

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

McTAVISH Sanderson and McSwervin were hauled into court on charges of being drunk and disorderly. "All right," said the judge sternly, "Where's the third man?" "What third man, your honor?" asked the arresting officer.

The judge explained impatiently, the one who paid for the liquor, of course.



Paradise, noted a preacher one Sunday morning, is many things to many people.

To Bernard Shaw it is "A place where there are no third-class carriages and one soul is as good as another."

To Edward Fitzgerald it is a wilderness—"a book of verses underneath the bough, a jug of wine, a loaf of bread—and thou."

To William Blake, "mutual forgiveness of each vice—such as the gates of Paradise."

To Thomas Moore, "the heaven of each is but what each desires."

And to Emily Dickinson, "Eden is that old-fashioned house we dwell in every day, without suspecting our abode until we drive away."

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

For people who are willing to undergo the agonies involved in doing a little serious and constructive thinking, there's an interesting story in the news.

It concerns the politicians (especially the Republican politicians) and Vice President Nixon, who at the moment looks like a shoo-in for the GOP nomination for President.

Some of these politicians, the story says, are saying that Nixon "ought to identify himself as something of a liberal" IN ORDER TO WIN THE PRESIDENCY OVER A DEMOCRAT.

A question: WHAT DOES NIXON BELIEVE?

My personal opinion is whatever he BELIEVES IN is what he ought to STAND FOR. William Shakespeare, who lived and wrote some 400 years ago, put it about as well as it can be put when in Hamlet he causes Polonius to say to Laertes:

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Central Point Man Is Commander Of Local Group

George M. Herbstruth, route 2, box 646C, Central Point, was elected commander of Medford barracks, Veterans of World War I, at a meeting at the Girls Community club last week.

Other officers include William A. Hastain, senior vice commander; Thomas L. Edsall, junior vice commander; Francis B. Oris, chaplain; Pat Graham, quartermaster; Alvin C. Lucas, judge advocate; and Thomas B. Lynch, trustee.

District Commander Sandy Smith attended on his inspection tour. He was accompanied by Elmer E. Curry, commander-elect of Grants Pass barracks, and Charles A. Kretschmer, quartermaster of the Grants Pass unit.

Auxiliary Officers Mrs. Shelia Hale was elected president of the ladies auxiliary. Other auxiliary officers elected include Mrs. G. M. Herbstruth, senior vice president; Mrs. Wilbur Culp, junior vice president; Mrs. Doris Gunn, chaplain; Mrs. W. A. Hastain, treasurer; and Mrs. Thomas L. Edsall, secretary.

Retiring president, Mrs. Alvin C. Lucas, was elected trustee.

Mrs. A. F. Johnson was elected guard, and Mrs. T. B. Lynch, conductor.

Installation of officers will be held Jan. 20 in the Girls Community club with Mr. and

Library Survey Shows Book Types

Central Point—Books most frequently checked out of the Central Point Elementary and Junior High school library indicate a strong preference for adventure and animal stories, George Johns, principal, has announced.

Johns said a survey of the number and type of books most often checked out was completed recently.

Girls stories and revisions of the classics ranked high as favorites, he noted. Johns added that about 300 books are checked out daily at the library.

Mrs. Helen Caster is librarian, and receives assistance from members of the school library club, who card and shelve books, assist students in locating books, and run errands.

Johns said students in all grades are encouraged to use the library as a center for both research and recreational reading. The total number of volumes exceeds 6,000.

Mrs. Lee Turner as installing officers.

Bert Rostell of the Medford 20-30 club presented a film on the March of Dimes, and four girls in western style clothes "raided" the meeting with proceeds going to the March of Dimes. Previously, the "raid" was reported as occurring at a Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting.

Study to Control Mosquitoes On Log Ponds Is Outlined

Portland—Plans for a four-year study of new methods of controlling mosquitoes which live in and around Oregon log ponds were outlined last week by the state board of health.

The 16-phase project will explore the feasibility of several control techniques reportedly never before used in Oregon, including one to cover ponds with a thin chemical shield to trap hatching insects.

Dr. Richard H. Wilcox, who will become state health officer next week, said recent studies by Colorado state college have shown that mixtures of hexadecanol and octadecanol, normally used to retard evaporation from reservoirs, have ensnared and killed aquatic insects such as Mayflies and are considered promising as a mosquito control weapon.

The compounds form a thin film on water surfaces which is immediately replenished, whenever broken, from supplies of the flaked chemicals stored in floating baskets.

Grange News

Roxy Ann Grange
Roxy Ann Grange will meet Friday, Jan. 15, with the lecturer's program being presented by the Henry Moellers about their trip to Europe.

Members who had birthdays during the last six months of 1959 are asked to bring birthday cakes for the party.

The study project will be conducted by state health board staff members and is being financed jointly by the health board and the National Institutes of Health, a branch of the public health service.

Dr. Wilcox said the federal government has already allotted \$19,170 for the first year's study and has tentatively promised a like amount for each of the next three years.

Study findings will be distributed to all lumbering communities throughout the nation which use log ponds, he said.

Fresh Wood Wastes
One phase of the project will investigate the possibility that mosquitoes can be controlled by heavily saturating log ponds with fresh wood wastes or other materials.

The connection between pollution and mosquito control was discovered somewhat by accident after insect specialists had noticed that long-term residual type insecticides frequently disappeared overnight after being sprayed on log ponds, apparently being neutralized by some chemical in the logs.

It was then found that some log ponds seemed to attract only mosquitoes which don't attack humans. This occurred, the health board discovered, whether the ponds had been sprayed or not. Invariably, however, these ponds were or recently had been full of logs, although a pond could be full

of logs and still be swarming with millions of viciously-biting mosquitoes.

Stimulate Research
The key which stimulated additional research was the discovery that only those ponds heavily polluted from fresh logs are free of mosquitoes which attack humans.

The health board specialists already knew that the fresh wood, and pulp waste liquors, contain some element which repels the pests, just as it neutralizes the insecticides. It is hoped the mystery element will be isolated during the research project. All work, they emphasize, will be conducted in cooperation with the state sanitary authority to prevent pollution of streams adjacent to log ponds.

Another phase of the study will determine the feasibility of planting log ponds with types of minnows which live near the surface and are able to withstand silt and wood chemicals. If the minnows can survive, they would feed on mosquito larva and thus control much of the problem.

If the health board research is successful, it could prove a major break-through in the Oregon battle against mosquitoes. Most communities in the state, Dr. Wilcox said, have at least one log pond in or near heavily populated areas. Up to now, the problem has been virtually uncontrollable, and has been so severe that mill production has been cut drastically for short periods, and outdoor

living at nearby homes has been next to impossible.

There are about 33 known varieties of mosquitoes in Oregon which bite humans, and some can carry such dread diseases as malaria and encephalitis, although neither disease has been a major problem here during recent years. If the program is successful, these varieties would be forced out of the log ponds and probably would die off, unless humans provided other attractive breeding grounds such as improperly irrigated land, open refuse dumps, outdoor bird baths or general yard litter which would hold water.

Only the female mosquito

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attacks warm-blooded animals, and the blood meal is used in the production of eggs. A female lives about three weeks and can produce several batches of eggs during her short life span, Dr. Wilcox said.

With several hundred eggs to a single laying, he pointed out, an area can swarm with millions of mosquitoes after only a few days of favorable weather.

The Oregon study will be conducted by LaVerne S. Miller, health board mosquito control supervisor, and Robert A. McHugh.

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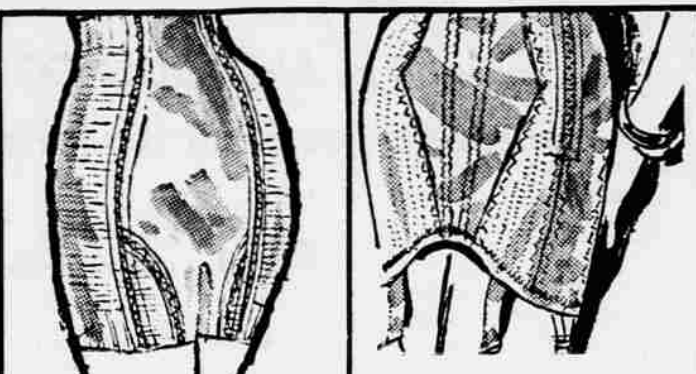
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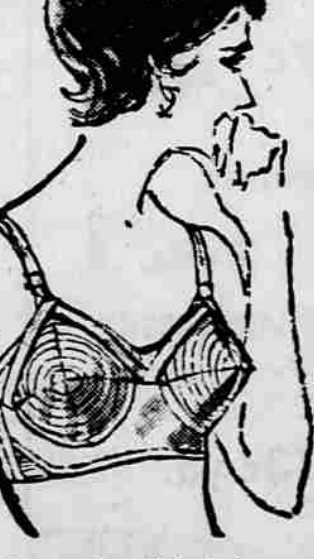
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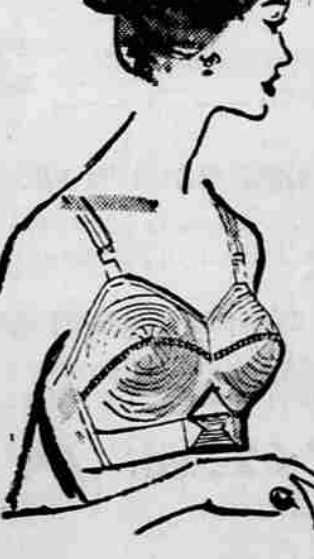
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12 High Schools Invited to Meet

Ashland - Twelve Oregon high schools have been invited to the 12th annual high school speech conference at Southern Oregon college Jan. 29-30, according to Leon C. Mulling, founder of the conference and associate professor of speech at SOC.

Schools invited are Ashland, Crater, South Eugene, Eagle Point, Grants Pass, Illinois Valley, Klamath Falls, Medford, North Bend, Phoenix, Roseburg and Talent.

Mulling urged that participating schools send in their entry blanks as soon as possible in order that speaking events could be scheduled, judging assignments made and programs prepared.

Judges, Mulling added, will be chosen from the ranks of qualified townspeople and SOC faculty members who are interested in the subject.

Ashland Fire Report Shows One Death

Ashland - One person died and three were injured in fires here in 1959, according to the annual report completed last week by Ashland Fire Chief Charles Davis.

The department answered 259 alarms, nine of them false, the report continued, made 554 inspections, issued 967 burning permits and removed 169 fire hazards during the past year.

A breakdown of the fire alarms answered included dwellings, 30; flue, 61; business, 10; trash and grass, 41; industrial, 5; apartments, 5; and miscellaneous, which includes smoke scares and gasoline spills, 99.

The emergency resuscitator was used in seven cases, Davis' report stated.