

Itinerant Magazine Salesmen Creating Problem in Medford

Itinerant magazine subscription sales crews have become a real problem and headache in Medford, according to Don McNeil, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

During the past 11 months, McNeil said, he has compiled a file of information and complaints about subscription solicitors who are unscrupulous or dishonest, or who constitute nuisances, McNeil added, unless some overt and illegal action provides the basis for a citizens criminal complaint.

Medford has no ordinance which bans or controls the activities of transient door-to-door salesmen. A few years ago, an organization called the Central Registry, to which most magazine subscription firms belonged, was organized as an industry self-policing agency, McNeil reported, but has apparently failed to some extent in its regulatory attempts.

\$100 Per Day
Crews passing through Medford usually consist of five people, McNeil said, and stay from four to six days or longer, and on an average receive some \$100 per day per crew, as a minimum. McNeil pointed out that magazine subscriptions can be obtained for the same prices directly from the magazine themselves, or from resident dealers. McNeil pointed out that every time a magazine crew is in town,

National Office For Mrs. Carpenter Sought by Board

Mrs. Alfred S. V. Carpenter was nominated for membership on the national board of directors of the American Red Cross by the Jackson county chapter's board at a meeting here Thursday noon.

Mrs. Carpenter, long active in Red Cross affairs, has been a member of national Red Cross committees, and frequently has attended national Red Cross annual meetings.

Mrs. Frank Fairweather, who presided in the absence of chairman Eugene Thorndike, reported on a recent meeting of Red Cross workers in Roseburg. Most of the meeting, she said, was devoted to a discussion of volunteer workers—how to recruit, train and retain them.

Caliber High
She stated the caliber of workers and their training and general qualifications in the Jackson county chapter are far above the average in other areas.

Seth Bullis reported that in a recent discussion with supervisory personnel at Camp White, he was informed that the Red Cross workers from the local chapter were the most efficient ones, and that their services and aid to disabled veterans there has been far above average.

The action of a committee headed by Jack Crawford, in purchasing a 1955 Ford station wagon for use by the chapter was approved. The vehicle has been in service about two weeks.



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with few if any exceptions, his office and that of the police have had calls complaining of rudeness, or of "fishy" stories told by the solicitors.

Cites Instance
A recent instance recounted by McNeil involved a 76-year-old woman who had just received a small social security check. When visited by a solicitor, she was persuaded to sign it over to him for some \$39 worth of subscriptions. The amount of change she received was in question, and she also was left with the understanding that she was purchasing some cosmetics which she could use for Christmas presents, she said. No receipt was given her, she claimed. She apparently had been "high-pressed" into the transaction.

The police picked up the leader of the crew, but he refused to return her check, and officers said there was nothing illegal with which they could charge him. He was released. The Central Registry and the chamber are making attempts to clear up the matter and have the money returned.

In another instance, a youngster was persuaded to forge a name to a check for a solicitor, but here again there was no basis for a charge against the solicitor. In other instances there have been reports of petty thievery by solicitors, as well as general unpleasantness.

What is Solution?
What the solution to the problem may be, McNeil was not prepared to say. But he did point out that cities which have a type of ordinance which originated in Green River, Wyo., and is known as the "Green River Ordinance," have had considerable success in controlling the activities of itinerant salesmen.

He said what is needed is not action after complaints are made, but something to prevent the kind of activity which brings the complaints.

Meanwhile, McNeil urged everyone who is approached by a magazine salesman to check with the chamber office to see if the crew is registered there, as is provided in the Central Registry agreement.



REFUSING TO GIVE UP DOLL, Felicia Delgado Gomez, 10, holds it and her baby, which weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces at birth in Puerto Limon, Costa Rica. Tot was born by Caesarian section, is thriving. With Felicia is her mother. (International)

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Angry Words Should Not Be Put on Paper

It is never safe to put angry thoughts on paper. That is what the young woman who wrote the following letter is finding. She says:

(Q) "I have been going steady with a young man for a year and I love him very much. However, he makes me so angry at times that I can hardly control my temper. He thinks he is a lady-killer and likes to flirt with the girls. Well, the other night was the last straw. He took me to a dance and found a pretty little thing he had never seen before. So, he spent all evening with her, leaving me high and dry. I was so angry that I hardly spoke to him on the way home. Then I sat down and let him have it in a letter. I am sure I hurt his pride, as I haven't heard a word from him since and he usually calls me several times a day. Should I write and apologize, or just wait and let him get over it?"

(A) What makes you so sure

that your friend will "get over" what you said to him in your letter—or that all you have to do is say "I'm sorry" and he will gladly come back to you? Have you ever thought that a letter that you let may have been the final straw for him too?

No one—man, woman, or child—likes to read unpleasant things about himself or herself. They always see so much worse on paper than they do when spoken. And the reader has no come-back, as the listener has. Because you are seething with pent-up rage when you wrote that letter, the chances are that you said even more than you would have said face-to-face.

But the damage is done. The chances are that you and he will never be on the same footing as you were before, even though you may resume your friendship. He has probably pigeon-holed you in his mind as a "shrew" and has no further thoughts of marrying you, even if he had such thoughts before.

While this may be a bitter pill for you to swallow now, you should be glad that it happened.

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Hemingway, Others Officially Awarded 1954 Nobel Prizes

Stockholm—(U.P.)—The Swedish Academy formally awarded the 1954 Nobel prize for literature to Ernest Hemingway today as "one of the great authors of our time."

Four other Americans and two Germans collected the three other Nobel prizes awarded this year.

Dr. Linus Paulings, Pasadena, Calif., received the chemistry prize. The medical award went jointly to a three-man American polio research team, Drs. John F. Enders and Thomas H. Weller of Boston, and Frederick C. Robbins of Cleveland.

German professors Max Born and Walter Bothe shared the physics prize.

All the winners except Hemingway and Bothe attended in person the colorful presentation ceremony at Stockholm's Concert Hall.

King Gustaf Adolf presented the awards. Hemingway is one of "the swiftly rising new authors from the United States whose names we now recognize as stimulating signals" on the literary horizon, Dr. Anders Oesterling, permanent secretary of the Swedish Academy said.

John Moors Cabot, U. S. ambassador to Sweden, accepted the gold medal, leather-bound diploma and \$35,066 tax-free award on behalf of Hemingway, who is recuperating in Cuba from injuries suffered in two plane crashes in Africa.

Prof. S. Gard hailed the research started in 1949 by Enders, Weller and Robbins to cultivate polio virus in test tube culture of human tissue.

Frontiers of Science
Prof. Gunnar Haegg praised Pauling for working on the "frontiers of science" in his research into the nature of chemical bond and its application to

A man who likes to think of himself as a "lady-killer" is certainly not promising husband material. And, from this experience, you should have learned a lesson about writing letters that will help in your future romances.

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