

# Try and Stop Me

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A STORY President Hoover loved to tell about his predecessor, Calvin Coolidge, concerned the day the Coolidges entertained a missionary at their Northampton, Mass., home before the visitor delivered a scheduled address at the Congregational Church. Grace Coolidge cooked a special dinner, but the missionary wouldn't eat a bite of it—explaining that a meal would spoil his delivery.



CALVIN COOLIDGE

Mrs. C. was annoyed and stayed home, so Mr. Coolidge escorted the missionary alone to the church. When he came home, Mrs. Coolidge asked, "How did it go?" Cal's laconic reply was: "He might as well have eat!"

Old Satch Paige, one of baseball's all-time greats, had a six-point formula for staying young:

1. Avoid fried meats which angry up the blood.
2. If your stomach disputes you, lie down and pacify it with cool thoughts.
3. Keep the juices flowing by jangling around gently as you move.
4. Go light on vice, such as carrying on with society folks. The social rambles ain't restful.
5. Avoid running at all times.
6. Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you.

Colonel Duffy is bemoaning the plight of the mattress tester who got fired for standing up on the job.

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## Apparent Low Bidders for 12 Road Jobs Listed

Salem—Apparent low bids on 12 projects were opened here by the Highway Commission Tuesday.

The projects totaled \$5,070,425, slightly below the department's estimate. Contracts will be awarded Thursday.

The projects included, by county:

Clackamas: Clackamas overcrossing-Park Place section of Cascade Highway-Ernest Ferrante & Co., Portland, \$9,252.

Gilliam: Arlington viaduct section, Columbia River Highway-Pacific Concrete and Otis T. Jordan Jr., Portland, \$1,217,333.

Hood River: Mitchell Point-Hood River section of Columbia River Highway-Rogers Construction Co., Portland, \$790,311.

Hood River: Whiskey Creek-Hood River section of the Mt. Hood Highway-Henry H. Miller Construction, Inc., and Ed A. Miller, Wilbur, Ore., \$375,706.

Jackson: Crater Lake interchange ramps section, Pacific Highway-Madson and Stokes, Roseburg, \$20,765.

Josephine: Grants Pass-Evans Creek section, Pacific Highway-Madson and Stokes, Roseburg, \$27,445.

Josephine: Building addition to existing office building at Grants Pass-Jack Mathis, Inc., Roseburg, \$14,110.

Lane: Judkins Point-Goshen section of the Pacific Highway near Eugene-Solomon Aichele, Portland, \$26,623.

Marion and Linn: Jefferson junction-N. Albany interchange section, north of Albany-Page Paving, Salem, \$397,750.

Multnomah: N. Shaver st.-Morrison Bridge interchange unit, east bank freeway section of Pacific Highway in Portland-Peter Kiewit Sons, Vancouver, Wash., \$908,065.

Multnomah: Rebuilding existing office building in Portland-E. Carl Schiewe, Portland, \$61,408.

Wasco: Dufur-Gap section of the Dalles-California highway-Rogers Construction, Portland, \$959,659.

## Deducting Storm Loss Caused To Trees Proving Big Headache

Portland—The "windfall" Oregonians hoped for in income tax refunds because of trees blown down last Oct. 12 isn't the breeze many expected.

"It's tougher than most people think," said a federal tax man. The tree situation is causing tax officials and taxpayers—more headaches than any other item.

Don't get them wrong—the loss is deductible. But figuring the loss—to the satisfaction of the tax people—takes a bit of doing.

An Internal Revenue Service spokesman said there probably was a little "too much optimistic material" put out right after the big blow.

State and federal officials said many persons were under one big misapprehension. It is this:

That they could report a loss, for example, of a couple of 10-year-old apple trees, get a nurseryman to say how much they were worth, and then deduct that amount as loss.

No can do, say the tax men. Entitled To Deduct

But the IRS says "if your uninsured trees or shrubs were damaged or destroyed, you are entitled to deduct the amount that damage reduced the fair market value of your residential property as a whole."

That's a big mouthful, but the tax people tried to simplify it. First, in most cases, deductions should be itemized on the tax form. Then the IRS lists two methods which apply to non-commercial tree losses.

One—The amount you spent to remove destroyed trees or shrubs, prune or otherwise repair damaged trees or shrubs, and to replant the lost trees or shrubs will serve as a measure of this loss of value.

Two—A competent real estate appraisal of the loss of value of the property as a whole because of storm damage. Any such appraisals should be in writing and should "be the work of a qualified appraiser who has made a personal inspection of the property." Loss determined by this method must also be reduced by insurance, salvage, or other recovery to determine the deductible loss.

If you claim a casualty loss deduction a copy of the deduction computation should be attached to the return. You don't have to send in documents evidencing the repair expenditures or copies of the appraisals with the return. But the IRS warns you'd better be prepared to present them upon request.

Examples Given

Here are a couple of examples listed by the IRS for method one:

Amount spent removing trees—\$63.

Amount spent replanting trees—\$43.

Amount spent repairing roof—\$24.

Cost of replacing window—\$4.

Total restoration cost \$134.

Amount paid by insurance—\$0.

Amount deductible—\$134.

Or:

Amount spent removing trees—\$63.

Amount spent replanting trees—\$43.

Amount spent repairing roof—\$98.

Amount spent repairing window—\$7.

Total restoration cost \$211.

Amount paid by insurance—\$55.

Amount deductible—\$156.

State Rules Similar

A spokesman for the State Tax commission said its rules generally follow those of the IRS though the state holds more to the real estate appraisal of the property. A lot of people might be discouraged, unless losses were extremely heavy, because the cost of the appraisal could be more than they would get in rebates. And getting comparative appraisals before and after the loss is another headache.

It isn't so bad on other property. For damage to houses, fences, garages or other residential buildings, the act-

ual amount spent to repair the storm damage, minus any reimbursement by insurance, will be accepted as evidence of the deductible loss for that damage, the IRS said.

But its the trees that are causing the confusion. Tax people say there's never been anything quite like it before—because Oregon never had such a windstorm before.

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## Civil Defense Plans Completed at SOC

Ashland—Civil Defense plans and preparations for Southern Oregon college have been completed, Robert McCoy, chairman of the campus Civil Defense committee, has announced.

According to McCoy, Southern Oregon college has one of the most adequate defense setups in southern Oregon. He noted that these facilities had been earmarked in cooperation with civil defense authorities in their basic details, but that the advent of the Cuban crisis had necessitated that they be updated and that more information be provided to students and faculty members.

Immediately prior to the crisis, President Elmo N. Stevenson appointed McCoy as chairman of a committee composed of Carson Vehrs, director of dormitory services, Hugh G. Simpson, director of information, and Lowell Lux, of the Siskiyou newspaper representative.

Initial steps toward the formation of a satisfactory civil defense program for the college were taken at a special meeting conducted by Fred Heard, Siskiyou editor, who introduced Buford Johnson, deputy director of civil defense for Jackson county; Warren Lonax, civil defense director for the Ashland area; and Maj. Gen. Joseph Hicks, director of civil defense for the county.

Following the meeting, the campus committee conducted a series of conferences resulting in the placement of civil defense posters at strategic locations in every campus building and the distribution of a civil defense leaflet to members of the student body, faculty, and civil service staff at SOC.

This distribution was effected by enlisting the aid of the members of a student council under the direction of President Bill Bebbler. Meanwhile, a list of general instructions for each shelter on campus was prepared which included such items as shelter capacities, distribution of food and water available, sanitation measures, communication facilities, use of radio-

## Hoffa Calls for March on Capitol

Lansing, Mich.—Hoffa, a march on the nation's Capitol has been called for by Teamsters Union boss James R. Hoffa to protest labor legislation in the works by several congressmen.

Hoffa, in a speech here Tuesday, promised to lead "hundreds of thousands" of workers himself to protest the bills which he referred to as "garbage" and which he said would destroy the labor movement in the United States.

Hoffa, in his speech to 175 delegates to the annual legislative conference of the Michigan State Building and Construction Trades Union, called the congressmen sponsoring the bills "bums."

The congressmen to whom he was referring were Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) and Rep. Dave Martin (R-Neb.).

McCoy pointed out that the entire civil defense program had been conducted in such a way that no element of fear or panic had been encountered at any time. He also praised the work of the administration, faculty, students and civil defense authorities for their cooperation and the help extended throughout the project.

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## Anderson Absolved By Air Force for Slayings in Idaho

Mountain Home, Idaho—Airman Gerald M. Anderson, 25, was a free man today after 10 months' imprisonment by the Air Force for a double slaying another man had confessed.

Anderson was released at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday from the Mountain Home AFB stockade shortly after the Air Force announced it was dropping a double murder charge against him.

The Air Force announced in Washington, D.C. today it would discharge Anderson soon because of the "unusual circumstances" surrounding his case.

### CUB SCOUT NEWS

Cub Scouts Pack 8

Bobcat pins were presented by Cub Scout Master Glenn Williams at the January meeting of Cub Scout Pack 8 at the Jackson school.

They went to the following new members: Paul McMahan, Douglas Overstreet, Michael Knudsen, Ray Spencer, Denis Crews, Lance Goucher and Larry Anderson.

One of the honorary events of the evening was presentation of Den Chief Cord to Jack Young of Troop 9. Den 9 conducted the flag ceremony and the Rev. Bruce Rogers gave the invocation.

Awards presented by Richard Childress, awards chairman, included: wolf badge, John Rogers, Bill Huson, Bruce Shaffer, Ron Havice, Dick Havice, and Steve Netherland; bear award, Steve Gray; lion award, Dan Van Liew and Mike Netherland; wolf gold arrow, Bruce Shaffer, Bill Huson; wolf silver arrow, Bruce Shaffer and Mike Netherland.

Rick Childress received two silver arrows. First-year pins went to Ferrin Kilby, Rodney Kuschel, Martin Hooper, Preston LaPratt, Jim Ronander, John Hinkle, John Boardman, Gary Konopasek, First-year perfect attendance pins were awarded Gary Konopasek, John Hinkle, James Ronander, John Hinkle, James Ronander, Larry Calkins, Preston LaPratt, Martin Hooper, Ferrin Kilby, Gerald Brawn.

Second-year pins went to Frankie Arnold and Larry Hinkle. Second-year perfect attendance pin was awarded Larry Hinkle.

Denner awards were presented Chuck Cheatum, Bill Huson, Larry Hinkle. Assistant denner awards went to Bruce Shaffer, Gary Konopasek, Larry Anderson, Doyle Baker and John Baker. Palms went to Ron Havice, Preston LaPratt and Ferrin Kilby.

Den 10 won possession of the cup for having the largest number of parents and friends attending the meeting.

Den 8 won the tie and slide for having the most dads present.

The pack window display for Boy Scout Week will be located at Burks Tent and Awning shop. The Blue and Gold banquet will be held Feb. 28.

his case, Rep. Ralph Harding (D-Idaho) said.

Anderson had applied for a hardship discharge. Believed Innocent

The Air Force said it believed Anderson was innocent of the slaying deaths here last April of Mrs. Nancy Joy Johnson, 22, and her son, Danny, 2.

Triple murder suspect Theodore Thomas Dickie, 22, an ex-convict whose confession to the Johnson slayings prompted the state of Idaho to exonerate Anderson two months ago, said in his cell at the Ada county jail in Boise, "I'm glad for him."

Dickie, who also has confessed to the rape-slaying of a 10-year-old Boise girl, has been held by the state since November for the slayings of Mrs. Johnson and her son.

General Makes Decision

Lt. Gen. Archie Old Jr., commander of the 15th Air Force at March AFB, near Riverside, Calif., notified Air Force authorities here he had concluded the young airman was innocent.

Anderson was not available to the press for comment, the Air Force said.

The bodies of Mrs. Johnson and her son were found by the woman's husband, A-1C Alec Johnson. Her body had been knifed nine times and the child's throat slashed.

Anderson was a neighbor of Johnson, and it was Anderson who, at Johnson's request, called the police here.

Gave Confession

The Office of Special Investigation picked up Anderson a day later and questioned him for more than a week. At the end of the week, the OSI had a confession from Anderson to the murder of Mrs. Johnson.

Anderson later said OSI agents "pressured" him into a confession. After Dickie's confession, the state of Idaho released Anderson but the Air Force arrested him on the same day. Later it held two hearings.

Tuesday's announcement climaxed the case.

Girl Takes Poison After Reprimand

Pittsburgh—A 14-year-old girl who admitted she swallowed poison because she had been reprimanded for smoking at school died Tuesday.

Marlene Burke told her grand mother, Mrs. Alberta Burke, that she had taken roach powder. Mrs. Burke telephoned South Side hospital and learned what antidote to give the girl.

The grandmother said Marlene showed slight improvement and then went into a coma. She was taken to the hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Mrs. Burke said Marlene told her she took the poison Monday because she had been reprimanded for smoking at Herron Hill Junior High school.

## Frost's Funeral Will Be Thursday

Cambridge, Mass.—Poet Robert Frost, 88, will have a simple New England funeral.

Private funeral services, with only his family in attendance, will be held Thursday at Memorial Chapel at Harvard university.

The silver-haired poet will be buried Sunday in a small family plot at Old Bennington, Vt., near his wife and parents.

A public memorial service will be held Sunday at Amherst college where the four-time Pulitzer Prize winner received his first appointment as a professor and spent many years writing.

The nation's uncrowned poet laureate died Tuesday in Peter Bent Brigham hospital in Boston. Death was attributed to a blood clot in the lung.

## Civil Defense Said Giving False Sense

Salem—Rep. Beulah Hand (D-Milwaukie) said Tuesday the Oregon Civil Defense Agency could be abolished, leaving only a token office to handle federal surplus property details for county organizations.

Mrs. Hand said she thinks civil defense, as practiced in Oregon, has given people a false sense of security.

She said, however, she does think civil defense has a place in the country's national defense picture—on a federal level.

## Radioactivity Said High in Japan

Tokyo—An agency of the Japanese government said today Soviet nuclear testing apparently was responsible for the highest radioactivity in years in snow and rain in western Japan.

The government's Radioactive Countermeasures Headquarters reported the most radioactivity during the month ending Jan. 15 was registered at Yonago, on the west coast of the main island of Honshu.

Snow there had a reading of 2,523 millicuries per square kilometer.

Japanese authorities generally consider any reading over 2,500 millicuries as grounds for a closer check on public health.

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