Out the Other

By DON BISHOFF

PETE HANSEN CALLED the other day. Pete is drill-master for the Fire Dept. He's the guy who trains all the other firemen on how to fight fires.

Which brings up the question of who drills the drill-master, but that's another subject, and digresses from the point of his call.

Anyhow, Pete said he's got the answer to the question posed in this column last week as to where the displaced pigeons from City Hall will go when the City Hall goes. They've already started going, Pete said, and he's not happy about where they're going.

"They're in my drill tower," he said.

Some nine or ten birds moved into the four-story tower beside the McKinley Street Fire Station almost coincidentally with the appearance of last week's column, Pete reported.

"Either they read it in the paper, somebody told 'em, or somebody transplanted 'em out here—but they're here," he said. "What I'm afraid of is that they're going to bring more."

It should be stated in defense of this column right now that Pete has no proof (1) that the City Hall pigeons can read, or (2) that the pigeons in his drill tower are part of the City Hall clan.

But all that aside, Pete's anxious to find somebody with some experience in pigeon eviction. The birds have been sitting on the top level of the tower, over the open shaft that runs from the top to the bottom, and are littering the bottom floor, four stories below, he said.

This puts firemen, who must hoist ladders and crawl in and out of the tower as part of their training, in something of a hazardous position.

So, on the remote possibility that last week's column might in some way have caused a migration from City Hall to the drill tower, Pete's plea for help in his pigeon eviction problem is hereby printed as a form of conscience-clearing.

And if any of you City Hall pigeons are reading—stay away from the drill tower. It's a lousy place to live—fire and smoke, and guys in funny hats crawling in and out the windows all the time. . . .

TWO UNIVERSITY-TYPES were cycling past the Student Union Bldg. the other day. Part of their conversation drifted over.

"Have you heard the new definition of an optimist?" said cycler No. 1. "No, what is it?" said No. 2.

But by that time they had pedalled out of earshot, and the inadvertant evesdropper was left to wonder forever what the new definition of an optimist is. Cycler No. 1, where are you?

INCIDENTALLY, THE CURRENT ISSUE of Playboy, which claims a large circulation on university campuses, carries an advertisement for the latest item for collegiate status seekers.

Capitalizing on last spring's Ft. Lauderdale student riots and the subsequent tossing of a few students in the cooler, the ad offers a sweat shirt with "Ft. Lauderdale City Jail" and a number inscribed on the back.

"FEEL THE DIFFERENCE When Listerine's Germ-Killing Action Goes To Work," said the sign over a large display basket at a grocery store in Eugene. "Reach for Listerine for bad breath, colds, sore throat."

In the basket were several dozen fifths of champagne.

TO LEAVE IN THE SAME VEIN this thing go started in today, another phone call report. This call was from Leonard Bischel of Springfield, who's the area's head man for an organization called Understanding, Inc.

Understanding, you may remember, is the outfit which has sponsored a number of speakers here who told of seeing, touching, and taking rides in flying saucers.

Mr. Bischel was concerned about news stories that ran in the Register-Guard and other Oregon newspapers last week. The stories told of 22 members of an Understanding chapter in California holing up in a town called Cleator, Ariz.

Group members were quoted as saying they moved to Cleator to escape a world disaster. They said they had learned from outer space sources that the disaster would occur on Feb. 4, and that Cleator would be one of 12 spots on earth that would not be affected by the havoc.

A spokesman predicted "Hell in nature—storms, tidal waves, earthquakes, rise of a continent from the sea, the sinking of continents, financial panic, betrayal of nations from within, and World War III."

You know, sort of like Saturday night on TV.

But don't pack your bags and head for Cleator. Mr. Bischel says there's nothing to worry about—it's all a misunderstanding by those California members of Understanding who obviously don't understand.

"That's a lot of bunk," was the way Mr. Bischel expressed it. "We've never received anything from headquarters on that, whatsoever."

"There's always a bunch of goofballs trying to pull something screwy," he added with a weary sigh.

Theme Chosen For Dads' Day

"Father Knows Best" is the theme chosen for the University of Oregon's annual Dads' Day Weekend, which will begin Feb. 9.

On Friday night, Feb. 9, the winning candidate for hostess of the weekend will be announced at the first of two basketball games with the University of Idaho.

A talent contest sponsored by the Student Union committee will start at 9 p.m. Friday. The finalists will perform at the annual Dads' Day luncheon to be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Dog Show Cancelled Because of Weather

A dog show, sponsored by Lane Dog Fanciers, scheduled for today, has been postponed.

J. Albert Dunham, a member of the group, said the show had to be called off because of the snow and cold weather. It will be rescheduled, probably in February, he said.

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VLT Needs Costumes For Comedy

Producing a Navy drama inland is presenting some costuming and properties' problems for the Very Little Theatre.

The VLT will open its comedy about the Navy, "The Golden Fleecing," on Feb. 7.

Needed for the production are two Navy officers' uniforms, tans or whites. One uniform, for lieutenant, should be a 42 long. The other, destined for an ensign, is needed in 44 long. Also needed is a modern tuxedo in a 42 long.

Insignias are available, said wardrobe mistress Mrs. Virgil Parker. Persons willing to loan the uniforms or tux may call her at DI 4-2740.

Also needed is a Navy signal light, some eight to ten inches in diameter, or a similar light. Persons wishing to loan this should contact the VLT, DI 4-7751, Tuesdays through Fridays after 8 p.m.

Stanford Revises Grading Terms

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Stanford University has decided to say nicer things about some of its grades in an effort to lessen tension between so-so students and their parents.

A "C" is to become "satisfactory" instead of "fair," while "D" will be known as "minimum credit" rather than "barely passed."

"Failure by parents to recognize the changing demands on our students accounts for a large part of parental dissatisfaction with their offsprings' performances," a university committee said.

Descriptions for "A" and "B" grades will remain unchanged.

Adult Classes Begin Monday

The second series of adult education classes leading to a high school diploma will begin Monday at South Eugene High School.

Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. in room 46 of South Eugene for courses in social studies and literature.

The classes will meet Monday and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., through March 1. Students who complete six academic courses are eligible for diplomas. A fee of $10 a course is charged.

China Asks Aid

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — Nationalist China has applied for loans from the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) totaling $90 million to finance three big projects in Formosa.

K.Y. Yin, a government spokesman, said the money is wanted for construction of a steel works costing $40 million, a fertilizer plant costing $30 million, and a thermo-electric plant costing $20 million.

Picture Previews

Two Highly-Rated Comedies Open This Week

Two highly-rated comedies, "1, 2, 3" and "Sail a Crooked Ship," are slated to open in Eugene this week.

The film "1, 2, 3," is supposed to be as unusual as its title. Directed by Billy Wilder of "The Apartment" and "Some Like it Hot" fame, it will open Wednesday at the McDonald.

Stars are James Cagney, cast as a bumbling American executive in Germany; Horst Buchholz, an East Berlin resident who combines love and politics, and Pamela Tiffin, as Cagney's beautiful daughter.

Heiress, Beatnik

Miss Tiffin is an heiress, and she falls in love with Buchholz, a beatnik. Under Wilders' direction, the result is zany.

Its co-feature is "X-15," filmed at Edwards Air Force Base, home of the rocket plane. Much of the film's content is factual, and deals with the plane's achievements, woven in with a plot about one of the test pilots, a fictional character played by David McLean.

Perhaps the zaniest plot of the week (or several weeks) is that of "Sail a Crooked Ship," featuring Robert Wagner, Dolores Hart, Carolyn Jones, Frankie Avalon and Ernie Kovacs.

The plot involves such diverse elements as a planned bank robbery, a Navy officer's plan to "kidnap" a Liberty ship, an unusual love affair, a memory wizard and a parking meter thief.

Inept Safe Robber

Kovacs is cast as an inept safe robber, his last film role. Carolyn Jones is his girl friend, and Avalon manages to work in several vocal numbers.

It is co-featured with "Scream of Fear," starring Susan Strasberg as a helpless, paralyzed invalid. Miss Strasberg visits her father's French villa for the first time since his second marriage, and is told by her new stepmother, Ann Todd, that her father is away on business. The absent man's body, however, keeps turning up at odd moments, and the mystery develops other strange and terrifying turns.

Lots of happy hi-jinks and fairy tale happenings are featured in "The Wonders of Aladdin," playing this week at the Heilig Theatre.

Filmed In Color

Oriental dancing girls abound in the movie, filmed in color and co-featured with "Invasion Quartet," a comedy about four hospitalized British officers who decide to solve some of their battlefield pals' problems by launching a private invasion of German-occupied France.

The McKenzie Theatre in Springfield will play two Walt Disney pictures, "Island Sea," a short feature, and the live-action musical, "Babes in Toyland," through Tuesday. Opening Wednesday at the McKenzie will be "Dondi," and Debbie Reynold's latest, "Second Time Around."

Feature Times

SUNDAY

FOX—Mysterious Island, 2:30, 5:45, 9. Hand in Hand, 1, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45.
HEILIG—Wonders of Aladdin, 3, 6:25, 9:50. Invasion Quartet, 1:30, 4:55, 8:20.
McDONALD — Twist Around the Clock, 1, 4:10, 7:20, 10:35. Carthage in Flames, 2:25, 5:35, 8:50.
McKENZIE (Springfield) — Island Sea, 1:45, 4:10, 6:30, 8:50. Babes in Toyland, 2:10, 4:30, 7, 9:20.
MAYFLOWER—Two-Way Stretch, 9:30. The Man Who Wouldn't Talk 8.
EUGENE DRIVE IN—Never Say Goodbye, 7:25. Flower Drum Song, 9:15.
VALLEY (Junction City)—Bridge to the Sun and High School Caesar, 2:15, 7:15.

MONDAY

FOX — Mysterious Island, 12:30, 3:45, 7, 10:15. Hand in Hand, 2:20, 5:40, 8:55.
HEILIG—Wonder of Aladdin, 6:30, 9:50. Invasion Quartet, 8:20.
McDONALD — Twist Around the Clock, 1, 4:10, 7:20, 10:35. Carthage in Flames, 2:25, 5:35, 8:50.
McKENZIE (Springfield) — Island Sea, 7:15, 9:30. Babes in Toyland 7:50.
EUGENE DRIVE IN—Never Say Goodbye, 7:25. Flower Drum Song, 9:15.

At Local Theaters

FOX — Ending Tuesday, "Mysterious Island" and "Hand in Hand." Starting Wednesday, "Sail a Crooked Ship" and "Scream of Fear."
HEILIG—Playing Sunday through Saturday, "The Wonders of Aladdin" and "Invasion Quartet."
McDONALD — Playing through Tuesday, "Twist Around the Clock" and "Carthage in Flames." Starting Wednesday, "1, 2, 3" and "X-15."
McKENZIE (Springfield) — Continuing through Tuesday, "Island Sea" and "Babes in Toyland." Beginning Wednesday, "Dondi" and "Second Time Around."
MAYFLOWER — Ending Sunday, "Two-Way Stretch" and "The Man Who Wouldn't Talk." Starting Friday, "Come September" and "Meet Me at the Fair."
EUGENE DRIVE IN — Playing through Tuesday, "Flower Drum Song" and "Never Say Goodbye."
VALLEY (Junction City)—Ending Sunday, "Bridge to the Sun" and "High School Caesar." Starting Friday, "Babes in Toyland."

Robbery Suspect Held in Portland

PORTLAND (AP) — Edwin Lee McKay, 29, was arrested in Portland by FBI agents Thursday. He was charged with an attempted robbery Wednesday of the Portland Federal Savings & Loan Assn.

McKay, who police said was a transient, also has been charged with the robbery of $458 from the Bank of America in San Francisco.

McKay was arraigned Thursday before U. S. Commissioner Claire Mundorff.

Police said the attempted robbery Wednesday failed when the teller, after being handed a note, just walked away.

McKay's bail was set at $5,000 and he was lodged in Multnomah County Jail.

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