They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Back Stairs: Pipeline Relays Stories

By MERRIMAN SMITH
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Augusta, Ga. –(UPI)– Backstairs at the White House:

From the hallowed locker room of the Augusta National Golf Club where President Eisenhower has been playing of late, a secret pipeline relayed two stories the members are telling.

One concerns a duffer who somehow achieved membership in the President's club. The tyro of the tee smacked a long wood shot that hooked terribly over the club fence into a residential driveway. The ball struck a man squarely on the forehead and he dropped stone dead.

The duffer saw what he'd done, grabbed up his clubs and fled back to the member's quarters where he cowered in his bedroom. A few hours later, there was a knock on the door.

A man in a tweed suit produced a badge.

Extends Clasped Hands

"Murphy of homicide. We've determined that you're the golfer who hit that awful hook. It hit a man in the head and killed him. What do you have to say for yourself?"

The duffer thought for a moment, then extended his clasped hands, waving them back and forth.

"I believe," he said, "if I change my grip just a little bit like this, by golly, I'll cure that hook."

Second story concerns another new member of the National. He was on the first tee alone and took a vicious cut at the ball, completely missing it. An assistant pro spotted him and walked out.

"May I interrupt?" the pro inquired politely. "I may be able to help you. Your swing simply must be corrected because as it is now, the swing is, if you'll pardon me, unspeakable, and with your friends here, certainly you'll want to take some strokes off your score."

The lonely duffer thanked the pro rather diffidently, advising him to save his feelings of concern for others.

"You see," explained the golfer, "there are several reasons why your advice will do little good.

"In the first place, I'm new here. Not a soul will even speak to me, much less play with me.

"And besides, I lie four strokes right now."

Then there's the totally unconfirmed rumor that the Gettysburg Country Club is planning to put skid chains and a snow plow on the President's golf cart so he can play there during the winter.

Gout Linked

The kind people who recently sent the president a bountiful supply of western pheasant would shudder to see a copy of a private medical report recently circulated by a large pharmaceutical firm.

The report says that the heaviest incidence of gout in this country occurs in areas where pheasant are more plentiful and where the local hunters eat pheasant in volume during the season.

The same company, by happen-stance, produces a medicine to relieve gout.

Skin Divers To Seek Submarine Off Oregon Coast

Salem–(UPI)–A group of local skin divers plans to search the Pacific ocean off Seaside for a Japanese submarine they believe may have been sunk during World War II.

The Salem Aqua Lung Club says the exploration will be "just for fun" without expectation of gain. Members plan, if they find a submarine, to use cutting torches to see what is inside.

Although the 13th Naval district in Seattle has reported it is not aware of any such wreck, aqua-lung divers claim they have seen a submarine-like object in shallow water at low tide.

The local group has about 20 members and was formed this year. More than half of the members are policemen or firement.

The instructor is Dave Scott, former Los Angeles salvage diver. Ross Cruzen is president and the vice president is Gerald Hall.

The only report of a Japanese submarie being off that area during World War II was in June of 1952 when shells were fired at Fort Stevens. The submarine is believed to have escaped.

Hall said the club has purchased an $800 air compressor for the expedition. Plans calls for the dive to take place sometime this month when tides are low and the water calm.

It is believed by local club members the submarine may be in about 40 to 50 feet of water at low tide.

Red Movie Moguls Turn Press Meeting Into Babble Session

By VERNON SCOTT
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Hollywood–(UPI) – If Soviet summit meetings are anything like Russian press conferences it's no wonder the international situation is suffering from the bends.

This week a junketing delegation of 21 Red movie moguls and two actresses visited Hollywood to get the lay of glamourland. But they were more interested in Disneyland than movieland.

Still, they agreed to a press conference—astensibly to exchange information about Russian and Hollywood films.

But first they had to hold a private conclave to determine what they'd talk about. Hollywood's press corps cooled its heels while the Russians yakked it over. Occasionally a Russian head poked out of the door, shouted something in Russian and retreated.

Finally the press was ushered into a room thick with smoke from American-made cigarettes where reporters were greeted with owlish suspicion.

Seated around a giant oval table, the visitors looked more like a bunch of farm-machinery salesman than bigshot movie-makers.

Explosive Babble

A travel-bureau translater explained we could ask any questions we desired, and that they would answer as best they were able.

First question "Why are you in Hollywood?"

This set off an explosive babble during which every Russian discussed the knotty query with his neighbor. Finally, director Sergi Iutkevich who proved most talkative, answered solemnly, "We are tourists."

His fellow-travelers nodded approval, though none spoke English.

Next they were asked who was the favorite American performer in Russia. It was a bombshell. They shouted 21 different names, which shrank to only two within a few minutes. Spokesmen Iutkevich made it clear that Henry Fonda, indeed, was the Russian favorite.

But one of the acrtresses, an elderly Bette Davis type, held out for Katherine Hepburn until one of her associates convinced her she meant Audrey Hepburn. Once this was settled, Iutkevich said, "Henry Fonda and Audrey Hepburn," which cheered the actress considerably.

"What percentage of the 120 films you produce yearly have a political theme?" was the next question.

Lordy, you'd have thought they'd been asked for the Russian H-bombs secrets.

Russians Lose Interest

Half the Russians left their chairs to discuss this one. The translator looked pained and resentful.

Again, Iutkevich came to the rescue.

"Every picture made in every country has some political theme. It is a matter of degree," he said, in the Russian equivalent to "no comment."

Obviously by now the Russians had lost interest in the conference. They began talking to one another in loud voices, paying not the slightest heed to further questions.

In the ensuing confusion Audrey Hepburn's name was heard several times, but nobody paid much attention.

At last the translator thanked the press and we filed out along with the Russians, one of whom stopped on the sidewalk to give a Russian postcard to a 10-year-old boy.

"It ain't autographed," the youngster complained.

Motorists Urged To Carry Chains

Salem–(UPI)–The State Highway department reported mountain pass highways bare of snow today but showers were falling in many areas and motorists traveling mountain routes should carry chains.

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Family Council

Mrs. M.R. — The whole town is talking about Lydia.

Lydia R. — They ought to trust me.

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Mrs. M.R.—I recently learned through an anonymous letter that the whole town is talking about my 16-year-old daughter, Lydia.

When I went to make enquiries I found it was true—that everyone was talking. But Lydia claims it is an ugly rumor spread by one boy whose advances she repulsed.

My husband and I do not know what to make of it. Lydia has always been a well-behaved girl. The boys she went out with seemed nice and with only a few exceptions she kept the deadline we gave her for her return home. She has cried and cried and sworn that the whole thing is a lie, but my husband feels that where there is smoke there is fire. I am heartbroken over this.

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Lydia R.—It is very unfair that I should have to suffer just because some cad was so furious that he did not have his own way. Plenty of girls who have done the talking did things I wouldn't dream of doing.

I feel that my parents ought to trust me and stand by me. Instead they have been worse than anybody. They have gone around digging for more dirt and embarressed me so much I can't hold up my head any longer.

The worst part of it is, that as a result of all this, nobody will go out with me. I'll never be able to go out with the nicer boys and girls in our town. And I honestly don't want to go out with the others. I feel like running away or killing myself.

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The Council—A grave injustice has been done Lydia—whether or not there was any truth in the original story about her reputation. They have aided and abetted in the destruction of her reputation. They have also destroyed her faith and trust in them.

The vicious anonymous letter should never have seen the light. If the M.R.'s had any doubts about their daughter's behavior they should have watched her discreetly or talked to her in a general way about her attitudes and about her friendships. She should never have been forced to defend herself against such a foul attack.

Our sympathy is 100 per cent on Lydia's side, but we feel that it is only right to point to one loophole in her story. It is unusual for a "whole town" to credit the word of a cad. A well-behaved girl usually establishes the kind of reputation that is not easily smeared. She does not have to worry about the vicious gossips.

However, there are nasty individuals in every community and we believe that they can make a fairly smoky situation—even when there is no fire.

A great deal of damage has been done here. A first step in repairing it would be for the M.R.'s is to acknowledge they have been wrong and to apologize to Lydia. A second step would be for them to let "the whole town" know that they have faith in their daughter and contempt for the vicious gossips who have tried to smear her. The third step is a private family affair. The should see that Lydia is well-armed with the information and moral values that will steer her in the right direction.

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Veteran Pendleton Teacher Succumbs

Pendleton – (UPI) – Florence Sweet, 65, English teacher in the Pendleton school system since 1930 and head of the award winning Pendleton Lantern school paper, died at St. Anthony's hospital late Sunday.

Cause of death was given as a heart attack.

Miss Sweet had been head of the Lantern since 1932. During that time the paper had won national recognition and many state and national awards for high school journalism.

Above Normal Rainfall Indicated

Washington–(UPI)–The Weather Bureau's 30 day forecast for December:

Temperatures to average below seasonal normals over the northern half of the nation from the Continental Divide eastward to Atlantic Seaboard. Above normal temperautes are indicated for the California coast and Florida. In other areas about normal temperatures for the season are in prospect.

Precipitation is expected to exceed normal along the Gulf and Atlantic coast over the northern plains and along the West coast. Over the northern half of the nation much of the precipitation will be in the form of snow. Subnormal amounts are expected in the southern plateau, the southern Rocky Mountain states, and the central plains. Otherwise near normal precipitation is indicated.

Yoncalla Student 4-H Club Winner

Chicago –(UPI)– Gale Briner, 18-year-old Oregon State College freshman of Yoncalla, is an Oregon national winner at the 37th national 4-H Club Congress here.

She was among 200 members to receive national awards at the Congress attended by 1,350 delegates from the 49 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Miss Briner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Briner, has spent nine years in club work. During that time she has completed 26 projects and held the offices of president, vice president and secretary.

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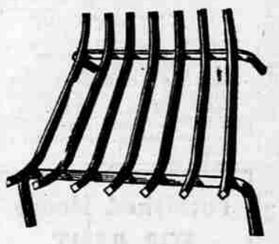
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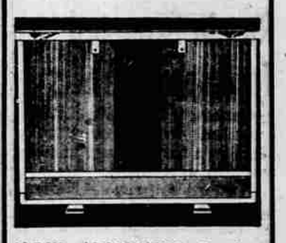
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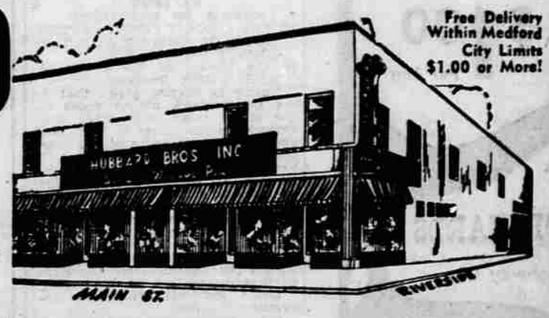

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