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Legislature

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

Had a pleasant trip over Tuesday to Salem and a one-day expedition through the legislative halls.

Had almost forgotten how pleasant it was to grab the Shasta Daylight, relax and arrive in Salem about 10:30 Monday night.

It has been almost two years since visiting the state capital, and shortly after my arrival I recalled to my sorrow that they roll up most of the sidewalks after about 10 p.m.

A 10 to 12 block tour from the hotel in search of just a plain old cup of coffee turned up nothing. Everything was closed tightly.

I did locate one place a block from the hotel (on my return at the end of a dozen blocks) that said "eat-drink." They didn't mean it, the coffee bar was closed.

What's more, the bellboy didn't know of any place that was open, though there might be one four or five blocks down the street, but by now both my energy and my thirst had vanished, and I called it a night.

Tuesday morning I had the experience of visiting the Legislature. It's an experience that certainly should be utilized more by schools to teach the younger fry the workings of government.

Before I launch on my day's gleanings, I would like to insert a word for the person first visiting the capitol building. . . don't come in the back way. I would most certainly recommend that every new arrival be given a floor plan or a map of the building because it has more dead ends than the grand canyon.

My prime purpose was to testify at a committee hearing Tuesday morning dealing with the bill authorizing allocation of an additional five per cent of the revenues from the sale of liquor by the state to the city governments to assist them in the cost of policing the drunks and the problems that liquor creates for them.

I briefly pointed out to the committee that Klamath Falls has a budget approximately \$80,000 annually to police the drunk situation. This figure includes the cost of feeding those arrested for drunkenness in the city jail, the proportionate share of the jail maintenance and upkeep, the partial salaries of officers, police judge and record keepers, all of which are attributable to liquor.

I also pointed out to them that at present the city receives from \$30,000 to \$35,000 per year, leaving us about an equal amount short of enough money to police the problem. The net result is, as I testified, that the Klamath Falls property taxpayers had to foot the bill for the balance, and this wasn't quite fair.

Indications are that the bill will get some consideration, although its chances of being enacted are at best only 50-50. However, the Klamath County legislators have agreed to vote for the measure when it appears.

Enjoyed a good visit with Senator Harry Boykin who is doing a tremendous job, and who is doing double duty right now both for himself and for Boyd Overhulse.

He and his charming wife, Vivian, who is working as hard if not harder than Harry, have a beautiful little court-type apartment home away from the downtown Salem scurry.

The mornings are taken up with sessions of the Legislature, the afternoons with committee meetings, which come at a furious pace at this time of the session, and the evenings with further meetings and discussions of legislative problems.

It takes a dedicated public servant indeed, to be willing to sacrifice the time and money that it takes to serve the public in any capacity at the Legislature.

Also had a few moments with Johnny Kerbow (with beard), and he outlined some of the bills which are under consideration or will be coming up shortly concerning Klamath County.

Some of these may prove interesting to you.

Among them are these: A bill to create a second circuit judgeship for Klamath County, a measure to provide for new distribution of per capita money from the previous method of \$5,000 to the Klamath County Fair Board, and \$1,000 for the Merrill Potato Festival, and a bill to prohibit use of 10-40 poison.

The measure on school reorganization also vally touches Klamath Falls and Klamath County schools, and there were others.

John, too, has been doing an excellent job and is highly regarded by his fellow legislators.

Had a few minutes, also, with Governor Mark Hatfield, so was able to get a quick birdseye look at the Senate, House and the governor's viewpoints.

Somewhat, I came away with new respect for these men who fight our battles for us in the governmental field. They have their problems, but they are basically our problems, too.

They are seeking diligently the right and the most just solution that will provide the most good to the most people. They deserve our support.

Travel

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Travel figures for national parks during the year 1968 have just been released.

Totals show that there were one per cent fewer visitors to all of the national parks last year than the year before.

But, while the others showed a decrease, there was an increase in travel of one per cent to Crater Lake National Park. A total of 333,893 persons visited Crater Lake National Park in 1968 compared with 330,499 in 1967. (The Department of the Interior states that a total of 56,677,000 persons visited all national parks in 1968).

Mission 66 is progressing and improvements at Crater Lake National Park such as new markers, improvement of trails and other projects will make trips to the park more interesting and enjoyable this year than ever before.

Tom Williams, park superintendent, has a line crew and many of the rangers work far beyond the strict call of duty.

Stim Mabery, for example, is conducting beginner ski instruction for youngsters of park employees. He has about a dozen in his current weekly classes and plans a public exhibition when this group has completed the course.

Several Klamath Falls business concerns have gotten behind the project and the April show should be well worth driving 60 miles to see. The exact date has not yet been set but when announced, it will be one of the first special events in the park during Oregon's Centennial year.

At the same time, a big accolade should be given to the Fort Klamath Civic Improvement Club for its inspiration about three years ago in putting up the big colored highway sign on Highway 97 a few miles north of the California line. The club paid for having the sign built and erected and each year refurbishes it. It is the only scenic invitation to enjoy the Klamath Country and the club's example could be emulated with pride and profit by other groups or Klamath County itself.

We like the line: "Fort Klamath—Gateway to Crater Lake National Park."

Correspondents

By PEGGY WALSH

DUNSMUIR — Does the world know about you? Have you some concern or pride or problem that warrants explaining?

Those of you who live on farms or work in woods or live in sparsely populated areas sometimes feel you are without a voice. There is a fairly common complaint that you haven't an opportunity to meet city reporters or editors.

Don't overlook the correspondent or part-time reporter. There is usually one within shouting distance. This correspondent may be a fellow worker or a housewife but he or she is well equipped to know the background and contributing details of any story that is of general interest in your neighborhood. Correspondents have time to get the proper slant and they are interested in the little stories as well as the big ones.

There are those who regard a reporter or correspondent as nosy, prying and prodding. This is not the case. There is far more positive news than negative news. A new method of logging, a record harvest, an unbroken safety record, recognition of long and faithful service, an unusual hobby, self sacrifice and service—all of this is real news and of interest to the world. A correspondent can only write these stories when they are called to his attention.

Crime, accidents, acts of wrath, misjudgment and thoughtlessness make news too. Keeping the public adequately and accurately informed on these matters is a reporter's responsibility. He should have access to the correct information as rapidly as possible. A person who denies a reporter data that is public information frequently is sacrificing healthy truth to ugly rumor.

It doesn't hurt anyone to learn a little bit about another person's business, particularly if that person can be of service. News is a salable commodity just as lumber or hay. It is the reporter's stock in trade. Some reporters or correspondents work for one paper. Others work for several including the wire services. Just as no logger delivers logs to a mill that doesn't pay for those logs, a reporter writes news only for those papers and news services that write checks for him. Every business man, citizen, teacher, farmer, sportsman, housewife who would like his or her problems a little better understood, should find out what correspondents serve the area in which they live and what paper or news service they represent.

"Correspondents are paid by what they produce, a fairly good incentive in any line of work. They have to like reporting which means being interested in people and the things that are happening about them. If they aren't pretty diligent workers, they don't keep at it very long. Some of them are pretty good journalists. Just like anyone else they are responsive to interest and friendliness. How about knowing your correspondent better? It might be important."

Editor's Note: Recently in a series of guest appearances with Arthur Godfrey on CBS-TV, folk humorist Sam Levenson made some unusually outspoken comments on the moral laxity of today's teenagers. Levenson, a former teacher and a parent himself, has made a successful career of poking good natured fun at family life in general and the foibles of children in particular. But in the following dispatch he is dead serious as he tells what he thinks is wrong with the present teenager-parent relationship.

By SAM LEVENSON
(Written For UPI)

I don't deny kids pleasure. God bless them. I want them all to have fun. But I also hate to see them getting killed or seduced in cars and getting into all kinds of trouble. And the statistics are that they do get into a lot of trouble.

What to do about it? The parents have got to have the guts to be parents. It takes a little courage to face up to a kid when you know he is wrong. Our own parents had rules and regulations for us. I don't say they were always right. But there were rules, simple rules, and we knew what they were and most of the time we followed them—or else.

You either went to school and did a good job or you went to work. If you went to college you waited to get married at least till you were out. If you wanted a car or a raccoon coat or whatever—I'm not talking about rich

kids, but average kids of average families—you worked to get the money for it. Sometimes you could make enough, sometimes you couldn't.

Now, the kid starts with a car which is given him for no good reason except he wants it and "all the other fellows have one." He can't go out on a Saturday night unless there's a car. There's a bus that passes his house a block or two away, but he won't take it. He must have the car.

The trouble with today's teenagers is they expect everything in life free. We've tried to make our kids happy by giving them everything that we didn't have in life. It doesn't work out. You do a kid no good by giving to him. Because the only thing he gets out of life that way is the habit of receiving. You've denied him the joy of achieving.

Does anybody say to a kid any more, "You're off Saturday. You've got nothing to do. How about working for that extra five bucks you want?" He never heard of it. He gets panicky. That's when to lay down some of the rules. One of the biggest is that a youngster must be taught to be self-sufficient. He has to start growing up.

And going steady—at 15! First thing you know—they don't know a thing yet except how to neck or rock 'n' roll — they walk in with some idiot and say, "Ma, we're going to get married." And ma says yes because maybe the kid'll walk in next week with an even worse idiot. Then the parents are supporting the kids through the first babies, or through college, or both. In the old days, you remember, mother and father made the arrangements. They met the girl—or the boy. They met the family. And they investigated them — fingerprints, everything.

The free car, the early marriage, the unsupervised dates, they're all symbols—symbols of kids getting things they're not ready for, all unearned increments. It's spoiling their lives. They're denied the wonder of anticipation, of being able to say, "Look, when I grow up, I'm going to work and I'm going to earn money and I'm going to do this and that and the other thing; buy for myself the things I want, earn them with my own hands brains."

That's a beautiful thing. It's in the American tradition—the right and natural tradition. When you give the kids everything before they've achieved the right to them, you're undermining that basic American tradition — and then it's up to the parents. Who else is going to protect the young? The tiger does it for his cubs. We'd better find out where we stand in this world, find out our values in this society. The teenagers need a reason for living. They need an example. They need something that's better and more important than the car. The kids are confused because the whole code of values is upset. A child must be raised with a sense of responsibility to himself, to his parents, to his country.

The parents of America are frightened, they're more frightened than the kids. Actually the ruling class in America today are the teenagers. They have laid the rules out. It's time the parents look the rules back in their own hands.

United Press International
SAN FRANCISCO — Rear Adm. Jack P. Monroe, commander of the Pacific missile range, replying to a question whether a Russian attempt to put a man into space would be a suicide mission.

"I wouldn't say suicide mission. But they won't be as careful as we are. They like the quick and dirty method of getting it up there."

JACKSON, Miss. — Youth Court Judge Billy Horton, in a wire-lauding a Memphis judge's refusal to prosecute a high school principal for paddling unruly students.

"Congratulations on your decision. It is regrettable we cannot order the parents spanked in some cases."

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Dr. Gordon S. Brown, chief of MIT's electrical engineering department, on the development of a mechanical brain language which will enable one mechanical brain to supervise another.

"We've had humans talk to humans, humans talk to machines and machines talk to machines. The thing now is to prevent the machines from talking back."

They'll Do It Every Time
By Jimmy Hatlo

LISTEN, SHOEHORN—I JUST HEARD ABOUT A DEAL YOU COULD CLEAN UP ON—A SCHOOL BUS IS FOR SALE IN OUR TOWN—YOU COULD BUY IT FOR PEANUTS—THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL PAY FOR THE USE OF IT—YOU COULD SET IT UP AS A LUNCH WAGON DURING RECESS AND RUN IT AS A REGULAR BUS AT NIGHT—YOU COULD HIRE A GUY TO DRIVE IT AND DO ALL THE WORK—

ANGLEWORM IS ALWAYS FIGURING OUT DEALS FOR SOME BODY ELSE—I THINK HE USES A SE A STEERER FOR A FLOATING CRAP GAME—

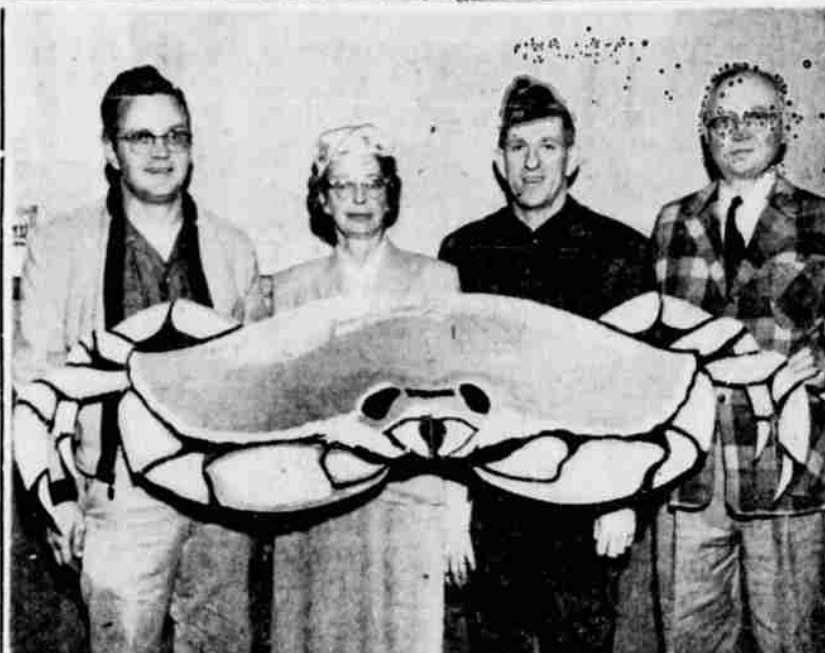
DOESN'T HE HAVE A STATIONERY STORE ON THE SIDE WITH ALL THE OFFICE SUPPLIES HE TAKES HOME?

LAST DEAL WAS TRYING TO GET RID OF OLD ISOLATION BOOTHS FROM QUIZ SHOWS—HE SAID YOU COULD PUT HANDLES ON 'EM AND SELL 'EM FOR COOLIE CHAIRS—

ANGLE WANTS SOMEBODY ELSE TO STICK HIS NECK OUT—IF YOU ASK ME HE'S AFTER SHOEHORN'S JOB—

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LISTENING TO THE LATEST SCHEME OF THE OFFICE GET-RICH-QUICK WORK-DOCK—TADPOLE AND A LITTLE NAT TO THERO STEVE & JERRY, LUNA LANE, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.



LOTS OF CRAB, and also plenty of potato salad, is promised for the Saturday crab feed at the VFW Hall from 6:30 to 9 p.m. VFW members and their guests will be welcome at the dinner which will be followed by dancing. Preparing for the feed, left to right, are VFW Commander Mel Malm, Ruby Miller and Lloyd Frantz, co-chairmen of the committee, and Dick Walter, club manager.



Soviet Views On Berlin Cast Doubt

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Western fears of a dangerous Berlin crisis late this spring are beginning to build up again under the impact of Nikita Khrushchev's oratory.

Unless the Soviet government can be drawn into high level negotiations on German issues in the next two or three months, authorities here are not sure what may happen. But they see an increasing possibility that in his present cocky, confident mood the Soviet premier may try some extremely risky moves.

United States officials still cling to the hope that Khrushchev will agree to a foreign ministers meeting for late April or early May. His speech in Moscow Tuesday rejecting negotiations about German reunification does not constitute a real answer to the Western proposal of Feb. 16 for a Big Four session, informants said.

But President Eisenhower's rather gloomy appraisal of the outlook at his news conference Wednesday seemed to reflect a growing uncertainty over the possibility of actually getting serious negotiations started.

Eisenhower said Khrushchev had displayed an "obviously, palpably intransigent attitude" in his speech and though there was nothing very new in it the tone and the timing were matters of concern.

Noting that the speech came in the midst of Khrushchev's talks with British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, Eisenhower said the development "is not one that, certainly, you could call hopeful."

He then defined a two-point policy for the United States in the present situation. First, he said,

"we are not going to give one single inch in the preservation of our rights" to maintain the Western position in West Berlin and to move supplies into that city.

The possibility of another Berlin blockade has been considered ever since Khrushchev last November suggested the Western powers get out of Berlin. He announced plans which in effect would turn over to East Germany control of the Allied access routes to West Berlin.

Second, Eisenhower said that this country and its allies are "always ready to negotiate when the other person will give us the slightest area or region in which to negotiate."

But he added that he could not see "very much use for con-

ferences" or much promise for negotiation if the present Soviet attitude continues.

Reports from Moscow described Macmillan as stunned by Khrushchev's maneuver in public taking an unyielding line on German issues in the midst of his discussions with the British prime minister. Diplomats here considered it a radical departure from normal diplomacy.

One possible explanation suggested was that Khrushchev was trying to bring public pressure to bear to get concessions from the British leader in private talks.

Khrushchev, for example, wants to negotiate with the Western powers solely about their status in Berlin. But that question is not negotiable, Eisenhower declared Wednesday. The British have taken the same position.

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Murder Try Cites Pair

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Charges of attempting to kill a retarded six-year-old boy with poisoned candy have been filed against a California couple.

Phoenix officers were to go to Los Angeles today to pick up Mrs. Edna F. Howard, 38, and James L. Will, 38, her former husband, both of Pasadena, Calif.

They are charged with trying to poison Michael Howard, son of the woman by an earlier marriage. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years to life.

An official of the Valley of the Sun School for Handicapped Children uncovered the poisoned candy Wednesday when she disregarded instructions to see that it went only to Michael.

As Mrs. Bernice Russell, school superintendent, broke up the candy for distribution among all the children, she discovered two capsules later found to contain lethal dog worm medicine.

The discovery led to the arrest of the couple in Los Angeles. Phoenix police said Michael has been adopted by Mrs. Howard's present husband, George.

Los Angeles officers said the child's natural father is believed to be Edward Weishaupt, Mrs. Howard's first husband. Will was her second husband.

Sgt. Claude Everley of the Los Angeles sheriff's homicide detail said the boy and his mother each receive \$125 per month from a \$25,000 estate. He is retarded both mentally and physically.

TV Entertainer Reveals Truth

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rock 'n' roll singer Lorrie Collins, 17, secretly married Stewart Carnell, 26, in Las Vegas last Jan. 4.

Bev Barnett, Miss Collins' publicity agent, said the marriage was kept secret because conflicting road engagements prevented the couple from setting up a home.

Carnell is co-manager of singer Johnny Cash. Miss Collins and her brother, Larry, 14, perform as "The Collins Kids" on television and the night club circuit.



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