

Corporal Punishment Of Students Backed by Many School Leaders

CHICAGO — Corporal punishment to control students is favored by 72 per cent of school superintendents questioned in a nationwide sampling by an education magazine.

The July issue of "The Nation's Schools" magazine quotes 69 per cent of the superintendents as saying their school boards approved corporal punishment to control the behavior of pupils.

The publication did not state how many superintendents were surveyed, but Arthur H. Rice, editor of the magazine, described it as a scientific sampling of about 15,000 school administrators. Direct replies came from between 2 and 3 per cent of the superintendents he explained.

While 72 per cent of the officials questioned favored corporal punishment and 29 per cent disapproved, 69 per cent said their elementary grade teachers were permitted to use it "in mild form, where other methods do not work."

Two other choices gave 27 per cent "only in extreme cases" and 13 per cent "under no circumstances" in elementary grades the magazine said.

Of those who said they favored it 54 per cent thought the principal should administer punishment and 46 per cent said it should be done by the teacher.

Death Takes Gold Rush Days Writer

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Sidney Norman, newspaper mining writer who covered the gold rushes from Southern California to Alaska and once tried to find the source of Death Valley Scotty's wealth, died Wednesday. He was 85.

He was mining editor of the Los Angeles Times for nearly half a century. It was for that paper that he led a search for Scotty's gold mine, now presumed to be imaginary, in 1911.

Until the age of 80 he was still active, editing an oil bulletin in Calgary, Canada. He had also been mining editor of the Vancouver, B.C. Sun; the Toronto Globe & Mail; Mining Truth of Spokane, Wash.; and Southwest Mining News of Los Angeles.

A native of Cheltenham, England, where his father was mayor and an editor, Norman emigrated to Spokane, Wash., at an early age. He took part in the great mining rushes to Alaska, British Columbia and Goldfield, Nev., among others.

King Farouk TV Promise Made Good

FLORENCE, Italy — Ex-King Farouk of Egypt, who complains that he's a poor man now, has made good on a \$1,000 promise to a television quiz contestant.

Farouk's secretary and a Rome attorney, Giulio D'Arco, arrived at the home of shapely young Marisa Zocchi near Florence and handed her a certified check for 2,500,000 lire (\$4,000).

Marisa won the same amount recently in the program "Lascia o Raddoppia." Double or Nothing by answering questions on bicycle racing. She announced tearfully on the program that she would stop at that point rather than try for the \$8,000 jackpot in order to be sure of some prize money to help her ailing mother. She said she wanted to take her mother out of a hospital for nervous ailments and have her treated at home.

Farouk, who was watching the program, had promised in a telegram he would make up the difference. His wife said he was deeply touched by her courage.

British Red Faced as Jet Fails Soviets

MOSCOW — Red faced British air officials rescheduled a routine flight of their Comet jet airliner for Soviet air officials Thursday after the pride of the British Airways failed to get off the ground.

Some 30 Soviet air force officers, technicians and officials of Aeroflot, the state operated Soviet airline, turned out at Vnukovo Airport for a ride in the gleaming silver jetliner. They piled into the plane, the doors slammed shut and the minutes started ticking.

Forty five minutes later the embarrassed British air crew advised the guests the flight had been postponed until this afternoon.

The battery was dead.

'Long-Shot' Con Moves Closer To Electric Chair

WASHINGTON — Everett D. Green, who played a long-shot bet of death against a 5 to 9 year prison sentence, moved closer to the electric chair Thursday.

The U.S. Court of Appeals splitting 3-2, upheld his conviction of first degree murder and his death sentence.

Green, now 65, originally was convicted of second degree murder in the arson-death of Betty Brown, 83-year-old spinster in a rooming house fire three years ago.

He appealed from his sentence of from 5 to 20 years imprisonment. In granting him a new trial, the appeals court warned that it might bring a death sentence.

It did.

RUBENSTEIN SITE FOR SALE

NEW YORK — The fashionable Fifth Avenue town house of the late Serge Rubenstein is for sale. It was in the 27-room mansion that the financier was mysteriously strangled on Jan. 27, 1965. The house is assessed for tax purposes at \$160,000.

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West Coast Metal Pact Wins Okeh

PORTLAND, Ore. — Labor negotiators announced agreement with West Coast Shipyard employers Thursday for an 18-cent hourly wage increase.

"The danger of a strike is over," said Bill Way, president of the Pacific Coast District of the Metal Trades Council.

He said it will be a across-the-board increase plus an improvement in vacation provisions for those who have been employed 15 years or more.

"We are still trying to resolve shop steward protection language but we do not expect any great trouble there," Way said on emerging from a caucus of labor leaders representing 10,500 workers in 12 shipyards.

He said both sides had agreed to accept the provisions worked out in several weeks of negotiations. The new contract is subject to ratification by vote of union locals.

The old contract expires at midnight Saturday. It calls for a basic wage of \$2.29 hourly.

The ancient Chinese piped natural gas through sections of bamboo.

Obituary Item Revives Story Of 43-Year-Old Suicide Pact

DENVER — The obituary notice said that Mrs. Marguerite L. Hultman, 65, had died at her home Monday and the funeral will be held Saturday.

This was more than 43 years since the day she was shot and wounded by her husband on a day when he killed himself in a suicide pact in St. Paul, Minn.

The Denver Post unfolded the story.

Marguerite Logan, a 22-year-old

Burglars Help Selves to Free Kiddie Land Rides

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Burglars Wednesday night visited Kiddie Land here.

Concession owner Walter Grubb wasn't put out over the \$15 worth of candy they helped themselves to, but the free rides they took made him pretty sore.

The kiddie train and ferris wheel gave way under their weight.

The king of Nepal is Maharajadhiraja Mahendra Bir Bikram Jang Bahadur Shah Bahadur Shamsheer Jang.

Yank Writer To Drive to Moscow Area

BERLIN — Edmund Stevens, an American correspondent, stepped into a jeep station wagon Thursday and headed for Moscow. It will be the first auto trip to the Soviet capital by a western civilian since the Russians rang down the Iron Curtain.

Stevens, who covers the Soviet Union for Look Magazine and the Christian Science Monitor, is accompanied by his son, Edmund Jr., a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

For the 1,000-mile journey they loaded up with extra gasoline, food and a tent.

Earlier this week William P. Lear, an American aircraft equipment manufacturer, became the first westerner to fly into Moscow by private plane.

Two Punchboards Not Educational, Policemen Say

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Police walked into the Phoenix Elks Club and carried off "an educational exhibit"—two punchboards.

"They were to show the members the evils of gambling," argued W. T. Choisser, attorney for J. C. Pew, manager of the club. "They were a lesson in the temptations that confront members in everyday life."

Police Wednesday charged Pew with running a punchboard game and disputed Choisser's claim that the temptations of gambling are present in everyday life.

"Not in this city," said one officer.

THEY LIKED SAMPLE

MANKATO, Minn. — A set of stolen hub caps apparently created a yen for bigger loot. The night after the caps were stolen

Bus Driver Not Drunk, Just Sick

LOS ANGELES — A bus driver says it wasn't booze he imbibed but sore-throat medicine. So a jury acquitted him Wednesday of a drunk-driving charge.

Glenn Robertson, 45, was arrested last May 20 on the San Bernardino freeway. The son-in-law of a passenger on the bus later had told police he thought the driver was drunk.

Robertson told a municipal court jury that just before boarding the bus he swigged a throat remedy containing 40 per cent alcohol. The aroma of the medicine, he argued, misled police into thinking he was under alcoholic influence.

from a car on a used car lot the car itself was stolen.

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Ex-Lady Taxi Pilot Returns Stock Present

DENVER — Patricia Pierce, 42, a former taxicab driver here, signed a court stipulation Thursday agreeing to return to George Westinghouse Jr. \$50,000 of \$200,000 worth of stocks he gave to her.

"I still think I'm in the right, but I am donating this back to his family because I believe it's the decent thing to do," Miss Pierce told a reporter.

As a result of the agreement, a district court suit against her seeking return of all the stocks, has been dismissed. Miss Pierce said she has known Westinghouse Jr., whose father founded the electric firm bearing his name, for 24 years and had seen him at least once a year since 1946.

Strictly from the monetary standpoint, she said "if I were to fight and win a long court battle, the result would be that the lawyers would get the \$50,000."

SPAIN AVOIDANCE URGED

FLensburg, Germany — The annual conference of German Protestant pastors urges Germans to avoid Spain when they go touring as long as a "hostile attitude" toward Protestantism prevails there. The 300 pastors adopted the boycott resolution to bring attention to what they call the emergency situation of the Evangelical Church in Spain.

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