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Governor's Oath

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
I, for one, would again like to urge Gov. Robert Holmes not to commute the death sentence of Billy Junior Nunn.

Nunn was convicted of the brutal 1956 slaying of a 14-year-old Klamath Falls lad, Alvin Eacret, whose body was found in the vicinity of Tub Springs.

The Oregon Supreme Court turned down an appeal January 27, and Monday a March 28 execution date was set for Nunn.

That would seem to set the stage for Governor Holmes to either commute the death sentence, as he has done with other death sentences in the past, or let it stand.

It would seem to me that the governor, when he took the oath of office, swore to uphold the laws of the state of Oregon. One of those laws is that the death penalty can be invoked in a case of conviction of first degree murder. The jury that tried Nunn asked for the death penalty, and the Supreme Court found no grounds for any other action than concurring in the conviction and the death sentence.

The provision in the law that gives the governor the right to commute death sentences was not put there simply to let any governor exercise his conscience in the case regardless of the will of the people. It was put there, rather, as a means of preventing a possible miscarriage of justice. It was also put there as a means of action in the event of new evidence in the case.

There apparently was little if any doubt in anyone's mind about Nunn's guilt. He also signed a confession in the case.

I know that if the governor will give this particular case a careful investigation he will find little grounds upon which to commute the death penalty.

The fact that the question of whether or not the death penalty will be retained in the state has little or no bearing on the case. The fact remains that the law now states that the death penalty is the will of the state, and will remain the will until such time as the people see fit to change it. The death penalty was not inserted in the law to be malicious or vindictive, it was inserted in the law in order to protect the people.

Bid Savings

By JOHN GUERNSEY

Recent Klamath County bidding action might well indicate that a significant buyers' market is just around the corner.

First, the winning bid for furnishing the county gasoline during the year beginning March 1, 1958 specified a price of 20.87 cents per gallon for regular fuel. That is slightly less than a three-cent per gallon reduction from the county's 23.02 cent per gallon gasoline cost for the now ending year.

Also significant is the fact that all seven of the bidding gasoline companies submitted 1958 offers which were considerably less than the amount the county paid last year.

It was the same story with the diesel fuel bids opened last week by the county court. The winning bid was 12.48 cents per gallon, compared with a 15.2 cent figure paid during the now ending fuel purchasing year.

If the county road department consumes the same quantity of fuel this year as it did during 1957 and the first part of 1958, the new fuel costs will result in an annual saving of \$8,365.

The county school department opened its gasoline bids last Thursday. The winning bid for regular gasoline was 21.19 cents per gallon, or more than a two-cent per gallon reduction from the 23.24-cent price paid last year.

The sharply reduced prices would indicate that the major oil firms are having to scratch a little deeper for the available market. If they can profitably slash the gas price by three cents to get the governmental and municipal contract business, it just might be that the near future will bring gas price reductions on the open market.

Other county bid openings last week clearly established that the gasoline producers are not the only ones who are digging deeper for available business.

Last Thursday the county school board opened bids for construction of the Crest Elementary School near an intersection with Laverne Street. School officials and the architects had anticipated that the basic bids would be \$300,000 or slightly more.

The bid opening proved different. The low basic bid was \$277,000, and seven of the 11 bids submitted had basic figures of less than the anticipated \$300,000.

Also worth noting is the fact that nine of the bids were sub-

Postal Potpourri

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

That ancient Rome had a record headline, during the height of the empire as many as one third of the city's inhabitants were fed at public expense.

That, except for the intervention of his mother, George Washington might have become a British admiral. She dissuaded him from accepting a commission in the Navy and taking up a career before the mast.

That singer Lisa Kirk wants to know if you heard about the Texan who just ordered four small foreign sports cars. He's having them made into cufflinks.

That police estimate 40 per cent of America's dope addicts live in New York City. And 14 per cent of those who take narcotics are less than 20 years old.

That you'd probably be lead is heavier than gold. But actually gold is 50 per cent heavier.

That if you tend to be an over-eager beaver, you might heed this cautionary advice by Benjamin Disraeli: "Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity, the next most important thing in life is to know when to forego an opportunity."

That women's feet grow smaller as they grow older. (Well, that's what they try to tell shoe clerks, anyway.)

That among some Gypsy tribes it is customary at the wedding feast to provide a small cake made of flour mixed with a little blood from the wrists of bride and groom. The cake is eaten by the happy couple.

That the world record for non-stop talking — 133 hours — was set in 1955, not by a woman, but by an Irishman, Kevin Sheenham of Limerick.

That the most dangerous periods for home accidents (for both men and women) are between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. — and 4 to 7 p.m.

That the earth's climate is expected to get hotter until 20,000 A.D., and a new ice age to begin about 5,000 A.D.

That TNT, the explosive, is so stable you can ordinarily hit it with a hammer or touch a match to it in safety. But I'm not about to do either.

That it is possible for some people to sleep with both eyes open. (This has been going on in our office for years.)

That it was George Bernard Shaw who observed, "We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it."

Misleading
Sprague River (To The Editor)—With reference to the news item on page two of the Journal, Tuesday, February 18, entitled "Judge to Rule Today on Klamath Injunction." In the last paragraph Luckey told Judge East that the proceeds from these contracts are largely distributed to females and minors who would be in "grave financial circumstance" if they did not get the funds.

Mr. Luckey, by such a statement, attempted to mislead the judge and certainly misinformed the public about the true financial status of the Klamath Indians.

On November 14, 1957, before the three timber units involved in

the suit were contracted, there was a balance of tribal funds to the credit of these Indians in the treasury of the United States in the amount of \$2,190,649.76. These figures were furnished from official records.

We have an individual equity in the property of the Klamath Indian Reservation.

We were in the courtroom when Mr. Luckey made the erroneous statement to the court.

Mrs. Mona Skeen Hess, Sprague River
Mrs. Charlotte Cole Carter, Brownsville.

Recommendations

Klamath Falls (To The Editor)—I enjoyed your article "School Opening" and agree pretty much with your philosophy.

In reference to the school board and the city council you state, "The first consideration is to serve the interests of the people as a whole; the second consideration is to the employees of the organization or government which they run."

I especially like this statement, however, in an article written by you five or six weeks ago referring to the police situation, you stated something like this: "The public cannot possibly understand the police situation, therefore, they should have nothing to say about removing the chief from office."

Remember this?
Now, Floyd, isn't the plain truth that better than 90 per cent of the people in Klamath Falls want both the head man in the schools and the head man on the police department dismissed from office? Isn't it also true that when the investigator from Berkeley uses up the \$3,000 the chief will still be in office with perhaps a salary increase? Is there anyone in Klamath County who doesn't know that gambling has been wide open on Main Street? Isn't it true that the largest group who backs the chief are bartenders and pool hall personnel?

Are you really going to represent the people in this situation, Floyd?

As far as the school opening is concerned the people who signed the petition are "Lake of the Woods" summer homeowners who want to vacation a little longer in the cool climate.

I'd like to get my kids out early in May because I spend my vacation in the southland and I like to get down there before it gets too hot. I have no home at Lake of the Woods. How about me?

My neighbor has two football players who have to quit their jobs in August to practice football. If the school opening date is changed they will lose another week or two weeks work which is too much of a sacrifice for football. This will result in their quitting football.

One aim of the city is to get more football players out for football. Will this help that situation?

Can't the "Lake of the Woods" home owners get enough vacation during the summer and on Saturday and Sunday (during school time)?

I also agree with you that many items brought to the school boards attention are pigeon holed, but usually not by the school board. In nearly every case this has been traced to the clerk or to the administration. Many times the boards will vote unanimously for something and the administration will disobey the boards' orders. I am told by an ex-board member.

All of this causes me to wonder if two big messes couldn't be cleaned up by: (1) changing the administrative personnel in the police department, and (2) changing administrative personnel in the city schools.

How about a little questionnaire

in the paper that can be cut out and returned to you showing what the people really think about those two organizations.

E. J. Anderson,
Rt. 1, Box 742

Appreciation

Klamath Falls (To The Editor)—We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all those who donated food, money and help toward the Cystic Fibrosis Research Fund Drive. Thank you again.

Mrs. J. O. Hopkins,
President,
Klamath Falls Chapter
National Cystic Fibrosis
Research Foundation
Route 3, Box 383

Protest

Klamath Falls (To The Editor)—Re: School opening. "Oh for heaven's sakes!" Is it any wonder that teachers are tramping one another to transfer to California schools where they are finding less petty pickering, fewer politics, more respect for their profession, higher salaries and it is fervently hoped even minor issues such as this and refuse to be stamped into a rash decision by petitions signed by a handful of citizens?

Decisions are reached by voting and not by degrading citizens who have given so freely of their time like Mr. Linman.

Elaine Mitchell

Thanks

Modoc Point (To The Editor)—I would like to thank all the people who helped us in any way during the fire in which we lost our home and almost everything in it.

They have been so generous and kind and helped so much and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson and Jack

Food Tips

By UNITED PRESS
Here's an unusual Lenten casserole: Simply combine two or more varieties of seafood. You can easily make seafood a la king by adding a can of shrimp, a can of lobster or crabmeat and a can of tuna to a medium cream sauce. Serve this over toast or patty shells.

To make a hearty clam chowder for any sea-faring souls in your home, add a can of minced clams to cream of mushroom or celery soup and bring to serving temperature. Serve your chowder with sea biscuits or crackers, a salad and dessert and you have a filling lunch in minutes.

It's an old New England tradition to serve beer with seafood, since the flavors just naturally go together. Many good cooks from that area will tell you that they cook shellfish in beer for extra tang.

"Shakapudding" has a catchy name, and the recipe has caught on, too. It's so simple. You make this dessert with ingredients right off the pantry shelf and there's no cooking or beating.

Just combine a tall can of evaporated milk, one-half cup of water and a package of your favorite instant pudding in a quart jar. Mix, then cover the jar and shake briskly for one minute or until well mixed. Pour into serving dishes and chill. Add a garnish if you like. The evaporated milk blends easily to make a smooth dessert that is extra rich in milk nutrients.

Have you ever served bananas as a vegetable? It's not too exotic to be true. Use slightly green-tipped or all yellow bananas for cooking. Peel and place in a well-greased baking dish. Brush with butter. Bake in a moderate oven about 15 minutes. Serve them whole or cut crosswise in halves.

One way to get youngsters to eat their fruits and vegetables is to serve them in attractive gelatin salads. There's something about these shimmering salads that children can't resist. You'll find the basic salad recipe, the one calling for fresh lemon or orange juice, on the back of every envelope of unflavored gelatin. For each recipe you can add up to two cups of diced cooked or raw vegetables or fruit.

Take a tip from the Chinese who have had the secret of vegetable cookery for years. They cut their vegetables in interesting shaped pieces, then cook them quickly over very high heat in a little fat. This is similar to our method of saute. The fast cooking absorbs little fat, and there is a minimum loss of vitamins. The high heat cooks the vegetables quickly so that they are crisp, yet tender, and retain their bright color.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Peronists Claim Credit For Election Of Frondizi

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—The big problem facing Argentine President-elect Arturo Frondizi is what to do with the Peronists taking credit for his landslide victory.

Frondizi told a news conference he was elected Sunday "by the Argentine people" and recognized no special political help. But clandestine weekly newspapers appearing after the results were known claimed his election was a triumph for backers of ousted dictator Juan D. Peron.

The paper Palabra Obrera proclaimed, "The day is not too distant when the Argentine workers will go to battle against the 'liberators' who overthrew Peron in September 1955 and have run a provisional government since."

Frondizi's only real opponent, Ricardo Balbin, head of the government's tacit support, Peron gave Frondizi an implied endorsement.

Actually the Peronists did not give the victory to Frondizi, though they did make it overwhelming. About 1,100,000 Peronists apparently voted for the winner—nearly 700,000 cast blank ballots—and his margin over Balbin, candidate of the Radical party's right wing, was about 1,700,000.

The Peronists' only real alternative to Frondizi was the blank ballot; Balbin publicly rejected Peronism.

Outside his own intransigent Radical party, Frondizi got support from a collection ranging from Communists to Fascists. With returns virtually complete, his total vote was 4,308,096 to 2,617,746 for Balbin.

Oregon Weather

Western Oregon—Decreasing showers with partial clearing Tuesday night and Wednesday; some late night and early morning fog. Highs 45-55; low Tuesday night 34-44. Westerly to southwest winds diminishing to 10-20 m.p.h. along coast Tuesday night.

Eastern Oregon—Partly cloudy Tuesday night and Wednesday with a few light showers or snow flurries in vicinity of mountains. Highs 40-45 in south, 45-50 in north Tuesday night 23-33.

Northern Oregon beaches—Showers with partial clearing through Wednesday. Temperature range 40-55. Winds Tuesday night moderate southwesterly.

Snow Storms Hit England

LONDON (AP)—Blizzards swept over Britain Tuesday, leaving a trail of abandoned cars, overturned snow plows and blocked roads.

Bitter cold also gripped the Scandinavian countries. Oslo recorded temperatures of 13 below zero (Fahrenheit).

While the North froze, Southern Europe basked in warm spring sunshine.

Snowfalls up to 12 inches were recorded in many areas in Britain. The North was hardest hit, with roads and railroads blocked in nearly 30 counties. Conditions in northern Ireland were the worst this year.

Weather Table

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

24 hours to 4:30 a.m. Tuesday

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Baker	49	41	.17
Eugene	56	42	1.75
Lakeview	47	32	.40
Medford	59	39	1.30
Newport	56	45	1.44
North Bend	59	45	2.37
Pendleton	61	49	.02
Portland Airpt.	56	46	.63
Redmond	55	38	.04
Roseburg	58	44	2.39
Salem	55	45	1.10
Spokane	49	42	.96



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