

Potpourri

"Man just does not like news . . . presented objectively, with the antiseptic and relentless cleanliness of science. He wants all mankind to see the world, and hence the news of it, as he himself sees it."

"It is a basic fact of life that individuals, looking upon the buzzing confusion of the world, see only what they want to see, or can see, or have been taught to see. To them that alone is the truth. And they are passionately determined that everyone else shall see that truth, too, and none other."

These sentences are part of an article by Herbert Brucker, who in a Saturday Review article attempts to analyze the trend of news suppression in this country. Mr. Brucker, one-time professor of journalism at Columbia university and now editor of the Hartford Courant in Connecticut, entitled his article "Newspapers Shouldn't Play God." He contends that all news should be printed and that editors shouldn't allow the public, or their own personal views, to interfere with or prevent its publication.

Editor Brucker points out that authority—whether state, church or other, has always sought to exercise censorship over what was published and then goes on to show that this cannot be allowed in a free country and that trouble inevitably results when "a community must rely for an account of what happened on gossip and rumor, instead of on some believable, easily available, permanent record like a newspaper."

The writer examines the effort of some people to cover up the nation's social ills by suppressing news, such as reports of the acts of juvenile delinquents, and again concludes that even though some are temporarily hurt, the best long-range policy is publication of all the facts.

Editor Brucker readily admits that practically all newspapers find it impossible to print all the news, even though they make an honest effort, but also argues that most people overlook the basic nature of news. "In oversimplified terms, news is simply what interests people," says the writer. "That's the way it is, and don't blame the newspapers if mankind is bored stiff with the fact that a clergyman has lived happily with his wife for 40 years, but is all agog if he splits her head open with an ax. One is not news, and the other is. In arguing that the papers should present things as they are I am talking about actual news values among men. I am not talking about news values as they might be in Utopia."

An Ohio educator, Prof. Grace Coyle of Western Reserve university, has had the courage to say right out loud that "confusion and futility" is the too common result when women join clubs and organizations. Professor Coyle, who teaches in Western Reserve's school of Applied Social Sciences, recently was quoted as saying that "there are three chief reasons why most women join clubs—to gain culture on the weekly discussion plan, ouch! to climb the social ladder and because of a confused desire to do good."

Professor Coyle claimed that most of the confusion and futility resulted from organizations picking their members from the social register rather than from the ranks of the qualified and she is further quoted as saying that "the purpose of many women in joining a club is to fill idle time—a form of unpaid boondoggling."

We don't know Professor Coyle and we've never been in Ohio, maybe the people are different there. But we bet a cookie that there isn't any more confusion and futility in women's groups in Jackson county than there is in the men's groups. Secondly, there isn't any "social register" in Jackson county and most of the women who serve as presidents, who head drives and work on committees in this country don't give a fig for social prominence.

And what's wrong with joining a club to fill idle time? Haven't social workers, teachers and psychiatrists been telling us for years that everyone needs friendship, companionship and recreation, and that most people normally satisfy this need for companionship either through the family, church, a fraternal organization or club?

Finally Professor Coyle was quoted as saying that "there is a lack of consistency in the type of women's organizations which offers a series in Malayan culture one year and a course in wine cookery the next." And what, may we ask, is wrong with that? Professor Coyle should look at the curricula of the public schools and colleges, which is mighty broad and varied and will probably continue to be so. Junior and little Polly study arithmetic, geography, history, music, grammar and a few other things all at the same time in school while they study religion in Sunday school and knot-tying and campfire cookery in extra-curricular activities. What's wrong with mama dabbling in ceramics one year and learning to speak French the next?

It may be an old saying but it's still true—variety is the spice of life. Potpourri likes both grand opera and harmonica music, we like both hamburger and lobster thermidor and if we want to study Greek drama one year and take a course in model airplane building the next, it's just our choice and tush to Professor Coyle.

Joe Hosick, assisting with a funeral recently, was given the keys for a family car and was to drive it up to the funeral parlor entrance. Mr. Hosick, looking for a Pontiac sedan of a certain color, found two, parked together. The key he had been given fitted both the door lock and the ignition of the first one, so Mr. H. drove it up only to find that it was the wrong one. The surprised owner of the first Pontiac, also at the funeral, decided he'd better have the locks changed if it could be entered with just anybody's keys.

Maybe the safety campaign which asks drivers to "make the one for the road coffee," is beginning to take effect. The Jackson hotel served free coffee New Year's eve to patrons of their hotel bar, and hung a sign on the bar mirror calling attention to the fact. A certain group which was staging a dance there that evening also served coffee throughout the evening, along with the more potent beverages traditional for New Year's eve.

It isn't always just luck that the family pets pictured on the society section front pages are in just the right place at the right time with the right expression. The Robert Shepherd's cat recently photographed, was coaxed along with the gizzard from the Christmas turkey, and Mayor Earl Miller's "Tabby" looks so contented on today's page because he had just been given two pieces of candy. On the other hand, the Carlos Morris' English bulldog posed just because Mrs. Morris ordered him to do so, and there wasn't any coaxing him with food.—O.S.

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Extension Groups Announce Topics; Agent to Speak

Meetings have been announced by several extension units for this week.

The Medford unit will meet at the Community building on Priddy street Wednesday, January 12, at 10:30 a.m.

Miss Eula Wintermote, county home extension agent, will present the subject, "Good Meals for Good Weight."

Each member is asked to take table service for themselves and for their guests. Child care will be provided for children under school age.

Anyone interested in this subject will be welcome at the meeting.

Howard—Mrs. Wilmer Robertson will be hostess Thursday, January 13, to members of Howard Home Extension unit. Miss Wintermote will lead the lesson on weight control for better health. Child care will be furnished at the home of Mrs. Malcolm McCarty, 2618 Table Rock road. The mothers should furnish her child's lunch and also take a toy.

Oak Grove—Mrs. B. E. Ford, 176 Perrydale avenue, will be hostess for a meeting of Oak Grove unit members Tuesday, January 11, at 10:0 a.m. Mrs. Richard Wilson will be co-hostess. Those attending are to take table service for a luncheon to be served by Mrs. William Rose, Mrs. C. T. Higdon and Mrs. Allen Flynn.

Those who have children to be cared for may call Mrs. G. W. Kellington or Mrs. George Armstrong. Touch-up for Wood Furniture will be the project.

Eagle Point—Eagle Point Unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Black in Camp White Thursday, January 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Earle Jossy and Mrs. E. A. Malloroy will lead the project lesson on "Touch-ups for Wood Furniture." Each woman is asked to take a small piece of furniture and some clean rags.

This is to be a real work day and it was agreed at the last meeting that those attending would wear jeans or work clothes.

Child care will be at the home of Mrs. R. G. Mosby in Eagle Point.

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CALENDAR

Sunday

1 to 4 p.m. — Annual open house for members of the Rogue Valley Country club sponsored by the Women's Golf association, at the club.

1:30 p.m. — USWV camp and auxiliary, Redman hall.

4 p.m. — Pythian Sisters of officers, practice, Pythian building.

Monday

12:30 p.m. — Adare Past Matrons club, Mrs. Wallace B. Brill, 75 Lozier lane.

1:30 p.m. — Retired Teachers association, Girls Community club.

7:45 p.m. — Gorsline circle, Mrs. Maud Chapman, 19 Mistletoe st.

8 p.m. — Scottish Rites Women's club, Masonic temple.

8 p.m. — Wanderers club, Mrs. Leroy Cline, 1421 Euclid ave.

8 p.m. — Neighbors of Woodcraft, IOOF hall.

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. — Oak Grove Home Extension unit, Mrs. B. E. Ford, 176 Perrydale ave.

1 p.m. — Woman's Fellowship of First Baptist church in church annex.

1 p.m. — Presbyterian church circles: Bethany, luncheon, Mrs. J. A. Cunningham, 119 Highlands dr.; Charity, dessert, Mrs. John C. McDougal, 27 No. Barnburg rd.; Faith, dessert, Mrs. O. R. Emig, 16 Glen Oak ct.; Grace, luncheon, Mrs. O. J. Frohnmeyer, 1656 Spring st.; Hope, salad, Mrs. Scott Davis, 1914 E. Main st.; Mercy, luncheon, Mrs. John Henson, 819 Lozier lane; Temple, dessert, Mrs. G. T. Haupt, 21-23 Capitol ave.; Trinity, dessert, Mrs. Aubrey Norris, 831 Minnesota ave.

2 p.m. — Christian Builders of Sams Valley community church, home of Mrs. Arnold Gosnell.

7 p.m. — Toastmistress club, Eaton's Dinner house, 812 Crater Lake ave.

7:30 p.m. — SPEBSQSA, room B, YMCA building.

7:30 p.m. — Presbyterian church circles: Candlelight, Mrs. Robert Cunningham, 925 Reddy ave.; Vesper, Mrs. William Farrell, 16 North Keen way.

8 p.m. — American Legion

auxiliary, Legion home.

8 p.m. — Nevita chapter, OES, Central Point Masonic temple.

8 p.m. — Oregon State Nurses association, Community hospital penthouse.

8 p.m. — Military Order of Lady Bugs, VFW hall, 42 North Front st.

8 p.m. — DAV auxiliary, DAV hall.

8 p.m. — DUV, courthouse.

8 p.m. — Ladies Mounted troop, auxiliary to the Jackson County Mounted Sheriff's posse, posse club house.

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. — Medford Home Extension unit, Community building, Priddy st.

12:30 p.m. — Chapter AA, PEO, Mrs. Mamie Sleeter, 1715 East Main st.

12:30 p.m. — Mistletoe club, Girls Community club.

12:30 p.m. — Women of Rotary, home of Mrs. Alex Tummers, Central Point.

1 p.m. — AAUW, afternoon book club, Mrs. J. F. Clark, 827 Park st.

6:30 p.m. — Phoenix Garden club, Community club.

7:30 p.m. — SOSA, Girls Community club.

8 p.m. — Lincoln school PTA, school gymnasium.

Thursday

10:30 a.m. — Eagle Point Home Extension unit, Mrs. Kenneth Black, Camp White.

12:30 p.m. — Adare Social club, OES, Mrs. Dale Blickenstaff, 21 South Orange st.

1 p.m. — Sojourners club, Medford hotel.

2 p.m. — WTCU, Girls Community club.

7 p.m. — Talisman Rosebud council, Pythian Sunshine Girls, Pythian building.

8 p.m. — Reames chapter, OES, Masonic temple.

8 p.m. — Past Noble Grands club of Olive Rebekah lodge, Girls Community club.

8 p.m. — Panel discussion, open to public "Technique in Recruitment of Teachers," sponsored by Epsilon chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, Lincoln school auditorium.

Friday

12:30 p.m. — St. Mark's guild

Installation Ceremonies To Be Held Thursday

Installation ceremonies will be conducted for members of the Past Noble Grands club of the Olive Rebekah lodge Thursday, January 13, at 8 p.m., in the Girls Community club. Mrs. A. H. Gregory, the retiring president, will preside for the business meeting.

Mrs. Carrie Milnes, junior past president, will have charge of the installations.

Mrs. Floyd Murray will be installed president; Mrs. Margaret Davis, vice-president and Mrs. Dana Bowers, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. F. A. Daugherty and her committee will serve refreshments.

Mrs. Gregory will give a report of the activities of work done by the group during the year she has been president.



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