

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In its closing days—as mentioned in this space recently—the 85th congress approved a project that is long overdue—pensions for ex-Presidents and their widows. The bill was passed by both houses, and President Eisenhower has signed it. It is now the law of the land.

Under it, ex-Presidents will receive a pension of \$25,000 as long as they live. Their widows will receive pensions of \$10,000. In addition, there will be some trimmings. The trimmings include office space, free mailing privileges and a staff of assistants.

THE pensions are a splendid idea. They will have been EARNED. The President of the United States carries a heavier load of responsibility than any other person on earth. He couldn't be paid during his term in office enough money to recompense him fully for the responsibility that he carries on his shoulders.

And—When he retires from his office—He occupies a peculiar position. He is an elder statesman. From the day he goes out of office until his death, he is a part of the government of the United States. As such, he is inhibited in the making of a living. There are so many things he CAN'T do and still live up to the traditions of the Presidency. The same is true of his widow after he dies.

SO MUCH for the pensions. Let's look now at the trimmings. In its fundamentals, our government is sound and reasonable. In these fundamentals, there is little room for criticism. It is the TRIMMINGS that really cost money.

FOR example: A man is appointed to do a job. If he is to do a job, he must have an office. If he is to have an office, he must have a SECRETARY. Custom (especially in Washington) decrees that.

Let's start with the office. It must have a desk. It must have a chair for the man to sit in. There must be a chair for those who come to the office for interviews.

So far, so good. But, as time passes, it becomes evident that only ONE CHAIR is an indication that the man who has been appointed to the job ISN'T VERY IMPORTANT. If he were really important, more than one person would be waiting to see him.

So—A DAVENPORT is required to make the man seem more important. In time, even more important. So to imply davenport doesn't imply enough importance. So a waiting room is added to his office. The secretary sits in the waiting room.

Then—In time—Just ONE secretary doesn't seem to connote enough importance. So the secretary gets an assistant. The assistants to the secretary get other assistants. That calls for MORE ROOM. So the office with one waiting room is expanded to a SUITE OF OFFICES. As time passes, a suite isn't enough to make the man seem important enough, so his quarters are expanded to include a whole floor. Eventually a WHOLE BUILDING is required to make the man who was appointed seem as important as he ought to seem.

The trouble with government offices is that they PROLIFERATE.

THE pensions for ex-Presidents and their widows are WONDERFUL.

But I hope somebody keeps an eye on the trimmings. Especially the staff of assistants. Otherwise, nobody can tell how far this new departure in government might spread.

Morse Calls for Special Session Washington—UPI—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), Friday urged that Congress be called back into special session to pass on the question of whether American forces may be used to defend Quemoy and Matsu islands from Communist attack. Morse argued that the Formosa resolution passed by Congress 2½ years ago does not "authorize" their use for defending the islands. "The American people are entitled to the truth," he said in a statement. "They are entitled to have the President of the United States appear at a special session of Congress and present for the approval or rejection of Congress his defense of any proposal to defend the Quemoy and Matsu islands with the lives of American boys."

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A SUNDAY SCHOOL teacher had just told her young charges the story of Adam and Eve. She now distributed sheets of paper and pencils and ordered, "Draw a picture of something you remember from the talk I've just made."

Little Robert's artistic creation proved reasonably puzzling: it depicted a long, black automobile with two passengers in the back, and a driver with a halo up front.

"What's this got to do with Adam and Eve?" demanded the teacher. "That's them," declared Robert angrily. "That's Adam and Eve being driven by the Lord right out of the Garden of Eden."



One sure-fire way to cut the overhead in movie production today: produce a nudist film! One recently completed in Mexico showed a total costume cost of exactly two dollars and sixty three cents (for fig leaves).

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News About Books From the Library

It's been fun having patrons select whole armloads of books the past two weeks which may be kept for a month without renewing. The board wishes it might always offer unlimited numbers of books and longer periods of loan, as some libraries can.

In order to achieve the fairest distribution of 43,000 volumes among a possible 63,000 volumes, however, the loan policy has been formulated on a two-week, six-book basis, with a renewal privilege. The 7-day loan period for newest publications is in almost universal practice among public libraries, its purpose—to give the pleasure of reading these books while they are new to the greatest possible number of persons. It has nothing to do with the number of pages in the volume.

The library was increased by 363 volumes during August, of which 97 were gifts. Donors of books this month were John Reter, William Hart, P. J. Gorman, and anonymous donors residing in Central Point, Gold Hill, Talent, and Jacksonville. Seventy-one new titles were added to the children's collection and 129 to the adult shelves. The latter included:

Science and Technology: The Steel Square Siegel; Everyday Automobile Repairs, Crouse; Popular Mechanics Aviation Album, Throm; How to Use Portable Power Tools, Reid; Ideas, Inventions, and Patents, Buckles; The Bird Biographies of John James Audubon; Guppies, Axelrod; Cloud Study, Ludlam.

Home Building: How to Remodel Your Home, American Builder; How to Estimate for the Building Trades, Townsend; House Carpentry Simplified, Burbank; Book of Modern Bathrooms, American Builder; How to Plan a House, Townsend.

Sports: The Standard Book of Hunting and Shooting, Stringfellow; Golf at a Glance, Gaskill; The Death of Manolete, Conrad; American Sporting Dogs, Connett; Handbook of Outboard Motorboating, Henry; Dog Training Made Easy, Duncan; The Conquest of the Horse, Benoit-Gironiere.

History: Private, Atwell; First Blood, Swanberg; Western Sheriffs and Marshals, Penfield.

House and Garden: The All-Italian Cookbook, La Sasso; Date Bate, Loeb; How to Make Your Own Slipcovers, Hardy; Pruning Made Easy, Stefak; Handbook of Hardy Border Plants, Genders.

Reference: Concise Dictionary of Holidays, Jahm; American Historical Fiction, Dickinson; The Observer's Book of Ships, Dodman; The Observer's Book of Automobiles, Manwaring; Personnel Administration in Libraries, Stebbins.

Literature: A New England Girlhood, Hale; The Crowning Privilege, Graves; Five Dialogues of Plato Bearing on Poetic Inspiration, Plato.

Fine Arts: American Symbols, Lehner; The Louvre, Bazin; The Negative, Adams.

Business: Preparing the Manuscript, Olsen; Writing for Television, Seldes; The Successful Speaker's Handbook, Prohnow; Effective Speaking in Business, Huston; How to Get That Part Time Job, Feingold.

Biography: Three Wise Virgins, Brooks; Mr. Baruch, Coit; Baa, Baa Black Sheep, Boyington; The Autobiography of Benvenuto Cellini, Symonds; Clarence King, Wilkins; The Little Professor of Piney Woods, Day.

Travel and Adventure: Dig for Pirate Treasure, Nesmith; Newman's European Travel Guide, Newman; The Long March, Beauvoir; As Far As You'll Take Me, Whishaw; Vermont Tradition, Fisher.

Philosophy and Religion: Selected Papers on Philosophy, James; New Guideposts, Peale; Guideposts for Growing Up, Hurlock; Light from the Greek New Testament, Blackwelder; Strengthening the Spiritual Life, Ferre; The Living Faith, Douglas; Yankies in Paradise, Smith.

Other Non-Fiction: Recreation for the Aging, Williams; Cortina's Russian in 20 Lessons, Senn; Cortina's Conversational Japanese, Abraham.

Serious Fiction: A Friend in Power, Baker; Once to Sinai, Prescott; The Sibyl, Lagerqvist; The Voyage Home, Schnabel; The Riddle of Genesis County, Doyle; Theme for Ballet, Baum; The Blanket, Murray.

Adventure Stories: The Brides of Solomon and Other Stories, Household; Ordeal, Prescott; Beyond Wind River, Savage.

Romance: A Glass Rose, Bankowsky; The Dud Avocado, Dundy; The Snow Birch, Mantley; The Daughters of Jasper Clay, Fletcher.

Other Fiction: Heartbreak Street, Butters; A Treasury of Short Stories, Kieley; And Four To Go, Stout; The Alighting Inheritance, Wentworth.

Special Orientation Sessions Slated at Medford High School

A series of special orientation sessions for last June's Medford High school graduates planning to go to college has been prepared by the high school faculty.

The special sessions were initiated last year, and the program met with favorable response from participating students. It was on the recommendation of those students who took the program last year that the program was continued this year, school officials said.

This year's college orientation sessions will be held at Hedrick Junior High school in the speech room adjacent to the auditorium. A panel of college students has been arranged for one of the sessions and will discuss topics which the group feels of particular value to the new college freshmen, officials said.

College Students Listed Included in the group of college students will be Mira Frohnmayer, Jay Mullen, and Nancy McKeown, representing the University of Oregon.

Test Score Reports of Merit Program Mailed

Evanston, Ill.—The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has announced that it has completed the mailing of test score reports measuring the educational development of 478,000 students to 14,400 public, private and parochial high schools throughout the U. S. and possessions.

The examination, called the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, was given April 29 to nearly a half million youngsters, about 31 per cent of all students who will be seniors this fall. It is believed to be the largest number of students ever given the same test on a single day. The three-hour battery of tests was devised, graded, and reported by Chicago's Science Research Associates, a national educational testing organization.

About Oct. 1, the top scoring 10,000 students will be chosen and notified that they are semifinalists in the competition. The highest scorers in each state are chosen, with each state's quota dependent on its population.

The semifinalists will take a second examination in December to further substantiate their high ability before being named finalists. Finalists will compete for at least 735 four-year college scholarships with stipends ranging from \$100 to \$1,500 a year, depending upon individual need. Colleges will benefit as well, receiving unrestricted grants to help them in educating Merit Scholars.

Besides the Merit Scholarships, hundreds of other scholarships are given to the high scoring students by colleges, universities, and other scholarship-awarding agencies. The total estimated value of awards is about \$5 million.

Canning Exhibit Gets Red Ribbon at Fair A canning exhibit displayed by Linda Cornutt of Gold Hill at the Oregon State Fair in Salem received a red ribbon, according to fair officials.

Laura May Noble, Eagle Point, received a red ribbon for her entry in the 4-H photography contest at the State fair.

Learn how to rake up your Fall bills into one bundle... Success of Atlas Said Step Forward Cape Canaveral, Fla.—UPI—The intercontinental Atlas that shot "right down the rifle barrel" has put the Air Force another step ahead in development of the massive missile which is scheduled for a full, 5,500-mile flight soon.

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The Medical Roundup

by Walter Alvarez

Emeritus Consultant in Medicine, Mayo Foundation Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Mayo Foundation

The New Oral Medicine For Diabetes Dr. Rachmiel Levine of Chicago recently discussed the present status of the remedy for diabetes that is now being taken by mouth. After reviewing the results obtained in the cases of 7,147 patients, he said the "side reaction" have been mild. In only 2.8 per cent of cases have there been serious complications, usually an eruption in the skin. A few persons had trouble with their stomach. Only 0.18 per cent had trouble with their blood, and this is the important point.

It seems now that the drug works by stimulating lazy beta cells in the pancreas to produce more insulin. That is why the drug does not work in children; in their cases the beta cells are underdeveloped or have been destroyed by the disease. Some men are asking what will be the long-term effects of the drug on the beta cells. No one knows. We do know, however, that in perhaps one in 11 cases, after some months of using the drug, the person's beta cells refuse any longer to be stimulated, and then insulin may have to be taken.

Some 75 per cent of those persons whose diabetes shows up after the age of 40, can be helped by the new drug. As Dr. Levine says, many of them could get by well enough with diet. Many should stop eating so much, and should reduce their weight by 20 or 30 pounds. He thinks this would be the best thing they could do. They really do not need a drug but they prefer the medicine to the diet.

All diabetics who are now on the new drug, should know how to use insulin, in case they should suddenly run into a crisis, not controllable by their pills. What physicians hope is that now, with the knowledge gained with the help of the new type of drug, more and better medicines for diabetes will be found.

Sexual Mix-Ups in Children Occasionally I hear growls from people who resent the columns in which, as a physician who looks at the problem from a medical point of view, I ask for mercy for the girl who, because of a slight congenital malformation of her body, and the resultant mistake by the doctor who brought her into the world, was brought up as a boy—a "boy" who kept protesting all the time that something was very wrong. Good people seem to think that any discussion of these very distressing mix-ups is "dirty," and every so often, our courts show their dislike for these

unhappy persons, so gyped by nature, by sending them to state's prison. Now, I read a very important paper by Drs. Lawson Wilkins, H. W. Jones, Jr., G. H. Holman and R. S. Stempfel, Jr., of Johns Hopkins University Hospital, who report that they are now seeing an abnormally large number of cases of pseudo-hermaphroditism in which an infant girl looks so much like a boy sexually that a mistake could easily be made.

The difficulty is that new and very powerful anti-ovarian drugs are now coming on the market, and these are being given to women, just pregnant, who look as if they might miscarry. The anti-ovarian drug goes through the woman's body and into her baby's body, where it causes its sexual organs to be partly those of a female and partly those of a male.

Similar effects have been produced in animals by giving them hormones, and they are sometimes observed in a "free martin" which is a female calf born with a male twin. In this case the male hormone from the twin messes up the growth of the sexual organs of the female

calves, so that she is born sterile and "intersexual." The doctors from Baltimore say that in cases of doubt the child should be raised as a girl. Also, they advise doctors not to give the powerful progesterones (anti-ovarian hormones) or androsterones (male hormones) to a mother in the first 16 weeks of her infant's development, before the sexual organs are well differentiated. B.C.G. Vaccine

Against Tuberculosis Many years ago two able research workers named Calmette and Guerin devised a vaccine made from a live but weakened culture of bovine tubercle bacilli, to protect infants from tuberculosis. It has been tried out extensively in many parts of the world, but in spite of many favorable reports, most health officers have looked on it with doubt and some fear. They have feared that in some cases it might give the vaccinated child tuberculosis.

Recently three investigators studied the results of vaccinating 1,500 children of American Indians. Another 1,500 were left unvaccinated to serve as "controls." Now, 20 years later, the unvaccinated are found to have had 68 deaths from tuberculosis as against only 13 deaths in the vaccinated group.

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. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1958)

Townsend Named to Hatfield Committee

Keegan Townsend, 2912 Backshot rd., Medford, and president of the Jackson County Allied Veterans Council, has been appointed chairman of the "Veterans for Hatfield" committee. Mrs. Frank Bash, county chairman of the Hatfield for Governor committee, has announced.

Mark Hatfield, Republican candidate for governor, conferred with Townsend earlier this month, and was taken on a tour of the Veterans administration Domiciliary at Camp White.

Townsend is district commander of the American Legion and is employed in the Mail Tribune advertising department.

Arabian camels are thought to have originated in Mongolia.

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Oregon Holiday Drivers Cautioned

Salem — UPI — Oregon's Labor Day holiday will begin with more than 50 deaths already reported during August, the Department of Motor Vehicles said today.

This is the highest death toll of any month so far this year. Drivers were reminded to be especially careful during the early evening hours to night and again en route home Monday night. These are the crucial hours in any holiday, the officers said.

State police planned to cancel all days off over the week end in order to have more officers on the highways to deal with expected heavy traffic.

The governor pointed out that last year's Labor Day toll of 7 fatalities and 290 injuries in 461 accidents made the late summer holiday period the most deadly of the three summer holiday periods.

Meanwhile, in Chicago, the National Safety Council predicted that 420 persons will lose their lives in traffic accidents during the three-day holiday.

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