

Poets' Corner

Conducted by

Arnold Eugene Jenny

On Knowing and Doing

If to do were as easy as to know what to do,
chapels had been churches and poor men's cottages
princes' palaces.
It is a good divine that follows his own instructions:
I can easier teach twenty what were good to be done,
than be one of the twenty to follow mine own teaching.
—Portia, in The Merchant of Venice: Shakespeare
(Suggested by Alice Applegate Peil, The Manor, Medford)

On An Elizabethan Stoneware Jug (Circa 1580)

Sometime between the then and now
Your functions changed from use to ornament,
And from the Tudor tables you were sent
To fill a place in my old cabinet.

I sometimes wonder when and where and how
Such destinies are figured out, and why
I hesitate to fill your shape so dry
With amber ale or blood-red wine, and let
Your chased and silvered lip pour cheer
Once more for our atomic-laden fear.
—Lloyd B. Halverson
Medford

A Mosaic

Sometimes
Life clutches hard
And bruises.
Again it slips into a day
Gently,
Etching it with beauty
That lingers
In the afterglow of memory.

Life is full of surprises
From ecstasy
To despair;
But he who hears the overtones
And feels the undercurrent
Finds joy and sorrow,
Peace and struggle,
Pain and beauty
Closely knit,
And lives more richly
By learning
That lights and shadows
Are not tricks of Fate
But fragments
Of a mosaic.

(Submitted by Vivian B. Giles, The Manor, Medford)

Our Johnny

Light as a summer breeze he runs and turns;
Whirlwinds are hardly faster, sun is brighter
Maybe, yet nothing equals his quick smile.
This loving boy, a joy, invaded
Hearts of mother, father, aunt and uncle.

Then sister came, our love enveloped her.
Though family love enfolded boy and babe
The three-year-old was stricken, hurt, bewildered.
How best explain more love not less abundance?
Our heart-strings sing, but can he hear?—he must!
—Marjorie S. Wiseman
Portland, Ore.

A Small Request

What can life give me?
I dread to say—
For if I cite the list,
I'd write my life away.
But this I want:
To do what everyone has done—
To live with zest from sun to sun;
To eat strange food, and have a friend;
And do some good before my end.
—Louise Livingston
Medford

(Composed at age 17)

Residents Interested In
Bus Transportation, Taxes

The approximately 150 persons who attended the hearing Thursday night on the proposed joining of Medford and Phoenix school districts seemed mainly concerned with bus transportation and how the proposal would affect their taxes.

Most of the questions and comments following the plan explanation centered on the school bus transportation between Phoenix - Talent and Medford areas and the possible financial status of the proposed new district.

Medford School Board Member Keith Hockersmith said the Medford school district transportation policy is available in the Medford administration office for all to see.

Medford School Board Member Dr. David C. Boals, 34 Glen Oak ct., indicated it is not fair to expect the Medford school district to provide information on transportation now before a study could be made. It would even be necessary to change the plans for the new high school if the Phoenix district should join Medford, he said.

Asked About Research

Duane Venekamp, Phoenix, asked if any research had been done on the assets and liabilities of the two districts and how any expansion program would affect taxes.

Representatives of the Medford school board said no. County School Superintendent Alf Mekvold explained the assets and liabilities of the two districts would be assumed by the new joint district. Such debts of the Medford school district now would be assumed by the people of Phoenix-Talent district, a Medford board member answered.

Richard Cottle, Phoenix lawyer, reminded the group that Medford could make

expenditures binding on the entire district during the interim period following approval of the reorganization and before election of a new school board from the joint district.

Mrs. Ray Burnett, Phoenix area, pointed out through questions that only one Medford school district board member comes from outside the old Medford school district although it now includes such areas as Lone Pine and Jacksonville.

The reorganization law does allow local advisory committees to a reorganized school district board. However, other new joint school districts had not wanted them, it was pointed out.

Frank Van Dyke, lawyer for those seeking the reorganization, said such local committees would only cause trouble.

Influenza Cases
Continue in County

The number of influenza cases reported to the Jackson county health department last week continued at a high level.

Ashland reported 12 cases, Medford 10 and Jacksonville 3. Jacksonville reported one case of mumps and Central Point one case of infectious hepatitis.

HONORED

Robert (Bobby) J. Gee, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gee, 2618 Syringa dr., Medford, a senior at Washington State university, was recently designated as a distinguished military student in the Army ROTC program.

Gee, a pre-law major, will be in line for a Regular Army commission when he graduates because of this selection. He is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.



CUBAN PATROL—Armed Marine guards ride their "mechanical mule" along the fence which separates the U. S. Naval base at Guantanamo Bay from the rest of Cuba.

Newsman and photographers were allowed to enter the area recently for the first time since the president established the quarantine around Cuba. (UPI-Telephoto)

THE WEEK IN CALIFORNIA

State's Election Results
Overshadow Other Activities

By United Press International

Gov. Edmund G. Brown last week virtually ended Richard M. Nixon's political career and left California Republicans searching for a new leader.

Nixon, the former United States vice president who lost the presidency in 1960 by less than 200,000 votes, was defeated in his bid for the California governorship by nearly 300,000 ballots. The victory gave Brown his second four-year term in Sacramento.

The final vote was Brown 2,983,873 and Nixon 2,686,133. The election left a number of puzzles with political impact across the country.

California Republicans found themselves adrift without a leader as Nixon abdicated—not only as the top GOP figure in his home state but as one of his party's national leaders.

Political Puzzles

Main political puzzles were: How was Brown—the "Amiable bumbler" as his opponents called him—able to run up such a high plurality? He had been rated as no more than an even-money bet.

How were Democrats in an off-year election able to pick up eight more Congressional seats? California's House of Representatives line-up next January will stand at 24 Democrats and 14 Republicans. The delegation was increased by eight from 30 to 38 due to reapportionment.

What was the principal reason for defeat of two Republican congressmen who are members of the John Birch society? They are Representatives John H. Rousset, who lost to Democrat Ronald B. Cameron, and Edgar W. Hiestand, to Democrat Everett G. Burkhalter.

Most Republicans agreed one big reason for the Democratic success was the Democrats' ability to get out the vote. Around 80 per cent of the eligible voters cast ballots, and Democrats outnumbered Republicans by almost 3-2.

Brown said he did not think the Cuban crisis and Kennedy's decision to throw a blockade around Cuba helped his successful fight against Nixon in any way. But Nixon's press secretary, Herbert G. Klein, said the Cuban crisis came at just the wrong time in the campaign from Nixon's standpoint and that voters rallied generally to Kennedy's Democratic party.

Other election highlights: Nixon: "Just think how much you're going to miss... you won't have Nixon to kick around any more..." Those

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Central Point Man
Injured In Crash;
1 of 3 Accidents

A Central Point man was injured Friday night when his car left the Old Stage rd., hit two roadside trees, and was demolished, state police said.

David Hixson, route 1, box 293, Central Point, was reported in fair condition at Rogue Valley hospital Saturday while being treated for hip injuries, abrasions and contusions.

State police said Hixson was driving south on the Old Stage rd. near Taylor rd., the car left the highway on a slight right curve spun around, and hit two oak trees. The victim was pinned in the car until a wrecker could move it. He was taken to the hospital by the Medford Ambulance Service.

A second accident occurred Friday on Highway 99 at the Fools creek interchange between Gold Hill and Rogue River.

A car, driven by Richard Clarence Schmidt, 17, of 250 Janney lane, stopped for a stalled car and was struck from behind by a car driven by Barry Lloyd Scruggs, 19, of 315 Summit st., state police reported. Officers noted that the accident created a large traffic jam at the time.

A one-vehicle no-injury accident occurred about 2:45 a.m. Saturday three miles east of Ashland on the Green Springs highway, state police reported.

A pickup truck, driven by Milton Marion Marks, 47, of Orick, Calif., was entering a 30 miles per hour posted speed zone when his pickup missed a curve and turned over.

Assessor Back From
Committee Meeting

County Assessor Thad Hatten has returned from a meeting of the legislative committee of the Oregon Assessor's association in Salem.

A bill is now being drawn up proposing that the state law specify qualifications for assessors, Hatten said.

Another proposed bill pertains to unit ownership of real property. In cases in which residents of an apartment house have formed a corporation, the proposed law would allow such residents to take title specifically to the upper or lower story in which their apartment is located, plus interest in the land and other facilities. Present law allows such people to take title only to land and buildings.

Other bills discussed were merely "housekeeping" measures which would make the assessor's job a little easier, Hatten explained.

Vantage, Wash.—U.S. State and local government officials today dedicated the new \$7,422,535 Vantage bridge on U.S. Highway 10 across the Columbia river.

Superintendent Dr. Max Rafferty, California's scathing

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A PUBLICIST WHO lived high on the hog was frowning over a huge dinner check placed before him by the maitre d' of a famous restaurant. His girl friend kidded him about his worried look.

"Don't misunderstand," he assured her. "It's not the size of the check. I'm just trying to figure which client to charge it to."

A top official at Chrysler confesses, "When we have a tough new problem at the plant and our experts can't figure an easy way to solve it, we put our laziest man on the job. He'll find the easy way in 48 hours flat. Then we adopt his method."

John Hutchens reports that a man intent upon reading up on locusts (there's a new plague of them due, we're told) was annoyed by the cost of books covering the subject, and declared forcefully, "What this country needs is a good five-cent cicada."

Speaker: Permit me to thank you, sir, for staying to listen to me when everybody else walked out.

Listener: Don't thank me, son. I'm the next speaker.

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Local Program Set Today At Noon

"Influenza, Pneumonia, and Pleurisy—the Facts" will be the topic on "Adventures in Medicine" today at noon over station KBES-TV. The medical panel program, usually seen at 3:30 p.m., will be aired at the earlier hour today because of network program commitments, according to the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association, which sponsors the series of health education discussions.

Dr. Lawrence W. Buonocone, general practitioner, Dr. Fred C. Lorish, specialist in internal medicine, and Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson County health physician will make up the panel today.

It is believed by health officials that the control of other respiratory diseases is consistent with the tuberculosis eradication program, and the discussion on influenza, pneumonia, and pleurisy will be the first of two programs on such diseases. In two weeks another panel of physicians will discuss the facts about emphysema and bronchiectasis, the incidence of which is increasing annually among both men and women.

Roosevelt Children
Received Local Wire

Mrs. Frank Christian, Talent, president of the local chapter of the Eleanor Roosevelt League wired James Roosevelt in New York Thursday expressing the league's sorrow over the death of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

"We share your deep sorrow today because your mother and our friend died, and the world's humble gratitude because she lived," the wire said.

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