

Jaycee President To Speak Tonight

Orval W. Corbett Jr., Burns, Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce president, will speak at a dinner at Kim's restaurant at 7 o'clock this evening, Medford Jaycee President Larry Allen has announced.

Corbett will discuss the importance of the Jaycee movement in giving leadership training to a community's young men.

Also planning to attend will be Jack Spindle, Jaycee national director from Roseburg, Glenn Nelson, state vice president from Eagle Point and Jaycees from Eagle Point, Central Point and Ashland as well as Medford.

Tidewater Dealers Plan Meeting Here

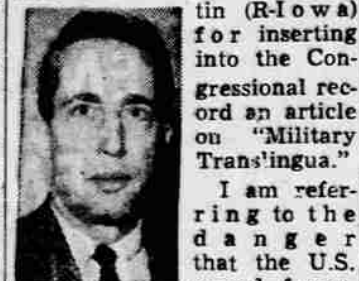
Tidewater Oil company dealers and distributors for Jackson, Josephine and Lake counties will be honored at a dinner Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at the Medford hotel, according to W. J. Jacobson, Medford, area supervisor.

Two representatives from the company's Los Angeles home office will attend as well as W. C. Groppenbacher, retail sales supervisor, and G. A. Hill, Oregon district manager, both Portland.

The sales objectives and advertising program for 1960 for the company will be outlined.

'By the Numbers!'—West Sees Capitol Potentialities

By DICK WEST
Washington—(UPI)—I think the nation owes a debt of gratitude to Sen. Thomas E. Martin (R-Iowa) for inserting into the Congressional record an article on "Military Translingua."



I am referring to the danger that the U.S. armed forces, following the example being set by their leaders in the Pentagon, will destroy the English language. They already have made a big dent in it.

"Translingua," which is being developed at the University of Iowa, may prevent this catastrophe. It would provide the military with a numerical vocabulary in which words would be replaced by numbers.

Would Eliminate Translation
Its purpose would be to enable allied military commanders who don't speak the same language to communicate with each other without having to translate.

For example, the following Translingua message might come in from the battlefield: "18.201 - 1.778.5 - 19,500.5 - 1.432.18-212-5.628."

A West German general commanding one end of the line would immediately know that "Der feind griff die stadt uberraschend van suden an." (note: If the German quote

doesn't read right, it's not my fault. My typewriter can't make umlauts).
At the same time, an American commander at the other end of the line would know that "The enemy attacked the city surprisingly from the south."

At this point, somebody presumably would put together a set of Translingua numbers meaning "retreat!"

Suggests Congressional Use
This is all very well, but I have in mind an even better use for Translingua. Under my plan, it would be used by the Pentagon to communicate with Congress. Specifically, it would enable defense officials to testify before congressional committees without reducing basic English to semantical shambles.

Suppose a certain missile were being redesigned to make it more sturdy. The Pentagon witness would no longer have to say that the missile was being "phased in for ruggedization." He could merely say "7.312:4.1.162" give or take a couple of decimal points—and everyone would understand.

Nor would he have to say that a certain company was getting 10 per cent of a defense contract "moneysave and aircraftwise." Something like "5.777-7.4-11-41" would suffice.

As you can see, Translingua can rescue the mother tongue from being "undefinitized," "deobligated" "encapsulated" and otherwise ground down by Pentagon patois.

So get your gobbledygooking hands off our language, boys, and say it by the numbers.

Rep. Powell Tax Evasion Hearing Gets Under Way

New York—(UPI)—Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.) and his wife, pianist Hazel Scott, have been pictured as a family with two homes, three cars and an income in 1951 of \$70,000 but paying only \$1,000 in income taxes.

The government will begin its case to prove tax evasion charges against Powell today in U. S. District Court. Powell is on trial on three counts of income tax evasion.

Goes Beyond Charges
Morton S. Robson, chief assistant United States attorney, went far beyond the charges outlined in the indictment of Powell yesterday in his opening statements.

Powell specifically is accused of evading \$3,063 in taxes on income of \$160,000 for 1951 and 1952. Powell and his wife in joint and separate returns paid \$1,700 during the two years.

Aided by Secretary
But Robson said he would prove frauds of "far greater magnitude" than those charged.

Powell, a Democratic leader in Harlem and pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church was aided in preparing his tax returns by his secretary, Hattie Dodson, who was convicted in 1956 of tax evasion. She was sentenced to a seven month jail term.

Washington Laws On Marriage Rapped by Judge

Portland—(UPI)—Circuit Judge Virgil Langtry Wednesday blasted the marriage laws of the state of Washington in a decision involving the divorce of a young couple.

Four children were involved in the marriage and Judge Langtry temporarily resolved the strife by granting a divorce to the husband giving him custody of the youngest child who was offered for adoption by the mother and the mother the custody of the other three children.

Easily Thwarted Laws
Judge Langtry said the parties were married when the mother was 16 and the father 18 against the wishes of their parents.

He said they found the easy "and easily thwarted marriage laws of Washington" a convenience for consummating an unwise marriage.

He said that even though the parents opposed the marriage the children were able to get a friend to falsify a consent so the couple could get married in Washington.

"The dreary results of such action are commonplace in the divorce courts of Oregon," he said. "If these people had had an opportunity to mature as they should have, they could probably have found stable marriages and a good life, which in large measure are now foreclosed to them and perhaps even to their children."

Short Succeeds Agriculture Head

Salem—The retirement of Oregon Agriculture Director Frank McKennon and the appointment of James F. Short, Salem, to succeed him was announced Wednesday.

McKennon, 70, a Democrat, has been director since Jan. 12, 1959. The retirement is effective April 1.

Short, 57, a Republican, is a former state director of agriculture, serving under the late former Gov. Paul Peterson in 1954.

Of McKennon, Gov. Mark Hatfield said "his has been a most able administration and I appreciate his taking on the heavy burdens particularly at a time so near his own retirement."

Hatfield said he was delighted that Short "has responded to a call to return to the department he headed several years ago."

NOTED PIANIST DIES

Boston—(UPI)—Mrs. Mary Potvin Betz, 97, noted 19th Century pianist who had performed before such figures as Queen Victoria, U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant and John D. Rockefeller, died Wednesday.

Scolding Mother Slain by Son

Anaheim, Calif.—(UPI)—A 31-year-old man told police he shot and killed his widowed mother "because she scolded me."

Rufus Gordon, a former state mental hospital inmate, admitted he fatally wounded Mrs. Maggie Mae Holyoke, 57, as she fled yesterday from their home. Gordon told police he fired four shots from a .38-caliber revolver at her when she jumped from a window of their home and a fifth shot point-blank into the back of her head when she stumbled and fell.

Gordon was booked on suspicion of murder. He was Mrs. Holyoke's son by a previous marriage.

Fairview Home Escapees Nabbed

Salem—(UPI)—Five inmates of the Fairview home security unit here who escaped through a laundry chute Wednesday were taken into custody later in the day.

Four of them were apprehended after about an hour's freedom southeast of Salem. The fifth man was caught near the city near the intersection of the Santiam junction and Salem bypass.

SPAAK'S MOTHER DIES

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SNOW SCULPTURE—Recent heavy snows in the midwest rather late in the season inspired snow sculptress Jerrie White, a high school senior at Belleville, Ill., to direct her handiwork toward thoughts of Easter.

Finch-Tregoff Jury Delay Gives Rise To Rumors

Los Angeles—(UPI)—The Finch-Tregoff murder trial jury remained out for the sixth day today to deliberate the life or death fate of the accused couple.

It was obvious the panel of seven women and five men was finding it difficult to agree on the guilt or innocence of Dr. R. Bernard Finch, 42, and his red-haired paramour Carole Tregoff, 23.

Stories Considered
The conflicting stories told by the defense and the prosecution about the gunshot slaying of the handsome physician's wife, Barbara Jean, 33, last July 18 were being given time-consuming consideration by the jurors.

The tense hours of waiting while the jury deliberates have given rise to scores of rumors around the court newsroom concerning the progress of the jurors' discussions.

One New York newspaperwoman said the jury was divided with 10 voting for second degree murder and 2 for first degree murder against Finch. But a defense attorney said it was his opinion the vote was just the opposite—10 for conviction of first degree murder and 2 for second.

11 Said for Conviction
A Los Angeles newspaper reported 11 of the jurors were for convicting Finch and were being blocked by a lone juror. The one dissenting juror was responsible for causing the court to spend two days in reading Finch's testimony shortly after getting the case last Friday, reported the paper.

In short, there was considerable speculation about what was happening in the jury room and the consensus was that no one knows for sure.

Simpson Trial Date Set April 19

San Francisco—(UPI)—The anti-trust suit filed by the Federal Trade Commission against Simpson Timber Company will go to trial on April 19, according to Examiner Walter Johnson.

He said the trial would be held in both San Francisco and Eureka, where a large number of government witnesses are located. The announcement came after a two-day pre-trial conference.

The government filed the suit on grounds that Simpson's acquisition of the M & M Woodworking Company of Portland, Ore., was detrimental to competition.

It charged the purchase of M & M's 10 woodworking plants eliminated an independent competitor and one possible market for other lumber producers.

Nilsen Files for Demo Convention

Salem—(UPI)—Oregon Labor Commissioner Norman O. Nilsen filed Wednesday as a candidate for at large delegate to the Democratic national convention. He heads the Oregon campaign for Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) for president.

Other filings: Paul Fillingier, Portland Republican, for state representative, 7th district, west sub-district.

E. L. Mikesell, Grants Pass Republican, Josephine county district attorney.

Warren Albright, Madras Republican, Jefferson county district attorney.

Herman Oliver, John Day, delegate to the GOP national convention.

Damage Suit Filed In Circuit Court

Robert E. Nail, 5701 South Pacific highway, is seeking \$70,000 in general damages from G. LeRoy Bous, 122 North First St., Talent, as a result of an accident on Highway 99, a mile north of Phoenix, Jan. 17, 1959, according to a complaint in Jackson county circuit court.

Nail alleges he was seriously injured when his pickup truck and a vehicle driven by Straus collided.

Special damages covering his medical and hospital expenses are to be figured out later, according to the complaint. To date these expenses amount to about \$1,000, Nail charges. Also, he estimates he has lost about \$8,000 in wages and income to date and will lose more in the future.

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Lyons, France—(UPI)—Police here. Twelve persons were injured, four of them seriously, in the accident Wednesday. Police said expert sabotage caused it.

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