

YOUTH GROUP MEETS

Salem—The 1962 YMCA Youth Legislature opened its three-day meeting here Thursday as dozens of teenagers from throughout Oregon gathered for a practical lesson in government.

RABBIT FOUND

Portland—The Oregon Board of Health has detected the first rabbit bat in the state in 1962. The bat was killed by a dog in a home at Stayton Monday.

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a woman's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Millon P.—She should leave him alone. He's not the bookish type.

Rosalie P.—Bookish or not, he'd better learn to read faster.

Millon P.—Our son is only 9, but you'd think he was trying to get into college the way my wife keeps him at his books. Instead of letting him go out to play a little after supper, she makes him sweat and strain to read her a page out of his reader every evening.

So what if he doesn't take to books? Plenty of people get along without them. I'm not much of a reader myself. The newspaper is enough for me. Of course I'd like to see Johnny go further than me. But he can do it with his brains and his hands. The reading isn't so important that he must give up his fun for it.

Rosalie P.—Johnny is one of the poor readers in his class and the teacher sent home a note asking me to go over his words with him. She also asked me to read stories to him. Maybe I'm not such a good reader myself, because he won't still listen, but I do manage to get him to squeeze out a few lines of his school reader each day. It's a struggle—first, because reading comes so hard to Johnny and, also, because my husband doesn't think reading is important.

I know it's important. I wish I could read faster myself. You have to read for almost everything you do. Johnny got started wrong. I taught him one way, the school another. Now he wants to give up.

The Council: There may have been a time when literacy was a thrill, when reading ability was something you could take or leave. But now when even the farm hand must be able to read the directions for assembling the milking stool, a low reading skill is a real handicap. Rosalie is wise in trying to spare her son this disadvantage. Reading is the key to all communications, all learning.

The schools now find that the poor readers are the ones who want to drop out of school as soon as possible. And since this merely floods the unskilled labor market, it is a calamity to be avoided by inspiring reading proficiency, even reading enjoyment in the

early grades. This explains the teacher's note to Rosalie.

Of course, it would be better if the special handling of Johnny's problem were a joint project of both parents, guided by the remedial reading experts at the school. There are conflicting methods and attitudes blocking his progress. Is he learning the whole word recognition, or the sound-out-the-letters approach? Is reading a painful school subject, or an exhilarating pathway to fun?

To help Rosalie (and Millon, too) get Johnny over the hump, until the school takes over more dynamically, we'd like to pass along some novel ideas submitted by our readers after we reported another case of reading difficulty.

Try the "puppy game." Write Johnny's words on a stack of cards. Paste an envelope on a stuffed puppy's mouth and whenever Johnny reads a card correctly put it in the envelope as food for the puppy.

Try recipes as reading material. Get a book of children's recipes and let Johnny read and follow them.

Encourage much reading aloud. Johnny to you, you to Johnny. In addition to improving word-recognition, it offers a chance for closeness.

Fred Beck Elected Post Commander

Fred Beck will be installed as commander of the American Legion post during ceremonies May 26.

Others elected were John Weber, first vice commander; Glenn Lusk, second vice commander; Eugene Orr, adjutant; Earl Bigalow, finance officer; Gene Fisher, sergeant-at-arms; and Elmer Ness, chaplain. Clark Walker will serve as a member of the executive committee for a two year term and Tex Nash for a five year term.

OFFER ACCEPTED—Portland area registered pharmacists, members of the Food and Drug Clerks Union, Local 1092, have voted to accept an employer offer providing a wage hike of \$101.40 a month for head pharmacists for a six-day week.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



First Operations Described If US Attacked From the Air

By ROBERT L. FREY

United Press International

Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.—If an attack by air on the United States resulted in war, here is where the first operational command decisions would be made.

The aerospace war would be directed from the Command Post three stories underground by Strategic Air Command General Thomas S. Power over a global ground and air communications system. His battle results would be recorded and co-ordinated by a battery of International Business Machines computers.

The position of enemy missiles and planes would be in view on an illuminated map of North America fed by the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System and NORAD.

Not Pushbutton War

This would be no "pushbutton war." That phrase overlooks the highly-skilled technicians needed to guide this complex, electronic system in its deadly mission. This is what could be expected to happen if an enemy missile with a trajectory terminating on U.S. soil were identified on the illuminated map. There would be 15 to 20 minutes warning before it landed.

Power and his staff would work from the balcony of the control room. The room is 140 feet long, 39 feet wide and 21

feet high. Opposite the balcony, giant panels, eight feet wide and 20 feet high, would show this country's war plans in maps and charts. Over a gold-colored telephone, Power would be in touch with the Joint War Room in the Pentagon. When the President gave the word, Power would be ready to give SAC's bombers, armed with nuclear weapons, the "Go" signal.

In a room under the balcony is the Command Post. Here there are three consoles of communications controls, switches, blinking amber lights and plastic push buttons. The consoles are waist high, ten or twelve feet long. On the senior Controller's desk is a looseleaf book containing messages in code, prearranged to carry out any part or all of the war plan. But the code is incomplete and the order will not be executed unless it contains the missing part of the code. This is a peacetime precaution. High up on the wall is a red box, about 2 feet square. Its door always is unlocked. When the door is opened a Klaxon sounds throughout the Command Center. It contains the balance of the code needed to complete the "Go" message.

Alerts Posts

With the message ready, the Controller presses a red button beside a red telephone. This alerts 96 subordinate command posts across the Northern Hemisphere to stand by for an important message. Over the phone, the Controller reads the message to the designated Posts. A similar red phone sits before Power on the balcony above.

As the Controller reads the message, a member of his staff stands beside him monitoring the written and spoken words, making sure everything is done correctly and in accordance with SAC procedures. The monitor is armed, not for protection against the enemy, but in order to enforce obedience if the man on the phone should do anything at variance with the order he is transmitting.

In a larger room next to the Command Post, the computers are programmed to support the command and control function. They will summarize the results of the missions; they will make suggestions for the most effective positioning of groups of planes; they will analyze any deviations from the mission. They already contain information on the status of SAC's forces, planes, crews' supplies, flight plans, the war plan itself, and can feed this information to the Commanders and the Controller as required.

Sealed Off

In time of war, this underground Center would be sealed off. It is self-contained, with its own supplies of food, water and air. If the Command Post were knocked out, which would require a near direct hit by a nuclear weapon, control of the SAC force would be passed to an alternate Command Post or to an airborne Command Post which has been maintained in the air 24 hours a day since last February. It is commanded by a SAC general officer. The relieving Command Post always takes off before the one on duty lands. These flying communications centers can cut into the SAC communications system and use it in an emergency.

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By WALTER TOWNSEND

It was cold, fog and only partially light at the Salvation Army Shelter at 5 a.m. when early arrivals began to gather at Easter sunrise service—the first that some had ever attended.

The White City bus came in at 5:30 a.m. Chaplain John E. Frazee arrived with the men, and was at once invited to join in the Salvation Army services. He took his place at the small altar outside the front door of the Shelter, located on Crews rd., near Medford.

It was dawn. And the organ recital had ceased.

Capt. William Ricken of the Salvation Army called attention to the sun rising over the horizon, before he led the song, "He Lives." The audience, with backs to the sun, had filled the Salvation Army chairs.

When Mrs. Bert Wenzel was asked to lead in prayer, the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison as the sun rose. Chaplain Frazee of White City selected his scriptural reading from John. All read together of the crucifixion, of the sepulcher, and of how Jesus rose again.

Joined in Reading

Standing under the porch of the Shelter, the chaplain of the domiciliary faced the sun as many members of the sunrise service joined him in the reading.

Next Captain Ricken read "Up from the Grave He Arose."

Men in the assembly of worshippers wore their hats because of the cold, after Chaplain Frazee had told them it would be all right.

A cross of flowers stood on the organ as the singing continued and the sun rose higher and warmer. Richard Ricken, a small boy, gave a selection on cornet, accompanied by the Salvation Army organist. All around the grounds of the Shelter cars were parked, and a large gathering at the Shelter door heard Captain Ricken preach of Christ.

who was crucified and on the third day rose again. "Why are we here?" Captain Ricken asked the congregation at the beginning of his sermon. "We came together," he answered, "to worship Christ who rose again."

"We can hear the birds and see the sun rise above the hill," the Salvation Army preacher said, as he closed his Easter Sunday message.

Before going into the Shelter, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, sang a solo at 6 a.m. Among guests from White City in the chilly air of sunrise service was Arthur Thompson, concert pianist.

With prayer, Chaplain Frazee brought the sunrise service of White City's first attendance to an end.

Around the valley a blue rim of mountains came into full view of bright morning. It was time for breakfast.

"All guests from Camp White will be served first," it was announced. "And other guests in second section," Captain Ricken said.

Breakfast Served

Florence Kelly and Mr. Richmond, working in the kitchen, were preparing food for the participants in the sunrise Easter service. At breakfast Mrs. Ricken was in charge of the dining room and kitchen. She served everybody a huge helping of ham and eggs, with coffee being served by Mrs. Richmond and her daughter Gail. The long tables were covered with white linen and decorated with tall craft lilies.

There were, many active Salvation Army workers present. Members of the Home League included Mabel Nicholson, May Oland, Myrtle Manning, Pearl Austin, Madge Nolan.

Susie Johnsonburg of the Night League brought her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Hopkins, visiting her from Napa, Calif. Among visitors from Medford, were Mr. and Mrs. Veri G. Walker, Nests of Easter Eggs.

Tax Commission Collections Top \$66.9 Million

Salem—The Oregon Tax Commission says it collected \$66.9 million through March of this fiscal year. This is 7.8 per cent higher than the \$62.1 million of the 1961 fiscal year's first nine months. In the breakdown, personal income tax collections totaled \$37.7 million compared to the previous year's \$33.9 million, up 7.1 per cent.

Combined collections of the corporate excise and income taxes were up about \$1 million over the first three quarters of the last fiscal year.

On a separate basis, corporation excise taxes were up and corporation income tax collections were down.

Breakdown of all collections through March 31, with the 1961 comparison in parentheses:

Personal income — \$37,726,708 (\$33,900,043).
Corporation excise — \$8,359,091 (\$7,379,232).
Corporation income — \$94,006 (\$109,238).
Amusement device — \$68,928 (\$73,261).
Electric cooperative — \$147,255 (\$139,523).
Forest products, Class A & B lands — \$402,877 (\$414,084).
Forest products, Class C lands — \$15,033 (\$13,768).
Forest products, Class D lands — \$6,199 (None).
Private car company — \$19,281 (\$19,199).
Rural telephone exchange — \$65,462 (\$72,742).
Total — \$66,904,840 (\$62,121,995).

The American Automobile association estimates the daily budget for two persons on vacation, traveling by car, to be approximately \$29.

around potted lily plants, were strewn down the tables. "Take one egg home for the children and grandchildren who couldn't come," Mrs. Wenzel said.

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Former Medford Boy Heads Denver Class

Raymond Daniel Bishop Jr., formerly of Medford is valedictorian of his class at Lincoln High school, Denver, Colo. He is one of 605 students graduating.

Young Bishop, who attended Washington, McLoughlin and Medford High schools through 1960 was also active in the activities of First Baptist church, Medford.

He was one of 41 Colorado high school seniors who were awarded Boettcher Foundation college scholarships. The scholarship covers full tuition to Colorado colleges and university plus fees, books, equipment and \$600 annual stipends.

The student, who lives with his parents at 4971 West Colorado ave., Denver, plans to enter the University of Colorado this fall majoring in astrophysics and mathematics.

District Winners Announced in Contest

Clarence Lamp and Jim Seveik, Medford High school, placed second in the Southern Oregon semitinal Plymouth trouble shooting contest held in Grants Pass.

First place winners were Donald Nielsen and Victor White from Roseburg. Joe Leidecker, Sonny Chamberlain, Mike Walker and John Sneed, all Grants Pass, tied for third.

The top team in the state will be selected in competition in Portland Saturday. The state winner will go to the national contest in Detroit.

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