

Out the Other

By DON BISHOFF

The fact that there's been no news in this column recently on the City Hall pigeon population does not indicate any lack of interest in the plight of those unfortunate birds, but rather a lack of newsworthy events concerning them.

Pigeons, however, are making news—some bad, some good—elsewhere. In Seattle the news is bad. There the pigeon population has found the above-the-street World's Fair Monorail tracks a good—but deadly—roosting spot.

The "ilent Monorail trains, gliding along on rubber tires, knocking off unsuspecting pigeons as fast as they light. One Monorail engineer reported the record for one trip is four pigeons.

At last report, though, no little old ladies in tennis shoes had cnaired themselves to the Monorail tracks on an S.O.P. (Save Our Pigeons) campaign. The pigeons themselves seem to be taking care of the matter.

"We've got them pretty well trained—they steer clear of us now," said engineer Rene Moreau.

UP IN MCKENZIE BRIDGE, meanwhile, the pigeon news is good. The lost homing pigeon at Mrs. Harold Sprague's trailer has apparently headed for home.

The pigeon, Mrs. Sprague reports, showed up a couple weeks ago in somewhat unorthodox fashion for a pigeon. "Here he came, walking along—he just came walking down in front of the trailer and right up to us," said Mrs. Sprague. "He kept following us around."

"I got some of the food I have for my parakeet and gave it to him and he really went after it. He was hungry."

Once fed, Mrs. Sprague said, the pigeon decided to hang around. He'd perch on the trailer roof or nearby trees and come down for his daily ration of parakeet seed.

The bird had bands on both legs, and Mrs. Sprague theorized that he was a homing pigeon who'd somehow gone astray. "They say it takes them a while to get their bearings when they get lost."

Last Sunday evening the pigeon apparently got those bearings, remembered where it was he had been going, and vacated the Sprague premises. Said Mrs. Sprague a little sadly, "He just stretched up, looked around, and took off."

INSTANT CULTURE DEPT.—Philadelphia Orchestra comes to town next Saturday, will undoubtedly play some symphonies. Serious music lovers report that, while audience enthusiasm is appreciated, clapping between movements of such pieces is verboten.

Seems you're supposed to save it all for the end and then really cut loose. Don't ask why—it's just one of those quirks of custom, it seems.

LADY CALLED THE other day, wanted to know the date of the Florence Rhododendron Festival. Told it was the weekends of May 19-20, she expressed considerable happiness.

She went on to explain that she had some relatives planning on visiting her that weekend. Didn't particularly want to see the relatives, needed excuse to get out of town. The festival happily provides the excuse.

GEORGE ESKIN, a South Eugene resident, called the other day to report that something is apparently awry at the Eugene Drive-In Theatre. One day on the way home George said he noticed several misspelled words in the theater marquee.

Didn't think much about it, but in subsequent trips he noticed more misspellings. "One day they had Nancy Kwan spelled K-w-a-y-n, and on another they had 'Pocket Full of Miracles' spelled M-i-r-i-c-l-e-s on one side and M-i-r-c-l-e-s on the other."

"Then they went three in a row without an error and I thought everything was alright. But last night, they had Audie Murphy's name spelled A-u-d-r-e-y on one side and A-u-d-e-r-y on the other."

Better-educated heads apparently prevailed however, George added, because the next day Audie was spelled correctly. He's anxiously waiting to see if the trend toward better spelling will continue.

SUSPICIONS CONFIRMED DEPT.—Mrs. Arthur Flemming, wife of the man who runs things up on the U of O campus, was speaking to a church women's group recently. Talking of her husband's work as president of Ohio Wesleyan University, she said, "Then, as now, I felt that he is never happier than when he is making a speech."

New UO Doctoral Program Offered

Interdepartmental cooperation between the Departments of Foreign Languages and English has effected a new degree offering at the University of Oregon this fall—a doctor of philosophy degree in comparative literature.

Under the program, which is offered for the first time in any Oregon college or university, the State System of Higher Education will be in line with larger eastern universities in preparing college and university teachers in a field which has not heretofore been covered in the state.

In the West, a similar program has been recently introduced in the University of California at Berkeley, and a program is in operation in the English Department at the University of Washington.

A program that has been in preparation for some years, Oregon's comparative literature prospectus is designed to prepare college and university teachers whose interests are in world literature rather than in the specialized literature of a single country or culture. It is a program for studying literary phenomena which "cross linguistic frontiers."

The program will be under an interdepartmental committee presided over by an educator-scholar who has long been identified with comparative scholarship in literature. He is Chandler Beall, professor of Romance languages at the University.

Beall has had a continuing interest in this field, in which he did his doctoral work. He has worked with and been in communication with scholars in comparative literature both in this country and in Europe and is active in professional societies of these scholars.

Beall's committee will be two members from English, Roland Ball and Christof Wegelin, and two from foreign languages, Perry J. Powers and Dr. Wolfgang Leppmann.

What the new doctoral program means, practically, said Beall, is an expansion of the doctoral programs already authorized in the two participating departments.

In scope, the program will offer doctoral candidates a literature of specialization in Classics, English, German, and Romance



CHANDLER BEALL
He'll Direct New Program

languages. The main emphasis will be on the international aspects and relationships of literature. Study of two or more literatures in their original languages will be required with candidates demonstrating competence in French, German and one other language, either ancient or modern. The program is built around a core curriculum of courses that are "comparatively" oriented.

A new course will introduce the program this fall. This will be Introduction to Comparative Literature. Taught by a new member of the faculty, Alexander Fischer, the course will be a program requirement.

Fischer, who comes to the University as an assistant professor in Foreign Languages, is one of the outstanding young men in the field. He received his doctorate from the University of Washington.

Eighteen Men, Two Women Enlist

Eighteen men and two women enlisted in the armed forces through Eugene recruiting offices during April, and the same offices reported five reenlistments.

Emerald Empire enlistees in the U. S. Air Force totaled nine men and one woman, plus three reenlistments.

Bernice A. McDaniel of Eugene enlisted in the Women's Air Force. Regular Air Force enlistees were George W. Thompson, Eugene; Stuart A. Snyder and Roy H. McAttee, both of Oakridge; Ronald W. Miller, Creswell; Gary F. Krause, Horton; Frank J. Canfield, Otis; Stanley J. Wilde, Junction City,

and Kenneth J. Shafer, Monroe. These enlistees are currently taking basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Gerald P. Laird, a graduate of the University of Oregon, was selected for the Air Force's officer training school, and was assigned to Medina Air Force Base, Texas, for guided missile operations.

The three re-enlistees are Kenneth R. Clark, Oakridge; William R. Hughes, Eugene; and Arthur J. Colburn, Springfield.

The U. S. Army recruiting office in Eugene reported six enlistments for April. They were Terry Pitt Gardner, Craig Dennis Bach and Johnny W.

Vickory Jr., all of Eugene; Donald Dale McMahan, Springfield; Ronald Louis Casebeer, Cottage Grove, and John Roy Napper, Creswell.

Navy enlistments included those by one Creswell man, a WAVE, and two re-enlistments.

Harry Daniel Nelson of Creswell enlisted for service, and Helen Marie Whipple of Springfield enlisted in the WAVES. The two re-enlistees were Edward Gordon Haskell of Florence and Albert Arnold Montague of Blue River.

The Marine recruiting office enlisted two Emerald Empire men and two men from Albany for their April Quota. The

Emerald Empire men are Richard Starkey of Oakridge, who enlisted for four years, and Timothy E. Tracy, who enlisted for three years.

Six Emerald Empire men were inducted into the U. S. Army during April through Selective Service Local Board No. 13, Eugene, and are now taking basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

The inductees are Gregory Ahparkin and Tommy Glaspey Jr., both of Springfield; William Charles McNeal and William Walker Jr., both of Eugene; Hoge Leroy Hickman, Reedsport, and John Alfred Ormshee, Cottage Grove.

President to Speak

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Pennsylvania Gov. David L. Lawrence said Friday President Kennedy will address the Governors Conference in Philadelphia on July 4.

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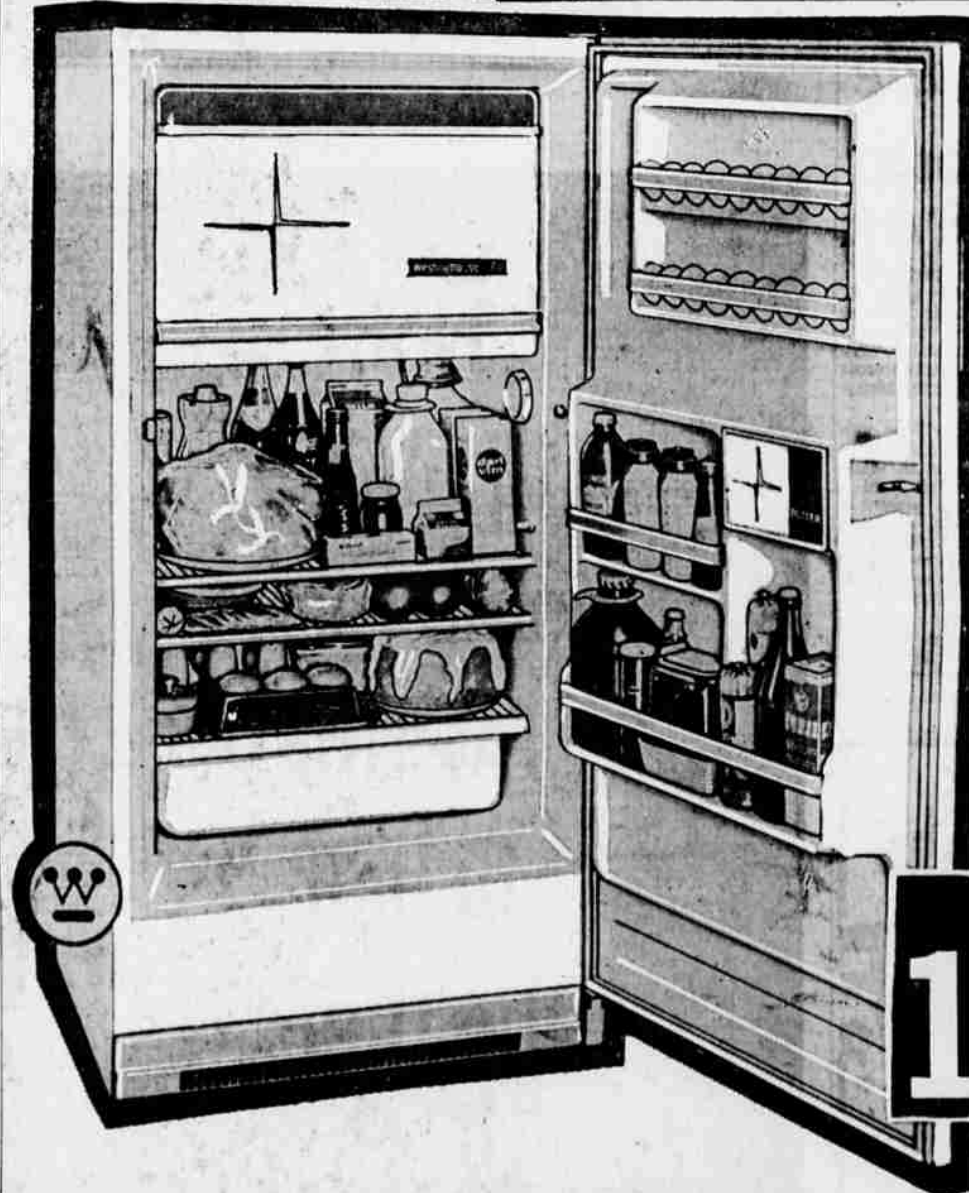


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