

# Somebody Looking Out for People, Eleazer Writes

By FRANK ELEAZER  
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Washington—(UPI)—Fortunately for us ordinary folks there is always somebody here looking out for our interests. Testifying in our behalf this week before a Senate Commerce subcommittee were:

1. Organized new car dealers, who want to save us from so much threesome shopping around when we get ready to trade.

2. The Federal Trade Commission, which contends we like shopping around, especially when it can save us some money.

It seems that in the competitive auto market since 1953 car buyers have been putting in more and more time hunting for bargains as dealers roamed further and wider in their search for prospects.

So now the National Automobile Dealers Association (though not all of its members) wants Congress to pass a law under which each dealer could enjoy protected sales rights for his make of car in his own franchise area.

A Better Deal?  
Of course you still could drive over to the next county to buy your new set of tailfins, but the outside dealer in whatever make you selected would have to cough up a \$150 or \$200 penalty to the dealer in your own home town.

"It's for the benefit of the buyer," said Sen. Roman L. Hruska (R-Neb.), sponsor of one of several differing bills on the subject. "It's to improve the deal he gets."

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# Fire Chiefs Pick Eugene Man To Head Association

Eugene—(UPI)—E. L. Smith, Eugene fire chief and former president of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association Tuesday, was elected president of the Eugene Fire Chiefs Association.

The association is jointly holding its convention in Eugene with the Oregon Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Oregon Rural Protection Districts Association.

Smith succeeds Clarence Owen of Seaside as president. George C. Kirby, Roseburg, was elected president of the Volunteers and Hal G. Moore of the Illinois Valley Fire Department was elected president of the Rural Fire Protection group.

About 600 firefighters and their wives attended the three-day session which ends today.

Other Officers  
Besides Smith other officers elected by the Fire Chiefs were Ted Miller, Four Corners, as first vice president, and Vern Carlson, Bend, second vice president. Harry Krieger of Springfield was re-named secretary and Ivan Pearson of McMinnville was re-elected treasurer.

The Volunteer Fireman's Association elected Henry Lowry of Willakenzie as first vice president and Jim Hall of Coos Bay as second vice president. Richard McKee of Four Corners was re-elected treasurer and Al Knapp of Springfield was re-named as a trustee.

Merle B. Gwynn was elected first vice president of the rural fire group and other officers elected were Glenn E. Leninger of Parkrose, second vice president, and Mrs. Norman H. Pfeiffer of Eugene as secretary-treasurer.

Portland Dentists Victims of Holdup  
Portland—(UPI)—Two gunmen robbed a dentist's office of \$728 and a \$150 watch across from Portland's east precinct police headquarters Tuesday afternoon.

The robbers got away in a green and white car with a Washington state license plate.

The robbery occurred in the offices of Drs. M. B. Rogaway and T. C. Turpin. A nurse, Mrs. Louise Hall, said the men walked in about 4 p.m. and ordered treatment for a toothache.

After being taken to a back room, one pulled out a gun and forced the nurse and two dentists to hand over their money and the watch. The bandits also got \$58 from a cash drawer and \$40 from Thomas J. Brown, whose wife was a patient at the office.

Marilyn Monroe in 'Splendid Condition'  
New York—(UPI)—Marilyn Monroe was reported in "splendid condition" today at Lenox Hill hospital where she underwent gynecological surgery Tuesday morning.

The beautiful blonde's husband, playwright Arthur Miller, said he expected she would go home on Friday.

Damage Suit Filed In Circuit Court  
Thelma L. Sutherland, of 1924 Barnett rd., Medford, is seeking \$30,000 in damages from Frances Baron, of 1880 Barnett rd., Medford, on charges of slander, according to a complaint filed in Jackson county circuit court.

Mrs. Sutherland is seeking \$10,000 in general damages, \$10,000 in special damages and \$10,000 in punitive damages.

Mrs. Sutherland charges that a number of statements were made which were malicious and false with the "intent to defame plaintiff's good character." Such statements caused Mrs. Sutherland's husband to become distrustful of her and has disrupted her home, Mrs. Sutherland charged in her complaint.

Bomb Scare Delays Airline Passengers  
Los Angeles—(UPI)—A bomb scare delayed 107 passengers bound from Los Angeles to New York in a Boeing 707 jet last night.

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# Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF  
SHORTLY AFTER he moved out of the White House, Calvin Coolidge sought rest and recreation at a famous resort hotel. He was pleased with the service and surroundings, but appalled by the bill at the end of his first week.

Seeking the cashier for an explanation of some items on the bill, he recalled some unmailed letters in his pocket. "I'll need some two-cent stamps," he told the cashier's assistant. "Sure thing, Mr. President," said the clerk cheerily. "How many do you want?"



"That depends," said Mr. Coolidge cautiously, "on what you charge for them here."

George De Witt explains the difference between an after-dinner speaker and a toastmaster: "An after-dinner speaker makes a speech when there's half a grapefruit on the table, whereas a toastmaster won't orate unless the half grapefruit has a maraschino cherry in the center."

In the Day's News  
By FRANK JENKINS  
I suppose you followed, at least to some extent, the ruckus over the appointment of Lewis L. Strauss (formerly a member of the Atomic Energy Commission) to be secretary of commerce in President Eisenhower's cabinet.

Why the battle?  
I wouldn't know. But Strauss leans toward the conservative side. He doesn't believe much in extending the role of government in business. He believes in less government in business, rather than more government in business.

Medford Youths Elected to Posts  
Several Medford boys were among those who attended Beaver Boys State last week in Corvallis who were elected to various city, county and state offices.

The boys returned Saturday after attending the event at Oregon State college which included a trip to Salem Friday when state officers were installed at ceremonies in the House of representatives at the state capitol.

Douglas Kliever, Crater Lion's club, received the highest score on the civil service test administered at the meeting. Second highest score in the state was received by Booth Deakins, Fluhrer bakery.

Boys elected to offices and their sponsors include Jere Randolph, St. Mary's Parents club, city mayor, county commissioner and secretary of state; Dan Sieg, Kiwanis club, state representative; Pat McLaughlin, Nye and Naumes, city councilman and athletic director, justice of peace, and state police superintendent; Thomas Tomjack, Knights of Columbus, city treasurer and county commissioner; and Ray Konopasek, Electricians union and Phillip Humphreys, Robert Dames, both state police officers.

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A search by police failed to turn up a bomb, and the passengers were put on another jet for New York.

THE chief of the U.S. forest service (Richard E. McArdle) told delegates to the Citizens' conference on Northwest Forest Resources at Reed college in Portland the other evening that he is opposed to turning large additional areas into single-use wilderness areas.

He added: "The forest service is FOR a certain amount of wilderness and intends to preserve its (existing) wilderness areas . . . But there is a question of balance. The national forests can't absorb all the pressure for more timber, although we have doubled the cut and tripled the volume sold since 1950. . . We must not overcut the national forests. Allowable cut is a ceiling, not a floor, and we will continue to practice sustained yield."

WHAT he means is that if the national forests are to go on trying to meet the demands of the existing (and growing) lumber and fiber industries for timber and at the same time are to be compelled by legislation to set apart large additional areas as WILDERNESSES, in which NO industrial development will be permitted, there will be trouble.

There will be trouble because if that happens there will be a DROP in the earning power of people living in the regions that depend on the national forests for timber enough to keep in production the industries that use timber as raw material to keep their plants in operation.

At the same conference, George Henderson, vice-president of the First National Bank of Oregon, told his hearers that three out of each ten persons in the Pacific Northwest owe their livelihood to the wood products industry.

ONE more word about wilderness areas. If we maintain them, I hope we maintain them as WILDERNESSES, pure and simple. No roads. Either roads constructed by the national forests or half roads, half trails permitted to be pioneered by jeeps or other rugged vehicles.

Just TRAILS.  
Trails to be used by wilderness lovers who are devoted enough to the wilderness to be willing to negotiate it with back packs or saddle and pack outfits.

And—  
No landings by amphibious planes on its lakes or by puddle-jumper planes on its open spaces.

Just pure WILDERNESS.  
IF THAT is done, our existing wilderness areas will be ample to meet the demands made upon them.

# 'Vicious' Prisoner Named Ringleader Of Springfield Riot

Springfield, Mo.—(UPI)—Earl C. Taylor, 31, described as "one of the most vicious prisoners in the entire federal prison system," was identified today as the principal leader in Tuesday's riot at the U. S. Prison Medical Center here.

Bryand D. Reed, 24-year-old murderer, and Carl Roberts, 19, were named as the other ringleaders in the riot, quelled after 16 hours by a bulldozer and tear gas attack which freed the five hostages.

Taylor, serving a nine year term for possession of fire arms in violation of federal statutes, assault, escape and theft, received a fractured right hand in hand to hand combat with one of the hostages, Robert Rosendahl, 38.

Rosendahl suffered a severe laceration of the scalp but was reported in satisfactory condition today at Burge hospital in Springfield.

Estimates of the number of persons injured ranged from several to about 50. The blood-spattered interior of the north 10 building bore testimony to the violence of the assault. Great quantities of blood stained the floors, walls, and broken furnishings.

Ike's Request To Abolish Interest Ceiling Rejected  
Washington—(UPI)—The Democratic chieftains of the House have turned thumbs down on President Eisenhower's request to abolish the interest rate ceiling on government bonds.

The House Ways and Means committee planned to call Treasury Secretary Robert B. Anderson to a closed-door session today to ask for some alternate proposal.

Democratic members of the committee rejected Eisenhower's request at a secret caucus Tuesday. Speaker Sam Rayburn and House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack were reported to have attended the huddle. The decision was disclosed today.

The Democrats decided that the President's proposal was not acceptable. Since they could not agree on their own plan, they felt the next move was up to the administration.

Other congressional news: States Rights: The House progressed toward a showdown on a controversial states rights bill. Backers predicted it would be approved without change. Opponents planned to try to cut out the key provision which would prevent a federal statute from nullifying a similar state law unless Congress agreed or there was an irreconcilable conflict.

Lobbying: Sen. William E. Proxmire (D-Wis.) proposed that President Eisenhower's congressional "lobbyists" be reduced from seven to two. He urged that the salaries of five liaison men be cut from a \$13,568,500 general money bill. His move was not expected to win approval.

Medical Care: The House Ways and Means Committee announced it would hold five days of hearings starting July 13 on a labor-backed bill to provide medical care for persons 65 and older. The program would be financed by heavier social security taxes on workers and their employers. The American Medical Association considers the plan "socialized medicine."

Bremerton Dance Pavilion Destroyed  
Bremerton—(UPI)—Fire of undetermined origin Tuesday destroyed the Perl Mauer dance pavilion on the outskirts of the west city limits.

Damage was estimated at between \$60,000 and \$70,000. The 25-year-old wooden frame structure was virtually leveled by the blaze within 20 minutes.

WHAT'S NEW IN GOLF  
Highland Park, Ill.—(UPI)—The Sunset Valley Golf course opened today with girl "caddyettes" as well as the more usual boy caddies. They also set some rules: The caddyettes may not wear shorts or halters; no girl may caddy for a lone male golfer.

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