and daughter, Mary Etta, left Monday for Klamath Falls, where Mrs. Knapp will undergo surgery for a sinus growth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jacobs returned to their home Friday after an extensive trip through California and elsewhere. They left here Dec. 14, but report they are glad to be back. Mr. Jacobs visited his boyhood home in Kansas. They returned by way of Mexico City and other points of interest.

Gilbert P. Christensen was

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named to head the Brookings Temperance Society at a meeting of that group, held last week at Baptist Community church. The membership exceeds 80, it is reported.

Notice Of Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY.

Sherman Jones, Plaintiff, versus

David B. Peters, Minnie Bell, Mary F. Boradori, Mae Davis, Edith West, Lulu Hayden, A. S. Hickey, Jr., Jessie W. Stevens, H. L. Redd, William D. Taylor, Clarence Crane, California Trust Company, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed referee in the above entitled suit for the purpose of selling the property which is the subject of suit, to-wit: The Robert J. McDonald homestead, the north 1/2 of North East 1/4, South East 1/4 of North East 1/4, North East 1/4 of North West 1/4 of Section 16, Township 39 South, Range 12 West of Willamette Meridian, Curry County, Oregon.

Said sale shall be held at the office of S. O. Newhouse, Wedderburn, Oregon, at 10:00 a. m. March 18, 1950. The sale will be by public auction to the highest bidder, in the manner required by law for sale on execution.

Terms of the sale shall be cash, and the real property shall be sold in one parcel, and shall not be subject to any prior estate, charge, or lien. The sale shall be subject to approval by the Court.

This notice is given pursuant to order of the Hon. Dal M. King, Judge of the above entitled Court, made and entered on January 21, 1950, as amended January 31, 1950.

S. O. NEWHOUSE, Referee.
 Feb. 9, 16, 23, Mar 2, 9.

Now you Know!

The answers to everyday Insurance Problems

By Pete Lesmeister



Question. If I drive a borrowed car, am I covered by the public liability and property damages on my own car? One of those complicated transportation problems involving getting four men to the golf course but leaving enough cars so their wives could do the shopping came up the other day and some one mentioned the insurance angle.

Answer. So long as the borrowed car is a private passenger vehicle which you do not regularly drive, you are fully covered by your own insurance policy. It should be mentioned, however, that the policy does not extend to cars which you actually own besides the one insured. You must arrange for separate insurance on each such car.

♦If you'll address your own insurance questions to this office, we'll try to give you the correct answers and there'll be no charge or obligation of any kind.

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