

# TV's Authority on Banquet Buzzard Veteran of 15 Years in Dinner League

BY WILLIAM EWALD  
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 New York—(U.P.)—Peter Donald, who has a tuxedo and will travel, stacks up as TV's foremost authority on banquet buzzard, an oily bird that catches the unwary.

The sandy-haired emcee of ABC TV's "Masquerade Party" has officiated for more than 15 years in the ceremonial dinner league, a nation-wide circuit that features such hazards as chicken a la clunk, elastic peas and an audience that ranges from jumpy to juiced.

"I'm down to about 75 banquets a year right now," said Donald today, "but not so long ago I was doing about 200 a year—trouble with that is, you shoot your fees in the doctor's office."

"But you know, 10 years later I faced the same group and had no trouble. I started out by saying—'The first time I spoke before you I thought you were the drunkenest, rudest gang I'd ever faced. And now 10 years later, I still think so.' They laughed and I had 'em from there on in."

Some of the others include Harry Hirschfield, Walter Kiernan, Bill Thompson and George Jessel, who is reported to start speaking whenever he sights bread-crumbs.

"It was a dog," said Donald, "and under that pall I made my entrance."

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### Non-Smokers With Lung Cancer Die Later in Life Than Smokers

BY DELOS SMITH  
 United Press Science Editor  
 New York—(U.P.)—The newest report on one of the most careful of statistical studies of the relationship, if any, between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, shows that the non-smokers who died of lung cancer, did so much later in life than the smokers who died of it.

deaths among them, 84 from lung cancer. The mortality rate from lung cancer among the non-smokers was 0.07 per 1,000, among light smokers, 0.47; among moderate smokers (15 to 24 cigarettes a day) 0.86; among heavy smokers (24 or more cigarettes a day) 1.66. But the heavy smokers had a higher mortality rate from whatever cause than non-smokers, 18.84 per thousand as opposed to 13.25 per thousand.

Commenting on the report, which it published, the journal said "pipe smoking appears to have been about one third as dangerous as cigarette smoking."

The British Medical Journal singled this out for comment from the four-year report of the Doll-Hill study. The report has high prestige in the science world because Dr. Richard Doll and Prof. A. Bradford Hill are members of the British Medical Council and have international reputations in the field of medical statistics.

The journal also found that the report gave "a convincing answer to a question of great importance for all smokers: Does giving up smoking diminish the risk of developing lung cancer?"

The subjects of the Doll-Hill study number more than 40,000 and are, or were, medical doctors practicing in the British Isles. They set down their smoking habits in the autumn of 1951. There was one report in 1954 but it was rather too soon afterward to mean very much. The newest report shows what has happened to them after four years and five months.

It pointed out that "the smoking habits of doctors resident in rural and urban districts were remarkably similar, so that the results cannot have been affected by varying exposures to atmospheric pollution."

in that time there were 1,714

Members of the Crater Lions club Tuesday noon purchased 100 per cent membership in the Medford High school band booster club.

### Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS  
 Dallas, Tex.—Mrs. Lucille Gaddy, sister of the Rev. Jack Coe, on the evangelist's critical condition:  
 "We have absolutely no doubt that God will cure him. I do not think he needs to be in the hospital."  
 Chicago—Herman Purdy on raising the grand champion short-horn calf, P.S. Troubadour II:  
 "I figured this was the winner."  
 Clinton, Tenn.—D. J. Brittain Jr., principal of integrated Clinton High school, on reprimanding white boys who threw eggs at Negro girls:  
 "If anyone had been hit, that would have been a different story."  
 New Haven, Conn.—Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, saying the United States must follow the dictates of its conscience in foreign affairs:  
 "We can not always hope for the popularity or the love of other peoples."  
 Washington—Republican Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (Calif.) announcing he would join the Democratic move to change the Senate's filibuster rule:  
 "I will vote to junk the archaic tradition which enables a willful few to tie the Senate in knots and kill meritorious legislation with oratorical stabs in the back."

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Herman W. Klein, former freight traffic manager for Southern Pacific railroads, died Monday in Southern Pacific hospital here. He was 67.

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### Crater Lions Join Band Booster Club

The club is soliciting funds to send the band to the East-West Shrine football game in San Francisco Dec. 29.

Speaker at the luncheon meeting was Paul Gant, instructor of handicapped or otherwise atypical children in the Medford school system. He spoke on various aspects of educating children with special problems.

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