ROTC QUEEN—Sandra Newbrough, 19, sophomore from Highland Park, Ill., is the 1961 Air Force ROTC queen at Southern Illinois University. Miss Newbrough was selected by ballot of the 2,200 men in the detachment. The queen will preside over all AFROTC functions for the coming year. (UPI Telephoto)

OF SMITH & MEN

By Jack Smith

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I've read somewhere that people are reading more than ever. I myself have been reading so much, trying to keep up, that I can never remember where it was I read a particular thing.

Consequently, I'm always popping up in conversation with a fact I can't readily document. People don't believe me.

"I was reading," I'll say, for example, "that the 21st year of marriage is the most critical for Englishwomen."

"Where'd you read that?" I am asked.

"In the paper," I say. "No. Not the paper. I believe it was Newsweek. No. The London Economist? Collier's? Playboy? The Complete Short Stories of Somerset Maugham?"

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This thin performance, of course, is met with skepticism if not pity.

The larger my supply of information, the harder it is to match any one item with its source in the mass of material I've scanned.

Lately I've been snipping things out of the papers and magazines and keeping them in a drawer. This way, whenever I find occasion to slip some tidbit of learning into a conversation, I can back it up.

I was grateful for this new plan just the other evening at the Daltons'. Somehow the dinner talk got around to courtship techniques among the warm-blooded vertebrates.

"Observation of the chukar partridge," I said, "has shown that the female often spurns the aggressive male, preferring to share her life with more the refined-type bird."

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"Were'd you hear that?" Dalton said. He happens to be a classic example of the rough-hewn, overtly aggressive male.

"It's the sort of thing one hears," I said. "I read it."

"Where'd you read it?" he said. He knew of my usual trouble and fancied he had me in a trap.

"I read it in my drawer," I said. "I mean I read it somewhere that I cut out. With scissors. It's in my drawer."

His eyes glazed over with doubt. My wife rushed to my aid.

"You read it out loud to me the other night," she said. "Remember? Only you don't have it right. It was the other way. It said the female partridge was the aggressive sex. It was in the Ladies Home Journal."

"Don't be naive," I said. "It couldn't be the female that's more aggressive. That's only among the higher primates, where females have control of the money."

"All the same," she said, "it was in the Journal. Or else The New Yorker."

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"Speaking of birds," Dalton said, "guess what the only bird is who can climb down a tree head first."

"The bronze grackle?" I guessed.

"Wrong," said Dalton. "The white-breasted nuthatch."

"Where'd you read that?" I asked. I thought he was making it up.

"I didn't read it anywhere," he said. "I saw one do it once in Wisconsin."

That's Dalt's trouble. He always falls back on personal experience. He doesn't understand the academic mind.

I still haven't found the clipping about the partridges. Maybe I didn't cut it out at all. Maybe it was on TV.

I don't think The New Yorker would have an item like that unless it had a typographical error that made it humorous.

Maybe it was in U. S. News and World Report.

Fight Shaping Over Financing Benefits

Washington – (UPI) – A fight appears to be shaping up in Congress today over who would have to pay for President Kennedy's proposal to extend the duration of jobless benefits.

Many lawmakers seemed to take it for granted that Congress would provide the extra unemployment compensation.

The big question was whether it would be financed by higher taxes on employers throughout the country, as Kennedy proposed, or whether the cost would be imposed only on employers in states which decide to provide the extended benefits.

Strong support for Kennedy's proposal was anticipated from lawmakers from states such as Michigan and Pennsylvania which have been hard hit by unemployment.

But it was running into opposition from conservative lawmakers who feared that the federal tax proposed by Kennedy would lead ultimately to what organized labor wants – "federalization" of the unemployment compensation program.

State Legislature Gives Approval To Several Bills

Salem – (UPI) – Measures approved Tuesday:

By the Senate—

SB17 – Highway Interim Committee; relating to motor carriers.

SB18 – Highway Interim Committee; relating to motor carriers.

SB19 – Highway Interim Committee; relating to motor carrier permits.

SB20 – Highway Interim Committee; relating to motor carriers.

SB129 – Elections Division; relating to return sheets.

SJR9 – Sen. Mahoney; directing welfare commission to take advantage of federal food surplus program.

HB2004 – Ways and Means; Oregon museum of science and industry budget.

HJR5 – Rep. Hunt and Sen. Lewis; constitutional amendment relating to the state militia.

By the House—

HB2016 – Ways and Means; state soil conservation committee budget.

HR2023 – Ways and Means; Oregon state board of aeronautics budget.

HB2035 – Ways and Means; chiropodists examining board budget.

HB2051 – Ways and Means; board of pilot commissioners budget.

HB1139 – Rep. Rogers; apportionment of certain money to new school districts.

HB1174 – Rep. Elliott and others; relating to banks and to results of Saturday closing.

HB1197 – Oregon Cattlemen's association and Western Oregon Livestock association; relating to livestock.

SJM3 – Sen. Hopkins and others; asking federal investigation of an import quota for fine fescue seed.

Boshears Named Young GOP Head

Medford Young Republicans elected Gary Boshears as chairman to succeed outgoing chairman Ann Bishop at a recent meeting.

Other officers elected include Douglas Philips, vice chairman; Marilyn Hamlin, secretary; Bob Wilcox, treasurer, and Ann Bishop, board of directors.

Before leaving office, Mrs. Bishop read a letter received from Richard Nixon. "We shall never forget the devoted and selfless effort of those who worked so hard for our cause during the campaign," Nixon said.

"I have been encouraged by the fact that in the great amount of mail I have received since the election, I have very little evidence of discouragement or defeatism among those who supported us in the campaign," Nixon continued.

"I sense a renewed determination to continue the fight for the principles for which we stand," Nixon concluded.

The meeting was attended by 21 people. Discussions included possible fund raising events and how club membership could be increased. A suggestion that the club have informative programs on general interest topics was made.

Members were urged to attend a five-state Young Republicans meeting in Eugene March 3, 4 and 5.

Swiss Citizens Accused of Spying

Bern, Switzerland –(UPI)–The Swiss government has announced the arrest of two Swiss citizens on charges of spying on Switzerland and "foreign powers" for an organization operating from Communist East Germany.

The two were collecting "intelligence on rocket production and electronic equipment used to observe Swiss air space", a government spokesman said.

The spokesman refused to reveal the identity of the two Swiss or give details of the time of their arrest. There was speculation that today's arrests might be connected with last month's arrests of three alleged Czech spies.

CP Student Named To SOC Position

Ashland–Neil Green, a junior from Central Point, has been elected second student body president at Southern Oregon college. In addition to being active in athletics, he is also the president of the Britt Board, which manages the student center.

Marjorie Pittam, North Bend, who is active on the rally squad and in other student organizations, was elected freshman class secretary.

The position of senior class treasurer was filled by Dave Stratton of Butte Falls.

European Auto Industry Feels Pinch in U.S. Small Car Field

London–(UPI)–"Things definitely are not what they used to be, old boy."

That comment, from a British executive, accurately spells out how European auto makers–particularly the British and the French–view the American market now that Detroit has invaded the small car field once dominated by foreign manufacturers.

Some European car exporters privately admit that the U.S. compacts have, surprisingly, developed into much stronger competition than was originally believed likely here.

Even so, those who have suffered a heavy sales drop in the latter half of 1960 still don't pin the blame wholly on compacts.

They point also to the downturn in the U.S. economy and the one-million American auto stockpile from last year.

Working Part Time

Today the British auto industry, spearhead of the nation's dollar earners is working at only about 40 per cent of capacity and the bulk of its labor force is working part time.

Sports cars are still expected to maintain a strong demand in America. The Rootes group is pinning its sales hopes on the new Sunbeam Alpine and Jaguar is even anticipating an increased output.

Board of Trade statistics show total exports of British autos to the United States in 1959 dipped from 208,108 in 1959 to 131,805 last year.

While official figures are still awaited from Paris, French auto industry sources said they, too, fell far short of their U.S. sales expectations in 1960.

France's target for car exports to America last year was 225,000 units. But only 90,000 autos were reported sold in the United States.

Volkswagen Confident

For exampie, the state-owned Renault concern shipped 110,196 units to America in 1959 and had hoped to increase its total to 150,000 in 1960. But instead it was able to market only 60,000, according to figures available here.

In Germany the picture was different. Volkswagen, as usual, exuded confidence. A spokesman said the advent of American compacts had not affected their U.S. sales.

In 1960, he said, exports to America were 180,000 units as against 150,000 the previous year. "In 1961 we hope to reach the 200,000 mark," he added.

From Rome statistics showed Italian exports to America slumped from 48,194 in 1959 to only 16,253 last year. But industry spokesmen could not define how much of the loss was due directly to the U.S. compacts.

The Swedish Volvo company's U.S. sales were clipped in half–from 15,000 in 1959 to 7,000 last year–but sales were reported increasing again as the year-end reports were tallied.

Pacific Northwest Stumpage Prices Revised Downward

Portland–Forest Service appraised stumpage prices in the Pacific Northwest have again been revised downward, according to W. H. Lund, assistant regional forester in charge of timber management. Other reductions in appraised prices for short-term salvage sales were made in September and November of 1960.

The current price reduction, the third since the market high of September 1959, was effective Jan. 27 west of the Cascades and applies to new sales of live saw timber. In the pine region, east of the Cascades, lower appraised prices became effective Feb. 1. This reduction in the pine region also applies to sales of live timber and is the fourth price reduction during the year 1960-61 for that area.

Diminished Receipts

"The continued low level of the lumber and plywood markets, which has contributed to the downward revision in stumpage prices," Lund said, "also caused diminished national forest timber receipts during 1960. Value of the 1960 timber harvest was $73 million contrasted to an $86 million value in 1959.

"We are hopeful," Lund continued, "that 1961 will prove to be a good year for the wood products industry. A healthy wood products industry is highly important to the economy of Oregon and Washington. Any decrease in timber revenues from the national forests is reflected in county revenues for school and road funds." Counties in which there are national forest lands receive 25 per cent of the receipts from forest resources. "We feel," Lund said, "a responsibility to both industry and the participating Washington and Oregon counties to see that national forest timber is offered at its fair market value.

Follow Price Trend

"Forest Service appraised stumpage prices follow the trend of lumber and plywood prices, but do not fluctuate as widely," Lund pointed out. "Purchasers often buy timber for cutting over a two or three year period. Bid prices offered for timber usually anticipate the market at the time of expected harvest rather than of today." Lund said "This frequently results in bid prices substantially higher than the minimums established by the Forest Service. The 3,800,000,000 board feet sold in the Pacific Northwest in 1960 was purchased at 122 per cent of appraised prices."

EXHIBIT OF PAINTINGS

Ashland – B. Stephen Bayless, Southern Oregon college assistant professor of art and well known Oregon artist, will have on exhibit a number of his paintings and drawings in the Klamath Falls Art Center gallery Feb. 11 to 25. Miss Marion Ady, chairman of the Southern Oregon college art department, has announced. The exhibit will be mostly abstract and semi-abstract art.

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Education Program Offered Brokers

The first class in the certificate program offered real estate brokers and salesmen will be held at Hedrick Junior high school Tuesday, Feb. 14, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Lecturer will be Robert Beardsley, Roseburg, secretary of the Douglas County Title company. His topic will be "Care in Transfers of Interests in Real Property." He will be assisted by William J. Peek, president of the Southern Oregon Title company.

The certificate education program is conducted without charge by the Oregon real estate department and the school of business administration, University of Oregon. A recent orientation class at both Medford and Ashland provided registration for the 16-subject course for Jackson county brokers and salesmen.

William Frohnmayer, Medford, who represents the sponsors, said the certificate program is attracting nationwide attention among license law officials.

Screams Said Heard At Cascade Locks Revive Martin Hunt

Portland – (UPI) – A report that screams were heard at Cascade Locks the evening the Ken Martin family of Portland vanished Dec. 7, 1958, has revived interest in the disappearance.

Martin, his wife, and three daughters vanished while on an outing to gather Christmas greens. Bodies of two of the daughters, Virginia and Susan, were found later in the Columbia river.

Writer Heard Screams

The Oregon Journal said it got a letter Tuesday from a Camas, Wash., resident who was parked with a companion at Cascade Locks that evening. The letter said they saw a car proceed under railroad tracks leading to the old river locks. Moments later, the writer said, they heard screams, went to investigate and found nothing. After learning of the Martin family's disappearance, they reported it to authorities.

Sheriff Rupert Gillmouthe of Hood River county said the locks had been checked with divers and metal detectors without finding the Martin car. But he said he felt there was a possibility the car went into the water at that point.

Deep Pools Searched

The Journal also said search of deep pools just west of The Dalles at a point where car tracks indicated a vehicle might have gone into the river had been initiated by it and Commercial Divers Inc. a week ago. It said the search would be continued until it was definite the Martin car was not there.

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