

**STAR GAZER**  
By CLAY R. FOLLAN

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### Crosby Regarded As Authority on Radio, Television

New York — John Crosby, whose four times weekly commentary on radio and television is now appearing in the Mail Tribune as the outstanding authority in this field in America today, says "No one," says Esquire magazine, "has anywhere near the popularity, nor anywhere near the influence of John Crosby." Fred Allen called him the "first literate critic to sit in judgment of radio" and Time magazine says his columns "sock weak pitches right out of the lot."

Crosby was born in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1912. He grew up in Oconomowoc and was educated at Phillips Exeter and Yale. He left school in 1933 to join the staff of the Milwaukee Sentinel. With the depression came a year's enforced vacation which ended when Crosby joined the New York Herald Tribune as a reporter in 1936. He covered police courts, politics and the amusement industry until 1941.

**Tried as Columnist**  
After five years in the Army, Crosby returned to the Herald Tribune in February, 1946. When the need for a radio column was felt, Managing Editor George A. Cornish recalled Crosby as "a smooth reporter" in the amusement field and decided to give him a try.

Originally called "Radio in Review," the column soon was retitled "Radio and Television" as Crosby's horizon broadened to include critical evaluation of both media. His column examines and dissects radio and television fare, using a liberal sprinkling of quotes from shows reviewed. His wit and occasional caustic barb, leveled at the industry's shortcomings, make his column thoroughly enjoyable reading.

### BOY SCOUTS

**Troop 8**  
Steven Swartsley was awarded the star scout rank at a court of honor conducted during the regular weekly meeting of Boy Scout Troop 8 Wednesday. He also was issued his warrant as senior patrol leader, and merit badges for public health, citizenship in the home and fishing.

Other troop leadership warrants went to Corky Barrell, assistant senior patrol leader; Gary Griffin, scribe; and Tim O'Mara, Bill Dames and Richard Knights, patrol leaders. Griffin, Barrell and Swartsley also earned badges denoting one year of perfect attendance.

Service stars for one year of registration went to Griffin, Barrell, Swartsley and O'Mara, and two year stars were presented to Walter Conner, Knights, Dennis Salyers, and Dames.  
Additional merit badges were awarded as follows: Griffin, athletic and scholarship; Knights, home repairs and scholarship; Salyers, home repairs; and Jerry Swartsley, public health, fishing, hiking and business.

## The Medical Roundup

by *Walter Alvarez*  
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### A CHILD LEARNS TO SPEAK

Few people realize that learning to speak is one of the greatest miracles that happens in the world. No one except man has achieved meaningful speech, and our children can learn the art only gradually, and their little brain has been developing for a year or so. The child's hearing mechanism must first develop to a point where he can hear the full range of sound. Unless he can hear the sounds he and other persons make, he will have a difficult time learning to speak. In the first few years of the child's life, thousands of little mechanisms in his brain must develop and be co-ordinated so that he can move his tongue, his soft palate, his vocal cords, his lips and his breathing apparatus all together.

One of the most distressing things that can happen to a person—as after a stroke—is to find himself unable to say a word. The man may know what he wants to say, but he just can't get anything out. A friend of mine, a physician, left this way after a stroke, which came when he was fairly young, started in with his devoted wife to learn to speak all over again. Each day he tried to learn a new word. Eventually, he trained parts of his brain that were not injured by the stroke to take over the job of enabling him to talk. I mention this difficult process of re-learning speech to give some idea of what a child has to go through as he learns to talk.

For all parents of children who are having some difficulty in learning to talk, a book by Mrs. Flora R. Schreiber "Your Child's Speech," can be a God-send. It was written interestingly in simple language by an expert in speech who has a great understanding of children and a great love for them.

### Answers for Normal Children

Even mothers of normal children will find answers to many questions which keep coming up in their minds as their child grows up. So often a mother keeps wondering, "Why doesn't my child learn to speak quickly like the child next door?" or "Why does he still use baby-talk?" or "Why does he lisp or fail to pronounce properly certain letters?" or "Why does he stutter?" Some parents worry because a child keeps babbling and using his own jargon longer than they think he should. Mrs. Schreiber says that parents should encourage their baby to coo and to babble. They should not worry about his using jargon because, out of this, will probably come normal speech.

Mrs. Schreiber says the most important thing parents can do is to talk much to their children and to keep answering their questions as soon as they start asking about things. Only if the parent talks to the child can he quickly get a good vocabulary. Then he will be fortunate for the rest of his days; to express his thoughts.

Mrs. Schreiber feels that hours spent in talking to a child, answering his questions and clearing away his fears, may save him later, from years on an analyst's couch. The child should be included in family conversation, especially at the table, if only so that he feels that he belongs. A mother should often sing to her child, and she should often read aloud to him. To see how important this is, all one has to do is to study the inadequate speech of some children who were brought up in an old-fashioned orphan asylum where no one had time to talk to them.

Mrs. Schreiber advises against starting an infant on two languages at the same time because this is likely to confuse him and retard him. Let him learn his main speech first, and then after

18 months or so he can begin to learn another language.

Stuttering comes often when a child is made to feel tense. Dr. Wendell Johnson feels that if a parent will not fuss about a child's er-ing and uh-ing he will not be likely to go ahead into stuttering. A child can get to feel that he must not hesitate in his speech, but must keep talking rapidly. Let the parents remember that they often hesitate in their own speech.

### Paget's Disease of the Bones

Paget's disease of the bones is fortunately rare. It appears to be either a chronic inflammation or a condition in which more than the normal amount of blood goes into the bone. This causes the bone to get large, and causes the affected limb to feel warm to the touch. I have never heard of any physician who was sure he knew what the cause was, and I have never heard of anything that sounded to me like a logical cure for the disease. Fortunately, it rarely causes serious trouble. I don't know of any diet that affects it.

Dr. Alvarez hopes his readers will understand that it would be impossible for him to answer requests for information or to attempt to diagnose by mail.  
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## Grange Notes

### Upper Rogue Grange

Due to conflicting dates, the Upper Rogue Grange will have their Christmas program on Friday, Dec. 20.

There will be a potluck supper at 7 p.m. and the program will follow.

This is for Grangers and their families and parents are to bring a small gift for each of their children.

### Central Point Grange

Installation of newly elected officers, both subordinate and juvenile, will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Grange hall.

Routine business as transacted at the regular meeting Friday, Dec. 6.

Instead of the usual Christmas gift exchange, the members voted this year to accept an offering to help make a happy Christmas for a worthy family whose mother was suddenly taken ill and is now in a sanitarium. Offering may be sent to Mrs. Chester Wendt, Mrs. O. T. Wilson or brought to the Grange meeting. The children of the juvenile Grange are asked to bring packages to fill a food basket.

The lecturer's program, under the direction of the recreational committee consisted of games, readings, mixers and square dancing.

The lunch tables were decorated with evergreens, Christmas balls and candles. Those serving were Mr. and Mrs. John Bohner, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gebhard and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walters.

The next meeting will be Dec. 20 with a turkey dinner and program.

### Optometrists Plan To Attend Congress

Several optometrists from southern Oregon will leave this week end to attend the Northwest Congress of Optometry Dec. 15 through 17 in Portland.

The congress, expected to draw more than 300 optometrists from the Northwest and Canada, will be combined optometric educational and business meeting. Speakers include Drs. Robert A. Kraskin, Washington, D.C.; Harold Weiner, North Arlington, N. J.; and A. M. Skeffington Kearney, Neb.

Dr. T. Winston Smith, Grants Pass, will conduct a visual training workshop Monday morning, Dec. 16.

## Power Tools in Hands of Amateurs 'Homocidal,' Medical Report Says

By DELOS SMITH

New York — Power tools in the hands of enthusiastic amateurs are "homocidal" tools, according to an authoritative medical summing-up of the wave of do-it-yourself casualties now sweeping the country.

Fatalities have been relatively few, fortunately, but lacerations, multiple fractures, and burns have been common contrary to medical expectations, however, relatively few fingers of do-it-yourselfers have been amputated by hand power saws.

The tone of the summing-up in the technical publication "Pfrizer Spectrum" was tolerant and resigned. "Perhaps there will always be a totally idiotic sector of the population to climb a metallic ladder near electric wires," it remarked.

"Do-it-yourself has a merely widened the opportunities for these people to wipe themselves out, or at any rate present themselves tattered and bleeding all over the doctor's office floor." The summing-up had no fault to find with the "do-it-yourself spirit." Indeed, it found the spirit admirable. "The catastrophe of do-it-yourself is in not knowing," it said.

"Professional workmen may be less than gifted," the publication said. "Often their sole advantage is a body of information which is, as a matter of fact, rather limited and not even up-to-date. Presumably the patient who amassed funds enough to buy a glittering new homocidal tool has the wit to learn techniques that are simple enough, but, at first, merely unknown to him."

But the average do-it-yourselfer doesn't undertake even to read up on those techniques before he "unwraps his new gadget and looks eagerly about for a place to use it." Now, take the hand power saw, the summing-up continued. Usually it has a wire by which it may be grounded, but often there is no ground to which it can be attached.

So the do-it-yourselfer standing on damp ground runs it on, ignorant that perhaps a short-circuit will direct 110 volts of alternating current into the handle and so into his hand. He

can neither guide the tool nor result is a picturesque, deep laceration of the thigh, usually, is paralyzing his muscles. "The not far from the femoral artery."

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## Comment . . . TELEVISION and RADIO

By John Crosby

### GOLF ON TELEVISION

The same man that gave the world championship bowling on television, is now giving us "All-Star Golf" on ABC-TV (4 p.m. EST Saturdays) and with just about the same success. This genius is Peter de Met who is unique among sports producers in that he produces sports events rather than just points a camera at regularly scheduled sporting events.

All-Star Golf is simply an eighteen-hole match between two of the top pros in the country, including Sam Snead, Gene Sarazen, Tommy Bolt, Cary Middlecoff, Jack Burke Jr., Lloyd Mangrum and Dick Meyer. The matches are shot by six movie cameras and edited down to an hour program. They are real matches and, while a good deal has to be cut out, nothing is put in that doesn't occur. When you see a ball arch down and stop on a green, it didn't get thrown there. Sidney Goltz, producer-director, puts his six cameras where he figures a golf pro will hit the ball—but they don't always. "Even a top pro occasionally hits one like a duffer and then I'm in trouble along with the golfer. If we miss the action, it's lost forever."

Recently, I watched a rather lopsided match between Dutch Harrison and Jack Burke who was red hot that day. Burke won by five strokes. Even though Burke led for the whole hour, the match had great excitement. "That was one of the finest shots I ever saw," whispered Jim Britt, the sports announcer after Burke had made a great chip to the green. Burke was lining up a putt at the time and Britt's voice got more and more conspiratorial. "Burke has about a thirty foot putt for a birdie. If he gets it, he'll have a par thirty-six."

He got it. But they don't always. "Harrison has a chance to take a one stroke lead here. The stick is being attended to by the caddy. There's the putt—ah, a heartbreaker—as it missed by inches."  
Naturally, all holes can't be

shown. The ones left out are diagrammed, showing just what each player did on every stroke. The putting is the easiest for the cameras to follow but Goltz wisely gets in a good deal of all the other kinds of golfing shots. He has found that poking cameras in their faces doesn't seem to upset golfers. "It's the unexpected noise that throws them off. When they expect the camera noise it doesn't seem to bother them," says Goltz. The cameras may even stimulate the golfers. In the first match of the series Ed Oliver broke the course record at the Phoenix, Arizona, Country Club with a 62.

The six cameras take about 75,000 feet of film from which 2,000 make up the final program. Winner of the match gets \$2,000, the loser \$1,000. Also, there are bonuses of \$10,000 for a hole-in-one and \$500 for every eagle. The prize money is put up by DeMet, who between bowling and golf is handing out annual checks totalling \$120,000.

Television has always leaned heavily toward the great spectacular sports like boxing or baseball. When DeMet first broached the idea of televising a participant sport like bowling, a pastime indulged in by hundreds of thousands of just plain people, the experts thought he had rocks in his head. "Anybody can bowl so why watch it?"

But this is precisely the attraction. While millions know how to bowl, not very many can roll up scores of 250 and the duffers like to look at the hotshots and get a few angles on how it's done. "Championship Bowling" is now in its fourth year and has a better audience than any other syndicated sports show on television. Golf may do even better, though it doesn't draw very well on Saturday against football. Still, it's done well enough for DeMet to start thinking about televising other participant sports. We may yet live to see the day when a good spirited ping pong match will be on a national network.

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