



Small Worlds Around Us

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Pudgy Fell From Sight Rapidly And Mysteriously

Too bad he wasn't around to enjoy his greatest hour... that day when he, just a dog, became the most talked about and important personage in the city. His name, measurements and habits were broadcast by radio, television, and by newspapers in half a dozen cities, as he was the dog "most wanted" by police and highway patrols. Boys and men in neighborhoods near and far neglected their work to join in a countryside search for a missing dog by the name of Pudgy.

Up until the day of his disappearance and the great search, Pudgy had led a sheltered and sedentary life. He was the pride and joy of a household. If any animal could be said to be permanently attached, it was Pudgy.

The family acquired Pudgy when he was an awkward puppy "as cute as a button." He was black except for a blaze on the forehead. His nose was deeply recessed; his face was wrinkled.

Became Obese
Somewhere in his ancestry there had been Boston Terrier influences. But there was something else too, for he grew nearly twice as large as a Boston Terrier is supposed to be.

In fact, in this 1-ter year he was obese — too chunky for his own good — a direct result of easy living, lack of exercise and too much food. For years he had enjoyed a large piece of bologna, and that was beside his other regular and generous meals. This extra treat was a regular nightly ritual.

Pudgy's owners were a childless couple, well up in years. The man had retired at an advanced age, and the dog became a living part of the household. On him, the couple lavished all their affection and attention. With kind and loving care, Pudgy lived to the ripe old age of 15 years. For the last eight of those years the dog spent his winters in Florida with his family in a trailer. Every spring the trailer, the dog and his family moved back into a northern state, where they spent the summer.

It was in the fall of the year in the North, when the family was preparing for the southward journey, that the big search took place. One morning, just before daylight, the dog "wanted out." The master opened the door, Pudgy trotted off into the half-light.

Became Alarmed

Hours later, the family became alarmed when the dog did not return. Then they became frantic. A search of the neighborhood began; no one had seen the dog. The police were notified; the state highway patrol was alerted. They all promised to help.

Two radio stations began broadcasting the name and description of the missing dog. Last ads appeared in four country newspapers. Children out of school joined in the search. A reward was offered. Motorists scrutinized every dog they saw along the roads and streets. Reports from all sources were negative.

The days and nights wore on while the search continued, and the answer was always the same. All the powerful forces of human agencies were of no avail. Even the long arm of the law was too short, the power of the press and radio too weak.

Pudgy dropped from sight just as completely as if the earth had opened up and swallowed him.

Water Supply in Oregon Said Good

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Soil Conservancy Service said here Monday water supplies and reservoir storage in Oregon are good, and have been for the past growing season.

R.A. Work, head of the Water Supply Forecasting Unit of the SCS, said most irrigated lands had adequate water supplies throughout the summer. He added that reservoir storage is near average as of the 1964 water year is starting.

Work credited heavy rainfall from April through June for the ample water supply.

He added that irrigation water supplies were relatively good for most areas west of the Continental Divide in 1963. This includes the 11 western states. Exceptions were noted on the Arkansas and Rio Grande and upper Colorado River drainages.

Faculty Member Attends Conference

ASHLAND — Dr. Jon Powell, assistant professor of speech at Southern Oregon college, represented the college at the Reed College Conference on "Television: Its Role in the Democratic Process," recently.

The conference was concerned with the role which commercial television plays in the opinion making process and was particularly interested in the influence which television exercises on the development of civic attitudes.

Participants included Hugh M. Beville Jr., vice president for planning and research for the National Broadcasting System; Charles Collingwood, correspondent of CBS; Kenneth A. Cox, commissioner of Federal Communications Commission; Robert H. Fleming, chief, Washington (D.C.) Bureau American Broadcasting Company; Lawrence Laurent, Radio-Television Editor, The Washington (D.C.) Post; Charles A. Stepmann, chairman, Department of Communications in Education, New York university; Frank Stanton, president, CBS; and Robert D. Swezey, director, Code Authority, National Association of Broadcasters.

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Portland Symphony Gets Standing Ovation

BEND (UPI) — The 70-piece Portland symphony orchestra received a standing ovation Monday night from an audience at Bend high school.

The Portland symphony is on a tour that includes six cities. It is scheduled to appear in Roseburg tonight, Medford Wednesday and Coos Bay Thursday. The musicians played earlier at Pendleton and Hood River.

Multnomah County Taxpayers Get Bills

PORTLAND (UPI) — The American AKSATION OF State Highway Officials will hold its 49th annual conference here Oct. 21-25.

About 2,000 persons are expected including the nation's top highway authorities.

Westinghouse, Unions Agree To Temporary Truce

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Westinghouse Electric Corp. negotiators and two unions return to the bargaining table today under a temporary truce which averted a strike.

Bargaining sessions were to begin at 11 a.m. with the International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE). The firm also was expected to hold a joint morning session with the United Electrical Workers (UE).

Both unions agreed Monday to pass up an option of striking at midnight Monday night while efforts were continued to reach an agreement on a new contract. A third union, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, (IBEW), will be permitted to strike after midnight, Oct. 31.

Agreement Reached
The firm, which employs 115,000 persons at 61 plants in seven states, reached agreement last Saturday night with a fourth union, the 15,000-member Federation of Westinghouse Independent Salaried Workers.

Contract talks ended about 10 p.m. Monday between the firm and the IUE and UE negotiating teams with "no significant progress to report," according to a company spokesman.

Day-to-Day Basis
Earlier Monday, the 36,000-member IUE agreed to bargain on a day-to-day basis in an effort to reach a settlement. The UE, also free to strike last midnight, said it too would continue negotiations.

The IUE, which rejected the firm's third proposal within a month Monday, said the issues blocking an agreement are plant seniority, vacation shut-down, retirement benefits and improvements in unemployment security and insurance.

Early Overseas Mailing Suggested

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Defense Department cautioned friends of servicemen overseas today to start shopping early for Christmas.

Gifts to be sent armed forces members at overseas stations should be mailed between Nov. 1 and Nov. 20 unless sent by airmail in which case they should go before Dec. 10.

The Pentagon has these mailing suggestions:
Pack gifts securely in wood, metal or corrugated fiberboard. Place them in tightly packed cushioning material or shredded paper.

Send small items of jewelry by registered mail.

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Rangeland Fire Covers 500 Acres

PENDLETON (UPI)—Flames from a fire which broke out Monday burned another 100 acres of slash, timber and rangeland east of here during the night, raising the total acreage scorched to about 500.

The State Forestry Department sent a fresh 65-man crew and heavy equipment into the Bingham Springs area this morning and hoped to have a trail around the blaze by midday.

Winds which blew across the ridges at speeds of from 20 to 35 miles an hour during the night kept the flames ahead of weary firefighters.
The fire started from a permit slash fire near a dude ranch about 30 miles east of here and burned northeastward away from the ranch.
Skies were overcast in the area today, but the forests and rangelands remained dry.

Federal Land Bank Declares Dividend

SPOKANE (UPI) — About 23,500 Northwest farmers and stockmen will share in a record dividend declared by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane.

The 6 per cent dividend will go to 61 farmer-owned federal land bank associations in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, who in turn will pay most of it to their members.

Last year the bank declared a 5 per cent dividend totaling \$740,000. This year's payments will total about \$1 million, according to president Fred A. Knutsen.

Malheur Grand Jury Indicts Arizona Woman

VALE (UPI) — Mary Rita Stark, 37, Phoenix, Ariz., was indicted by the Malheur County grand jury Monday on a manslaughter charge in the gunshot death of Tom Goodwin, Vale.

Judge Jeff D. Dorroh set bail at \$10,000. The woman claims the shooting was an accident.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A PUNCTILIOUS and prissy kid who considered himself superior to all of his classmates announced that he had gotten a 99 on a comprehensive test, but grumbled, "I can't figure out how I missed a perfect mark." "Maybe," suggested a sarcastic listener, "you spelled your name wrong!"



Life in Hollywood is like this: a big had man-about-town was having difficulty persuading a sweet thing to go home and hear his hi-fi set. "Look," he implored, "how long have I known you?" "About three-quarters of an hour," she estimated coyly. "All right then," he stormed, "have I ever lied to you?"

QUOTABLE:

"Some politicians use statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts—for support rather than for illumination."—Andrew Lang.
"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then quit. No use being a damn fool about it."—W. C. Fields.
"My mother got up every morning at 5:00 a.m. no matter what time it was."—Sam Levenson.

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Your Money's Worth

By SYLVIA PORTER

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WHAT THE TAX BILL MEANS TO YOU—VII
Many state, local and foreign taxes which millions of us have been accustomed to deducting on our income tax returns as itemized personal expenses will no longer be deductible beginning in 1964, if the House-passed tax bill becomes law.

This list of nondeductible taxes would include:
State gasoline taxes, state or local cigarette taxes, state or local alcoholic beverage taxes, motor vehicle license plates, driver's license fees, poll taxes, admission taxes, occupancy taxes, transfer taxes.

You still could continue to take itemized personal deductions for sales taxes, real property taxes, state and local income taxes and personal property taxes. But the bill would bar deductions for foreign sales or foreign personal property taxes starting next year.

Also any of the taxes which would be eliminated as your personal deductions next year under the bill still would be deductible taxes if paid in connection with your business operation or the production of income.

What might you do in advance of 1964 to limit the impact of these changes on your income tax? Since the taxes I listed above may become nondeductible as personal expenses next year, you might put in a supply of cigarettes and beverages this year while the taxes are still deductible.

Or if you are planning to buy license plates or expecting to get a driver's license in the next few months, you might time your moves so that you'll get the deductions in 1963. If you wait until 1964, these items are likely to become nondeductible.

Under the 1963 tax bill, itemized personal deductions for casualty losses would be hit too.

The casualty loss deduction would not be knocked out entirely as the taxes listed above would be. But the casualty loss deduction would be restricted by allowing the loss for each casualty to be deductible only to the extent that it exceeds \$100 for that casualty. In brief, the bill would require you to waste the first \$100 of each casualty as a tax deduction.

Again, the new \$100 deductible rule would apply to your itemized personal deductions but not to casualty losses connected with your business or the production of income.

On personal casualty loss deductions, the \$100 deductible rule would apply to each casualty, not to each item damaged or destroyed. Say a bad storm simultaneously caused uninsured damage of \$500 to your house, \$200 to your garage and \$400 to your personal property and car—a total of \$1,100. You could deduct \$1,000 as a casualty loss. Only one \$100 would be wasted because all the damages resulted from one casualty.

The \$100 floor would apply to each individual, but a married person filing a joint return would be treated as one person with his wife. Thus, if property which you and your wife own jointly is damaged to the extent of \$500 by a casualty, you could deduct \$400 on your joint income tax return. If you filed separate returns, though, you could deduct a total of only \$300 because the \$500 damage would become a \$250 loss for each of you and that loss would be cut by \$100 for each of you.

If you use your car half for business and half for pleasure and suffer a \$90 casualty damage in an accident in 1964, the new rule would permit you to deduct half, or \$45, as a casualty loss. This is the half allocable to business use of your car. The \$45 allocable to the half personal use of your car would be nondeductible under the proposed rule.

Obviously, not all the 1963 tax bill is designed to create new tax breaks for us or to cut our tax rates.

Next: Reduced tax breaks on life insurance.

Judge East To Stay On Pilot Butte Case

PORTLAND (UPI) — Federal Judge William G. East has declined to disqualify himself from the title dispute involving the Pilot Butte Inn at Bend.

A motion filed last week by Bend attorney Charles E. Boardman on behalf of Dickerson Inc. and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sirett, Vancouver, Wash., sought another judge.

Judge East said he was declining to disqualify himself because of "a total lack of any grounds enumerated under federal statute."

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Committee Chairmen Are Listed for Homecoming

ASHLAND — Committee chairmen and assignments for Homecoming at Southern Oregon college have been announced by Chuck Inskip, Medford, general chairman for the event.

Vicki Coffey, Burley, Idaho, is chairman of the Powderpuff

Ball, an all-girl football game scheduled at 4 p. m. Thursday, Oct. 31, on Fuller field, followed by a barbecue at 5:30 p. m. chaired by Dick Cottingham Klamath Falls. At 7 p. m., the traditional rally and Victory Bonfire ceremonies will take place.

Jacqueline Muller, Medford, and Robbie Durham, Cottage Grove, are co-chairmen of the all-campus Variety Show scheduled at 8:30 p. m. Friday in Churchill auditorium.

Portland Prisoners Have Brief Freedom

PORTLAND (UPI) — Five men got out of their cells at the Portland city jail Monday night but were apprehended before they could escape down a fire escape.

Lt. Roland D. Crites, in charge of the night crew said the fire somehow forced the metal roof of their cell loose about 9 p.m. The escape try was discovered when Crites spotted one of them on the fire escape.

Saturday's activities will open with a parade through downtown Ashland at 10:30 a. m. which will start in Lithia park. Parade chairman are Ray Hanson, Ashland, and Dan Hays, Central Point.

At 1:30 p. m. the Red Raiders will meet the Chico Wildcats on the college field. The chairman of the half-time activities is Joe Anderson, Medford.

Graduates will attend an alumni dinner in the Commons at 7 p. m. Jeff Lee, alumni director, and Dr. Alvin Fellers, director of student affairs, are in charge. Martin Denny and his orchestra will provide the music for the Homecoming dance.

Pat Calhoun, Medford, is chairman of the decorations committee.

Other chairmen include lawn decorations, Lois Siedman, Medford; homecoming button sale, Pam Ely, Bandon; queen's activities, Carson Vehrs, SOC director of living services, and Terry Casten, Ashland; scavenger committee, Dennis Jones, Ashland; posters, Mary Jo Heath, Medford; and publicity, George Gilman, Medford, and June Brainerd, Lebanon.

Dr. Herbert Cecil, head of the SOC music department, will coordinate the marching bands from area high schools with the college bands, Inskip said.

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