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GAMBLING RAISES ITS HEAD . . . GETS SHOOK

A lot of excitement was stirred up locally, and state-wide, on the gambling expose in Curry County. Both the Oregonian and the Journal gave the story the front-page play. The Coos Bay Times did them even better, and bannered the story in 76-point (inch) type. Curry County received a lot of publicity, at any rate.

We don't deny that there was some gambling in Curry County, and we do agree that when gambling rears its head out into the open, it should be stamped out. We too, have heard of the complaints of local people, aroused at the openness of gambling here. We again commend District Attorney Sam Hall for doing his job as he saw it. He had absolutely no recourse than try to uphold the law. We elected him for that purpose, and for him to turn his eyes away from gambling would violate every concept of righteousness.

However, there are several points that must be considered in this whole expose. First, despite any law, people are going to have gambling—it is all a matter of degree, and matter of openness. People—many people—are going to gamble, whether it is flipping a coin for coffee, betting with their pal on the outcome of a football game, or playing penny ante poker, or bingo. It may or

not be right, but it has always been that way since recorded history and we think that it always will be. Call it human nature or whatever you want.

It is true, however, when gambling gets out of hand, when it becomes open and when big money is involved, then it is time to step in and lower the boom. This must be done periodically—because gambling will flourish again—in Brookings and in Curry County, despite the vigilant efforts of Mr. Hall.

We want to point out, too, that last year the grand jury, meeting in Gold Beach, did not find any ORGANIZED GAMBLING. We don't think that anything has changed that picture in recent months. Certainly what ever gambling was done was on a hit and miss proposition, left entirely in the hands of the local operators.

We weren't clear on exactly what caused the flurry of publicity either, other than the fact that all the raids were made on the same night. If the raids had been made over a period of six months, perhaps we wouldn't have got the attention of everyone in the state.

We maintain that Curry County is no better, nor worse, than the other counties in the state. We believe that gambling does exist in other cities—and we believe that from time to time the D.A.'s of other counties make arrests to keep the situation in check.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

Hardly a day passes but what some of us are called upon to pass in judgement upon the actions or conduct of those with whom we are in daily association. Some of us are very quick in advancing our opinions, taking little if any time to weigh the evidence available. Others, heeding the Biblical admonition that he who is without guilt should cast the first stone, are reluctant to offer and criticism whatsoever.

Pleading not guilty to either of the above classifications, I find myself experiencing no hesitation in condemning those today who complain incessantly of being bored. With modern life being what it is, complex and ever more demanding, I can accept no excuse from those who say that their waking hours offer little toward a richer and happier life.

My own opinion is that those who complain of the monotony of their daily existence have only themselves to blame, and would diagnose their ailment as stemming directly from selfishness, and would prescribe as a remedy that they be concerned less with their own comfort and more with service to their fellow man.

One has only to look around him with unprejudiced vision to see the truth of what I write. Point out to me a happy man, one who looks forward with anticipation to the dawning of another day, and I will show you a man who has dedicated his life to the betterment of the world in which he now finds himself.

Truly the individual who finds his entire existence devoted to his own interest, has by his own actions narrowed the horizons of his activities and made himself vulnerable to the deadly asphyxiation of boredom. On the other hand, he who gives himself continually in the service of others, has as his only lament that the days are so short and his own lifetime so inadequate.

Tertullian, an ancient Carthaginian church father, knew whereof he spoke when he asserted: "He who lives only to benefit himself confers on the world a benefit when he dies."

"A business that doesn't advertise needs two clerks. One to carry out the other who faints when a customer comes in. Advertising is the life blood of business." (Industrial News Review.)

STAR FISH — Corty Marpe and Gary Becker brought a splendid specimen of a multi-legged starfish into the PILOT Office, Friday afternoon. The boys had it all spread out and pinned to a big piece of plywood. They told us the critter's kin raise hob, this time of the year, in wrapping themselves around any bait being dangled for fish.

respondents, showing pictures, and letters from a world-wide range, including those from students in Yugoslavia and Tanna Touva.

SALMON INCREASE

There has been a phenomenal increase in the number of the spawning salmon on the Umpqua, according to Bill Saltzman, fishery biologist with the state Game Commission. With some 50 adult salmon observed per mile of spawning beds, this increase amounts to some 76 percent over the parent year of '52, the year the currently breeding fish were hatched. The count of 1945 was a fraction over 4 fish per mile of bed.

Saltzman said it was impossible to make the survey at the proper time, because of storms and high water, but it is possible that during the unobserved period still more fish may have been in the stream.

There is a possibility that this exceptionally high count of salmon spawning may not bring heavy runs of the mature fish from this year's spawn. Rushing, high flood waters, scouring deep in the shifting gravel beds, are feared to have destroyed much of the spawn or sluiced out the fertilizing milt of the males. On the Siletz it is known that all of a salmon "maternity ward" was entirely washed away, and it is feared that the runs of both salmon and steelhead may be at an absolute minimum, three to five years hence.

Besides, these natural losses were those of hatcheries where the high waters also took out all types of fish rearing facilities including many immature and brood fish.

BERNICE SWANSON WINS

Mrs. Bob (Bernice) Swanson pranced out with the PILOT'S check for ten simoleons, as the winner of last week's Ad-Rime contest. She had submitted several additions to the slogan and one of them sure clicked with the judges. The contest's popularity is evident by the flood of answers we are getting. Be sure to make yours rhyme with the slogan, and also get them into the PILOT Office before 5:00 p.m. Tuesdays. We have to round up the judges and they have to work them over so they can be printed in time.

MRS. ALENA L. FISHER

Mrs. George Murry was saddened recently, with word that her mother Mrs. Alena L. Fisher, 81, passed away at her home in Bozeman, Montana. Due to illness, Mrs. Murry was not able to make the trip east.

We hear of another family head who bought some expensive doe meat he was invited to hand over to the law—which he did, too.

PATRONIZE ADVERTISERS

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HELLO WORLD

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Exton, on the 18th, with Dr. Paul Ronniger assisting.

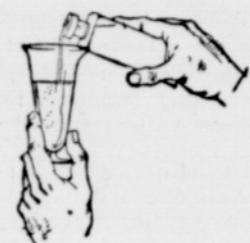
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COUNTY & CITY SALES TAX

On April 1st California counties or cities may levy a one percent sales tax, if they choose, according to an act of the state's last legislature. This would be in addition to the present 3 percent tax already levied in the Golden State.

Any city or county may decide whether they want in on this additional source of revenue for their own disbursement and the claim is made that it could reduce the property tax burden, spread the tax load wider and especially take in some transient money as well as providing a source of additional funds which may be needed within the tax unit taking advantage of this new law.

Should both county and city participate in this method of getting more revenue, they will have to work-out their own plan as to how the funds should be divided after the cost of collect-

SCHOOL CENSUS

The following school census from Coos-Curry, for 1955-56, may be compared to those of Brookings where the last census tallied 1322 children, up 140 from the previous year's count. Coquille has 1,921, up 89 from last year; North Bend has 2,220 with a gain of 143; Myrtle Point, up 69 for a total of 1,279 and Bandol 1,246 having gained 120. No other districts in Coos County registered 500 on their rolls.

An interesting problem confronts those who might consider going into this localized sales tax business and that is policing of the borders of the city or the county to discourage a form of black marketing through the purchase of commodities outside the districts set up.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The International Relations Club of the Brookings schools met recently, at the school building. A splendid "International dinner" was prepared by the Home Ec Class, with twenty members of the club being served. They were entertained by a virtually authentic hula dance, in costume, by Karen Wallace the program being arranged by Ralph Fowler, Social Science teacher. Richard Yates, science teacher, gave a very interesting talk on his experiences of hitchhiking in Europe. His travels were under the auspices of the National Students Union and he spoke highly of the accommodations along his way, in the Youth Hostels. Erskine Miller told the group of his international cor-



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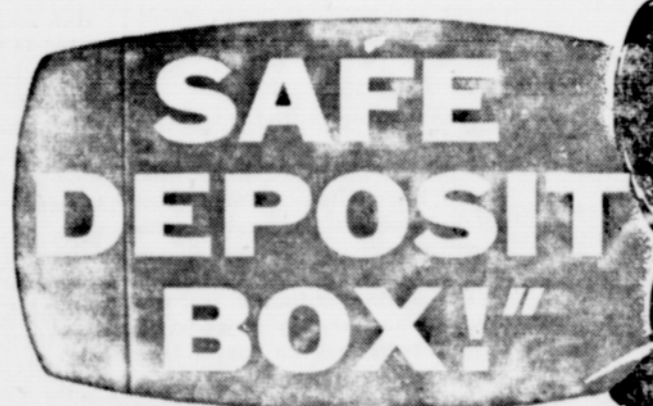
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