

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE INDIANA Bell Telephone Company reports that one of its operators was asked the other day to put in a call for a state prison official in Huntsville, Texas. "Do you happen to know his number?" asked the operator. "He doesn't have a number," was the response. "He's the warden there."



A Greenwich Village espresso emporium featured a lady peep this season who earned free meals for herself by leaning over backwards every now and then and picking up her handkerchief with her teeth. For an encore she leaned over backwards again and picked up her teeth.

British author C. Northcote Parkinson has won international fame as a humorist, yet the "laws" he has set down to remind successful business men of the pitfalls that endanger them have enough basic truth in them to make one ponder long and carefully. Three basic Parkinson laws, for example, are these: 1. Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion. 2. Expenditure rises to meet income. 3. Expansion means complexity, and complexity, decay.

Any arguments?
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Grenfell Given Two Years' Probation

Portland—Former State Senator William Grenfell of Portland, who was convicted of failing to remain at the scene of a traffic accident, was placed on two years' probation Wednesday.

Circuit Judge Virgil Langtry also levied a \$250 fine against the 37-year-old legislator and recommended that his driver's license be suspended for one year.

Grenfell, a former city fireman and defeated candidate for Multnomah County commissioner, was convicted last Friday by a Circuit Court jury in Portland.

He was charged in connection with a two-car accident in North Portland last Oct. 8. Harold Jones, 61, Battle Ground, Wash., was killed in the crash. Grenfell was seriously injured.

Chairmen for VA's Hobby Fair Named

White City—Chairmen for the 1963 annual Hobby Fair at the Veterans Administration Domiciliary here have been selected and preliminary plans completed, according to dimidiary officials.

The fair, which draws from 3,500 to 4,000 people to view the handicraft in metal, stones, wood, leather and fabrics, is held in conjunction with the Rogue Valley Pear Blossom Festival each spring. Artists and writers also join. Veterans Administration Volunteer Services members cooperate in the annual show. Mrs. Dorothy Leuty, VAVS representative of World War I veterans, is chairman. Lee Brown, in charge of the manual arts program here, is coordinator. Co-Chairman Named Mrs. Austia Barneburg and

Mrs. Hazel Anderson, of the Spanish War Veterans auxiliary, are co-chairmen for judging and awards; Mrs. Helen Lusk, Military Order of the Lady Bugs, is head of the publicity group; Mrs. Alice Floyd and Mrs. Edith Poe, Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, handle decorations. Entertainment and refreshments will be handled by

Mrs. Mabel Lynch, who with Mrs. Leuty represents the World War I auxiliary. The reception committee is headed up by Mrs. Trude Scott, American Red Cross. Staff assistance will be spearheaded by Frank J. Glonning, administrative assistant to the chief medical officer, Dr. E. G. Everett; Paul C. Bethel, chief of recreation; chief librarian, Miss

MOST EMBARRASSING
Portland, England—"I find it most embarrassing," Able Seaman Barry L. Edwards, 22, told a court martial Tuesday in explaining why he kept his middle name secret to avoid his shipmates' jokes. He said the L. stands for Loveday.
Enid Holmes; the Rev. John Frazee, Protestant chaplain, and the Rev. Lawrence Eskay, Catholic chaplain.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The news today? There's nothing much in the way of big news to blow your hat off.

So let's turn to the little news.

ONE of our numerous space robots sent back a message the other day to the effect that normal life on the planet Mars is impossible. There's nothing there, the message added, to support life as we know it.

Now if we could just get the same news as to conditions on the moon, we might be able to settle down to the serious business of making life better here on this planet that we call the Earth.

FROM Seaside, down at the mouth of the Columbia river, comes word that when Charles A. (Chuck) Smith got fed up a while back with government regulations in the dairy business, he turned to MINK RANCHING. He reports that he has never regretted it.

His judgment was probably good. There is considerable evidence that in these days MINK is getting to be more important than MILK.

UP SALEM way, where the Oregon legislature is in session, there have been suggestions that if there were more SPANKINGS in the schools the quality of Oregon education might be improved.

That led to an inquiry, directed to State School Superintendent Leon Mince as to what the law is on the subject. Dr. Mince reported that spankings are not prohibited by Oregon state law.

Nor, he added, does the Oregon State Department of Education have any rules or regulations on spanking. The state law, he says, recognizes the "love parent" (teacher in place of parent) concept, and so the teacher is legally presumed to be correct if a spanking is administered.

IN RESPONSE to the inquiry, Dr. Mince went on to say, spanking is no crime in Oregon unless it is maliciously administered or so severe that it causes permanent injury to the student.

In 12 years, he says, only one case of spanking has come to his attention. As a general rule, local districts have regulations, and usually require a witness to observe spankings. Most of it, he reports, is done "by hand" or with a ruler and most spankings are confined to the primary grades.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
Little Rock, Ark. — Gov. Orval Faubus, charging the federal government secretly recruited Arkansas National Guard pilots for the 1961 Cuban invasion.

"This whole thing is a disgrace in American history. They tried to recruit some men in the North and couldn't do it, so they came down to the South where they still have some patriotism and got volunteers among the National Guard."

Haledon, N.J. — Mrs. A. J. Stueckle, telling what happened when a safety valve popped at a paint factory.
"All of a sudden everything started being all red, and I opened my door and I started getting red."

Washington — Mildred Edie Brady, of the Consumers Union of the U.S., Inc., backing a bill aimed at outlawing misleading labels and outside packages.
"This is not one of those situations where a barrel is condemned because of a few rotten apples. The biggest names on supermarket shelves are among the brands most often complained about."

Norwich, Conn. — Benjamin Dubicki, describing an explosion caused when cold floodwaters hit a boiler at a twine mill, killing six persons.
"All at once the building just sort of fell. Lights went out and that was it."

You are also probably aware that if a spanking program got started in some school a lot of fur would fly.

TALKING the other day with Doug Puckett, of Keno, about doe shooting in Oregon, and the official contention that it has been necessary in order to keep the deer population down to the point where there will be enough feed to go around, he told me the story of the colored boy who was caught on the top of a burning sky-scraper with no way to get down.

There was a rubber boot factory on the upper floor, and so he put on a pair of the boots and jumped off the roof. The boot soles were springy, and when he hit the ground he bounced and bounced, going higher with every bounce.

The upshot of it was that they had to shoot him to keep him from starving to death. "That," Doug added, "is about all that can be said for these doe shooting licenses the game commission has been peddling."

College Receives Cash for New Fund

Ashland — Southern Oregon college has received a cash contribution from the Winston School Employees and Administrators to initiate the E. H. Hedrick student loan fund, Donald E. Lewis, business manager, has announced.

Hedrick, a much-loved and respected educator, and retired superintendent of the Medford public school system, died recently.

Making the presentation on behalf of George Corwin, superintendent of the Winston-Dillard District 116, and the Winston contributors, were Vincent McGovern, principal of the Lookingglass and Ten Mile elementary school, and Bert Kleiner, principal of the Dillard elementary school.

In presenting the gift, Corwin and Kleiner expressed the hope of the Winston group that others in southern Oregon and throughout the rest of the state would be inspired to add to the fund in order that it would become a permanent tribute to Mr. Hedrick.

BRITONS SEEK TRADE

London — The London and Birmingham chambers of commerce will send a mission to Moscow May 6 to foster two-way trade with the Soviet Union. A spokesman for the London chamber said Wednesday the 10-day visit has been endorsed by the British Board of Trade and by the Foreign Office.

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