

Medford Police Captain Addresses Greyhound Drivers

Cap. Clyde Fichtner of the Medford Police department and member of the Medford Safety Council spoke to drivers of Western Greyhound Lines (formerly Pacific Greyhound) at the company's quarterly safety meeting Tuesday, June 4.

The meeting was held in the lounge room of the Medford hotel.

Cap. Fichtner spoke on safety as it concerns the professional driver, and his relationship to the average motorist. He also mentioned some plans concerning future safety programs designed to cut down highway accidents.

Also present was the new safety supervisor for Greyhound Lines in this territory, John M. Mumary. Supt. Howard Beeler gave a resume of his recent trip to West Virginia for a country-wide conference of Greyhound officials. He told of the plans for expansion of Greyhound activities.

Lester Redding, a new driver from Eugene, and Clyde Hughes, who is taking the place of Lyle Rogers as ticket clerk-dispatcher in Medford, were introduced.

Safety awards were presented by Captain Fichtner to Donald E. Tackley, Wayne Turpin and Joe Poole, Frank G. Myers and T. E. Merit, who were not present, were also named award winners. E. J. Lindstrom received a 20-year service award and C. E. Mekim received a 15-year service award.

Seventeen attended the meeting, which was conducted by Virgil L. Moon, safety committee member and driver.

Civil Service Jobs Reported Available

New examinations for several positions in the civil service commission have been announced.

Openings are available as navigation specialist and fishery methods and equipment specialist in various places throughout the nation or as sea duty.

Positions available in the northwest include storekeeping clerk and personnel officer.

Applications will be accepted until further notice, according to the civil service commission officials. Further information and application forms may be obtained from Chester W. Stillman at the U. S. post office, Medford.

Eisenhower Receives Honorary Degree

Washington — President Eisenhower bears another title today.

The President received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from American university here Sunday night. Mr. Eisenhower then stood in a light rain to turn over the first ceremonial spadeful of dirt at the site of a new school of international service.

Another White House staff member also received a degree at the ceremonies. Pvt. Glenard Lanier of the White House police ended eight years of night school by receiving a Bachelor of Arts in business administration.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Since ancient times, fearful man has always surrounded himself with good-luck symbols. A man going to war, doubly apprehensive, "insured" his unharmful return by carrying at least a rabbit's hind foot. More often, he'd take the whole animal.



mal which not only gave the lonely man companionship and pleasure, but also, upon occasion, saved his life.

But too many mascots — one per man — would never do on the battlefield. Hence a group often adopted one "good luck" animal — usually gotten through mysterious or dubious circumstances.

A good luck mascot, the unwritten rule says, can never be purchased. It may suddenly appear under its own power — as a denuded white rooster in North Africa emerged miraculously from a bomb crater with most of his feathers blown off, but still spry and cocky even during the two months it took him to grow a new coat. Or, the mascot might be acquired during a raid, via the so-called "moon-light requisition" route.

During World War II, while a war correspondent, I made it a point to inquire about these "adopted" animals — they often furnished me with a "brightener" for the day's grim dispatches I had to send. And these mascots were many and diverse — just about everything that could fly, walk, crawl, wriggle, or stagger. But everyone was considered a potent emissary of Lady Luck.

A British unit in Libya adopted a porcupine — only they called it a hedgehog. On Bataan, our men esteemed "Daisy," a deer — and although reduced to mule-steak sandwiches at one time without benefit of bread and butter, and even then starving, they passed up this dainty piece of venison. In fact, although men were sometimes reduced to starvation diets, I never heard of a good luck mascot being reduced

to a menu. On Guadalcanal where marines were once reduced to wormy rice, captured from the Japanese, their mascots did not starve.

The Royal Welsh Fusiliers in Burma made much over their white goat mascot — from a succession of goat mascots, centuries back. The 69th American armored regiment, appropriately, had an armadillo. Black cats were particularly welcome aboard battlewagons — and I saw them on the French Richieu and our American Missouri. (On our ships that was not easy — because animals were forbidden.)

An Aussie regiment prized a magpie. The Coldstream Guards of Canada a white goose. The "Wildcat" division of World War I, activated again in World War II, had a wildcat named Tuffy who saw it through to victory in Japan.

Other mascots included parrot, sheep, bear, lion, pig, cow, angora rabbit, chipmunk, beaver, cougar, mule rattlesnake, white mouse, slug and raven. And all kinds and shapes of dogs. I remember a black scotty who logged over 600 flying hours when I last saw him — roughly, 100,000 miles in a flying Fortress.

Tradition Goes Back
The tradition of battle mascots goes way back. More than 3,000 years ago, the Pharaoh Rameses had a lion mascot called Mighty Repulsor. In one instance, Mighty Repulsor stood off the Hittite enemy long enough for fresh Egyptian troops to arrive and thereby save the battle. Thereafter, Mighty Repulsor became a favorite of Egyptian sculptors.

In America, the tradition goes back at least to the War of Independence. When King George III sent to America his Royal Welsh Fusiliers — named for the same group who had the goat in Burma 170 years later — to put down the American revolutionists they brought with them a handsome white billy with a sergeant to lead it, called a "goat major."

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BUSY GRADUATE
Mt. Pleasant — Harold Freeman of Clare, Mich., was busy as a beaver during the mid-year commencement exercises at Central Michigan college. Freeman had to change clothes three times during the afternoon to be properly attired for accepting his diploma, receiving an Army Reserve commission and singing in the concert choir.

Washington — The Supreme Court has ruled some 450,000 U.S. civilians now with the armed forces in 63 foreign countries are not subject to courtmartial by the military.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY

Hollywood — Saddles and six-shooters will blanket television next fall when westerns take over the home screens. But towering Jim Arness, whose "Gunsmoke" started the trend, isn't worried. Since the CBS-TV filmed series "Wyatt Earp" became such a success, TV-like the movie industry — has clamped onto westerns as a surefire way to get audiences.

Because show business producers and sponsors are traditionally trend followers, Earp, Matt Dillon and other TV western characters will be joined next fall by the biggest stampede of sagebrush heroes in TV history.

Casualties Numerous
A record number of television series hit the dust this spring to make way for the downpour of westerns and private eye series next fall. Thirty-four old series — nearly double last year's casualties — were axed, including "Private Secretary," "Bengal Lancers," "Noah's Ark" and "Hiram Holliday."

ABC-TV leads the networks with eight westerns scheduled for next fall, followed by NBC and CBS with four apiece. Some of the new western series being filmed for fall release are "Wagon Train," "Tales of Texas Rangers" and "Broken Arrow."

But Jim Arness, now rambling through his new "Gunsmoke" series before the cameras at California Studio, yawns that the rush to hop on the bandwagon is "flattering" but not harmful to his show.

'All to the Good'
"It's all to the good," he said. "When something catches on, that's it. Everybody goes that way."

But we're not worried about this new competition. From what I know of the new western series, I don't think the competition will be tough. From the standpoint of quality, nothing can hurt our show.

"Gunsmoke" claims to be the original adult western, beginning with its inception on radio. As Arness points out, "Gunsmoke" is so adult, "We even have a lady of shady virtue as the heroine of the series."

Machine Discloses Highway Conditions

Albany, N. Y. — People who travel the nearly 450-mile New York state Thruway want information concerning driving conditions. About 23,000 calls are made in Syracuse each week, and another 15,000 or so more are placed in Albany.

To handle the huge flood of calls, the State Thruway Authority has set up automatic answering devices. Now a motorist merely dials a number and a tape recording machine gives accurate, up-to-the-minute conditions.

The tape recordings are changed as often as road conditions warrant, and that may be many times a day during bad weather and in winter.

The authority emphasized that the information is not a weather forecast, but merely a report on conditions on the Thruway.

Two Jackson County Teachers To Attend Meet

DeVere Taylor, Medford High school teacher, and Dick Leigh, instructor at Lincoln school in Ashland, will attend a two-day conference of the Oregon Education association in Portland June 14 and 15.

Taylor is past president of the Jackson county OEA unit and is a trustee for district 6 of the OEA. District 6 includes Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lake counties. Leigh is current president of the Jackson county OEA unit.

Two-Day Meet
The two day meeting will be

held at the Mallory hotel. The are Rep. Shirley Field and Sen. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., both of Portland; Representative Joe Rogers of Polk county, chairman of the House Education committee; and Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Clackamas county, chairman of the Senate Education committee.

The legislators will review the recent legislative session education-wise and offer observations of what is ahead for education in Oregon and what educators as well as legislators should be doing to improve this program. OEA state Vice-President Tom Powers of Eugene will be master of ceremonies.

JEWISH OFFICIAL DIES

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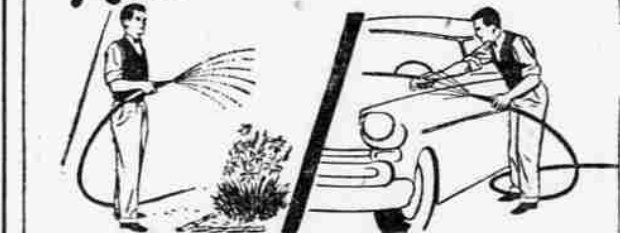
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