

Knife, Fork Club Speaker Cites Lax Use Of Language

"Very few Americans speak perfect English," Dr. Roland Myers, etymologist, told members of the Klamath Knife and Fork Club in the Willard Hotel Wednesday night.

The doctor, a student of the English language and a man who has been an instructor in five American universities, explained that the idiosyncrasies of our language make it virtually impossible for anyone, even members of communications media to "speak or use perfect English."

One of the things the doctor touched upon was the reckless use of apostrophes. He also cited the confusion that is prevalent in the use of plurals.

In a Texas department store, the doctor overheard a saleslady refer to a stocking as a hoe. "Why not," said Myers. "If two are hose, then one certainly must be a hoe."

"Or," he continued, "I've heard people say a scissor, or a pair of leg." But he implied that rules of common sense do not, as we all know, always apply to our language where you could make a game out of spelling.

"Our plurals give us just as much trouble." Here the doctor read a poem that illustrated his point. It dealt with the fact that if the plural of mouse is mice, why isn't the plural of house, hices, or the plural of spouse, spices?

He said that words in our language change by misusage and if a word is misused by the majority, it will, in time, be accepted as correct.

"For example, take the word

oleomargarine. Now according to the dictionary, it should be pronounced oleo mar-gar-in. For our dictionary says that when a g is followed by an a, it should be pronounced with a hard g. But we say oleo mar-jarine, using a soft g or a j.

"The word moonlight is defined in the dictionary as the light of the moon. But, if you've been out canoeing with the right party, you'll know that moonlight doesn't really mean the light of the moon."

He continued, "Words like persons have a biography and the more we use them, the more they wear out or change. A word like nice originally meant simple or stupid. The word awful once meant to be filled with awe. There is no limit to the stories we all know about word changes."

The doctor told about another idiosyncrasy in the language. "For example, it should be a norange, instead of an orange. The word originally came from the Spanish, naranjo. But the article got mixed up with the noun and instead of a norange, we have an orange."

Another member of this family, he mentioned, was the word napkin. He said that the French word for apron was nape. Therefore the word should be, by all logic, a napron, but, here again, the article became part of the word and an apron was born into the language. In dealing with the same word, a little apron is a napkin, not an aprin.

Concluding, the doctor advised the addition of another language to enrich our lives. He also advised people going into the scientific field to learn Russian.

"There are many scientific papers and articles written in Russian that our scientists cannot read. In response to this the government has set up a group to read and translate this material. I also believe that doctors should learn Greek in order to enrich their knowledge of the meanings of parts of the body.

"Unfortunately, we don't have the teachers, and too many of our language teachers have never been to the countries of the languages they speak. Consequently many of the students never really learn. It isn't their fault, nor is it the fault of the teachers."

"Next time you think you speak perfect English, you had better 'top and think,'" the doctor said.

Lake Honor Roll Revealed

LAKEVIEW — Honor roll grade point averages for the first semester of the Lakeview High School year have been released by Delbert Mibholland, principal, and 44 students in the four classes are listed.

Janis Heard, senior, was the only one in the group with a 4.00 grade point average, or a straight one grade average, the highest that can be achieved. The senior class had the largest number on the roll with 17; freshmen came second with 10; juniors, nine and sophomores, eight.

Listed for the seniors are Janis Heard, Barbara Freeman, Glenda Snow, Pat Sullivan, Carole Kubat, Starla Trippett, Gayle Jones, Cathy Olson, Michael Clark, Marvin Tyler, Joyce Stephens, Susan Wilbur, Phyllis Ashcraft, Janice Hammerley, Sylvia Johnson, Judy Snider and Doreen Watson; juniors — Susan Juler, Diane Allard, Glenn Wells, Toxie Riskey, Diana Banister, Wanda Collins, Charlica Lantz, Felice Quisenberry and Sharon Washburn; sophomores — Robert Ackerman, Sara Ann Elliott, Jean Saubert, Michael Tooke, Sandra Watts, Joy Kerr, Melva Anderson and Larry Welch; freshmen — Sharon Jarman, Marion Angele, Margery Blair, Michael Counts, Nina Evans, James Clinton, Mary Jo Deely, Linda Dubose, Claudia Harris and Arpad Kovacs.

Yreka BPW Hears Judge

YREKA — Judge Harry Hammond, Yreka District Justice Court, was guest speaker at the regular monthly dinner meeting of the Yreka Business and Professional Women's Club, held Tuesday evening, January 28, in the Melody Room of the Yreka Inn.

Mrs. Elaine Skillen, vice president of the club, conducted the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. Helena Schlueter, who had not yet returned from the annual conference of the Northern District of BPWC, held at Red Bluff.

Prior to the program, Mrs. Skillen introduced three new members: Mrs. Rachel Cordes, Mrs. Estelle Isaacs and Mrs. Ora Jackson.

Judge Hammond spoke on legislation, explaining the procedure of how bills were first introduced to the Senate, and the various phases they had to go through for approval. He also described how the county boards of supervisors and city councils were empowered to enact laws or ordinances relative to county or city problems. He concluded his talk with a description of the operation of the Right to Work law.

Ralph Selph, Siskiyou Daily News reporter, accompanied Judge Hammond, and he spoke briefly on another phase of legislation relative to the equalization of taxes in California.

Mrs. Carol Kelly, chairman in charge of the committee for the American Field Service program, was next called upon to report on plans made by the Yreka BPWC to raise funds to contribute towards the program. Mrs. Kelly also stated that the club will have a showing of a collection of European slides, taken by Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Young when they made a tour of Europe last year. The films will be accompanied with music, as well as descriptive tapes. Date of the showing has been set for February 13, in the Melody Room of the Yreka Inn at 7:45 p.m. She asked that each member invite at least 10 to 15 persons to attend the event. Monies derived will be contributed to the fund.

The next meeting of the Yreka BPWC is slated for February 11 in the club room of the Yreka Inn.

School Head Issues Report

McCLOUD — Ken Young, director of curriculum for Siskiyou County schools has sent out the following report:

These suggestions for summer session courses have been received from teachers and staff members of the county superintendent of schools. They have been relayed to Dr. Houston, dean of education services, Chico State College. It is very important that indications of interest in these and/or other courses be received just as soon as possible, so that final arrangements for instructors can be made.

Suggested summer session courses received to date are: Lava Beds National Monument, pre-session, one week in early June. Field course in natural science, including a study of the fauna, flora, and geology of the area. Family camping plan similar to the course offered by San Francisco State College at the Lava Beds last year.

Mount Shasta area (possibly McCLOUD), post session, first two weeks. Field course in natural science, including a study of fauna, flora and possibly geology of the Mount Shasta area.

Yreka area, post session. Development reading (first two weeks). Evaluation of pupil progress (second two weeks). Combination of testing, grading, guidance, pupil personnel work, review and to help put into practice theories that have been expounded in previous courses.

Grenada, post session (either first or second two week period). Seminar on significant social, world political, and technical changes and implications for education in Siskiyou County. A graduate course with special consideration for the fields of science and mathematics developed from the results of the northern section California school supervisors' meeting at Richardson Springs in April.

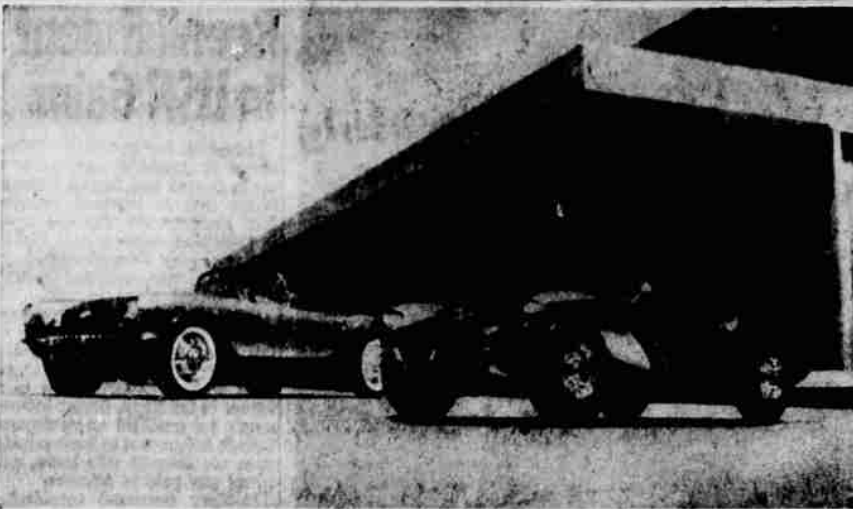
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DREAM COMES TRUE for model car builders as they have opportunity to put imagination to work designing "dream cars" for the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild competition. Above, car on right is only 15 inches in length. Camera trickery makes it appear as large as the full-size sports car on the left. Thousands of American boys are building model cars right now, with their eyes on \$115,000 in scholarships and cash offered in the 1958 competition which ends June 2.

BASIN BRIEFS

Attainment — Home Extension Unit will meet Tuesday, February 4, at 10 a.m. at the Klamath County Fairgrounds. Take own table service. The project will be on freezing combination meals. Everyone welcome.

Tank Battalion — Army Sgt. David M. Pole Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Pole Sr., Lakeview, is a member of the Third Medium Tank Battalion at Fort Carson, Colorado. Sergeant Pole, a tank commander in the battalion's Company B, entered the Army in 1949 and was last stationed in Germany.

Choir — The negro choir, "Wings Over Jordan" will give a concert at the First Methodist Church in Dunsuir on Friday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m. There will be no charge, but a good will offering will be taken.

Pinochle Party — Siskiyou Lodge No. 379 IOOF and Castle Lake Rebekah Lodge No. 6 will hold a pinochle party on Friday, February 14, at 8 p.m. in Howe Hall, Mount Shasta. There will be five prizes awarded.

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Civil Service Posts Listed

Examinations are now open for the following positions, the United States Civil Service Commission announces: Field representative (telephone operations and loans), paying entrance salaries of \$5,440 to \$5,390 a year, for duty with the rural electrification administration of the Department of Agriculture located throughout the United States; and for engineer (various branches), chemist, electronic scientist, mathematician, metallurgist, and physicist, paying \$4,480 to \$12,690 a year, located at the Redstone Arsenal and the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, Huntsville, Alabama.

GS Groups List Events

WEED — Girl Scouts and Brownies of Weed carried on many activities at their meetings which were held last week. Most of the meetings were at the Weed Court Club which is used by the entire Girl Scout troops of Weed through the courtesy of the International Paper Company, Long-Bell Division of Weed.

The girls of senior Troop 52, composed of freshman girls, discussed the possibilities of adopting a Korean child. They will participate in the "thinking day" program which is to be held at the Weed Court Club, February 28, with all Brownie and Girl Scout members taking part.

Margaret Linville, president, presided at the meeting which was held at the Michael Belcastro home. Members of the troop are Georgeanna Scribner, Linda Tonkin, Mary Jean Cesa, Susan Auman, Jane Hegepeth, Brenda Baraglia, Carole Giorgis and Sharon Belcastro. The troop leader is Mrs. Bernice Scribner with Mrs. Virginia Baraglia, assistant.

On Saturday afternoon the girls cleaned the Weed Court Club.

Girl Scout Troop 89 members formed three patrols at the weekly meeting on January 22. Different work projects have been selected by the patrols with the three leaders supervising. Mrs. Virginia Jackson will supervise patrol two with book binding as the project. Mrs. Ruth Barber will help patrol one with their project of weaving and Mrs. Jean Parker will assist patrol three with a drama presentation.

Mrs. Joyce Alves, assistant leader of Brownie Troop 44, conducted their last meeting due to the illness of the leader, Mrs. Dorothy Sottana. The members continued with the work on their head scarves and were allowed to take them home to finish them.

Plans for a valentine party were discussed at the meeting of Brownie Troop 102 on January 27. A new dance and song were taught by the leaders, Mrs. Rose Smith, Mrs. Vera Fossum and Mrs. Margaret Glenn.

Court Records

KLAMATH FALLS DISTRICT COURT
Loretta Kirk, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
Fred Aspinwall, vagrancy, \$100 and 30 days.
Curtis Hammans, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.

KLAMATH COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
James Richard Waits, violation of basic rule, \$12.50 paid.
Browning Larry Atkinson, burglary not in a dwelling, request preliminary hearing set February 11 at 8:30 a.m., bond set at \$4,000; remanded to custody of sheriff.
Carl Eldon Hildreth, tandem axle overload, \$111 bail forfeited.

Brownie LARRY Atkinson, burglary not in a dwelling, request preliminary hearing set February 11 at 8:30 a.m., bond set at \$5,000; remanded to custody of sheriff.
Gerald Dean Smith, inadequate brakes, \$7.50 bail forfeited.
James Loyd Hawkins, violation of basic rule, \$12.50 paid.

James Richard Waits, violation of basic rule, \$12.50 bail forfeited.
Julius William Bates, combination overload, \$92 bail forfeited.
Alma Marie Pastaga, fail stop at stop sign, \$5 bail forfeited.
John Clair Powell, fail stop at stop sign, \$5 bail forfeited.

Derek Edward Crawford, fail stop at stop sign, \$5 paid.
James Herbert Sudbury, no operator's license, \$5 paid.
Herman Sablin, violation of basic rule, \$12.50 paid.
Robert Eugene Montgomery, violation of basic rule, \$5 paid.
Lois Sailor McKendree, fail yield right of way, \$5 bail forfeited.
Edward Horace Dudley, violation basic rule, \$10 paid.

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