Comic Hypnotized To Stop Gambling

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Hollywood —(UP)— Comedian Tommy Noonan, an inveterate gambler and horse player who heads for a 20-week stand in Las Vegas next month, has had himself hypnotized to cure his betting instincts.

Sleepy-eyed Noonan and his partner, Pete Marshall, invaded the home of Hypnotist Emile Franchel seeking help.

It was mid-morning and Noonan was in a confessing mood.

"I gamble on everything—cards, pool, dice, horses," he rambled. "Once in a while I win a couple grand at the races, but mostly I lose."

"He has a compassion to lose," Marshall filled in. "He's miserable when he wins because he wishes he'd bet more money. Tommy is never more cheerful than when he blows a couple of hundred bucks."

"Hmmmm," said Franchel studiously. "Gamblers want to lose. Their subconscious mind figures it's a way of punishing themselves."

Against Gambling

Tommy flinched. "My wife—Pocahontas Crowfoot—is against my gambling, too," he complained. "I'm taking her and my two kids to Vegas with me this trip. Maybe that will keep me from betting."

Marshall put a consoling arm around his partner. At one time they were brothers-in-law. Pete's sister is Joanne Dru. Tommy's brother is John Ireland. At one time Joanne and John were Mr. and Mrs.

"I'll give you an example of my gambling," Tommy said.

"When I came to Hollywood in 1945 I managed to save $5,000 from my early picture work at RKO. I withdrew it from the bank to buy a laundry business in Beverly Hills. Everything was fine when I stopped on my way from the bank for a drink with my brother, John.

"After we'd belted a few we decided to go to Santa Anita to play the nags. Brother John said I wouldn't like the laundry business anyhow.

"The first horse I bet on was a dog named 'Cracks.' He was an even-money favorite, so I bet a thousand on him to win. He broke down right out of the gate and walked around the track. My next horse, another favorite, fell down in the middle of the race and they sent an ambulance out to take care of him. I blew $3,000 on him. I ended up the day broke."

Dubious About Outcome

With that, Franchel led Tommy away to another room for the hypnosis. The hypnotist was dubious about the experiment. Tommy seemed hopeful.

They were gone an hour. During that time Pete recalled a cross-country saga with Tommy which they began in a new and highly expensive sedan.

"Every time we stopped in a town Tommy would trade our car for a cheaper one—using the money for gambling," Pete said.

"By the time we returned to Hollywood we were driving an old wreck. And to top it off, Tommy's wife had divorced him and taken possession of the car, leaving us on foot."

Presently Tommy returned, more drowsy than before. Franchel appeared slightly groggy himself.

"Did it work, Buddy Boy?" Pete asked suspiciously.

"Sure did," Tommy said. "I'll lay you 8 to 5 I'll never make another bet."

LEANING FROM CAR during New York ticker tape parade in his honor, Van Cliburn, 23, Texas pianist who won Moscow's international Tschaikowsky competition, shakes hands with youthful well-wisher. *(International)*

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Detroit—Henry Ford, II, in reviewing current negotiations between Ford Motor company and the United Auto Workers union:

"In recent years, labor unions with monopoly power have forced labor cost increases far in excess of increases in productivity. Sharp price inflation has resulted."

Berkeley, Calif.—Larry Fanning, assistant executive of the Chicago Sun-Times, in saying newspaper must cover the broad middle ground between magazines and TV:

"If our newspapers are to be really good enough we must operate in a climate of continuing self-criticism; a climate in which new ideas and experimentation are not merely countenanced but encouraged; a climate in which we strive always to think first of our readers and how best to get through to them."

Houston, Tex.—The Rev. Montague Cook of Moultrie, Ga., opposing a resolution passed by the Southern Baptist convention calling for contact with every race and nationality:

"I do not bring up the merits of integration and segregation as such. But I do not believe such a resolution should go into the records when it is not the wish of the majority."

Reuther Suggests Wage Scale-Down

Detroit —(UP)— United Auto Workers President Walter P. Reuther goes before the union's national bargaining councils Friday to deliver a report on the state of auto contract negotiations.

With a week to 10 days before expiration of contracts with General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, Reuther was expected to tell the councils the union must scale down its original bargaining demands.

The UAW promised that the first official and formal statements of actions taken by the UAW, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler national councils, would be made this afternoon.

It said there would be "no formal statement or press conference" with Reuther following his address to the joint councils.

Reuther is scheduled to hold a news conference Saturday on the actions reported by the councils Friday afternoon.

Reuther had already indicated the union will demand gains on at least four issues before signing the two-year contracts the industry wants. These issues are supplemental unemployment benefits, pensions, job transfer protection and skilled trades wage boosts.

If the UAW cannot get its minimum demands, Reuther said it will seek to extend present contracts on a day-by-day basis while negotiations continue, or work without a contract. There is no intention to strike since the auto industry has a large supply of unsold cars on hand.

Car Safety Check Set For Cities

Salem—(UP)—Motorists in a number of Oregon cities have a chance to have their cars safety-checked free of charge this week and the Oregon Traffic Safety commission urged as many persons as possible to take advantage of it.

Check lanes will be ready at eight locations in Portland this Saturday.

Cars will be safety-checked in Albany and Corvallis on Thursday and Friday and in McMinnville and Medford on both Friday and Saturday.

Pendleton, Prineville and Tillamook will hold a one-day safety check Saturday.

WORKING WIVES LEAGUE

Knoxville, Tenn. — (UP) — Eighteen wives of graduating seniors at the University of Tennessee have received "Ph. T." degrees.

The letters stand for "put Hubby through."

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT

Marvin Maloney Jr., no operator's license, $10.

Raymond B. Chamberlain, overheight, $15.

Samuel J. Morehouse, overload, $113.

Fred E. Zabell, violation of basic rule, $15.

Gary A. Winetrout, failure to display two license plates, $10.

Joe B. Berriman, improper muffler, $15.

Stanley G. Parrish, failure to stop, $10.

Richard F. Gravelle, overwidth, $15.

Derald M. Lawrence, violation of basic rule, $15.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Michael Szpak, 933 Kenyon ave., and Fay Louise White, Grants Pass.

L. D. McCollum, route 1, box 461, Central Point, and Irene Catherine Mallon, route 1, box 460, Central Point.

Grange Notes

Central Point Grange

Grange met Friday night with Overseer Ben Darris in the master's station. Report on agriculture by Arnold Bohnert stated hay weedy, pastures short, and considerable damage in alfalfa crops. The market price on some grains and concentrates up. Delmar Smith reported Willamette valley seeding very late. Chet Wendt stated a top price of steers at the auction yard was $29.49 a hundred Friday.

Edwin Gebhard said the reported short crop in California pears might be an advantage to the Oregon growers market; Gebhard also gave some pointers on regulations in labor and employment insurance.

Delmar Smith reported more help needed for the cemetery improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Win Arnold were elected as delegates to the State Grange session at Eugene in June.

The janitor sent his resignation in as he has recently sold his home and is moving to another district.

The Grange took out a membership in the Water Resources association. A memorial service was conducted by the chaplain. Several recreational games were directed by Mrs. Effie Kurts. Fred Kuest was reported ill.

The display table contained some grotesque pieces of drift wood and some unusual flowers and plants. The juvenile matron announced that posters and essays will be ready for the Pomona Grange meeting.

The HEC chairman announced next meeting to be a work day at the hall, members to bring a sack lunch. The serving committee, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jeffries and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lydiard served angel food and orange sauce.

Geddes to Speak At Eugene Meeting

Salem — Fourth District Congressional Candidate Paul Geddes, Roseburg, heads the list of speakers slated to appear at a regional Republican conference scheduled in Eugene today and Saturday.

Geddes will deliver the principal address at a Saturday night banquet in the Veteran's memorial building which will be the wind-up event of the two-day policy conference.

State GOP Chairman James F. Short, Salem, is to deliver a kickoff speech Friday night at a 7 p.m. dinner.

John Merrifield, Portland, Chairman of a statewide GOP committee on Candidate's Assistance, is to speak at a Saturday luncheon.

Study committees composed of delegates from Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Linn and Lane counties will consider the problems of education, lumber, agriculture, port development, labor, taxes, natural resources, and industrial development.

4-H Club News

G.E. Stitchers

The G.E. Stitchers met with 10 members present on May 10 at Edgeoaks Dairy. A short business meeting was held. The meeting with Mary Lou Garner was discussed. In the absence of Mrs. Edge, Mrs. Wheeler assisted Mrs. Gardner. Joyce Moore served as hostess.

The next meeting will be Saturday, May 24. Diane Wheeler will be hostess.

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EAGLE POINT
Judging Contest Held

By LAURA A. McFALL

Eagle Point—The first annual Rogue-Umpqua soil judging contest was held at Eagle Point recently. Teams participating were Phoenix, Crater and Eagle Point Future Farmers of America.

Arthur King, soil conservation specialist from Oregon State college, assisted in the first contest of ths kind ever held in Jackson county. Other visitors were Oscar Muler, U.S. Department of Agriculture soil scientists from Medford, Earl Jossy and Cliff Cordy, county agents.

Eagle Point and Crater tied for first with 260 points each and Phoenix third.

Participants earning highest scores were Ray Bitterling, Eagle Point with 100 points, Don Ryan Crater with 92 points Coggins, Phoenix with 91 points and Bob Roger, Eagle Point with 90 points.

Word was received by Mrs. Norman A. Dunford from Minden, Nebr., that a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Sinsel in the hospital at Hastings May 21. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces. Mrs. Sinsel was formerly Kay Dunford of Eagle Point.

Mrs. Gerald (Jerry) Symens and daughter, Julie Anne, Spokane, Wash., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey H. Tibbits, and her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dickenson, of Shady Cove.

Mrs. Jake Olsen returned home May 14, after spending 10 days at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Lacy, and family, Vancouver.

Mrs. Warren Foran and family left May 14 for Bermuda, where she will join her husband stationed with the U. S. Navy. Mrs. Foran has been making her home at Warren's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Foran.

Mrs. Norman A. Dunford, Barbara Brugger, and Mrs. Jessie Tycer, spent the week end of May 17 at Eugene. Barbara attended the senior visitation day at the University of Oregon, Mrs. Dunford visited her son, Boyd, and Mrs. Tycer visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tycer, and family.

Ellen Callaghan and Shirley Hanson, Eagle Point students, won the state double tennis championship at Corvallis the weekend of May 17. They defeated three Portland teams and one team from Corvallis.

Mrs. David W. Clover, twins, John and Jean, Debbie and Janet, Mrs. Charles Kinney and children of Ashland were the guests at the home of Mrs. Clover's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Force, Alta Vista orchards, May 18. Debbie and Janet visited until May 21 when Mrs. Force and Mrs. C. A. Lusk went to Ashland to take the children home.

A surprise birthday party was held for Mrs. R. T. Weidman May 19, at the Weidman home. The party was given by her daughter, Mrs. Jackie Allen. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Allen and children, Ashland; Mrs. W. E. Allen, Mrs. Julia Patrick, Mrs. John Breazeale, Mrs. Don Andrews, Mrs. Mabel Andrews, Medford; Mrs. J. H. Hannaford, Mrs. Phil C. Hannaford, Miss Georgia Weidman and Mrs. Charles Hanscom, Eagle Point; Mrs. Millard Robertson, Shady Cove, and Mrs. Avon Bostwick, White City.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cave returned May 21 from Long Beach, Wash., where they visited Mrs. Cave's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Butts.

The Eagle Point elementery Parent Teacher association will meet Tuesday, May 27, at 8 P.M. in the grade school cafeteria. There will be installation of the new officers, program by the students from Mrs. William Pomeroy, Mrs. Otis Hill and Mrs. Floyd McKee, fifth grade rooms. Refreshments will be served by the sixth grade parents.

A special invitation is issued to all parents of eighth grade students to attend the last meeting this year.

A drive-in church service is being held at the Eagle Point grade school grounds Thursday, May 22, by the Apostolic Faith church of Medford. Everyone is invited to attend.

BUSINESSMAN QUESTIONED—American businessman Joseph Crowley (center) is flanked by Japanese detectives in Tokyo as he is led from investigation room after being questioned in the death of his brother-in-law, T. A. D. (Tad) Jones, 45, son of late Yale football coach Tad Jones. Crowley, Jones and Fredrick M. Kissinger, Maryland accountant were in Tokyo to investigate purchase of an oil tanker.

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