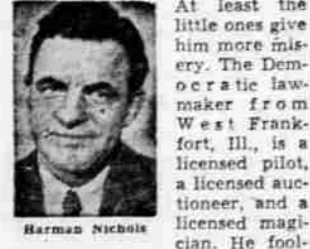


A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. Kenneth J. Gray allows that little people are smarter than big ones.



At least the little ones give him more misery. The Democratic lawmaker from West Frankfort, Ill., is a licensed pilot, a licensed auctioneer, and a licensed magician. He followed his colleagues on the floor of the House the other day by pulling six red roses out of nowhere to "prove" that "everything is rosy now."

"But take those kids," the 31-year-old congressman said during an interview. "They are hard to handle."

Not long back, Gray was appearing before a bunch of youngsters. His stunt was to pour a pint of milk into a hidden

recess somewhere about his person. Actually the cow juice was to run into a newspaper, lined with milk proof paper and shaped like a cone.

Some little clown in the back of the hall, who could see around a corner, shouted: "Pour it down your sleeve." The congressman was stumped. What else could he do? He poured and got all wet.

Dead Serious
Gray, a handsome dark-haired fellow, usually is dead serious when he pulls his tricks. Never has he accepted a dime from the slight-of-hand. Even though he is licensed to pull rabbits out of hats and flowers out of vests he does these things "for a cause."

The same goes for his auctioneer business. Gray never has tried to pawn off a spavined mare or a lop-eared or blind mule on anybody.

Back home, most of his auctioneering had to do with real estate and tired pieces of furniture called antiques. Knowing that part of my native state, the antiques doubtless are—a lot of them—priceless.

Likes Flying
Gray's piloting of aircraft was done mostly during World War II, and his record was commendable. He still likes to soar up to the wild blue yonder, and often does, when time allows.

Incidentally, one of his magic stunts is to take a shirt off an innocent, without the innocent knowing about it. This once came a cropper.

"This fellow whom I got engaged in conversation so he wouldn't know what I was up to, was so engrossed in what I was saying that he was like a clay pigeon," the congressman said.

"When I got the shirt off the fellow, his undershirt was so dirty giggles came up. I didn't know how to get the shirt back on."

Couple Asks Damages On Sales Agreement

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Miller, now living in Clovis, N.M., are seeking \$8,190 in a complaint filed in circuit court against Mrs. Neva A. Milne, Cornelius, Ore., who holds the title to property at 1855 Roberts rd., Medford.

The complaint states that Mr. and Mrs. Miller contracted to purchase the property from Mrs. Milne on March 16, 1954. It further states that the Millers made payments totaling \$1,550 and improved the property to the extent of \$2,690 in building costs and \$3,000 in labor.

On Feb. 18, 1956 the Millers and Mrs. Milne agreed that the Millers would sell their equity for \$1,700, the complaint says. The Millers charged that as the sale neared completion it was learned the title was not merchantable and the sale was lost.

The Millers ask \$7,190 for expense of building materials and labor, \$1,000 attorney's fees, any future relief they are entitled to receive and that the 1954 contract be declared null and void.

Bruce J. Manley, Medford attorney, is representing the Millers.

Air Force Lists Four Denver Crash Victims

Denver—(U.P.)—All four victims of a B25 bomber crash in suburban Denver Friday have been identified by the Air Force.

Four other occupants of the Air Force twin-engine bomber were injured, but not seriously. The plane narrowly missed several suburban homes when it crashed and burned in an attempt to return to Lowry Air Force base here after takeoff.

It was enroute from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., when it stopped to refuel at Lowry.

The Air Force listed the dead as: First Lt. Donald H. Wright 27, pilot, Tacoma, Home town Blytheville, Ark.

Capt. Clarence Stull, 39, Panama City, Fla., a passenger.

First Lt. Robert L. Bilbro, 24, Tacoma, Home town Laredo, Tex.

Army Sgt. Lawrence Hiers, 26, Tampa, Fla.

All the injured were in good condition at the Lowry hospital.

There are about 19,000 deaths in the U.S. from suicide each year.

Collapse of Bridge Basis of Complaint Filed by County

District Attorney Walter D. Nunley has filed a complaint in circuit court on behalf of Jackson county against M. M. Hassell and Clayton R. Hassell in connection with the collapse of county bridge into Evans creek last year.

The complaint states that on or about Aug. 9, 1955, a log truck and trailer, operated by Clayton R. Hassell, was traveling north on Evans Creek rd. in the vicinity of Mission Bell ranch, when the truck hit a member of county bridge 342 and a portal bracing the member, causing the bridge to collapse and fall into the creek bed.

The truck and trailer were owned by M. M. Hassell, employer of Clayton R. Hassell, the complaint said.

The complaint charges the driver with negligence in loading the truck in excess of 12 feet 6 inches, the legal limit, traveling in excess of a prudent speed and failing to keep the truck under proper control.

Jackson county is asking \$1,000 special damages for removal of debris caused by the accident and construction of a temporary detour, and \$13,000 general damages for destruction of the bridge.

Complaint Asks Accident Damages

Charles C. Flanary, 223 South Riverside ave., has filed a complaint in circuit court against the Firestone Tire and Rubber company 214 South Riverside ave., asking \$259.50 special damages and \$10,000 general damages as a result of an accident on April 19.

The complaint states that Flanary was walking on the sidewalk on the west side of South Riverside ave., near the intersection at Ninth st., when a 1949 pick-up truck, operated by Carl E. Borg Firestone agent, backed out of the company-owned premises. Flanary charged that the truck struck him in the back, knocking him to the sidewalk and causing extensive injuries.

In addition to special and general damages, Flanary asks that Firestone Tire and Rubber company be required to pay attorney's fees and court costs.

Reports Denied of Cardinal's Arrest

Vienna—(U.P.)—The Hungarian embassy in Vienna Friday night denied reports that Hungarian Catholic Primate Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty had been put back in jail.

The brief statement said the Hungarian government has not changed the decisions it took on Mindszenty's case last summer. That was when he was released from prison.

Cardinal Mindszenty was arrested in 1948 and freed July 15, 1955, but ordered to stay at the Beuspoekszentolozsa summer residence of Catholic Hungarian bishops.

Austrian Catholic church circles and officials of the Pappal Uuncio here also "doubted" reports Mindszenty had been arrested again.

They said they had received no information to substantiate the story, first published by the German Catholic News Agency.

Officials of the Austrian Catholic Press Agency, who have direct channels to Hungarian Catholic sources, said they had not received any confirmation of the report either.

SURE BET

Newton, Iowa—(U.P.)—A sure bet to cast his vote in Iowa's primary election Monday is 91-year-old Frank Baldwin.

He has voted in every primary and general election from the same precinct for 69 years.

In County Schools Phoenix High School Awards Are Presented

Phoenix—Phoenix High school held its final award assembly Friday. Awards were presented to students outstanding in various academic and activity fields.

James Korth received the award as the Phoenix winner of the Mathematics contest sponsored by the Mathematics Association of America. Jim James won the certificate of merit in chemistry. Vonfel Webber won the award in homemaking.

Typing Awards
Advanced typing awards were won by Kay Goin and Betty Medford, and first year typing awards by Carol Clark, Alice Hendrickson, Mona Lane, Lorena Rose, LeOne Schleigh, Janice Shults, June Whitmore, Alma Stovall, Nadine Brood, Dennis James, Larry Smith, Charlotte Unruh, Randall Stothers, Ronald Daugherty, Lloyd Smith, Ted Cook, Glen Bradley, Jim Heath, and Rose Mary Kusel.

An award for editor of Phoenixian, the school paper, was won by Sandra Owens and for business manager by Peggy Chisum.

Girls Athletic association pins were earned by Nadine Brood, Mary Daniels, Rose Mary Kusel, Elizabeth Praman, Charlotte Unruh, Ida Bolz, Margaret Bolz, Mary Fowler, Carol Goin, Dana Halaas, Nedra Harris, Frances Hensley, Pat Imhausen, Dorcas Johnson, Linda Medford, Sharee Skipworth, Sandra Skinner, and Susan Walker. Cheerleader awards were given Irma Hoffmann, Barbara Blankenship, Peggy Chisum, and Carol Clark.

The awards were presented by teachers in each field.

Harry R. Kannasto, music director, distributed first year band letters to Eddy Beeson, Mary Daniels, Bill Dillree, Norman Ditsworth, Gail Glidden, Nedra Harris, David McClurg, and Sandra Skinner, and advanced band pins to Marilyn Beeson, Glen Bradley, Lois Bradley, Nadine Brood, Kay Haight, Alton Medcalf, Glenna Smith, Charlotte Unruh and Don Wallace.

JACKSON SCHOOL

On May 17, an award assembly was held at Jackson school. Awards were given to students for participation in school affairs.

Shirley Donahoo received \$10, presented by Mrs. Minnie Bryant, for winning first prize in the American Legion Poppy Poster contest.

Tom Newton presented track letters and ribbons to the track team. Band letters were given to 32 students. Albert Hunte-mann presented the letters. Orchestra letters were given by Miss Audrey Brist.

Library letters were given to the girls who have worked in the library by Mrs. Precia Medley. Robert Baccus, principal, gave citizenship certificate awards of outstanding accomplishments.

Ruth Milligan presented a book to the Jackson school library purchased by sixth grade students.

Joan Ward, represented Girl Scout Troop 158, under the leadership of Mrs. Maurice Ritchey and Mrs. Wilmer Warren, presented a new edition of the Girl Scout Handbook to the Jackson school library.

Picnics are the vogue at Jackson school. The PTA Home Room Mothers are planning picnics for every class. The picnics are held on the lawn at Jackson school.

To stimulate summer reading, classes at Jackson school have visited the public library. The children's librarian, Mrs. Ralph McKay, explained the process of checking out books.

McLOUGHLIN JUNIOR HIGH
Bob Quinney, Dick Ragsdale and Bill Hobbs were winners of the Daughters of the American Revolution history plaque Friday at the McLoughlin Junior High school awards assembly in the boys' gymnasium.

The plaque awards were presented by Mrs. G. R. Carter and Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini.

Scholarship awards were presented to DeAnne Taylor, seventh grade; Barbara Donahoo, eighth grade; and Priscilla Shafer, ninth grade.

Other awards presented during the assembly were 87 baby sitter certificates; 34 activity letters; 25 first year band letters; 28 second year band letters; 15 third year letters; nine recognition awards for more than 4,000 band merits; six majorette awards; seven first year letters; seven second year orchestra letters; five third year orchestra letters; seven recognition awards for more than 4,000 orchestra merits; booster-sportsmanship award, Jean Nelson; plaque, Sharon Buckenstaff and Gerry Lyons; 24 honorable mentions; six girls' athletic awards; five pep team awards; four seventh grade girls' tennis awards; two seventh grade boys' tennis awards; three eighth grade boys' tennis awards; five ninth grade girls' tennis awards and three ninth grade boys' tennis awards.

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Leaflet Proposed to Serve as Medium

Shady Cove-Trail—A Points of Interest leaflet will be presented at a meeting for individuals in business in the Upper Rogue area Tuesday, June 5, at the Rogue River lodge.

The leaflet, being outlined by Mrs. Burton Craven, Mrs. Harry Goode and C. P. Yundt, has been proposed as one of several tourist attraction mediums.

The committee was appointed to work on the leaflet at a May 24 meeting of business proprietors. The group attending the session discussed various plans for increasing advertising and improving tourist facilities in the Upper Rogue vicinity.

Attending the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Craven, Trail Grocery Store; Mrs. Montana Gilhousen, Rogue River lodge; C. P. Yundt of Rifles, on Rogue Resort; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Witt, Sunset-on-the-Rogue Resort; Mrs. Wyles Berry, Rogue Woods Motels; Cliff Bush, Sunset-on-the-Rogue Store, all of Trail; Mrs. Carroll Watson, Treasure Trove, Gifts; Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Hughes, Shady Cove Locker Plant; Mrs. Ray Chubb, Cove Variety; Mrs. Harry Goode, Rainbow Cafe; Wallace Crank, Shady Cove Market; Athel Dudley, Shady Cove Cleaners; Earl A. Sheppard, Roguedale Cash Market, all of Shady Cove, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. John Dunlap, Uncanny Canyon, Trail.

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Menninger Foundation Gets \$150,000 Grant

New York—(U.P.)—The Alfred P. Sloan foundation announced a \$150,000 grant to the Menninger Foundation of Topeka, Kan., to support the Menninger School of Psychiatry.

Dr. William C. Menninger, secretary of the Menninger Foundation, said the money would go toward relieving one of the major bars to the conquest of mental illness—the critical shortage of properly trained personnel.

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Riot Prevented in Japanese Senate

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Five hundred uniformed policemen swarmed into the Japanese "senate" Saturday to prevent a riot by Socialist members trying to block a school bill.

Two of the Socialists suffered mild strokes in the excitement and 12 of the regular guards at the House of Councillors were injured and carried away in ambulances.

About 200 city policemen remained lined along the walls inside the stately chamber while the other 300 waited in riot trucks outside to assure parliamentary order.

The outnumbered Socialists had resorted to filibustering, introducing non confidence motions, seizing the speaker's rostrum and finally fist fighting with guards before the police were summoned.

They were trying to prevent passage by the House of Councillors of a government bill that would abolish popular election of Japan's school boards. This was a democratic reform introduced by the American occupation.

The only way they could win against the conservative majority would be to jam parliamentary machinery until midnight Sunday. Then the terms of half the 250 councillors automatically expire and the present upper house goes out of existence.

Contract Extension Eases Strike Threat

New York—(U.P.)—Agreement to a 30-day extension of contract by some 4000 independent New York communications workers partially eased Saturday the threat of a nationwide telegraph workers strike.

The American Communications Association agreed to the extension Friday in negotiations with Western Union which forestalled an immediate disruption of service in the New York area.

The AFO-CIO Commercial Telegraphers Union, representing 30,000 workers across the country, staged "hit and run" walkouts in Cleveland, Philadelphia and Los Angeles Friday but has not issued any general strike call.

A countrywide survey by United Press bureaus indicated there was no present disruption of service. Workers in the three walkout cities returned to their jobs following union meetings.

Both the ACA negotiations in New York and the CTU bargaining meetings in Washington were adjourned Friday. Both will resume Monday in Washington.

Soviet Embassy Goes Home on 'Vacation'

Washington—(U.P.)—Vladimir Mikheev, the Soviet Embassy statistician who tried to get information from U.S. government employees, has gone home for a "vacation."

Sergei Bogomolov, Soviet embassy third secretary, said Saturday that the inquiring statistician and his family left quietly several days ago.

"He has gone out of the country," Bogomolov said. "I heard he went to vacation."

Mikheev's departure was voluntary as far as the United States was concerned. But some U.S. authorities think his "vacation" from his Washington post will be permanent.

Mikheev became a center of controversy when it was disclosed that he sought information from Air Force economist Sidney Hatkin, then suspended on security grounds but now back on the federal payroll. Two government librarians also said Mikheev contacted them in his quest for special data.

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