

Applying Questions Register Contest

Portland—UPI—State Democratic Chairman Robert Straub said Thursday there wasn't anything wrong with a contest to get voters of his party to register.

Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. asked Straub for more information about the contest which has two round-trip flights to the Democratic national convention as first prize.

Appling said that it seemed to him from the Democratic announcement that it was the canvassers who would do the registering. This, said Appling, isn't legal. Official registrars must register voters, he pointed out.

But Straub said the party workers would not do the registering, only inform and advise persons who are not registered where to do so.

School News

McLoughlin Junior High

Special subject tests were given at McLoughlin this week. Department tests will be given Tuesday and Wednesday with report cards issued April 6.

The varsity band will sponsor a dance Friday evening. Tickets will be on sale this week.

On April 1 at 10 a.m. in the boys' gym Torch Honor will hold installation ceremonies for student, now eligible for membership based on first semester grades and other qualifications.

Students to be inducted from the ninth grade are Martha Graham, Howard Haugen, Robbie Hoag, Judy Hueters, Larry Sander and Larry Smith. Eighth grade inductees will be Gayle Offenbacher, Linda Taylor and Marilyn Watkins.

Seventh graders who met all the qualifications are Mary Bannister, Sharon Bross, Douglas Eakin, Patricia Glathar, Susan Gordon, Betty Lou Hatch, Ann Jensen, Stephen Lamb, Carole Leon, Victor Snyder, Catherine Watson, Douglas Wolf and Rhoda Work.

Besides maintaining a 3.5 grade average, the students must be outstanding in leadership, character, service and citizenship. Parents of the new inductees are invited to attend the installation.

Seventh grade girls are signing up for the badminton tournament to get under way soon. Tournament games will be played during seventh period and after school in the girls' gym.

Hedrick Junior High

Students from the Hedrick band and orchestra are participating in the solo and ensemble contest being held at Medford High school.

Mrs. Mary Anne Smith, Mrs. Naomi Van Dyke, William Ruck, and Robert Semen, high school counselors, registered ninth graders for their sophomore years on Tuesday and Friday.

This week marks the end of the third nine week period. Exams are scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Report cards will be sent home next week.

The Elk's circus will be in the Hedrick gym Monday, March 28. The show promises to provide good circus entertainment. There will be a matinee and evening performance.

Cadet teachers for the spring quarter at Hedrick are: Ralph Sieger with Ray Graves, Bob Alley with Don Ferguson, James Shrum with Tom Colley, Lance Locke with Mrs. Vida McCarley, and Mr. Olson with Mrs. Glorianna Littman.

The seventh grade assembly featuring a trip through space was presented Friday. Among the acts were "The Chipmunk Song," John Ed's magic, the Charleston, "Everybody Loves a Lover," and seventh grade girl's ensemble. Master of ceremonies was Fred Haupt.

Hedrick Future Homemaker of America will sponsor a "Fool's Flip" April 1 for all Hedrick Junior High students. A king and queen will be chosen from the class selling the most couple tickets. The class selling the next highest number of couple tickets will choose a prince and princess. The class with the least number of couples will choose the court jester.

Entertainment will be provided by the Shadows.

Eleanor Alfonso is general chairman for the dance and will serve as mistress of ceremonies.

Marriage Vows Can't Be Changed Because Of Deep-Hearted Belief in Ancient Lines

Strengthening Marriage

"I'll give them six months, maybe a year, before they break up," said an acquaintance at the wedding.

"They'll run into the realities of marriage like a stone wall—and then, poof, they'll be shopping for a quick divorce," said another.

And then the timeless cadence of the organ filled the air and in a moment, over a blessed hush, came the words, "... to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part ..."

Quite a contrast between what was being said in the pews and at the altar. But then there is a contrast, a harsh one, between the attitudes of a million and a half couples who promise their everlasting love in marriage ceremonies each year and about one-fourth that number who cast each other out in the divorce courts.

If we have come to accept marriage as a temporary arrangement, why don't we say so? Why don't we change the vow? Make it read, "... to love and to cherish for the time being," or "to live together until we get tired of each other," or "to sue each other, to accuse each other, to abandon each other if the

New Frontiers In Living

By Howard Whitman

going gets rough." We don't change the vow because, in our hearts, we still believe in the ideal which those ancient lines set forth. An aspiration toward a permanent love relationship between male and female is something which is built into us. We don't choose or reject it. It is there. This is how George Elliott Howard, author of "History of Matrimonial Institutions," defines marriage:

"A solemn contract between a man and woman, by which they are united for life. It has existed in all ages and probably in all nations. It is not the invention of legislators, but arose from the instincts and necessities of society, and its continuance has been provided for by the dictates of experience."

Marriage, as an institution, has not failed us. It is we, as a generation, who have failed marriage. We have been called "the gutless generation" because so many of us cannot stick to our promises, because we pledged eternal love one moment and walk out the next; we have lost the mean-

ing of loyalty; we are quitters. One judge in a divorce court commented, "Some people don't think much more of a divorce than of trading in an old car." Another remarked, "They're beginning to regard a marriage license as something you can just take down to City Hall and have cancelled."

Divorce Doesn't Help This is how it must seem to a judge who sees couples come before him in endless procession, 20 or 30 in one morning, reciting grievances which may range from a wife's complaint that her husband watches too much TV to a husband's objections to his wife's pet cat.

But beneath the court evidence, which often is surface-scratching and sometimes ridiculous, is the undeniable fact that a couple aren't getting along. So they want out. But will "out" help them face life any better in the future?"

Repeated studies show that people who have been divorced actually have a slimmer chance for happiness in subsequent re-marriage than they did before. Thomas P.

work at it very hard." "Is one possible without the other?" the wife replied. We Need Loyalty

We have made a great country not by shrinking from problems or quitting in the face of difficulty. Why have so many of us conked out on marriage? Have we dropped the word loyalty from our vocabularies or forgotten what it is to keep faith? Marriage is a promise, a vow, and a contract. How glibly we break it!

In business, contracts are held quite sacrosanct. We descend with the sanctions of the law upon contract breakers. Imagine the chaos in the business world if one contract out of four were broken—as in marriage.

With children we accept the permanence of parenthood. We can have difficulties with our children sometimes, we can be angry with them—even furious with them on occasion—but we do not cast them out. We do not divorce our children. Any one who abandoned his child would be at heart a blackguard and at law a criminal.

We have loyalty to our country. This, too, may at times involve sacrifice. But when the going gets rough we do not turn on our country. We do not divorce our country. For one who does we reserve the most contemptible word in our language: traitor.

A Challenge These are days when we call upon ourselves to toughen up, to relinquish some of the spoiledness and indulgence which has made us soft. A challenger has entered the ring of this world, flexing his muscles at us, threatening a knockout. And so we talk of toughening up in education, toughening up in production, toughening up in armaments. What good is it all if we don't toughen up, too, in human character?

Anthropologist Margaret Mead has asserted that "the most serious thing that is happening" in our western culture today "is that people enter marriage now with the

idea that it is terminable." While divorce once was looked upon as a most serious measure, to be considered only in the greatest emergency, it has now become accepted by many couples as an instrument of family policy.

Russia knows full well what national weakness this engenders. In the 1920s the Soviet had nothing but scorn for the sanctity of marriage. Permanent marriage was a bourgeois notion. Communists touted free love instead. Marriage was simply a matter of registration divorce a rubber-stamp routine and the family was an archaic convention to be supplanted by the communal custody of children.

They Changed Ideas Russia has changed. Today free love is heresy in the Soviet. Divorce is difficult. In addition to legal obstacles there are ideological ones; a divorce is enough to wreck a Russian's chances for advancement in the Communist Party. Public reprimands abound in the Soviet press. A leading athlete was chided by Soviet Sport. "Just because you are a champion in sport does not mean that you should desert a faithful wife."

This is Russian realism in a new sphere. Russia has learned, through its free love adventure, that the real strength of a nation is in its families. It is trying to catch

up to us—and overtake us in this, too. We have never abandoned, as Russia did, our belief in marriage and the family. But we have allowed it to sag. There is a new frontier for the free world in rebuilding happiness and for national well-being. Good homes, not broken homes, are the bed-

rock of a nation's strength and joy. **TOMORROW—FIRST AID FOR FAMILY LIFE** (Distributed by The Register and Tribune Syndicate) Debundscha, at the foot of the Cameron Mountains in Nigeria, is considered one of the wettest spots on earth with an average annual rainfall of 375 inches.

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MONDAY, MARCH 28

Afternoon 4 p.m.
Evening 8 p.m.

See—The ADAMS CHIMPANZES. No one can be sure what they will do next including Adams. See—The ESCALANTIE TROUPE do acrobatics on aerial bars that you have to see to believe. See—the CLOWNS as they provide side shaking laughter. See—UNCLE HEAVY'S TRAINED PIGS, the act they thought impossible to present.

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See The Ken Jensen ELKS CIRCUS at HEDRICK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Sonita and Tonya, performing elephants with the Ken Jensen Elks Circus enjoy a breather before their appearances here at A. H. Hedrick Jr. Hi Gym on Mon., March 28. Sonita and Tonya will appear at both the matinee at 4:00 and the evening show at 8:00 as will more than twenty other famous circus acts. Each performance of the Elks Circus runs two hours and a one-price-only policy will prevail with no reserved seats sold. Adult tickets are priced at \$1.50; students \$1.00; and children, 50¢; doors at each show will open one hour early to permit early arrivals a choice of seats.

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