

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE MAIN COURSE at a dinner in Washington was Cornish rock hen, and the partner of a very proper diplomat seemed to be having trouble with it. "I'm afraid," she whispered, "they didn't take all of the shotgun pellets out of this bird."

The diplomat was a sorely troubled, for he knew that birds like Cornish hens are never brought down with shotguns. Suddenly he realized what had gone amiss. The lady's pearl necklace had snapped, and the beads had fallen into her dinner plate.

Jack Fuller tells about the fun-loving rover who selected ten friends at random and wired them a one-word message: "CONGRATULATIONS." Nine of them replied within a week, thanking him, and going into detail about some recent exploit they thought worthy of his praise.

There was a similar jokester, of course, who drove friends into a tizzy by telegraphing each of them, "Please disregard my previous wire."

A bride-to-be showed a friend a list of her proposed wedding guests. "I wonder if you realize," commented the friend, "that you've included nothing but married couples?"

"Of course," said the bride-to-be complacently. "We figured that if we invite only married folks, the presents will be clear profit!"

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On the Air

By ELEANOR WIESE

Newsman covering the U.S. Senate have found a new way to forecast events—by watching for blue shirts.

The fact that a Senator shows up wearing a fairly dark blue shirt may be fraught with significance, says news correspondent Robert McCormick.

Blue shirts are considered ideal for camera appearances, according to Mr. McCormick, though actually shirts of any solid color are quite alright. The idea is to have as little contrast as possible between shirt and coat. A white shirt with a black coat is the worst combination.

But the idea became implanted in Congressional minds back in the early days of television that blue was the only color for TV shirts, so blue it is.

Most members have blue shirts, and they usually wear their best blue shirts when they intend to make a speech, they think will be especially noteworthy, or when they intend to propose an amendment pending legislation they think will kick up a particular fuss, or when they think that, for a variety of other reasons, they may wind up in front of a camera.

For example, during consideration of one particularly controversial piece of legislation, Senate leaders were keeping careful watch over one member who had threatened to advance an amendment that was certain to start a major fight and might have delayed passage of the entire bill.

Newsman McCormick explains, "Reporters also were anxious to get as much advance notice as possible of the Senator's intentions. One morning during debate, he showed up in a dark blue shirt."

Colonial Times Depicted in Show

Colonial times and early United States history will be depicted with a modern twist when the Medford Kiwanis Club stages its annual Kapers show.

The production, "Well, Phil My Wig," will be presented at Medford High school auditorium Feb. 27 and 28 and March 1 and 2. Rehearsals are now in full swing.

Act 1 of the show leads off with a scene featuring George Washington. It is called "We are Flipping by George." Second scene, "Oh, My Stars" concerns the making of this nation's first flag. Dolly Madison, wife of a president, is portrayed in "Dolly Madison's Charm School."

Other first act scenes are "Florence: There's a Nightingale in the House," "That's the Spirit," "Tavern in the Town," "Miss America Pageant," and "Boston Tea Party."

Act 2 this year is a minstrel show.

The Kapers will have all local talent under the direction of B. Louis Gregory of the John B. Rogers Producing company.

Ticket sale is now in progress. They can be bought at Barker's Men's store, Drews Manstore, John Nitch jewelry, and West Main barber shop in Medford, the Mark Central hotel in Ashland and Central Point pharmacy.

Kiwanis and their wives make up a large portion of the cast.

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Sunday Closing Law in Michigan Effective Soon

By LOIS BLACKBURN
United Press International

Lansing, Mich.—Michigan's self-styled "best-in-the-nation" Sunday closing law goes into effect next month and already some state officials have branded it an "administrative and enforcement nightmare."

Under terms of the law:

- A gun cannot be sold on Sunday, but ammunition can be.
- Sale of an electrical appliance is banned, but light bulbs are exempted.
- For "Emergency Purposes" a wrench, hammer or screwdriver can't be sold, unless the buyer needs it for "emergency purposes... due to acts of God, war or public enemy."
- Sale of a kitchen chair is outlawed, but a customer can buy a lawn chair.
- A topcoat cannot be sold, but a raincoat can.
- A parent cannot buy his girl a doll, but can buy a boy a baseball.
- A downtown supermarket can't sell corn, but it can be sold at a roadside stand if it was grown nearby.
- Like most laws written to please diverse groups, the law could end up pleasing none. The small businessmen and the tourist industry appear to benefit the most from the law. The big discount houses and some chain stores could suffer the most.
- The law prohibits stores from selling specific items listed in the act on "both any successive Saturday and Sunday." A merchant could close on Saturday and remain open on Sunday. But few, if any, merchants would close on their peak sales day Saturday in order to open on Sunday.
- The law says items prohibited from being sold on Sunday must be removed from the sales area or suitably covered from public view. This could play havoc with a drug store, where 1,001 items have with mingled on the shelves, some available for sale on Sunday and some not.
- Local Option Clause
- An even bigger cause for headaches is the local option clause. Any of Michigan's 83 counties that want to exempt themselves from the provisions of the law may do so with a two-thirds vote of the county board of supervisors. At least one county has already exempted itself from the law and many others seem certain to follow.
- The local option angle was put in as an afterthought when merchants in northern Michigan complained that the law would hurt summer tourist business.
- The little storekeeper gets a break at the expense of the giant supermarket. Food for consumption away from the premises where sold is included in the ban—but only when sold by a big volume store. A retail outlet with less than 4,000 square feet of floor space or managed by not more than two proprietors and one other person is exempted from the ban on food sales.

The Collector's Corner

Our new 5 cent 50 State stamp is a pretty one. Cuba were impressed at sea true colors, with the White House in the background on the left. A total of 400 million were printed on the fourth stamp with "Old Glory" predominant, although we have seen the same 40 stamps with our portion of the collection. This collection makes a beautiful, educational and interesting one.

On February 15 the cent airmail postal card was issued. It is precanceled. Our 14 and the 2 1/2 stamps have been released for general sale. This is wonderful news for our plate number collectors. Both of these stamps came into use when the bulk rate for this class matter was increased in 1960.

Lincoln collectors had hoped the Emancipation Proclamation stamp would be issued on his birthday, but we are told we must wait until a later date.

Again ATA has issued a lovely souvenir sheet of beautiful roses in all color, two stamps from France and four from Bulgaria. This display is just as gorgeous as last year's when their World Flower Show souvenir sheet pictured 10 beautiful illustrations of flower stamps from Nicaragua. We have over 50 post offices in the U.S. named for a flower. There is no end to this fascinating aspect of our hobby.

A cover with a cancellation from each post office, is in-teresting.

Mrs. W. H. Walwyn, Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, Medford.

SOC Business Manager Speaks at Meeting

Don Lewis, Southern Oregon college business manager, told the Jackson County Board of Court association recently that the college has a \$100 million impact on this area.

During the recent monthly meeting main speakers for the coming year were announced. Next meeting will be held at North's Chuck wagon March 13.

Dennis the Menace

"HE'S MUCH BETTER. DOCTOR, IN FACT I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN KEEP HIM IN BED."