

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

By a vote of 217 to 212, the house of representatives of the new congress backs Speaker Rayburn's move to upset the conservative majority in the important and powerful house rules committee, which has wide powers in deciding what bills shall come before the house for a final vote.

It is a victory for President Kennedy's "liberal" program, but it is a narrow one. Twenty-two liberal Republicans joined 195 liberal Democrats for a liberal total of 217. Sixty-four conservative Democrats joined 148 conservative Republicans for a conservative total of 212. On the basis of this vote, which follows a bitter battle, the membership of the house of representatives in the new congress that has just convened will be divided as follows:

Liberals 217
Conservatives 212

Which is to say:

A change of only three votes from the liberal side to the conservative side can upset the liberal majority.

That's a narrow margin.

THE San Francisco fire department has a new gadget. It is a king-size alarm bull right into the fire alarm boxes on the streets. When the lever is pulled to sound an alarm of fire, it lets go with a clang that can be heard for blocks.

So — If it's a false alarm artist who pulls the lever, he is left there in FULL SIGHT OF EVERYBODY. If he pulls the lever and runs, everybody can see him running. The idea is to make it easier to catch and punish those who turn in false alarms.

THERE have been other schemes to accomplish the same purpose. One gadget was a set of handcuffs concealed in the alarm box. When the lever was pulled to sound an alarm, a door opened and the handcuffs reached out automatically and clamped around the wrists of the sounder of the alarm. It wasn't very popular, because it worked alike on the just and the unjust. The just, who were doing their civic duty by pulling the fire alarm lever when they saw a fire were considerably annoyed when they found themselves chained to the post.

Another scheme for catching givers of false alarms was a device that smeared the hands of the lever pullers with an invisible dye that could be seen only under ultraviolet light. That also applied both to the just and the unjust.

Besides, it developed, the inspectors never could find the people with the invisible dye on their hands.

THE new device is a great improvement. When the honest citizen sees a fire and pulls the lever on the alarm box, all he has to do is stand there and wait, secure in the strength of his position. The fire will be his proof that he is an honest citizen, intent upon performing his civic duty.

If the false alarm artist who pulls the lever RUNS he will be chased. If he stands pat, he will be in a bad fix.

Now if we could only find a way to tag the weird character who turn in false bomb alarms, we would be making real progress.

MEMORY LIVES ON

Norfolk, Va. (UPI) — The 111-year-old "Gaiete" burlesque house, known to generations of American sailors at this key navy port will be torn down soon, but its memory will live on in an unexpected way. Owner Frankie Blue sold the burlesque house to a buyer for \$1 each. The seats will be included in two small country churches.

They'll Do It Every Time

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By Jimmy Hatlo

AGENDA DROVE SIXTEEN SHOE CLERKS WACKY, LOOKING FOR A PAIR OF SHOES TO MATCH HER PARTY DRESS...



"BETWEEN A PACE AND A VIOLET—SEE—HERE'S THE DRESS—THE HEELS COULD BE PURPLE IF IT GRADUATES TO A LIGHT BLUE AT THE TOE..."



Annual Meeting Of United Grocers Held in Portland

A report on the United Grocers branch warehouse at Medford was given at the annual meeting held this week in Portland.

Harry Thye, general manager, told over 300 members, at the meeting that United Grocers had just closed the largest year in its 46-year history. The Medford branch warehouse, which serves southern Oregon and northern California, employs 60 persons and covers 60,000 square feet.

Thye said 39 stores have been up-graded during 1960 and several others are undergoing improvement. To help finance the ventures, application has been filed for operation of a United Supermarket Investment company. Such a company would make long term financing available for independent retailers in the area served by United.

The manager said United Grocers "is dedicated to the strengthening of the independent and locally owned chain stores in an economy that elsewhere in the country is concentrating more and more in the hands of large national chains."

At the Portland meeting the board of directors elected Les DeJardin, West Linn, to the office of president for 1961; Odus Bales, St. Johns, vice president and two directors.

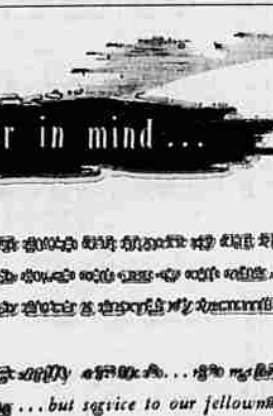
Medford YMCA Gets Eligibility Award

A tribute to the work of the Medford Young Men's Christian association developed this week through the award of the 1961-1962-1963 Eligibility Certificate granted by the National Council of YMCAs through the National Physical Education committee.

The certificate is recognition of the Medford YMCA's policies, plans, and organization in physical education and acknowledgment of its accomplishment in this field.

Only those YMCAs holding eligibility certificates are permitted under the principles and rules of the National Council of the YMCA to participate in certain types of inter-association athletic competition.

However the certificate is an honor award, showing that the YMCA adheres to specified high purposes and ideals, and follows standards of performance and accomplishment in keeping with the YMCA's objectives.



Thoughts to bear in mind...

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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Recife, Brazil—Cecil Robert Harberson, 36, of Lincoln, Neb., a passenger on the Santa Maria, recalling his feelings when he first saw a U.S. naval plane fly over the runaway ship:

"I will never again object to paying income taxes."

New York—Malcolm Dooley, brother of the late Dr. Tom Dooley, stating his determination to continue the work of MEDICO sending medical aid and assistance to medically backward countries:

"My brother wouldn't want to be memorialized. MEDICO is his living legacy, not a memorial to a life that is finished."

New York—Frederick Schuster, chairman of Automatic Canteen Co., predicting that vending machines will be used some day to seal mutual fund shares:

"Lots of people are afraid of high pressure mutual fund salesmen and would prefer to deal with the impersonal machine."

London—Minister of War John Profumo, admitting to the House of Commons that there are some loopholes in the law prohibiting soldiers from selling arms and ammunition to get spare cash:

"A chap could flog (sell) a tank if he wanted to and you couldn't bring a charge against him under the existing conditions."

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins (Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1961)

Time Marches on, But Cattails Endure

Probably the cattail is as much a part of the rural youngster's childhood as any plant that grows. It was the first plant they could easily identify, and whose habits and simple beauty were evident in every marshy place.

The home of the cattail is different from that of dry land flowers; its aquatic existence is not as well known. The farmer may know his land like the palm of his hand. But if there is a marshy area, then there are strangers in his midst.

Here in the waters of the swamp are plants and animals as different from the rest of his holdings as day is from night. The waters may teem with fish, bugs, frogs, salamanders, newts and water plants, all mixed in a glorious hodgepodge. There they live, there they mate, eat, and die in unnoted silence.

Noisemakers

The farmer knows the frogs, the noisemakers of the marshy places. He knows the tall green leaves, and brown candle-like fruit of the cattails. He may have watched them, nodding stiffly in the breeze. He may have observed how the leaves wrap around one another, below and above the root and separate above; the leaves being longer than the round, smooth stem that holds the cattails.

Early in the spring the

leaves begin to sprout among the old dead leaves of last year. In September when most other plants have bloomed, and gone, the big brown cattails wave and bow. Later they swell and burst like slender ears of corn, and the seeds are wind-borne to other marshy places.

Falls By Own Weight

The flowers are simple, being composed of seed producing parts; a light colored part supplies the pollen which falls by its own weight onto the spike and pollinates it. The cattail does not have to depend on birds or other agencies; it takes advantage of gravity.

Nature varies habits and characteristics so completely that even the life stories of two plants are as different as the names they bear, or the environment in which they live. The arrangement of the cattail uses for the pollination of its seed is different from that of any other plant.

More Than One Kind

There are, of course, more than one kind of cattail. One variety has its flower stalk divided by a little bare space. It looks as if two "tails" were growing on one stem. Two important varieties of cattail are called the "common" and the "narrow-leaved."

Time has marched relentlessly onward. Things have changed a great deal, but the cattail, the dweller of the wet places, still stands stiffly alongside many country roads; even by the side of paved highways where cars stab the night with glaring headlights—never noticing the cattails standing there, still maintaining their ceaseless vigil.

Crater Lions Plan Annual TV Auction

The Crater Lions Club will hold its annual television auction on Friday, February 10, at the Crater Hotel. The auction will feature a wide variety of television sets, including color sets, and other electronic equipment. The proceeds from the auction will be used for the club's charitable activities.

In addition to small merchandise and gift certificates, vacation trips, furniture and appliances will be offered. Auctioneers will be Manville Heisel, Walsh and TV station personnel.

Multi-Purpose Building Planned for New Federal Structure, Speaker Says

Construction of a new federal building in Medford is "now more certain," according to a report made to the board of the Medford Chamber of Commerce Thursday.

Medford Postmaster Moore Hamilton told the directors that the general services administration is now certain that the proposed property between South Central and South Riverside aves. south of 10th st. is its chosen location.

Hamilton acknowledged that there is a minor last bit of a proposed model are now being secured. He said that in his opinion there is enough room for both a federal building and motel in the general location.

The postmaster reported that the new federal building is presently planned as a multi-purpose structure, with the post office on the first floor and offices on the second. Plans also call for renovation of the present post office, with only a small service office of the post office remaining with other offices on the first floor. The federal court would remain on the second floor.

The board approved unanimously a recommendation from the legislative committee that the chamber oppose the transfer of Oregon parks from the state highway department to a proposed new state department of natural resources.

Clarence Young, committee chairman, gave reasons for the opposition the fact that Oregon has one of the finest and most efficient park systems in the country, with 100,000 acres of land. The opposition was also based on the present location of a new government department which would be a detriment to the state.

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