

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

MUCH HAS been written about the facility with which the late Edgar Wallace turned out his innumerable mystery yarns, with sometimes as many as seven in the works at the same time.

There was the time, for instance, when one of the big London papers was running a Wallace serial in its pages with the author turning out installments barely eight days in advance. Suddenly, however, the copy stopped coming in. Wallace had flown off to the Riviera for a vacation.

The feature editor panicked, particularly since the latest installment on hand left off with the hero bound hand and foot at the bottom of a fifty-foot hole in the middle of the Sahara desert. "Only Wallace is ingenious to get him out of a pickle like that," fretted the editor. "Where is the blighter anyhow?"

At the last moment, the editor's worries proved groundless. The imperturbable Wallace strode into the office, and with the relieved editor peering over his shoulder, typed the first line of the next installment.

It began, "As our hero emerged from the pit"

A pretty stenographer brought a paternity suit against her very uncomfortable boss. The judge listened to the mass of most incriminating testimony, and when the time came to announce a verdict, pulled a cigar out of his pocket and handed it to the defendant. "Congratulations," said the judge. "You have just become a father."

It took Charles Mc Harry to pinpoint the difference between a men's stylist and a tailor: a men's stylist is a tailor with a press agent.

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Telephone Crews Work To Repair Storm Damage

Pacific Northwest Bell plant men, augmented by out-of-state crews, still are working to restore telephone lines throughout the state today.

Crews from Medford are assisting in repair work in the northern part of the state. A company official said 1,400 men were on the job yesterday, and that reinforcements were on the way by air from Denver, Colo., and Fresno and Sacramento, Calif.

The company expected to have about 300 out-of-state workers on the job today. Yesterday morning, the company estimated about 53,000 telephone were out of service with about 30,000 of them in the Portland area.

Twenty-eight communities, including McMinnville, Newberg and Molalla, were without long distance service. The company has stationed five cars equipped with mobile telephones in key communities to handle emergency calls, company officials said.

So far to record Long distance calling soared to record highs over the week end. Officials estimated that the volume about 2 1/2 times that of a normal business day. Sixty-four operators from Washington and California were working various Oregon cities as the company attempted to meet the record load.

In the Portland area, D. W. Lewis, division manager, said no installations or changes were being made except on an emergency basis. All installers and repairmen were working on the restoration of service.

"We're doing everything we possibly can to restore service throughout the state as fast as is humanly possible with regard to the safety of our employees," T. E. Bolger, vice president and general manager, said.

Bolger said the restoration of telephone service in many areas had been necessarily delayed until power company crews could clear the lines and make repairs.

He urged all residents not to touch telephone wires or metal fences since they could be tangled with power lines and charged.

Medford Woman Hurt in Accident

A 31-year-old Medford woman, Carol Ann Kennedy, 1 White Oak dr., was injured slightly when she lost control of her car and crashed into Bear Creek bridge on Eighth st. about 2:42 a.m. today, according to city police.

Mrs. Kennedy did not require hospitalization, police said. She told investigating officers something ran across the street in front of her car. She swerved to avoid it and struck the bridge, causing considerable damage to her car.

In the first of two non-injury accidents Monday, Kenneth Bold Leard, 17, was cited for driving with a learner's permit unaccompanied by a licensed driver after his vehicle collided with a car driven by Cleo Craig Mayfield, 37, of 1952 Marsh lane. The accident occurred about 5:20 p.m. as Leard was attempting to turn into his driveway at 212 South Grape st., police said.

No citations were issued in a bicycle-car collision about 4:30 p.m. between 900 and 902 North Riverside ave. Paul Stanley Cochran, 13, of 628 1/2 North Riverside ave., was the rider of the bicycle, and George Albert Sharp, 46, of 824 North Riverside ave., was the driver of the car.

District Did Not Release Lake Water

Walter Hoffbuhr, Talent Irrigation district manager, said today his district did not dump water from Emigrant reservoir during the storm.

The district had expected to do so because of last week's storm to allow for storm runoff later this year, it was explained.

Hoffbuhr explained earlier that the inflow has to be prorated starting in October and running through April when the irrigation season starts to allow for storm water storage.

Water flowing in Bear creek was rain water and not released water, he said.

Too Many Hunters

Houston, Tex. — The Harris county sheriff's department decided Monday to call off a massive mountain lion hunt temporarily. So many residents armed with shotguns, rifles, pistols and bows and arrows were in the woods that deputies withdrew until the citizenry could be cleared out to avoid bagging a hunter instead of a cougar.



DIFFICULT SITUATION—Dawn Elizabeth Hall, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ragan Hall of Nashville, Tenn., doesn't like the idea of Frisky the squirrel barging in on her meal but doesn't know how to take care of the situation. It's a fight every time the family sits down to eat. Frisky was caught by Hall on a recent hunting trip and the family nursed the squirrel to health. When the Halls tried to turn Frisky loose he bent them back to the house. It looks as if the family has a new addition that is going to stay. (UPI)

Venezuela Chief Asks Outlawing Of Communists

Caracas, Venezuela.—President Romulo Betancourt announced Monday night that he has asked the Supreme Court to outlaw the Communist party and the fellow-traveling Revolutionary Left Movement (MLR).

In a 20-minute speech broadcast to the nation by radio and television, Betancourt said his government is determined "to put an end once and for all to terrorism directed from the benches of Parliament."

The President said his government will follow up the petition it sent to the court Monday with "overwhelming and forceful" proof that leaders of the two leftist parties are guilty of "fomenting civil rebellion."

Betancourt denounced Venezuela's extremists as allies of Premier Fidel Castro's revolutionary regime in Cuba and of the Kremlin.

"These policemen and the military men behind them are waging a terrorist guerrilla war on the government, stirring up pocket military revolts and committing other crimes . . ." the president said.

Latest Development

The effort to outlaw the leftists was the latest of a chain of developments begun a little more than a week ago, when the government suspended civil liberties to combat an outbreak of terrorism.

Terrorism has simmered down since the government adopted a get-tough attitude. Four bombs were set off Monday night in the "oil capital" of Maracaibo, causing no reported casualties and undetermined damage, but the rest of the country was quiet.

Three Halloween Events Planned For Area Youth

Three activities are being planned for area youngsters on Halloween by the Medford Moose lodge and the city park and recreation department.

The events, a window painting contest, a costume parade and a teen-age dance, are part of an annual program designed to reduce pranks and vandalism in the city on Halloween.

Youngsters desiring to participate in the activities will be required to sign a Youth Honor Day pledge, promising "not to deface, mutilate or destroy property or perform any act harmful to others during the Halloween season."

Registration for the window painting contest will begin at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 at the park and recreation department in city hall.

Youngsters this year will receive their window assignments at that time. In previous years, children had to contact merchants themselves to get permission to decorate the windows of a business.

After registering, the youngsters have until 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, to complete their decorations.

A costume parade will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, through the downtown district. Youngsters should gather in the library park at 4:30 p.m., according to Robert Haworth, city parks and recreation director.

A teen-age dance will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the Medford Armory. Live music has been arranged, and cider and doughnuts will be furnished by the Moose lodge.

Community Service Program Announced By Local Red Cross

Dr. Elmo Stevenson, chairman, presided at a meeting of the board of directors of the Jackson County chapter of the American Red Cross at the Red Cross building recently.

Guest speakers were Miss Randy Costello and John Reid, high school students who represented Jackson county at the leadership training school in Portland in August.

They spoke about the program and indicated that they had learned about Red Cross services which they had been unaware of previously. Reid said that, with the training he had received, he now felt qualified to organize a Junior Red Cross chapter.

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will be made up from a group of senior citizens who will assist and make themselves available whenever there is an urgent need for telephoning, typing, assistance at the Domiciliary and to the blind.

A report on the blood program was presented by Mrs. J. W. Burba, chairman. She pointed out that 1,185 pints of blood must still be collected in this area before Jan. 1, and urged everyone to support the program.

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Chamber Official To Discuss Courses

James C. Schill, Portland, district manager in the Western division of the chamber of commerce of the United States, will meet with the Medford chamber's board of directors at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the Rogue Valley Country club.

He will discuss non-partisan courses for political participation, Republican and Democratic candidates have been invited, according to Don McNeil, manager of the local chamber.

Prior to his move to Portland in 1961, Schill served for a two-year period as district manager in Minnesota, Nebraska and eastern South Dakota.

Schill assists state and local chambers and associations to set up and operate local Congressional and Action committees to study national legislation affecting business; he also helps businessmen to develop continuing programs of economic understanding and he helps set up non-partisan courses for political participation.

Schirra Family Visits President At White House

Washington.—Orbital astronaut Walter M. Schirra Jr., 37, took his family to the White House today and discovered that President Kennedy does his homework when it comes to space.

Kennedy, in turn, discovered that Schirra's daughter is five years old and goes to "kinneygarten." He took her out to see Caroline's horses.

The meeting between the President and the Schirra family came in Kennedy's office a short time before the Navy commander was to receive his astronaut's wings.

Schirra told reporters that Kennedy had asked some penetrating questions about his successful six-orbit flight and about how he felt during the period of weightlessness—the longest experienced by any American astronaut.

"It's obvious from his (the President's) questions that he does a lot of homework," Schirra said.

In Kennedy's office the President sat in his rocking chair and the Schirra family was at his side on a sofa. Kennedy appeared captivated with red-haired Suzanne Schirra, and asked "How old are you?" She held up five fingers.

Shortly afterwards Kennedy led the Schirra family to the south lawn of the White House to see Caroline's horses, Macaroni and Tex.

Suzanne was given a gold charm bracelet, Schirra's son, Marty, had a PT boat tie clasp.

Schirra told reporters that he plans to go to Houston tonight and Cape Canaveral Wednesday to make a written report on his flight. He said he also wants to catch up on the latest developments in Project Gemini, the two-man space capsule scheduled to be launched late next year.

St. Louis, Mo.—Golfers reported Monday that a hazard has been removed from the water hazard on the Westborough Country club course—a three-foot alligator.

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