

Remember the Stamp

House Organ Offers Suggestions On How To Write to Congressman

By DICK WEST

Washington—UPI—The current issue of a house organ magazine published by the Humble Oil Co. offers some suggestions on how to write to a member of Congress. This is a timely topic. A new session of Congress has started so it should not be long before you have a lot to write your congressman about.

Not all oil companies are in a position to offer advice on congressional correspondence. Several years ago, you may recall, one company wrote a letter that was credited with killing a natural gas bill favored by the industry.

I think we may assume, however, that Humble is fully qualified in this field. It divides its suggestions into "do's" and "don'ts," and I would imagine it has had quite a bit of experience composing letters of the "don't" variety.

"Don't repeal the depletion allowance" has been the theme of many an oil company message to Congress.

As befits a company bearing its name, Humble advises against taking a pretentious approach in corresponding with a congressman.

"Don't pretend to represent more political influence than you have," it says.

I interpret this to mean that you shouldn't threaten a congressman with defeat in the next election unless you are eligible to vote.

Humble also recommends that you "communicate with your senator or representative on issues while there is still time for him to take effective action."

In other words, don't wait until after Congress has adjourned.

Humble feels that a "thoughtful" letter from an individual constituent is more "meaningful" than a sheaf of identical telegrams or postcards sent by pressure groups.

I believe this is true, particularly if the individual constituent encloses a campaign contribution, which is the most meaningful form of thoughtfulness there is.

Anyone who wants to become a pen pal with his congressman should benefit from Humble's suggestions, but it seems to me the company omitted the most important

thing of all. It is: Before mailing your letter be certain it has the proper stamp. A congressman's franking privilege doesn't include postage due.



AT MEETING — Howard Pierce, left, Ashland, Jackson county American Cancer Society crusade chairman, is shown with Ralph Edwards, radio and television star and national crusade chairman, at a recent meeting of Cancer Society representatives from 11 western states in Portland.

Scholarship Noted For HS Graduates

Eugene — A \$300 scholarship is being made available by the Republic Carloading and Distributing Company, New York, to a 1963 high school graduate who plans to major in transportation at the University of Oregon.

The scholarship will be awarded a student entering the university fall term, 1963, and is renewable for three additional years for a total of \$1,200.

High school students wishing to apply for the scholarship should write Professor Roy J. Sampson, school of business administration at the University of Oregon, for application forms and additional information. Completed applications should be submitted not later than Feb. 20.

Prisoner Ransom Airlifted To Cuba

Miami, Fla.—UPI—The United States flew \$300,000 worth of Cuban prisoner ransom supplies to Fidel Castro Wednesday, the first since 1,113 Bay of Pigs prisoners arrived here at Christmastime.

A chartered Red Cross DC8B flew to Havana with 15,600 pounds of dental, medical and other supplies, and returned to Miami empty.

Enso Bighinatie, assistant national director for disasters for the Red Cross, earlier had denied reports that the 109-seat passenger plane would bring back the first of some 250 Cuban-Americans waiting to get off the island.

"That was the first plane available today," he said, "so we took it."

Another air shipment is scheduled to leave here for Havana Friday.

Valley Residents Attend Meeting of Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society held its National Crusade meeting for the western 11 states in Portland recently at which time it was announced that radio and television star Ralph Edwards has accepted chairmanship of the 1963 National Crusade.

In the volunteer position, he will lead the Society's educational and fund-raising Crusade next April, which consists of more than 2,000,000 volunteers who distribute literature on cancer's seven danger signals to every home and business in the United States.

"This year about 815,000 Americans will be under medical care for cancer," Edwards said. "Due to early diagnosis and prompt treatment about 177,000 of this number will be saved and it is the goal of the volunteers to advance this number to one out of two instead of the present one out of three."

The Oregon Division 1963 Crusade chairman will be Dr. Orval Eaton, Medford, and Howard Pierce, Ashland, will be Jackson county chairman.

Pierce will be assisted by the following volunteers who attended the two-day meeting: Robert Ford, Medford, chairman; Darrell Price, business and offices chairman, Mrs. B. L. Wood, Medford, residential chairman; Kenneth Wright, county treasurer and special events; Mrs. Richard Saul, area chairman; Mrs. Howard Pierce, Ashland residential chairman; Dr. Earl Lawson, district IV medical director; Mrs. Lawson, co-educational chairman; Dr. Robert Turner, Ashland, county unit president, and Mrs. Mahr Reymers, county executive secretary.

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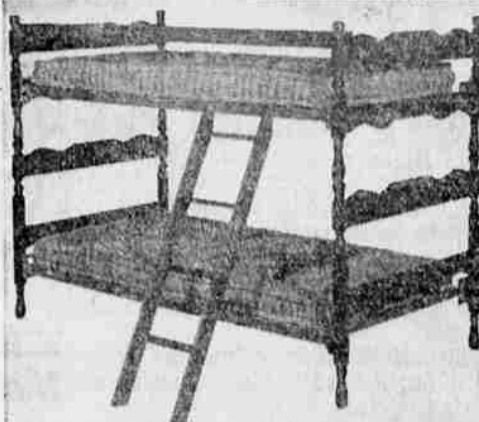
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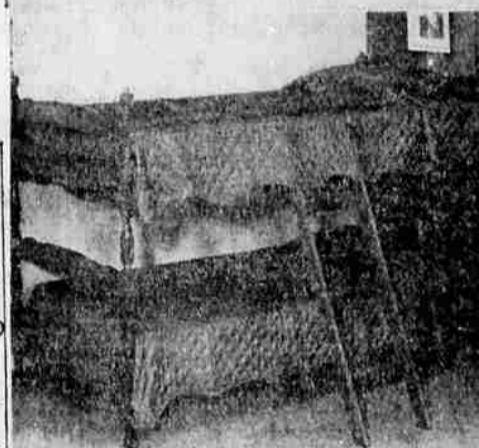


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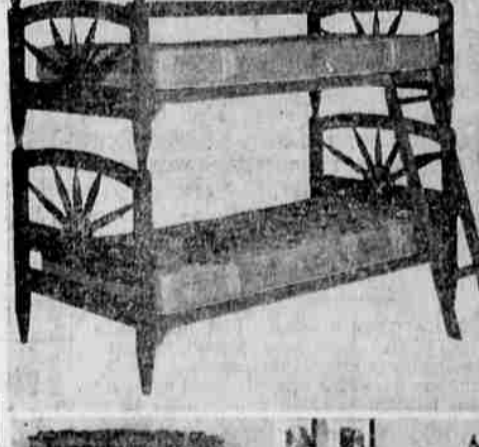


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Liquor Prices Up Effective Feb. 1

Portland—UPI—The Oregon Liquor Control Commission announced Wednesday that hard liquor will cost an additional 15 cents a fifth and 10 cents a pint effective Feb. 1.

The announcement was made at a commission meeting. The increase, which will not affect wines, is expected to add \$3 million to the state's general fund during the 1963-65 biennium.

Ted Turner of Portland, a representative of the Oregon Non-Profit Organizations, appeared at the meeting to protest the action. He said the commission arbitrarily was raising liquor prices without legislative action.

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