

A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.)—It's hard to cotton to the idea of tying the White House and the Washington Zoo together. But in a remote way they are related.

Eleanor Early, who has written a volume called "Washington Holiday," has made second cousins of the two.

First she told what most everyone knows. How the White House came into being and how, for many years it stood the test of time until finally the Commission of Public Works remarked that "this place is standing up by habit only."

Honest Abe Paid

That was after Margaret Truman's piano broke through the floor in her suite. There are other things, any kid can tell you. Like the time Mrs. Lincoln decided to do a little decorating and ran out of expense money.

When the decorators demanded payment, somebody suggested an appropriation. Honest Abe raved back and said: "I'll pay for it out of my own pocket first. It would stink in the nostrils of the American people to have it said that I approved flubdubs for this house, when the soldiers can't have blankets."

The big white place on Pennsylvania, of course, has been redone.

The lovely Miss Early told how she got from the White House to the zoo in one chapter.

It had to do with gifts that come to occupants of the White House," she said.

History of the zoo goes back to 1890 when William Hornaday, chief taxidermist at the Smithsonian Institute, felt pain when healthy wild animals were slain for stuffing. So 200 acres were bought. Hornaday, who was

made curator, had little or no money, so he solicited help. A circus donated two elephants and a tiger for a start. "The tiger," Miss Early reports, "was so mangy they had to douse him with sulphur for three months before he was fit to look at."

Big Black Bear
Somebody offered the new curator a kangaroo for \$75. Hornaday didn't have 75 bucks, but he had two guinea pigs and a trade was made.

Then the White House began getting a lot of gift animals. Actually, way back before the zoo was started, President Jefferson received a big black bear which he chained in the back yard at the White House until neighbors complained. The present zoo curator, Dr. Bill Mann, would have loved that beast.

Cal Coolidge received a pygmy hippopotamus named Billy, which would have seemed out of place in the East Room, so he turned it over to the zoo where there were two lady hippos. That started something. The succeeding baby hippos have all been named "Gumdrop." "Gumdrop XI," I think it was, arrived just the other day.

President Eisenhower received a kangaroo named "Miss," and called Doc Mann right away. Strange thing about "Miss" is that she is an albino, something rare among the animal hoppers from down under.

GRANGE
Upper Applegate Grange

Howard Isberger of the Social Security administration, spoke at the last Upper Applegate Grange meeting on "Social Security for Farmers." Lecture hour was left open to visitors so that all those interested could attend.

Mr. Isberger's explanation of the Social Security law and how it is supported and operated was followed by a question and answer period wherein all phases as applicable to the individual could be touched upon.

The lecturer announced that the plans to invite members of the County Court to attend a meeting in the near future.

Upper Applegate 4-H clubs have planned a program to be followed by a dance, March 26.

The ways and means chairman announced that \$192.50 was raised at a community dance and turned over to Mrs. C. O. Gearhardt, district chairman for the March of Dimes.

The Grange secretary calls special attention to March 31 as a deadline for payment of dues.

GREAT DAY FOR PIGS

Strawberry Point, Ia. — (U.P.)—Eddie Kramer is convinced that 15 of his 27 brood sows set some kind of a record. In a 24-hour period in mid-January, the 15 sows farrowed 176 live pigs.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Measures in Oregon Legislature

Salem — (U.P.)—A bill to raise the level of self-liquidating higher education bond issues by \$6,700,000 for nine building projects on six college campuses was supported before the Joint Ways and Means Committee of the Legislature here by Chancellor-elect John P. Richards.

A special plea for married student housing for 100 students each at University of Oregon and Oregon State College to replace present temporary quarters was made. Each project would cost \$600,000. Richards said there are 876 married students at Eugene, 944 at Corvallis and about 150 on the married housing waiting list at each institution.

Richards said that as of June 30, 1955, there will be \$7,184,000 in outstanding bonds on self-liquidating buildings such as dormitories, the university student union and the OSC canteen.

Proposed are the following: U of O dormitory for 325, for \$1,200,000; University married housing, \$600,000; OSC dormitories, for \$1,900,000; OSC married housing, \$600,000; Oregon College of Education at Monmouth dormitory for 100, at \$225,000.

Southern Oregon College at Ashland, memorial court alterations, \$225,000; Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande, dormitory for 180, at \$400,000; Portland State Extension Center, \$550,000; OSC student union addition and remodeling, \$1,000,000.

Salem — (U.P.)—Farmers and implement dealers have expressed themselves as favoring removal of the provision of law that requires them to have a flag man in front and one behind any farm implement more than nine feet wide traveling on a public highway.

But they had different views at to methods. Several farmers appeared at a hearing in favor of House bill 125 which would make it legal for a farmer to move implements such as combines, from one farm operation to another, without a flagman.

Dealers and a growing number of farmers expressed themselves as favoring instead Senate bill 221 which would permit the movement without flag men of an implement not more than 10 feet wide. And implement from 10 to 12 feet wide would need only one flag man preceding it. And any implement over 12 feet wide would still require two flag men, one in front and one behind.

Salem — (U.P.)—Standards for setting up new political sub-districts have been submitted to the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee by an advisory committee.

The criteria are relative to proposals to bring about the redistricting of Multnomah, Marion and Lane counties. Sen. Mark Hatfield, Salem Republican, said Marion and Lane counties would be omitted from the bill and a separate measure drawn up for Multnomah county.

Salem — (U.P.)—The House Tax Committee has rejected a proposed bill to extend from April 15 to May 15 the deadline for payment of state income taxes.

Salem — (U.P.)—The Oregon Senate yesterday passed four bills already approved by the House designed to strengthen the state's fish and game laws.

One would give the Game Commission authority to regulate the importation, transportation and release of fish, and was designed to aid the commission in scientific reproduction and control of game fish.

Another would regulate the taking and disposing of fish in

private hatcheries, making a bill of sale for fish instead of a metal tag.

Salem — (U.P.)—The House has passed a bill that would permit the warden of the state penitentiary to provide escorts for inmates to attend funerals of relatives or to visit the bedside of seriously ill relatives. The bill was previously approved in the Senate.

Also passed was a measure that would impose a \$5 tax on shopkeepers who are not druggists selling such simple remedies as aspirin.

Salem — (U.P.)—A bill approved

for introduction by the House Rules Committee would provide financial assistance to high schools providing driver training courses.

Another bill would eliminate the State Game Commission's power of eminent domain in acquiring land for public hunting grounds. Establishment of such lands would require the approval of county councils.

Salem — (U.P.)—A bill up for second reading in the House would permit proposals for a city tax to support and maintain orchestras and bands to be placed on the ballot by majority vote of city councils.

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

In recent years parents have been advised to allow a child to "express himself." They have been warned to refrain from "frustrating" him for fear of developing a warped personality. A member of the older generation expresses her opinion of this:

(Q) "I am getting sick and tired of the way parents of today allow their children to run wild. The children in our neighborhood do just as they please, talk back to their elders, make like miserable for their teachers, and get into all kinds of mischief. I have brought up three children and they are all good citizens, but they are allowing their children to run wild like the other children do."

"When I tell them their children will never amount to anything if they are not curbed, they tell me I am old-fashioned. Perhaps I am, but I feel that children must obey rules and must learn that the world is not just for them. No wonder we have so much juvenile delinquency today. A child who is allowed to do just as he pleases is bound to get into trouble sooner or later, and it is parents' fault not his. Am I being old-fashioned in my ideas? I would like to have your opinion."

(A) I agree with you in principle. Children must learn to obey rules and to realize that the world must be shared. They must learn to live happily with the rest of the population, allowing the others to live happily too.

However, I suspect that I differ from you as to the means of gaining this end. You sound very authoritarian; the modern trend is toward being democratic. The difference is that the first approach forces the child to be good, while the second trains him to want to be good because it is the fair thing to do and because he will benefit from it as everyone else will.

The parents you are criticizing are going to extremes by not teaching the child what he will some day have to learn the hard way. And if he never learns it, he will discover that he is the one who suffers most. Society will stand just so much.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Remodeling Job Seen For Recreation Purpose

Wayne, Neb. — (U.P.)—The Wayne Herald, a weekly, said a move by the town council to remodel the police station probably is a "move to provide card-playing facilities" for the town's elder citizens.

And the Herald added that it believed the city should make the move.

"We go all out for the rest of our citizens," the paper said, "why not for the elders, too?" These men are valuable citizens. They have lived here a long time. They are paying taxes. They have helped make Wayne what it is today."

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