

Local News of Central Point and Jackson County

CENTRAL POINT TIMES Jackson County Advertiser CENTRAL POINT'S WEEKLY NEWSPAPER JIM ANDERSON, Publisher GREG. SLOAN, Advertising Manager

More Roguish Ramblings (Cont'd. from page 1) around town, they seem to be doing a wonderful job in civic improvements. The latest is that the boys are sponsoring an outdoor Christmas lighting contest for residents of the city.

Cash prizes will be awarded to winners on Dec. 24. Judges will be members of the Lions Club and city officials. You need not sign up to participate. Sounds like fun--better get those yule decorations up!

Stopped by the bank the other day only to overhear the following conversation between a businessman and the bank president. The businessman was attempting to borrow \$100,00 from the bank. "That's a lot of money," said the bank president. "Can you give me a statement?" "Yes," said the businessman. I'm optimistic."

And now to touch a little on national happenings... Read a cute letter in one of our exchanges last week which we thought some of you with conservative leanings might appreciate. This was first printed in the St. Louis County Medical Society Bulletin. IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY

Yesterday I joined that great group who are for Fedicare (often called Medicare). Yesterday I became 65 years old. Now I have entered that period of life when I am to be cared for by the younger generation simply because I have reached the age of 65, for no other reason on earth than I am now two times as 32.5 old. Before yesterday I was an advocate of the free enterprise system--pay your own way system--don't expect or take anything for nothing system. But all is different now. Now I want (and expect) (haven't I been promised) 50¢ per day per ingrown toenail, \$30.00 per day for halitosis, 79¢ per day for ear wax, 18¢ per day per loose tooth, \$7.50 per week plus two quarts of hair tonic for dandruff, 36.5 days of free hospital care per visit (limit 10 visits per year), 31 days of home nursing (young and good-looking nurses) care per month (limit 12 visits per year).

Now so far as drugs are concerned, I expect my blood pressure medicine, tranquilizer, alcohol (for that heart condition--86 proof), aspirin, corn pads and denture adhesive to

be paid for by the younger generation--REMEMBER, I'm past 65!

My doctor (\$6.00 per office visit) is to be paid for--I am told--by my Uncle who lives in Washington, D.C., and since I think my doctor likes me (and perhaps needs the money) I intend to see him on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. (I haven't anything else to do and he gets paid on a per patient basis.)

Yes, I'm for Fedicare, Medicare, and just as soon as I finish clipping those damn coupons from a million dollars worth of tax-free municipal bonds, I'm going to start raising Hell for a Medicare program that will include my Lawyer, Tax Consultant, Service Station, Grocer, Tailor, and Undertaker. If Fedicare-Medicare is such a great system for Doctor and Pharmacist why should it be limited to only them? Let's go all the way with the goodness and benefits of the program and give it to all the other professions, businesses, and industries.

Speed the day when Ford Motor Company or General Motors or Chrysler builds me a car for free because I'm past 65. Random House and MacMillan must give me free books, LIFE, LOOK and the SATURDAY EVENING POST will come to me without cost and my cemetery lot and a \$2000 tombstone will be charged to the younger generation because I've lived to that magic number--65!

My final comment: God bless all those young folks who have voted to saddle themselves with the debt that will make all these things free to me and mine in our "old" age. (signed) I'm 65 yesterday

Thought for the Week: Shop at home! The job you save may be your own.

That's all for this week... gotta go warm a bottle.... of milk.....

YULE SONGFEST

Tune in on a new kind of Christmas this year! Today there's such little "sharing" and so much possessiveness about the holidays that Christmas has become selfish and acquisitive--instead of harmonious. It's also become frenzied and frenetic in pace--instead of quiet, leisurely and family-centered.

For a return to a mellow family-centered Christmas, there's no surer route than a carol session around the home organ. Each member of the family can learn to play one simple carol all by himself (this will take only ten minutes practice for each family member on Christmas Day). By evening, there can be a family circle around the Hammond, with each person taking his turn at the keyboard and the others singing out the old favorites.

Such a songfest gathering is indeed a meaningful present--because it is warmly shared and deeply harmonious--reverberating with true Christmas spirit.

REMEMBER! SHOP AT HOME!

Holiday Hints & SEASONS GREETINGS



Make Your Own Christmas Ornaments

Remember the gingerbread men, stars, trees and angels--all made of cookie batter--that decorated trees of Christmas past? Such ornaments did present a few problems. The icing hardened and crumbled off. Heat from radiators or even Christmas tree lights discolored the cookie-ornaments or dried them up. They couldn't be stored, and the work on new ornaments began all over again the next year. Here's a modern method to maintain the traditions of "made-it-myself" Christmas tree ornaments. Youngsters can make them too, adding their own creative touches. Best of all, the ornaments can be saved from year to year, and the special pre-holiday fun of unpacking favorite ornaments becomes a Christmas tradition itself. Combine one cup of Faultless dry starch and one-fourth cup cool water in a mixing bowl. Mix with the fingers until crumbly. Next, combine one-half cup salt and one-half cup water in a small saucepan and bring to a boil. Add the hot

In New Jersey

High Court Forbids Comments to News

TRENTON, N.J.

A sweeping ruling that forbids prosecutors, policemen and defense attorneys from making statements to newspapers or broadcast newsmen about pretrial cases, has been handed down by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

The court ordered a ban on potentially prejudicial statements about "alleged confessions or inculpatory admissions" by an accused person, assertion that a case was "open and shut," and reference to a defendant's prior police record.

The decision did not say, however, whether any action could be taken against the news media, either in the state or outside, for making public any information that the court might consider prejudicial.

The court, in a decision delivered by Justice J. Francis, said that it could enforce the ban on prosecutors and defense lawyers through its power of discipline under the canons of professional ethics. Improper statements by policemen, it said, should be dealt with superior officers as conduct unbecoming a policeman.

"The ban on statements by the prosecutors and his aides applies as well to defense counsel," the court said. "The right of the state to a fair trial cannot be impeded or diluted by out-of-court assertions by him (the defense lawyer) to news media on the subject of his client's innocence."

The new rule is an interpretation of the judicial canon of ethics. It came as the result of a murder case in which Louis Van Duynes, the defendant, charged that newspaper publicity in Paterson, N.J., had prejudiced the jury against him.

Van Duynes was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for the fatal beating of his estranged wife.

The Supreme Court said that it could find no sufficient evidence that newspaper articles prevented a fair trial. But is added that "unfair and prejudicial newspaper stories and comment both before and during trial of criminal cases are becoming more and more prevalent throughout

Under an old New Jersey law, reporters are not required to disclose the sources of their information. In the

absence of such a law elsewhere, reporters have been cited for refusal of court for refusal to disclose a news source.

Newspapers themselves were not singled out by the court for criticism or censure. The court appeared to say that prejudicial or improper stories in criminal cases were more the responsibility of the source than of the news media.

However, in adding a general structure on the practice of "trial by newspaper," the court said: "Unfair and prejudicial newspaper stories and comment both before and during trial of criminal cases are becoming more and more prevalent throughout the country."

The court's decision cited the case of Irvin V. Dowd, in which a conviction of murder and a death sentence were vacated because of a pretrial flood of information and comment by newspapers, radio and television which the court concluded deprived the defendant of a fair trial before an impartial jury, even though each juror said he would be fair in reaching a decision on the evidence presented.

The court declared that the concurring opinion in that case by former Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, "deserves repetition." Justice Frankfurter had suggested that frequently "inflammatory" pre-trial newspaper stories were published "to often... with the prosecutor's collaboration."

The tribunal emphasized that nothing in its ruling "interferes with the operation of a free press."

"Trials of criminal indictments are public proceedings," it said. "Nothing is suggested herein which proscribes the reporting of the evidence as it is introduced before the jury by the state and the defendant during the course of the trial."

"An answer to problems such as are presented here must be achieved. Fair criminal prosecution and exercise of the guarantee of a free press are not incompatible with the constitution right of a defendant to a fair trial by an impartial jury. Only the will to recognize and to subscribe responsibly to that fact has been lacking."

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TIME SAVER

When planning your shopping list for a breakfast, brunch or coffee hour during the hectic holiday season, look to the frozen food section of your favorite supermarket for assistance. You'll find a wide variety of frozen foods, from entrees to specialty foods. Included will be fully baked coffee cakes that help make meal preparation so quick and easy. Especially delicious is the selection of Sara Lee all butter coffee cakes: Pecan Coffee Cake, Cinnamon Nut Coffee Cake, Apple Danish and Caramel Pecan Rolls.

PETTICOAT POINTER

Holiday parties and other festive occasions are welcome opportunities to wear feminine petticoats and net forms. Spray-on starch is the clothes cosmetic that makes holiday finery look its loveliest. Net forms and stoles should be crisp and billowy. To make last year's formal look like new or to eliminate dress-box crush from a new gown, use a puff of Faultless spray-on starch and a touch of the steam iron on net underskirts. For formals or petticoats with several layers of net, spray and iron inside layer first, finishing with top layer of net.

ABC's of Selecting Toys for Pre-schoolers

Playing Santa to a pre-schooler is always fun--but often frustrating. For parents who realize that a child's toys are his tools of fun and learning, choosing toys can sometimes be a bewildering job. Mistakes in selection risk that "day-after-Christmas" letdown for parents and children when costly toys are broken or ignored. More important than the disappointment to the family pocketbook, however, is that the rapidly growing pre-schooler has lost the opportunity of fun discovery and learning with wisely chosen toys.

From its work with pre-school authorities, Playskool Research recommends these ABC's of toy selection for parents: A. ALWAYS CHOOSE toys which are suited to a child's particular stage of development. During this fastest-growing period in a lifetime, the pre-schooler rapidly develops new skills, new interests. He quickly loses interest in a toy which is "too young" or "too old" for him. One is boring; the other frustrating. His toys should pace his individual development. B. BE SURE that the toys you select are safe, soundly constructed, sturdy and durable enough to take the rugged punishment of pre-school play. When a child breaks a toy he's

usually not being destructive; the toy simply didn't live up to its promises.

C. CONSIDER THE PLAY VALUES of a toy before you buy. "World-in-miniature" toys, so attractive to adults, have limited play value for the young child. Battery or electrically-operated toys which "do everything themselves" seldom challenge the pre-schooler's imagination. Toys with which he can push, pull, build, tear down, take apart and put together again have many and longer play values.

Some of the types of toys recommended by Playskool Research for pre-schoolers are blocks of various shapes, puzzle plaques, drop-boxes, push-pull toys, small wagons, peg-board sets, pounding benches, and trucks. "Let's pretend" toys, such as child-sized wooden tool benches, sweepers, tool trays, toy musical clock radios and TV phonographs, are also appropriate.

A free guidebook for parents, "Playtools to Shape a Child's World," is available from Playskool Research, 437 Merchandise Mart, Chicago. It provides further information about the wise choice of pre-school toys and establishing a creative home environment for pre-school play.

Discotheque

This is the year of the discotheque and what better way to celebrate it than with a holiday discotheque party in your home. The Phonola Phonograph Company suggests you decorate for your party with regular Christmas ornaments plus holiday album covers. Be sure your phonograph is in good condition as it is the essence of your discotheque's success! If

you have a stereo, give your speakers full spread for a richer, warmer, more encompassing sound. Make sure you have plenty of good dance records handy. Take the time to listen to your records and sort them out according to tempo before your guests arrive. Incidentally, you will be quite surprised how much popular Christmas music is danceable!



YOU HAVE YOUR OWN PAPER

Every community that can afford it should have its own paper. We felt that in 1955 when the "American" discontinued was no excuse for it. The publication had been able to continue through the tough years. Ed Stolle, of the Mt. Angel News, and your new publisher, then of the Clackamas County News of Estacada, Oregon, were purchasers of some of the equipment of the "American". At that time, Central Point boasted a population of around 1500. Nine years later, we find a community of 3200 (according to a recent census). Little did we realize that fate would bring your writer back to Central Point, to bear out the 1955 thought that this area should again have its own weekly paper.

I do not take credit alone for the establishment of the Central Point Times. It has been through the help and encouragement of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Sloan, who are associated with Mrs. Anderson and myself, that the move was made possible. Mr. Sloan, who has been with us since 1955, as our directory ad manager, had sold directory ads for the "American" for this area and its possibilities convinced us that Central Point was worthy of our efforts to reestablish a paper here.

Establishing a paper is a tremendous responsibility. We are your self-elected representatives. You have unknowingly hired publishers for YOUR paper and you are either going to get along with them, whether you agree with them or not, or the alternative you have is to disagree, support or run the paper out of business. You can disagree constructively. Our contention is the paper belongs to each one of our readers and our advertisers. You will find its pages always open to you through "Letters to the Editor" for the expression of your ideas.

Founding a weekly paper is no easy chore. We are going to need your help and patience. One does not get to know a community overnight. We are going to make boo-boos. People will be angry with us. Others will be happy. As we get acquainted, you'll find we are not too difficult to get along with. We'll listen to complaints, be elated with a kind word and try to rectify our mistakes. We'll make every effort to get the paper to you on time.

The revenue from subscriptions and advertising make your paper possible. We urge you to support our advertisers and we in turn, will endeavor to give you a good news interesting publication.

We are always asked what the political policy will be. The Times will be independent--both in religion and politics. The attitude of your editor is that FREEDOM is our most important heritage. We do not believe in "big government". We feel that as Lincoln stated, people should not ask the government to do for them those things they can do for themselves. The Central Point Times is now founded. Come in and get acquainted.

Day of Reckoning

States and local communities have seen their local government expenditures increase 7.5 in the five-year period from 1958 to 1963; in the same period the net indebtedness of the states and municipalities has increased by 43 per cent.

Obviously, states and municipalities have been unable to find methods to raise the money with which to meet demands. Nearly 80 per cent of current state and local expenditures go to education, health and welfare programs. Nearly one-third of all state and local revenues are derived from property taxes, 46 per cent from sales taxes and fees, and about seven per cent from personal and corporate income taxes.

Total state and local government outlets are currently running at a rate of \$70 billion annually. The Federal Government furnishes about 14 per cent of the funds needed for local activities through grant systems or federally-administered welfare programs.

Obviously the states will have to find some means of obtaining additional funds or to cut back the financing now performed by local governments.

One possibility which seems destined for debate is the Administration's proposal to share excess federal tax revenues with the states.

Quite a few members of Congress, and many other persons, feel that the same end could be achieved if excess Federal revenues were applied to the national debt, and to further Federal tax reductions.

Regardless of the merits of the alternate proposals, some state will have to be devised to provide states additional funds or there will be no alternative but to cut back services, and the day of reckoning is not far distant.

DON'T SELL YOURSELF SHORT. DON'T BE A DROP OUT!