

# Dick West Finds Bricklaying Contest Less Than Thrilling



Washington—For action-packed thrills that makes the spine tingle and bring a cheer to the throat, I wouldn't recommend a six-day bricklaying contest. Such an event is going on here at the AFL-CIO union industries show, and thinking I might be stirred by the classic struggle of man against mortar, I went out to watch the first heat.

Possibly a real dried-in-the-kiln fan of brick masonry could have found something to shout "ole!" about, but I doubt it. Any excitement that a bricklaying contest generates is pretty well confined to the bricklayers. As a spectator sport, it ranks somewhere between quilting bees and hourglass watching.

**Many Watch Contest**

Nevertheless, a goodly crowd was on hand for the start of the contest, which is being sponsored by the Bricklayers Union as a means of selecting the 1960 "apprentice of the year."

As some other exhibits in the show, union-made articles were being given away to spectators and I suspect this partly accounted for the turnout at the bricklaying contest.

As I was being elbowed aside by a couple of women carrying shopping bags, I heard one of them ask: "What do they give you here, a brick wall?"



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I don't know how those ladies figured on getting brick walls into their shopping bags but I expect they would have managed it somehow.

More than 40 apprentice bricklayers from all over the country are competing for \$300 in prize money and various other emoluments that accrue to contest winners.

Twice daily, six of them take positions at a brick pile and, at a signal from the judges, begin erecting things as called for in the contest blueprints. This goes on for six days.

**Has "Early Foot"**

I don't know a thing about handicapping bricklayers, but if there had been a bookmaker handy I would have put my money on No. 6, a tall, dark-haired young man from New Haven, Conn. As the racing writers say, he had good "early foot."

While the other contestants were taking preliminary measurements and drawing lines on the floor, No. 6 simply slapped down some mortar and began laying on the bricks. He was well ahead of the field when I returned from the scene to inspect some of the other exhibits.

When I returned, drops of perspiration were cascading off No. 6's nose and he was tearing down part of his hand.

## Urology Institute Set May 18 at RC Building Here

An institute on urology will be held in Medford Wednesday, May 18, at the Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne ave., sponsored by the general duty nurses of the Oregon Nurses association, District 4.

Four physicians will serve on a panel and discuss the medical, surgical and nursing care of the urological patient. A registered nurse will serve as moderator.

Panel members and their topics will include Dr. Laurel G. Case, urology in general practice and obstetrics; Dr. William J. Miller, urologic problems in pediatrics; Dr. Florain J. Shasky, urology, and Dr. Martin L. Vorheis, the role of the internist in management of the pre- and post-operative urological patient.

Mrs. Jane Anders, R.N., will speak on nursing care of the urology patient.

All nurses, practical nurses, nurses aides, office assistants and anyone working in the medical fields are invited to attend.

The institute will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. A fee will be charged for non-association members. Chairman of the event is Miss Loretto Costello assisted by Mrs. Joan Jensen, Ashland, and Mrs. Christine Bates.

Buenos Aires has five subways.

**Washington Report**

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## State Seeking Two Prison Stewards

The Oregon state civil service commission has announced recruitment for two prison stewards. Vacancies now exist at the state penitentiary and at the correctional institution, Salem.

Applications may be obtained at any field office of the department of employment or at the civil service commission in Salem or Portland.

## Smith Says GOP Must Sell Party

Bend—Former Gov. Elmo Smith, a candidate for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senator, told Deschutes county Republican workers Monday night that positive selling can elect Republicans this fall.

"If we nominate people who can tell the Republican story we're going to elect a lot of candidates this fall," he said. "The time has come for us to quit simply criticizing the Democrats and instead tell the people what is right with the Republican party. We have more to offer many registered Democrats than the Democratic candidates themselves," he said.

Smith predicted that Republican voters this fall will select candidates who represent the broad base of public interests rather than being tied to any special interests for Republicans at the expense of other Americans.

He said the 1960 election will be won at the precinct level.

## Whooping Cranes Head for Canada

Washington—The Interior Department said today all but two of the world's last flock of whooping cranes apparently have left their winter range in the Arkansas wild-life refuge in Texas for their summer nesting grounds in northern Canada.

The flock numbers 33 cranes.

## PEDIATRICIAN DIES

New York—Dr. Howard H. Mason, 81, a pediatrician and former clinical professor at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, died Sunday.

## 4-H NEWS

**Stitch in Time**

Shawn Caperna led the pledge of allegiance to the flag at the recent meeting of the Stitch in Time 4-H club. Margaret Carnegie led the 4-H pledge.

The group talked about going to the old people's home. They started aprons for a club project. They talked about the charter and secretary books of last year.

Club members practiced good posture on sitting, standing and walking. They plan to finish their aprons next meeting which will be held at Marlene Nougier's.

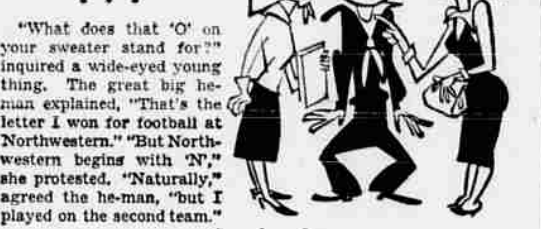
Shawn Caperna, Reporter

About one-half the people of Formosa are farmers.

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

**NEAR THE BROOKLYN** Navy Yard, a young sailor spotted a pair of lovely chicks and happily began following them. They ignored him completely for four blocks. Then one wheeled about sharply and instructed, "Listen, sonny boy. Either stop following us—or get another sailor!"



"What does that 'O' on your sweater stand for?" inquired a wide-eyed young thing. The great big he-man explained, "That's the letter I won for football at Northwestern." "But Northwestern begins with 'N'," she protested. "Naturally," agreed the he-man, "but I played on the second team."

A famous professional gambler gave his son, just out of college, two pieces of invaluable advice: 1: Never bet on anything that can talk; 2: Don't gamble with people who have no visible means of support.

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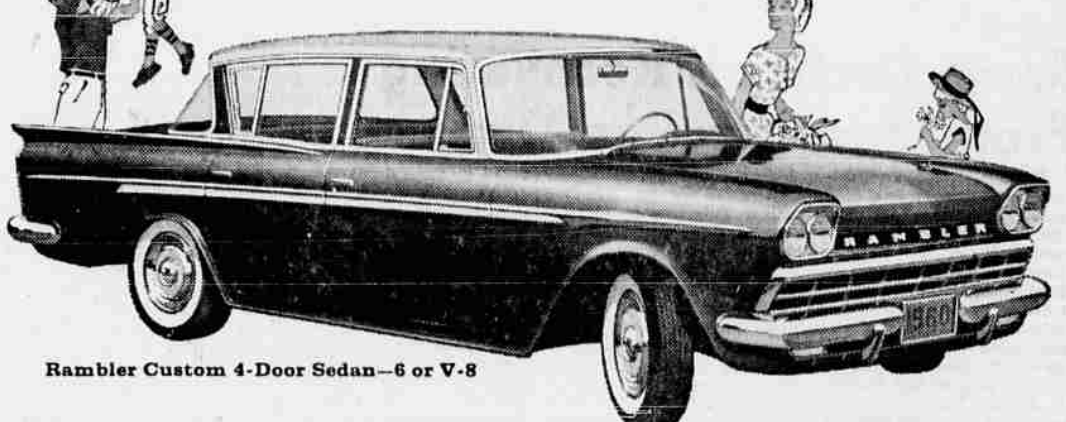
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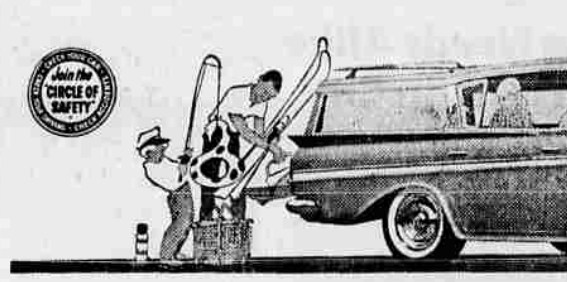
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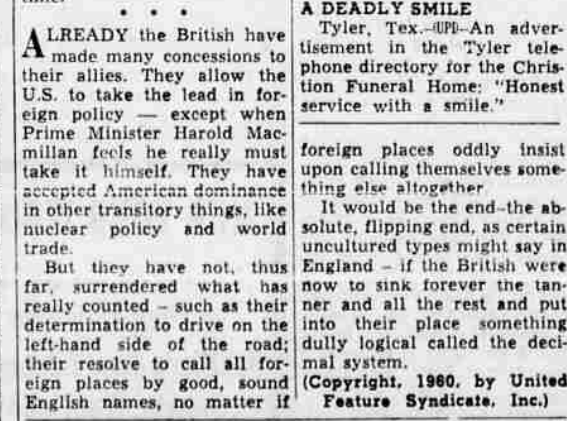
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