



Carl Moser, Portland, Will Speak at Meeting of Medford American Legion Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the courthouse auditorium.

Moser, past national vice commander and past commander of the state Legion, is currently state convention chairman. The subject of his talk will be "how to conduct a state convention."

Granvil F. Brittsan, Medford post commander, said Moser's appearance will be an aid to the local post's preparations for hosting the 1961 Legion state convention.

Brittsan estimates that 3,000 Legionnaires and Legion auxiliary members will attend the 1961 convention here.

Gala Holiday Apron



by Alice Brooks

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Pet Porpoises Put To Sea. Later Remembered Masters.

With the relentless intensity of a blow-torch, the summer sun beat against the side of the big tank. For once the mechanical, instead of the human element failed—the cooling-filtering machine broke down. The water inside the tank grew progressively hotter. In the hot water two large bottle-nose porpoises literally gasped for breath.

The water rapidly became stagnant. In two days after the pumps broke, conditions became serious. No word had been received from the factory as to when the new parts would be shipped.

Difficult Decision

It was a difficult decision to make, but because we loved the gentle creatures, we rigged a canvas sling and raised the porpoises out of the hot water. We loaded them on a water-soaked mattress in a pickup truck, drove to the dock and unloaded our patient passengers.

To give them every chance to adjust themselves to their new surroundings, we towed the two animals behind the boat to a point some miles at sea.

We could have saved ourselves the long trip out and back, for it accomplished nothing as the two lovable animals followed us, swimming right alongside the boat. Later a fisherman told us the two porpoises remained near the boat for three days. Other people reported seeing the animals near the docks for several weeks.

Several months later, during which time we thought of our two friends many times, an idea began to jell in our minds. We began making long trips out to sea. Every time we located a school of porpoise, we would sail toward

them and call out the names of our former pets. The schools always swam away. Kept Trying

Off and on for several weeks we tried to locate our friends.

Then one day we half-heartedly called their names as we observed a school in the near distance. One of the animals in the school of eight leaped high out of the water, hit the surface with a loud splash and headed straight for our boat.

Like a black, shiny torpedo it came. We held our hands in the water at the stern of the boat. Soon the dark, smooth body appeared, the big female porpoise rubbed her head against our hands.

Months had passed, but she had remembered. She had recognized either her name or the voice that called her. Accident? Coincidence? Nobody can say for sure. We only know that from the depths of her memory and from the vastness of the sea, two friends had once again found one another.

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Funeral Questions

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It is our feeling that those questions which refer to the DUTIES of the Coroner, should be directed to the Coroner's Office. Those questions, however, which directly pertain to our main subject, "Questions and answers about funeral and burial services," will be answered in this column.

The question which has been asked more than any other is...

Q. When an accident, or a suspected suicide or homicide occurs, what procedure do the next of kin follow to have the deceased person released to the funeral home of their choice?

A. The procedure is a very simple one... Merely pick up the phone, and call the funeral home of your choice. The funeral home will obtain the proper release forms for the family to sign, and will handle all further details.

In areas where there is no public morgue, the deceased is often removed to the funeral establishment of the Coroner or his Deputy, who then notifies the family. The deceased is usually held by the Coroner's Office, until the necessary investigating procedures and examinations, or autopsy, have been completed.

The deceased can then be released to the funeral home chosen by the next of kin to handle funeral arrangements.

Oregon Revised Statutes, section 692.180, among other things, makes the following act unlawful:

"Refusing to promptly surrender the custody of a dead human body upon the express order of the person lawfully entitled to the custody thereof."

Simple Format, Big Prize, Low Budget Production Marks Debut of TV Debates

By FRED DANZIG

New York—(UPI)—Is there any significance in the fact that it took a special act of Congress to give TV its best show?

I'm referring, of course, to the four-part "Face to Face" series starring Jack Kennedy and Dick Nixon, which pre-

GET DEATH SENTENCE

London—(UPI)—A court Monday condemned two men who ambushed and murdered a young engineering trainee last June 25, one of the rare cases in which British law allows the death penalty.

Norman J. Harris, 23, and Francis R. G. Forsyth, 21, were ordered to die for committing murder in the commission of a robbery.

EX-MINISTER DIES

London—(UPI)—Former Prime Minister Ismail Ibrahim Chundrigar of Pakistan died Sunday. He was 63.

mired Monday night on all networks. The series, a low-budget affair, was made possible because Congress suspended "equal time" rules for the broadcasters. There is a simple format and a prize to end all prizes. Each contestant merely answers questions that are a bit trickier, sharper, than those which Bert Parks asks of Miss America candidates. The man who pleases most of the 65 million judges wins the big jackpot—the keys to the White House.

What can surpass a format like that? What can TV do for an encore?

Sharpens Issues

Monday night's one-hour program, emanating from a studio in Chicago and carried live, put the two candidates on one stage and let their opening remarks and ad-libbed replies to questions show viewers just where they differ on domestic issues.

We'll never know for certain what effect this TV show

and the three that are still to come, will have on the election. That isn't the point, really. It is enough for the TV industry to know that a direct, side-by-side showdown of this sort serves to sharpen the issues, clear the air, draw the battle lines, or whatever it is that the political writers call the progress of educating the voters.

The format Monday night was designed to avoid upstaging, unpleasant repercussions, charges of electronic editorializing or favoritism.

Director Don Hewitt's camera work followed a set pattern. First would come a tight closeup of the speaker, then a brief cut to a tight closeup of the listening candidate, then back to the speaker. The camera backed off to show the full stage only when one of the four newsmen seated in front of the stage was asking a question. Moderator Howard K. Smith spoke only at the beginning, and at the end.

By sticking religiously to this camera pattern, each candidate was accorded equal treatment. The pattern presumably was worked out to insure against potentially controversial fluid lens problems.

Still, I found myself hoping at times for more dramatic shots of the stage and the principals.

Nervous at Start

The candidates were nervous at the start—I thought Nixon looked more ill-at-ease than Kennedy at the beginning—but they quickly started rolling. I thought each man had a deft manner. Each is expert at answering a question politely while slyly poking the other in the rib with a verbal dig.

The major drawback to the debate was the stop-watch. It inhibited discussion. Why not put the series, or at least one of them, on a semi-open end basis so that the candidates can pursue their points more

fully? As long as it's on the air, it may as well go all the way.

The studio setting was simple and tasteful, but I have this great desire to see one of these shows staged with more informality in front of, say, the Lincoln Memorial, or Mt. Rushmore. Then, Dick could

walk up to Jack and say, "About that speech of yours last night..." and the sparks would be struck.

In any event, these TV debates ought to become an election year tradition. If not by act of Congress or constitutional amendment, then by popular demand.

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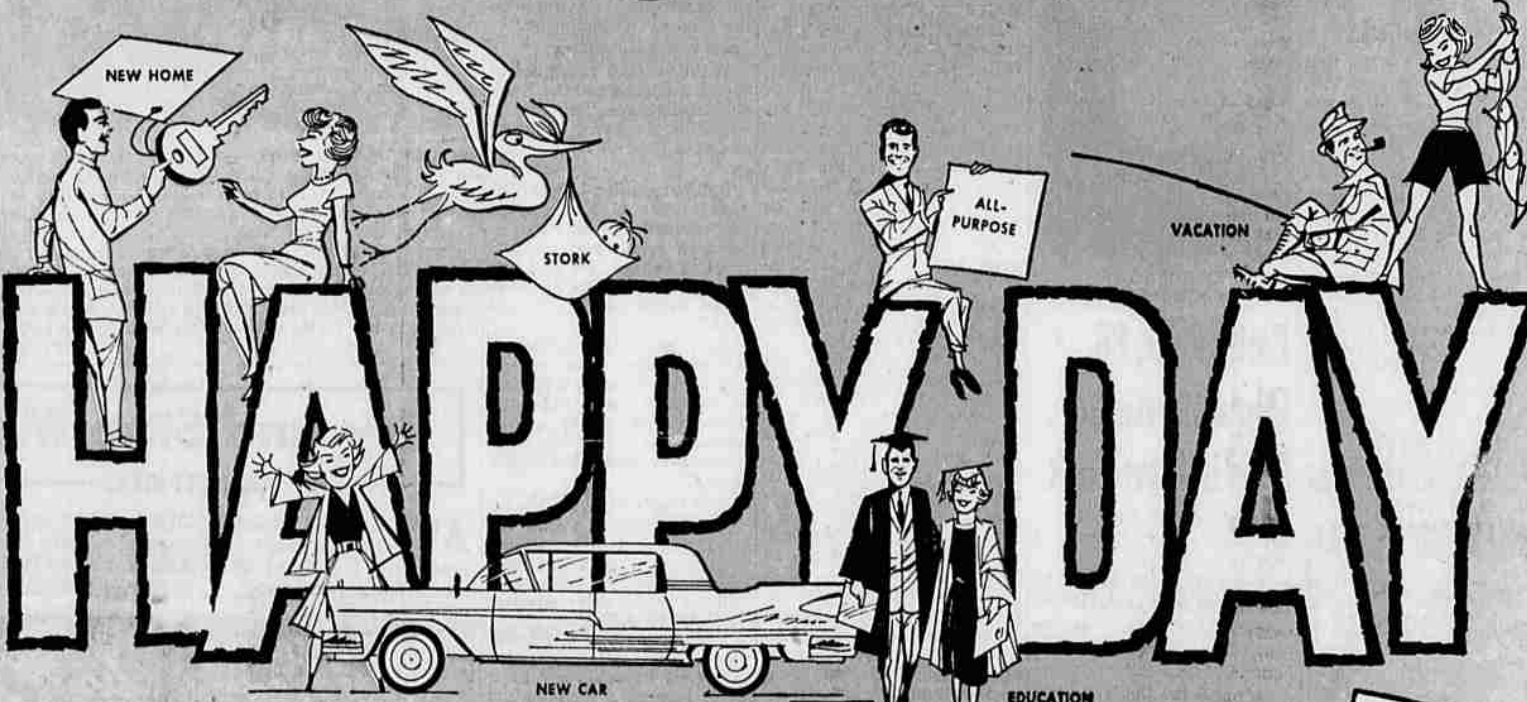
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O'Hara Heads Group To Back Sweetland

Salem—David O'Hara, for over 40 years director of the elections division of the secretary of state's office, announced today he will head a committee of registered Republicans and independents to support State Senator Monroe Sweetland, Democratic candidate for secretary of state.

O'Hara, a resident of Salem and a life-long registered Republican, ran the state elections division under seven Republican secretaries of state—Ben Olcott, Sam Koser, Hal Hoss, P. J. Stadelman, Earl Snell, Robert Farrell and Earl Newberry.

"I am pleased to serve as chairman of the Citizens-for-Sweetland Committee," O'Hara said. "I have known Senator Sweetland for many years and regard him as a dedicated and responsible public official. He has won the respect of members of both political parties. He's fair and impartial. I am convinced that Senator Sweetland will make an admirable secretary of state of Oregon."