

Texas Hotel Suggested as Courtroom To Cut Down on Cost of Trappings

By DICK WEST



Washington—It may be that Rep. John J. Rooney (D-N.Y.) was just pulling the judge's leg when he suggested holding court in the ballroom of the Shamrock Hotel in Houston, Tex.

But I'm inclined to think that Rooney's little jest might be worthy of serious consideration.

If the U.S. government began dispensing justice in the Shamrock's ballroom, then we taxpayers wouldn't have to buy all those \$30 wastebaskets for federal courtrooms in Houston.

This would save us \$1,380 on courtroom trash containers, and with that amount of money we could have ourselves a ball.

Discuss Expensive Trappings

The subject of the \$30 wastebaskets, and other expensive courtroom trappings, came up as Rooney, chairman of a House appropriations subcommittee, was conducting hearings on the federal judiciary budget for fiscal 1962.

Among the first witnesses were Judges Webster J. Oliver and Sevel Richardson of the U.S. Customs Court. Their budget included \$11,800 to buy furniture for a courtroom in the new federal building in Houston.

"This seems like a pretty expensive proposition, \$11,800 to furnish a room in Houston, Tex.," Rooney commented. "For how long has a judge sat in Houston, Tex., in the past fiscal year?"

It developed that the Customs Court was in session in Houston for four or five days during the year.

"The taxpayers would save money if you rented the ballroom in the Shamrock Hotel to hold court," said Rooney. "Want Own Courtroom?"

Oliver explained the Customs Court wanted to have its own courtroom because its judges often had difficulty arranging to borrow a courtroom as they traveled about the circuit.

This explanation, however, apparently did not satisfy Rep. Elford A. Cederberg (R-Mich.) who said "the strange thing is, a check of the records will indicate there are more courtrooms than there are federal judges."

Later on, Rooney called for a complete listing of all the courtroom furniture planned for new federal buildings not only in Houston but in several other cities. This was where I ran across the \$30 wastebaskets.

Present plans call for the installation of 48 of them in the building at Houston. This presumably will keep people from dropping paper on \$61,800 worth of new rugs and carpets.

Equipped With TV

However, the judges who occupy chambers in the new federal building in Sacramento, Calif., will have to make do with \$10 wastebaskets.

Court clerks and jurors will drop their trash in containers costing a mere \$2.26 or \$3.13. For the ultimate in courtroom comfort, however, I commend to your attention the new federal office building in Brooklyn, N.Y. Plans there call for the witness and jury rooms to be equipped with two television sets costing a total of \$655.

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Car's Ride Is Clue to Condition of Its Tires

The ride a car gives can be a clue to the condition of its tires, Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin has reminded area motorists.

The chief reminded drivers that it's never wise to take tires for granted. Good tires, he said, are essential for safety.

Tires out-of-balance, improperly aligned, unequally inflated, under-inflated or with a poor tread are easily spotted by drivers, if they will take the time to check the car's ride, he said.

For example, he said, if a car has a persistent tendency to pull to one side on a level road, it is a sign of improper front end alignment. Less often, it may be attributed to unequally inflated tires.

Champlin reminded drivers that while tires have improved greatly in recent years, some form of tire trouble still is involved in many calls for aid from motorists. In fact, a recent auto club study showed it ranked as the number two cause for calls for help in 1960.

While time trouble usually is easily handled in town, such is not the case on the open road, the chief pointed out, adding that poor tires are more likely to cause trouble on the open highway because that is where tires take a beating because of higher rates of speed.

Featherless Parakeet Isn't Embarrassed

Memphis, Tenn. — Mrs. Albert Betty's parakeet is different from other birds. It doesn't have any feathers.

The eight year old parakeet was born that way. The bird has only a few small feathers here and there, and can't fly, but Mrs. Betty said he hops around all day, apparently unembarrassed by his lack of covering.

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Local Teacher To Attend Institute

Corvallis—Adelbert E. Hackert, Medford High school teacher, has been selected to attend an eight-week mathematics institute this summer at Oregon State university.

The institute will be supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation. Fifty-four junior high, high school, and junior college teachers will attend.

Each of the teachers picked to participate will receive \$75 a week, plus tuition and fees and some travel and dependent allowances. Dr. A. R. Poole, professor of mathematics at OSU, will be institute director.

The institutes are part of a program organized by National Science Foundation to "improve science and mathematics teaching, to increase the U.S. supply of top-flight scientists and teachers, and to stimulate greater interest among young people in science."

Oregon State will be one of the nation's major centers for the training programs. It has been picked by NSF to sponsor four special institutes in mathematics, science education, and chemistry. A total of 150 teachers and 60 mathematically-gifted high school

Grange Notes

Central Point Grange will meet Friday, May 19. The lecturer, Dee Hendrickson, is arranging the program.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Friday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign:

ARIES	13-18-30-33	13-18-30-33	13-18-30-33
Taurus	15-17-56-57	15-17-56-57	15-17-56-57
Gemini	60-71-82-88	60-71-82-88	60-71-82-88
Cancer	1-2-11-23	1-2-11-23	1-2-11-23
Leo	3-8-10-25	3-8-10-25	3-8-10-25
Virgo	12-16-40-42	12-16-40-42	12-16-40-42
Libra	43-44-55-58	43-44-55-58	43-44-55-58
Scorpio	24-27-72	24-27-72	24-27-72
Sagittarius	14-19-28-31	14-19-28-31	14-19-28-31
Capricorn	45-46-61	45-46-61	45-46-61
Aquarius	4-7-20-64	4-7-20-64	4-7-20-64
Pisces	21-29-32-38	21-29-32-38	21-29-32-38

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