

**In the Days News**  
By FRANK JENKINS

A thought: Assuming that capital punishment is a grim and awful thing (which it is)— Assuming (as on the long record of history we are entitled to assume) that the death penalty doesn't prevent crime— Assuming that capital punishment is on its way out in the modern world—

**WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH PEOPLE LIKE THE PENNSYLVANIA MANIAC WHO WENT ON THE LOOSE WITH HIS HIGH-POWERED RIFLE AND SHOT DOWN HUMAN BEINGS RIGHT AND LEFT AS HE WOULD HAVE SHOT RABBITS?**

WHAT do we do when a mad dog is loose in the neighborhood? Do we call the Humane Society and have the rabid animal confined in the pound? Or do we put it out of the way?

THESE are grim questions. They deal with a grim subject. But they deserve some thought.

ENOUGH of that. Let's get back to Brazil—which is much in the news in these days.

GEORGE MIMNAUGH, Oregon director of the savings bonds division of the U.S. Treasury Department, was returning a few days ago from a meeting in Washington. He was traveling by train, and in the lounge car he fell into conversation with an American who is in business in Brazil in a large enough way to have some 1700 people working under him.

The conversation came around to the cost of living, and this gentleman said to Mr. Mimnaugh:

"In 1958 in Brazil the cost of living increased 22 per cent over 1957."

"The official figures for 1959 had not been compiled when I left, but the general estimate among informed people in late December was that in Brazil the cost of living in 1959 rose 50 per cent over the 22 per cent it had risen in 1958."

HE then asked: "What's the prime interest rate in the U.S. now?"—meaning by that the interest rate on prime securities, what is called "prime paper" in New York.

Mr. Mimnaugh answered: "3 per cent."

"Hmmm," his companion said, "in Brazil our firm has a small line of credit remaining on which it pays 12 PER CENT interest. The rest of its business borrowing is being done at the rate of 30 PER CENT."

MR MIMNAUGH shrugged. His companion grinned and added:

"I was in China at the peak of the Chinese inflation, and I saw speculators pay 60 per cent interest for the USE OF MONEY FOR ONE DAY. How could they do it? They'd buy a piece of property for \$25,000 in the morning and sell it before noon for \$50,000."

"That's what runaway inflation does when it gets loose."

IT can't happen here? I suppose not. But this conversation indicates that it's beginning to happen in Brazil.

HOW did Brazil get that way? ITS GOVERNMENT SPENT TOO MUCH MONEY WITHOUT COLLECTING ENOUGH IN TAXES TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. That's the long and the short of it.

**New Registrars Named in County**

Four new registrars to register Jackson county residents have been announced by County Clerk E. M. Madden. Margaret McGinty, 103 King st.; Clarence H. Redmond, route 4, box 393, Medford; and Walter L. Townsend, Camp White, will register persons at the Democratic headquarters, 232 West Fifth st.

Mrs. Frank (Kathleen) Bash will register persons at 1325 Bundy st., Medford.

A total of 73 registrars have been certified by the local elections department, Madden said.

**HOW CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALS**

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**Try and Stop Me**  
By BENNETT CERF

HOLLYWOOD OLD-TIMERS recall a night when those two brilliant but recalcitrant old sinners, John Barrymore and Gene Fowler, were dining together at the Brown Derby. Barrymore was coughing incessantly. "Jack," Fowler finally told him, "there are two kinds of cough: a hang-over cough, and the one you haven't got."



Former Vice President John Garner of Uvalde, Tex., when past 80, admitted he no longer could see well enough to do any shooting on a hunt. "No, I can't see well enough to shoot," he would assure guests when he called for them at the airport, "so I just do the driving."

Frank Sullivan once asked a Texas host the size of his ranch. "No matter what you figure," the genial host assured him, "my place is just four times as big!"

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**The Medical Roundup**  
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**Paternity Suits**

I am happy to see that the Pennsylvania Superior Court recently ruled that a defendant in a paternity suit is entitled to a new trial if the jury ignored the blood-grouping tests, which can tell definitely that he couldn't be the father of the child. Unfortunately, the tests cannot prove that he was the father of a certain child; they tell only that he could or could not have been. It is to be hoped that more and more courts will accept the reports of the able laboratory workers who can now supply this very definite information. I recently read a report of an expert on these paternity suits who said that a considerable percentage of men are now paying for the support of a child who certainly is not theirs. They either did not contest the suit, or they lost out in court.

**The Child Who Doesn't Walk Right**

In the proceedings of the staff meetings of The Mayo Clinic (Dec. 9), there is a group of articles by several experts on what can be wrong with a child who doesn't walk right. Sometimes the child

keeps stumbling and falling down, or he may be awkward, or he may have a stiff walk, or weak legs, or "poor tracking", or he will not be able to keep up with other children, or with his parents. As the several experts said, such a child should be studied by a neurologist to see if he has some rare disease of the nerves or brain or muscles.

The trouble may be due to something wrong in the cerebellum—a special part of the brain which has much to do with maintaining body balance. Rarely, the child will be found to be poisoned a bit by some drug that he is taking regularly, or he may have a neuritis, or multiple sclerosis, or perhaps a form of hysteria. I remember a distinguished orthopedist who told me that every so often he would see a child whose limp was psychic in origin.

Dr. Alvarez' booklet on blood pressure may be obtained by sending 25 cents and a large, stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1960)

Portland - (UPI) - The annual brotherhood award of B'nai B'rith has been given to former Gov. Charles Sprague here.

**Strokes to Be Program Subject**

"What is the difference between a stroke and a heart attack?"

This and other questions concerning "strokes" will be answered by a medical panel on "Adventures in Medicine," the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association sponsored television program, at 1:30 p.m. o'clock this afternoon over station KBES-TV.

It will be the first in a series of Sunday afternoon presentations, according to Mrs. C. Ivan Burton, association television chairman, the program having been viewed for the past several months on alternate Mondays.

Appearing on today's panel will be Dr. John L. Welch and Dr. Ray L. Casterline, specialists in diagnosis and internal medicine, and Dr. Henry E. Storino, neurosurgeon. The physicians will describe the most common types of strokes and their causes, and explain modern methods of diagnosis and treatment. Plates, sketches, and x-rays will be shown in illustrating various phases of the discussion.

The topic of "strokes" was chosen for National Heart Sunday, Mrs. Burton said, because strokes, while frequently being confused with heart attacks, are also the result of blood vessel disease and as such are included in the field of interest of the American Heart association.

**Small Worlds Around Us**  
By Lynn M. Watkins



To The Oyster A Pearl is a Pain  
No oyster relishes the idea of growing a pearl. If this bivalve had its way there never would be such a beautiful thing as a "precious pearl."

The pearl is a very uncomfortable experience to the mollusk. It is a "cross" some unfortunate oysters have to bear and the poor thing has to die in order to lose it, for once a pearl is started it always remains an irritation and a burden. To the oyster that is "stuck with it" the pearl is a pain in the neck, to a creature that really has no neck.

Nearly all the precious stones or gems that mankind prizes so highly for adornment are geologic in origin. They have been created by the pressures of great masses of weight over long periods of time, plus actions of water and gases.

The pearl, however, is biological or what could almost be considered to be chemical. The pearl is the result of an

imal secretions; a secretion brought about by the animal's body to combat an irritant which is foreign to the flesh.

**Real Beginning**  
This irritant, the real beginning in the development of a pearl, can be of various kinds. Most are the result of the egg-laying habits of some parasitic marine worms. These worms puncture the flesh of the mollusk and lay one or more eggs in the wound. If the body of the oyster cannot throw off or otherwise rid itself of the egg it does the next best thing, it attempts to cover up the foreign object with a secretion which, upon hardening, becomes a material called "nacre."

The marine worm that deposits the egg, spends different stages of its life in the bodies of various animals. Some of the adult worms are found in sharks. And wherever sharks are in abundant supply, there in the same locality are usually found the most pearls in the nearby oysters.

Pearls that are sometimes found in the bodies of fresh water mollusks probably

have parasitic worms whose life cycle makes it necessary for it to pass some stage of its development in another animal.

A tiny grain of sand or any other irritant imbedded in the tissue of a living mollusk does the same thing. It becomes coated, over and over, with thin layers of nacre and may eventually develop into a pearl. All genuine pearls are "laminated." They are all composed of thin layers of nacre, each layer flowed atop the nucleus, until the object reaches a size which will destroy the host that "fathered it."

**Follow Shape**  
The better pearls, the perfectly round or oval ones, would of necessity have had to begin with a perfectly round or oval irritant. If the object was elongated or angular the resultant pearl would be the same shape. Pearls are always the same color and luster as the owner's shell. The more beautiful the shell's interior, the more beautiful will be the pearl that grows therein.

The so-called "blister-pearls" are usually the result of a hard foreign body or irritant coming to rest between the mantle, which is the soft part of the mollusk, and the inside of the shell. As the nacre covers the object, it also becomes "fixed" or attached to the shell.

These, the so-called "blister-pearls" have little or no value. It is the "free floating" pearl—the one in the mantle

itself, that can become the pearl for which men have been known to kill in order to possess; or the lady to wear as a precious jewel. And all because an oyster

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**Area Drivers Get Licenses Suspended**

Salem—The department of motor vehicles has released names of 419 drivers whose licenses were ordered suspended during the period beginning Feb. 15 and ending Feb. 18.

Length of suspension varies, depending on charges involved, recommendation of court, discretionary action by the department or requirements of Oregon law. The department said some of the licenses involving court recommendations may have been reinstated after suspension was ordered.

The department warned drivers that the penalty for driving while suspended is a jail sentence of no less than two days and up to six months, and there may be imposed a fine up to \$500. Under licensing procedures, this will also result in an additional year of suspension.

Among those suspended in Jackson county were:

- Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor - (Mandatory suspension)  
Henry Fredrick Hertager, 45, of post office box 171, Eagle Point, 90 days.
- Sibyl Rodgers Jacobs, 51, of 1240 North Riverside ave., Medford, 90 days.
- Hewitt Edward Parrish, 66, of Camp White, 90 days.
- Discretionary action of department  
Ernest Alonzo Parker, 83, of 507 North Main st., Phoenix, failure to appear for required tests, 1 year.

**Chile Union Not To Welcome Ike**

Santiago, Chile - (UPI) - The Communist-controlled Cut Union Federation says Chilean workers will not welcome President Eisenhower to this country, but it has not called specifically for hostile demonstrations.

"There are contradictions between Eisenhower's formal statements about good neighborliness and his administration's imperialist economic policy toward Chile," the Cut said in a statement.

The federation assailed U.S. policy in Cuba and demanded independence for Puerto Rico. Eisenhower arrives here Monday.

**Strong Market for Green Fir Reported**

Portland - (UPI) - A strong market for most items of green fir dimension despite slow Midwest buying was reported Friday by Crow's Lumber Market News Service.

Volume of orders in both rail and cargo increased sharply in the week ending Feb. 20, Crow's reported.

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