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## Passing Notes

By FLOYD L. WYNNE  
Every now and then there are a few stories that don't quite get into print, but certainly should.

One of these is a bear story that I ran across last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Friesen, 4446 Shasta Way, had the experience of their lives the previous weekend when they were on their way to Diamond Lake to spend the weekend camping.

They knew all about the mooning bears of Yellowstone and other national parks, but little did they know...

About 2 p.m. as they were driving on a road about five miles off the main highway toward Diamond Lake they spotted a big black bear alongside the road.

Mrs. Friesen reports she was driving and her window was down. As they approached her husband started to load the movie camera. He said "I think he's hungry, throw him some bread," and turned back to his camera. Mrs. Friesen turned to get some bread out of the back seat and turned back to find the bear with both paws on the window and practically nose to nose with her. She screamed.

Her husband looked up, gulped and told her to roll the window up. "I can't," she said. The bear's paws were over the window.

After a moment, he suggested she roll the car ahead, and as she did, the bear dropped down.

So, if you're traveling that area, look out for the Crater Lake moocher.

Understand from the word of good authority, the Oregon State Police, that Medford was, of all things, giving Klamath Falls a hoist last week.

They were boosting Klamath Gem potatoes.

However, it may have been unintentional.

They reported that the street signals in Medford were apparently out of order, and some enterprising (former Klamathite perhaps) had hung Klamath Gem potato sacks over the detuned signals.

Might be an idea for the chamber of commerce to offer potato sacks to other communities for use in emergencies such as this.

Another note that came across the city desk last week, this one from Carl Jennings, city policeman.

Carl called to comment that the recent story on the arrest of a man with a loaded gun in a local tavern made him look like a coward.

The story stated that the bartender observed the man in a rear booth loading a gun. He told Jennings about it. Jennings saw the man walk to a rear rest room, and he called headquarters for reinforcements.

There was one important point not included. Jennings stated, "That was the fact that I was off-duty at the time, and I wasn't armed," he said.

Apologies, Carl, that changes the complexion of the story completely.

Herald and News photographer Don Kettler learned that the old phrase "life begins at 40" is more truth than fiction.

He was assisted in commemorating this important milestone in his life by other members of the staff Friday morning in the cafeteria.

Gifts included such important items for a young man starting out in life as a bib, bonnet, rattle, a basket, and pacifier.

It's probably just as well that we can't run the series of pictures which photographer Otto Ellis took of the event. There is one that shows Kettler (at least a dummed-in head shot) in the usual bear-skin rug pose.

Life begins at 40... and Don Kettler is all set to live it up.

This doesn't necessarily have a local angle, but it's a light item I found today in the news that may well be copied locally soon by some enterprising young man.

Down in Galveston, Texas, the men have come up with their own answer to the chemise (sack look).

They are wearing what they call the "chemamane."

It's a beach jacket of terry cloth—wide at the shoulders and tapered to the knees, with a waist-long slit in the front and a huge pocket.

There's an old phrase... what's sauce for the goose...

suddenly is fighting the proposals in their present form—most of organized labor is actively supporting them.

One causing a storm in the House Labor Committee attempts to safeguard worker welfare and pension funds, now estimated to be worth over 30 billion dollars and growing fast.

A goldfish bowl treatment is proposed, requiring full, regular reporting of all fund operations to the government, with penalties for fraud.

The other Senate-passed bill, now tucked away in House Speaker Sam Rayburn's desk until the welfare fund bill is out of the way, seeks to throttle racketeering by either unions or employers in the labor field.

Here again the technique is to require detailed reporting on union affairs and funds, along with employer expenditures in labor relations. The reports would go to the U. S. Labor Department, which would have power to prosecute violations.

Other features of this bill would bar convicted crooks from holding union office, require secret-ballot union elections for limited terms, and let union members sue to recover stolen union funds or property.

But it also contains some provisions that business groups are opposing. Leading the fight are the two main business organizations, the National Assn. of Manufacturers and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, both opposed to the two pending labor bills.

Labor is largely represented by the AFL-CIO, which is for the bills.

Presumably, not all business groups support the one stand, nor all labor leaders the other. But that's the lineup.

Why take the welfare fund reporting bill first? Business favors regulating funds in which unions have a voice, but opposes disclosing financial operations of funds run solely by employers. It contends this would give labor other useful bargaining.

More than 90 per cent of such funds are employer-operated. But business contends that scandals have developed only in the relatively few union-run funds. Labor says all funds should be safeguarded to preclude any scandal possibility.

Insurance companies, particularly, are encouraging the business opposition. Many of the welfare plans consist of policies purchased from insurance firms. They resist having to disclose the information.

On the second measure, business objects to revealing its labor relations expenditures.

The employer groups also have balked at a provision to make management representatives submit the non-Communist oaths which have been required all along from labor leaders. Business claims there's been no evidence of Communist infiltration of business management. The unions say what's good for them is good for their business counterparts.

Business seems to prefer no bills at all to the measures in their present form.

pany's shares. And when they couldn't distribute a 10 cent dividend equally, they shared a bag of jelly beans instead.

It's a rare stockholders meeting these days that doesn't find the chairman of the board having his picture taken with some mopee attending on his own right as a part owner of the concern.

Stockholding by minors has been growing rapidly in the last few years, helped since 1954 by the spread among the states of a law called the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act which enables youngsters to own stocks through a custodian.

The New York Stock Exchange says the volume of securities transactions under this legislation is approaching 50 million dollars a year. This month the 42nd state in the union put into effect such a law. It also has been voted by Alaska, Hawaii and the District of Columbia.

How many children receive stock gifts is unknown. But in 1956 a survey of stock ownership by the exchange placed the number of stockholding minors at 200,000—some getting their shares by inheritance, some as gifts and some saving up their own earnings.

Under the new state laws an adult can give securities to a child by simply registering the stock in the name of a custodian, usually a parent or relative. The gift is irrevocable and the minor takes over this property when he becomes 21.

The laws permit the custodian to buy, sell and reinvest and collect dividends, provided he exercises normal standards of prudence and discretion.

In most of the 42 states the Uniform Gifts to Minors acts permit gifts of cash, so that the adult custodian can set up monthly investment plans to buy stock for a minor on a regular basis. Or the youngsters can open their own accounts through a custodian.

One of the advantages cited are the tax aspects of such gifts.

According to the exchange's handbook on Stock Gifts to Minors which describes the model acts and their small variations among the states, the Internal Revenue Service has ruled that under these laws the gift is completed on the date the shares are registered on the books of the corporation in the name of the custodian and qualifies for the annual gift tax exclusion of \$3,000. Income from such a gift is taxable to the minor child.

nature's attempts to heal injury. Hence there may be adhesions present inside the abdominal cavity from minor inflammation (of the appendix, for example) as well as following surgery.

Once formed, adhesions may or may not produce difficulty. The fibrous tissue has a tendency to contract. Thus, if adhesions have formed around a loop of the intestines they may draw tighter and tighter, preventing the free flow of intestinal contents. This, in turn, can produce symptoms and may require an operation to cut these bands of fibrous tissue and free the partly strangled intestine.

What to do for adhesions depends on where the adhesions are located, what normal structures of the body they surround and what this contraction is doing to the organs involved. But adhesions themselves cannot be seen by X-rays, so that diagnosis is often difficult.

Some people tend to develop adhesions much more readily than others. This raises a troublesome problem, because in such people new adhesions are likely to form even after the old ones have been cut or removed.

Placing the blame on adhesions for vague abdominal distress is likely to be difficult. Sometimes it can be done only at operation when the region under suspicion comes under the scrutiny of the surgeon.

Adhesions do not lead to cancer, as some have asked me, but neither can they be cured by any medicines taken by mouth or given by injection.

If A. L.'s symptoms are severe enough, and nothing else responsible can be found, it may be necessary to open the abdominal cavity to see if the adhesions can be cut and thereby bring relief.

An interesting condition is the subject of today's first inquiry.

Q—Please explain the cause and treatment of "geographic tongue."  
—Mrs. D. J.

A—This is a peculiar kind of coating of the tongue in which furring on the surface is arranged in a manner which looks like a geographic map with ridges and valleys. Its cause is not known, but it is not a reflection of any serious disease.

It tends to persist, but does not lead to any complications. Treatment is unsatisfactory, also unnecessary, except for general measures aimed at maintaining the health of the tissues inside the mouth.

Q—Would you say something about the treatment of dermatitis herpetiformis?—Mrs. E. K.

A—This is a strange skin disease which tends to burn itself out in 10 or 20 years. Some of the sulfa drugs have been used with considerable success. Cortisone, or its relatives, have also had some recent favor and other preparations are sometimes used.

Q—Would you consider that slight bleeding in the area from which a tonsil has been removed lasting for about a year could be evidence of cancer?—M. E.

A—It is possible but unlikely. However, such a symptom should never be neglected. The area should be carefully examined and corrective measures undertaken.

Q—What is the highest temperature which anyone has been known to have had and survived?—Mrs. M. D.

A—A number of high temperature readings have been recorded. One was in a woman of 42, with erysipelas, whose temperature many times registered between 108 and 111 degrees. This was in 1879. A patient with rheumatic fever was reported, whose temperature reached a little over 111 degrees. There are a number of other records of a similar nature, but most of them are open to question.

Part of the answer to the question is not how high the body temperature has gone, but also how long it has stayed there. Survival following exceedingly high temperatures for a long period of time is not possible.

**Strange Lineups**  
By NORMAN WALKER  
Associated Press News Analyst  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Washington is a city of strange lineups.

One of them currently involves a couple of Senate-passed bills supposedly aimed at curbing corruption in unions and in labor-management relations, based on the scandals disclosed in Senate hearings.

But what do we find? Business

**Stock Gifts**  
By SAM DAWSON  
AP Business News Analyst  
NEW YORK (AP)—A doting uncle has just given his New Jersey nephew some oil stock instead of a check on his graduation from high school.

A California youngster found a chain grocery store's stock in his Christmas stocking.

School students in a Pica, N.Y., mathematics class pooled their dimes to buy a food com-

**Adhesions**  
By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.  
Written for NEA Service  
A. L. writes that he has never had an operation, but is told that he has a lot of adhesions which are causing pain in the stomach. He wants to know something of the cause and what can be done.

Before discussing adhesions in general, I might say that while they may be responsible for symptoms in the abdominal cavity and digestive organs, there are a lot of other disorders of the stomach, gall bladder or elsewhere in the digestive tract which are probably much more common causes of distress than adhesions. Consequently, a number of other possible reasons for the "stomach" pains should be eliminated before the fault is laid at the door of adhesions.

Adhesions are made up of tissue similar to that of ordinary scars on the skin. When observed under the microscope, adhesions appear as slightly elastic fibers. Technically this is called fibrous tissue. The body tends to respond to any infection or injury by forming such tissue. The response is not related to the particular nature of the damage but is merely one of



**Swell Puts Ship Up On Beach**  
ST. HELENS, Ore. (AP)—A ripping swell from a passing freighter drove a 23-foot cabin cruiser with six persons aboard onto a beach Sunday at Sand Island, in the Columbia River across from St. Helens.

No one was injured.

The Coast Guard in Portland dispatched a patrol boat to pull the cruiser free. The owner, John Gleason of Milwaukie, said he and his wife and their four children were in the boat, anchored about 40 feet from the island, when the freighter came by.

**Tables Turned, Oscar's Wife Gives Him Laundry, Walking Papers, Chills**  
HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Pianist Oscar Levant's wife says he can come home to pick up his laundry if he wants but after that he is going to have to leave.

Attractive June Gale Levant served notice on her caustic-witted husband of 18 years that she had had it.

She filed for divorce Friday after the shaky star of local television accused her of trying to kill him with a pair of scissors during an argument about "other" women.

Oscar's screams were heard blocks away in their sedate, expensive neighborhood and brought Beverly Hills police to "rescue" a badly shaken Levant. Mrs. Levant said she threw a shoe at her husband, but that's all.

"He can have all his stuff—piano, books, everything he wants," she said. "I told him he was not going to come home but that he could get a moving van, back it up to the house and take everything that's his."

Levant, whose forte is sharp-tongued comment on the current scene, told his television audience he had run out of laundry since moving in with friends.

"Of course, he can have it," Mrs. Levant promised. "He'll have to come and get it. If he phoned, I suppose I'd talk to him—I think I would. But right now I'm still the mother of three

teen-age daughters, and they're my primary concern."

The pretty former actress, who helped Levant on his television program as Oscar's girl Friday, said she did not want to engage in a public squabble with the pianist.

But, she denied that there was a chance of reconciliation.

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ATLANTA (UPI)—Tax Commissioner Standish Thompson has received a money order for \$38.14, but he doesn't know what to do with it.

The sender neglected to list his name, address or the bill he apparently wants to pay.

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