



CHAMPION CROWNED — Gene McGregor, Austin, Tex., nightclub owner, is crowned world's champion gin rummy player for 1961 by hostess Jean McGowan of the 15th annual Gin Rummy Tournament at Las Vegas, Nev. McGregor beat 710 players and won \$24,365. (UPI Telephoto)

Capitol Memo

Teen-Agers Warned To Take Interest in State Legislature

Salem — UP — Teen-agers, wake up! You're being legislated!

Unless it's a project in a classroom, or your parents are in politics, you—the average teen-ager—apparently don't give a hang about what goes on at the state legislature.

This is a mistake. It is really a mistake this year, because the 1961 session has an unusually high number of bills affecting your age group.

Only a handful of teen-agers have testified before legislative committees. If the claim is valid that you are more grown up these days, then you should be more grown up and responsive to activities of the legislature.

The argument can be made that most committee hearings are held during weekdays, and teen-agers are in school. But it is doubtful if any school would refuse to excuse a student for something as important as legitimate testimony on a bill.

The value of a teen-ager's testimony? Committees are eager to hear all sides to an issue, including yours. That is the purpose of a hearing, and all who appear can speak. A refreshing aspect of testimony from young people is its candor and honesty.

Here is a partial rundown on bills now in the mill in Salem.

They would:

—Allow 18-year-olds to vote.

—Raise the age requirement for a driver's license from 16 to 18. A modified version would permit issuance of a license at 16 only if the applicant passed an approved driver training course.

—Forbid youngsters in their

early teen from getting a hunting license, unless certain conditions were met.

—Allow youngsters to buy cigarettes with a note from their parents. This is primarily designed to allow inmates at the boys' and girls' state training schools to smoke, but would apply to all Oregon youngsters unless amended.

—Set up a system of state summer camps for boys, allowing them to work in woods; not a correctional program, but educational.

—Allow those under 16 to work beyond 6 p. m. Part-time grocery boys and others would be affected.

The legislature has already killed a bill that would have required cars to be no lower than the wheel rims. This would have affected a number of hot rods.

This is not to say whether it was good or bad, but it could have passed. Apparently the average teen-ager was asleep or lazy. He didn't testify.

Mission Patterns To Be Lenten Topic

Jacksonville — The "New Pattern of the Mission" is the subject for tonight's Lenten mission study program at the Jacksonville First Presbyterian church. Beginning at 7:30 o'clock, the new missions will be explained in supervised discussion groups for adults and for young people.

The principal address will be given by Mrs. Homer E. Rice, Portland, a former missionary in Iran. Mrs. Rice is a registered nurse, and with her doctor husband, operated the Lily Reid Holt Memorial hospital in Hamadan, Iran. In addition, Mrs. Rice did considerable church work in the city, and cooperated in a literary project for women. While stationed in Hamadan, the Holts started a medical program that serves a wide area.

The substance of Mrs. Rice's address to the Lenten study group this evening will be the needs of today's foreign missions, and how they are being met.

Lions Club Sees Film on Travel

Rudy Tetraault of the Phoenix Lions club presented a color film, "Nation on Wheels," at a meeting of Crater Lions club Tuesday noon at Ping's Gardens. Harvey Calame, Bandon, candidate for governor of Lions district 36-E, was a guest.

Elections will take place at the district convention in Roseburg May 18-20. Mike McLain, Roseburg, is present district governor. Election of new officers for Crater Lions club will take place at the Mark Antony hotel in Ashland.

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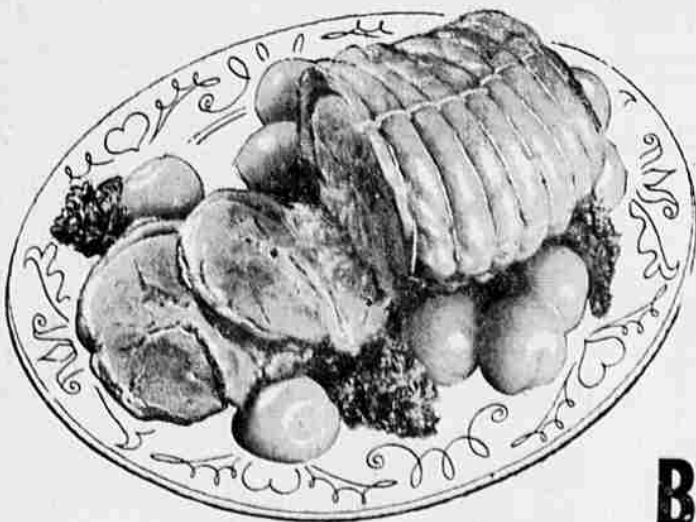
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