



STRIKING GUILDSMAN, A. Wesley Barthelme Jr. (L), president of the Washington Newspaper Guild, pushes pressman David S. Boswell to the ground as the latter attempted to cross strike picket line at Star. Policemen arrested Barthelme.

Crazy Navy Dictionary Loaded With Words Like Utnotreq, Herdesfltsurg

Washington—(UPI)—The Navy has just published a crazy, mixed-up dictionary loaded with words like Utnotreq, Whap and Herdesfltsurg.

If those don't throw you, how about Cruinop, Desigdisbagent, Furordmod, Pernogra and Trafolpers?

These and many more like them are listed in a 22-page dictionary recently sent to all ships and stations by the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

They are abbreviations of phrases and sentences used in messages for transfer and assignment of personnel. The idea is to make the messages shorter.

They may seem strange to a civilian reader, but Rear Adm. James R. Lee, Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel, said to the Naval eye their meaning is "self-evident, unequivocal and universally known."

Definitions That may be subject to debate. But there's no question that the abbreviations save space. Take "Utnotreq," for example. It is defined as follows:

"While performing this duty, the utilization of government facilities is not required, as it is considered such utilization would adversely affect the performance of the assigned duty."

The abbreviation "Whap" obviously means "where and when applicable."

Decoding of "Herdesfltsurg" gives this definition:

"Hereby designated as a student naval flight surgeon and detailed to duty in a flying status involving operational or training flights, effective upon reporting to the Chief of Naval Air Basic Training in compliance with these orders."

Other Abbreviations

The other abbreviations cited above mean as follows:

Cruinop—Naval recruiting station and office of Naval officer procurement.

Desigdisbagent—Hereby designated as special disbursing agent.

Furordmod—Orders further modified.

Pernogra—Permission not granted.

Trafolpers—Transfer following enlisted personnel.

About the only word in the entire dictionary which re-

sembles something you might have learned along with the three R's is "Hums."

It doesn't mean a noise made by a bee in flight. In navy personnel lingo, it is defined as "humanitarian reasons." Lee said in a letter forwarding the revised dic-

tionary to all ships and stations that they should use the abbreviations in personnel messages "to the maximum extent possible." He made one exception, however — "when the need for clarity is an overriding consideration."

That figures.

Is That So?

By OLGA BURNS

The chances are that the turkey is descended from the Mexican birds our Puritan forefathers brought with them from England.

Here's why. Well within 50 years of the time the Pilgrims landed in 1620, any Puritan who wanted a turkey for Thanksgiving couldn't easily find a wild one without going

into hostile Indian country. The big birds had been abundant, but our ancestors had killed them off fast, right from the start.

However, domesticated turkeys had been common in England for a good 70 years before the Pilgrims came, and so our ancestors simply imported them and started raising their own. They were so common, in fact, that by 1555 they were among the cheaper items on London menus.

Basically, that was because of Cortez and his conquest of Mexico. When the Spaniards saw the Aztecs had vast flocks of domesticated turkeys, they immediately began shipping them to Spain and Spanish traders promptly sold them to the French, English, Dutch and Italians.

But if the Aztecs could domesticate turkeys, why didn't the Puritans? The reason is there wasn't time. Mexican turkeys had a long heritage of domestication, but North American turkeys hadn't. Many northern Indians had no use for the birds except for their feathers. The Apaches, for example, wouldn't eat them on a bet. As for the New England Indians, they preferred fish.

However, there is some northern turkey blood in the farm-raised turkeys of today. Our ancestors saw they were bigger than the Mexican type, and so they let domesticated hen turkeys run loose to mate with wild gobblers and thus improve the size of their stock.

Various Explanations As to why a turkey is called a turkey, there are various explanations, most of which make very little sense. One thing certain is it wasn't due to the Turks having a hand in selling or transporting turkeys. The Turks and West Europeans were at constant war throughout the 1500s.

Quite likely the word comes from the Hebrew word for peacock, "tukki." The Spaniards thought turkeys

were a form of peacock — peafowl, rather — and called them that. The name "pavo" stuck so hard that the Spanish name for peacock today is "pavo real" or real peacock.

And since Jews were in the poultry business in England in the 1500s, having been driven out of Spain a few years before, it is quite likely the English began calling the birds "tukkis." If so, the strange orthography of the time would quickly convert that into turkey.

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Sweet Home Man's Case Postponed

Portland—(UPI)—The Post Office Department has indefinitely postponed any action against Kenneth White after he agreed to change advertisements of his Geiger counters.

White, owner of White's Electronics at Sweet Home, agreed not to represent the instruments as being "accurately and effectively used for prospecting for gold, oil, gas, diamonds, water or rare earth materials."

The post office had sought a fraud order which would have resulted in his incoming mail being returned with the stamp, "This firm is fraudulent."

White made the promise to change the advertising at a recess during a hearing Friday conducted by Edwin Carlick, Washington, D.C., a post office examiner.

Camp Fire Girls

Election Held

The fifth grade Camp Fire Girls students of Hoover and Roosevelt elementary schools met at the home of their guardian, Mrs. Carl E. Wemberly Jr., and held an election of new officers Dec. 3.

The officers are: president, Carolyn Wimberly; vice president, Rena Brew; secretary, Marolyn Lea; treasurer, Sara Jo Diment; and scribe, Jill Christensen.

SHADY COVE-TRAIL New Directors Elected

By EVALYN P. WATSON
Shady Cove-Trail — In the election held Monday, Dec. 1, at the fire hall, two new directors for the Shady Cove Rural Fire Protection district were voted into office.

Elected for the five year period was Del Logan, while Bert Conner will serve the one year term of office.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelley of Shady Cove were dinner guests Thanksgiving day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Spain. They had Thanksgiving supper with Mrs. Kelley's niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gebhard, Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fagalde of Shady Cove spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Stone in Medford. Another guest present was Mrs. Fagalde's cousin, Mrs. Kay Kohler of Medford.

Mrs. Kohler, who formerly lived at Shady Cove, is moving to Los Angeles where she will live with her sister, Mrs. William Bushnell. Several of her children live near there.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rogers of Elk creek, Trail, had all of their children home to spend Thanksgiving. Arlene Rogers was home from Milo academy at Canyonville and Bob Rogers was home from Pacific Union college at St. Helena.

Also coming from St. Helena were their oldest son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rogers and Mrs. Eugene Rogers, brother, John Yeoman, of Paradise, Calif.

Billy Pfeifer of Shady Cove, John Rodgers of Prospect, Dick Wilson of Trail and Bruce Burns of Phoenix, Ore., were accepted as members in the Central Point chapter of the DeMolay Sunday, Nov. 23.

Newcomers to Shady Cove are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Townzen, from Long Beach, Calif., who are living at the Shady Cove motel. Townzen is employed by the bureau of public roads. Mrs. Townzen, who is a rock hound, has been collecting a lot of rock in the area and plans to do some rock hunting in the vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sattler and daughter, Ila, of the Busy Beaver motel, Shady Cove, were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huffman of Eagle Point.

The Shady Cove Garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. Scott Brill of Trail on Monday, Dec. 8. There will be a Christmas present exchange with each member bringing one dozen of her favorite holiday cookies. Mrs. William Shepherd will give the first lesson on "Color." Co-hostesses will be Mrs. A. Myklebust and Mrs. Bob Chamberlain of Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Eastgate of Medford were hosts for a Thanksgiving dinner for members of their family. Relatives attending were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Eastgate and baby son, Brad Lee, of Beaverton, Ore.; their son, Jerry Eastgate and Miss Linda Lauderette of Portland, both students at Oregon State college, who were home for the holidays; their son, Ronny Eastgate, who was home on leave from the USNCT at San Diego; Pfc. and Mrs. William Littlefield, who have just returned from Camp Irwin, Calif., and Mrs. Eastgate's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Littlefield of Shady Cove.

Ronny Eastgate will leave for Norfolk, Va., Dec. 8. Pfc. William Littlefield will leave for Ft. Dix, N.J., on his way to Germany Dec. 10. Mrs. Littlefield plans to join her husband as soon as he is located in Europe. The Eastgates are former residents of Shady Cove, with all three boys being graduates of the Shady Cove grammar school.

The Elk Creek Wranglers, a dance band composed of Chuck and Mona Brewer of Shady Cove, Polk Smith of Eagle Point and Ersal Myers of Trail, will play for a dance at the Elk Creek Country Playhouse on Saturday evening, Dec. 13.

Admission is 90 cents for adults, 50 cents for high school students and younger. On Saturday, Dec. 20, at

the Oasis dance hall in Eagle Point the Wranglers will play for the Eagle Point Fireman's ball. Admission will be by donation.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Ed Leaming of Shady Cove upon the death of his brother, Frank Collier Leaming, of Central Point. He was killed Saturday evening, Nov. 29, in a two-car accident at the Eagle Point junction.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Conger-Morris mortuary.

Word has been received from Mrs. Scottie Parrick of Lucerne, Calif., that her husband, Scottie, is now under treatment at the VA hospital, 13th and Harrison sts., Oakland, Calif.

Both of the Parricks had gone to Lucerne so that they could receive medical treatment and Scottie suffered an attack, necessitating his going into the hospital for attention. He would appreciate hearing from his friends in the area. The Parricks have their home at Trail and are only spending the winter in Lucerne.

Mrs. Roosevelt Likes Humphrey For President

Washington—(UPI)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt summed up her opinion of three possible Democratic presidential candidates Sunday and Sen. Hubert Humphrey (Minn.) came out best.

Here is how the widow of the late President Roosevelt rated the possible candidates: Humphrey — He "comes closest," to having the spark of greatness needed in the White House.

Sen. John K. Kennedy (D-Mass.) — He understands courage, but "does not have the independence to have it."

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Adlai Stevenson — The "best we could have," but his defeats as the 1952 and 1956 Presidential candidate hurt his chances of receiving the nomination a third time.

Mrs. Roosevelt said that she has not decided which of the other potential nominees has the "spark of greatness" that the next president must possess to solve the difficult problems facing the nation.

But she said when asked specifically about Humphrey that he "comes closest to it." He said that in Humphrey's recent conversations with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, Khrushchev recognized Humphrey as "potential power."

Has Alert Mind

She said Khrushchev also realized that Humphrey had an "alert mind that was willing to be as tough as he is."

She was asked who she would support in a 1960 presidential race between Kennedy and Gov.-elect Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York.

"I would hope that problem did not come up," she replied.

She added she did not believe that Rockefeller wanted the GOP nomination. Moreover, she said it has been promised to Vice President Richard M. Nixon by the "reactionary Republicans."

Yule Season Good For Counterfeiters

Washington—(UPI)—A warning from the U. S. Secret Service during this happy Yuletide season: Keep a sharp eye out for counterfeit money.

Secret Service Chief U. E. Baughman said Christmas time is a lush season for counterfeiters.

He said they are "quick to take advantage of Christmas shopping rush, with its crowded stores and extra help."

He offered this practical advice for shoppers who suspect they have received phony bills:

"Hold the note, try to delay the passer and telephone the police. If the passer leaves, write down his description and license number of his car . . . and also note descriptions of any accomplices."

Woman Injured In Auto Mishap

Mrs. William G. Holmes, 38, of 2439 Howard ave., was reported in good condition at the Osteopathic hospital Monday following an automobile accident on Highway 99 Sunday at 11:10 p.m.

Mrs. Holmes, who was alone in her automobile at the time of the incident, was reported to have suffered head injuries and bruises.

According to Talent city police the Holmes vehicle was parked off the highway due to a flat tire. Mrs. Holmes had just returned to her car after making a telephone call when her vehicle was struck by an automobile operated by Charles Lowell Sorensen, 155

Tillamook—(UPI)—O. T. Hutchison, 49, Beaverton, was rescued Sunday after his car plunged down a bank to the edge of the Wilson river and he was swept about 100 feet downstream.

Eighth st., Ashland. Police said that the Sorensen vehicle was southbound at the time of the accident.

Talent police are still investigating the accident.

Cairo—(UPI)—Radio Baghdad said Monday the Iraqi government had smashed a plot to overthrow the regime of Premier Karim Kassem.

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Washington—(UPI)—There were 2,684,000 farms in the United States with telephone service in 1957, according to the Agriculture Department's crop reporting board. This represents an increase of 70 per cent since 1940, 24 per cent since 1950, and 6 per cent since 1955.

Rio de Janeiro now contains about 2,700,000 persons.