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Here And There

By BILL JENKINS

I notice by the papers that Portland voters are going to have an anti-dog bill to pass on next spring.

In the form of an ordinance to keep dogs from running loose. But there seems to be some disagreement already. From Lew Wallace, Lew took exception to the wording of the ordinance which read: "The council finds that dogs, when running at large, cause property damage, fright and annoyance to certain people."

What Lew, who is a former state senator and about as well acquainted around the state as anyone, said was that many of the dogs in his neighborhood were better behaved than some of the people.

How popular this made Lew in his neighborhood we can only guess. But he sure hit the nail right on the head. Dogs, by and large, are about as nice as any one you would want to meet.

While I am a firm believer in dogs being kept up at all times merely as a matter of safety for themselves in this world of cars and people I'm equally opposed to a law that says they have to be locked up.

Seems like a terrible infringement on canine rights.

Stay in there and pitch Lew. We're with you.

Since 1934 over two billion (2,000,000,000) tons of steel have been produced in this country. So, at least, reports the American Iron and Steel Institute.

If that were broken down into the number of hairpins that could be produced the figure would run into several more digits.

Enough to stagger the imagination.

We are always on the outlook for new names.

In New York there is a town called Suffern.

And down in North Carolina there is a village that goes by the lovely name of Gastonia.

Up in Yamhill County, Oregon, is a town called Gaston.

All of which reminds me that it wasn't long ago that a relative newcomer to Klamath Falls was telling me that in his opinion it was pretty crude to go on calling one of our better known landmarks "hogback."

This criticism seems to crop up periodically.

Me, I see nothing wrong with hogback. It is a nice name, typical of the mountain it describes and is well established.

Fatalities

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Three critical nights between now and January 1 are tonight, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, according to the Highway Lifesavers Committee of Oregon Citizens, Inc.

The night before a holiday is usually a time of celebrating because there is a letdown of the responsibility to be ready for work the next day.

Holiday drinking is the target this year in the traffic safety drive to reduce accidents.

The Highway Lifesavers are working with the official traffic regulation agencies in a new statewide campaign.

The new program results from Governor Mark Hatfield's announcement that all state agencies will be called upon in the traffic safety campaign. One of these, the Alcohol Education Committee, will enter the traffic safety campaign vigorously this year.

This committee points out, quoting the National Safety Council, that in at least 30 per cent of all fatal traffic accidents a drinking person has been involved, and that 23 per cent of adult pedestrians killed during the year having been under the influence of liquor.

The traditional holiday office party is a target in this year's Oregon campaign.

Holiday office parties have been under fire for some time and there has been a noticeable decrease in their number in the last few years. The biggest criticism of these office parties has come from personnel officers of big firms who have become very articulate about the upsetting effect to plant morale caused, usually, by a small minority with a predilection for trouble.

Now the traffic experts come along and add their weight to the crusade.

Conviviality is a natural instinct with most of us, but no one needs a degree in chemistry to know that gasoline and alcohol don't mix successfully.

Home is a mighty good place to observe a holiday and, when there are guests who are driving home, make the "one for the road" a cup of black coffee.

If you aren't concerned about the other fellow, doesn't it scare you just a little to remember some of your own narrow escapes?

Thanksgiving

By FRANK ELEAZER

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Among things to say thanks for on Thursday, besides cranberry jelly without aminotriazole, is that we've got it all straight now when to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Well, we've got it straight for this year, anyway.

Practically any school boy can tell you that Thanksgiving Day is the last Thursday in November. So give that boy a zero, and get on with the story.

Thanksgiving in one form or another dates back to the pilgrims. It was George Washington who proclaimed the first national day of Thanksgiving, on Nov. 26, 1789. But — who knows? — maybe the turkeys all smothered that year. Anyway, the celebration failed to take hold.

Washington didn't try again for six years, when he picked a day in March. Our forebears thereafter were thankful only irregularly and on such diverse days as Feb. 19, the second Thursday in April, Aug. 6, and the first Thursday in December.

In 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed "the last Thursday in November" as a day of Thanksgiving for assorted boons including recent advances by the Union armies against the Confederates.

That particular point possibly didn't go over too well in some sections. Nevertheless, this time the observation caught on. By 1939, everybody North and South knew that Thanksgiving was always the last Thursday in November.

But 1939 was a year when not everybody could think of as many reasons to celebrate as in some earlier times. For one thing, retail sales had been off. President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving Day up by a week, to give Christmas shoppers longer to get rid of their money.

Nov. 23, the day he picked, was the fourth Thursday all right, but it wasn't the last. There were five Thursdays in November that year.

From the uproar that followed, you would have thought Roosevelt had rejoyiced Christmas. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale as a matter of fact warned that this might be next.

Railroads and bus lines enjoyed two holiday jams. One airline served turkey dinners aloft each Thursday in the month.

Roosevelt, undismayed, tried it again in 1940. This time he proclaimed Nov. 21, the month's third Thursday, as turkey day. In 1941 he proclaimed one more early Thanksgiving and then said Lincoln's way would have to suffice thereafter.

By 1941, Congress was getting fed up. The House shoved through a bill to say "the last Thursday in November" was going to be Thanksgiving Day from here on, and no more fouling it up.

But, alas, the Senate as usual, felt obliged to think up an amendment. I changed the bill to read "fourth" Thursday instead of "last." When the late Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) mildly protested this trifling with history, the judiciary committee explained that in five years out of seven the fourth and last Thursdays in November were the same. The least we could do, the committee said, was give the merchants a break the other two years.

In the House by that time members were more interested in

Pearl Harbor than Thanksgiving. They accepted the change without debate and the bill became law.

Well, this is one of those years when history triumphs over commerce. So far I haven't heard any merchants complaining.

Labor's Muscle

By LYLE C. WILSON

WASHINGTON (UPI) — There is shocking muscle behind Jimmy Hoffa's threat to knock off in next year's election the members of Congress who voted for labor reform.

The muscle adds up to a little more than \$250,000 a month. That is what Hoffa's teamsters will put up each month on a basis of a 15-cents-a-head deduction from their dues. Hoffa will have a political war chest to goggle the eyes of fund raisers for mere political parties.

Neither the Republicans nor the Democrats have a money tree such as that. The Taft-Hartley Act of 1947 laid a heavy hand on Big Labor's political spending. John L. Lewis in 1936 dumped nearly \$500,000 into Franklin D. Roosevelt's second term campaign. The CIO Political Action Committee in 1944 accumulated about that much from various union treasuries for political purposes.

The Taft-Hartley act amended the Corrupt Practices Act to restrict union spending just as political spending by national banks and corporations is restricted. Taft-Hartley forbade unions to make contributions to candidates or to spend money in connection with primaries and elections for the selection of federal officials.

This prohibition of political expenditures—not of political contributions—was invalidated by the Supreme Court. Big Labor may spend but it may not contribute. That did it, so far as any real restriction on labor's political spending was concerned. Big Labor went into the field of political education in a big way—educating the voters for some candidates and against others.

The CIO moved in 1954 to knock the remaining bars way down. CIO funds paid for nine television programs boosting the U.S. Senate candidacy of Democrat Pat McNamara. The Justice Department got an indictment but lost in the courts. The courts held that the CIO merely was spending for "political education." McNamara won.

The head-tax system is used widely by Big Labor to finance its expenditures for political activity. Big Labor in Michigan levies six-cents-a-month on AFL-CIO members to raise about \$500,000 in good times. Recession and unemployment have cut the take now to about \$300,000.

This gentle bite is ample. The end political result of this levy on union members should arouse the envy of Republican fund raisers, causing them to wish they could lay a head-tax of even a nickel on somebody. They cannot do that. Neither can the heads of the great corporations lay a head-tax of even one-cent-a-month on their stockholders or their employees. There would be coast-to-coast commotion about that. Many so taxed could and would object that they were being compelled to contribute, however little, to political purposes of which they did not approve.

Some union members have made that same complaint. There is moving now toward late winter decision in the U.S. Supreme Court a legal dispute which might spoil Big Labor's big political take.

In this case, a few union members seek to limit strictly to purposes of labor negotiations and collective bargaining all use of

their dues money. If the protesting union members win that one, Big Labor is likely to get out of the political education business, fast.

Giving Thanks

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Thanksgiving is a time of summary gratitude.

Each person has his own private roll call of appreciation. But practically everyone can be grateful that:

Thanksgiving Day doesn't fall on a Monday.

Nikita Khrushchev isn't twins.

The national election isn't until next year.

Declining buying power of money hasn't yet forced racetracks to put a \$3-sign over the \$2 window.

The holiday piece de resistance is turkey and not ostrich. (Think how weary you'd get of ostrich hash!)

The hard-hit television industry still has one thing to fall back on — Milton Berle.

The country no longer needs a good five-cent cigar. (It needs a good two-for-a-quarter cigar.)

Congress hasn't gotten around to investigating professional wrestling.

Santa Claus is still a full month away.

The football season is about over, and we won't have to worry about warming up baseball's hot stove league for at least six weeks.

The man in the moon still doesn't have foreign company.

Space suits won't have plectated pants—or need to be set off by a necktie.

The little folk from Mars haven't landed. (Or have they?)

You can charge things at the stores now and not have to start paying until January.

From now until Christmas all children, including teen-agers, will be on their good behavior.

Sex, despite all rumors to the contrary, is indubitably here to stay.

On one day in one country in the world no one Thursday has to go to bed hungry.

The Almanac

United Press International
Today is Wednesday, Nov. 25 the 329th day of the year, with 36 more days in 1959.

The moon is approaching its new phase.

The morning star is Venus. The evening star is Saturn.

On this date in history:
In 1790, the British frigate "Hussar" sank in New York harbor with 900-thousand gold guineas aboard.

In 1835, industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie was born.

In 1907, Scottish soprano Mary Garden made her American debut in New York.

In 1920, a radio station in Texas (WTAW of College Station) broadcast the first play-by-play description of a college football game.

In 1944, the U. S. War Refugee Board charged Germany with mass murder of civilians in World War Two.

A thought for today: American humorist Mark Twain said: "Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to."

Quotes

United Press International
CHICAGO — Prohibition era gangster Roger Touhy, paroled after a quarter of a century behind bars for a 1933 kidnapping: "It's a beautiful day — a great day. The radio announcement I heard last night that I was to be released today was the best news I've had in 26 years."

WASHINGTON — Actress Lauren Bacall, brusquely dismissing the subject when asked by a reporter about any romance: "That's pretty private stuff. I don't ask you about yours."

CHICAGO — Mrs. Lillian Schwartzkopf, waiting near the rubble where a TWA cargo plane crashed into a residential area to learn whether her sister was alive:

"Still a chance — still a chance. That means there's no chance."

SAN FRANCISCO — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), defending health, education and welfare secretary Arthur Flemming's warning about possibly contaminated cranberries:

"If any man in his job disregards a cancer warning, his position could be destroyed and should be."

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By Jimmy Hatlo



HAPPY DAYS IN THE GOLDFISH EMPORIUM... FOR THE FISH, THAT IS... THANK A TIP OF THE HAT TO MARTIN WITZMAN, BAKER AQUARIUM, LAKE WORTH, FLA.

Desalting Expensive

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP) — Utah's Great Salt Lake cannot be considered a possible fresh water resource at present because of the high cost of desalting, says Gov. George D. Clyde.

Clyde told the U.S. Senate subcommittee on Water Resources Tuesday that the cost of desalting ocean water with only a per cent salt content has been figured at \$1.30 per thousand gallons.

He said Utah's 2,000 square mile lake has a salt density of about 23 per cent, second only to the Dead Sea.

The salt is so thick in the Utah lake swimmers cannot sink.

Clyde said, however, the federal government and the states should make greater efforts to utilize the waters which now waste into Great Salt Lake.

Getting 'Name' On Ballot Clarifies Things

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — "Nobody knows me," said A. J. Nahorney, "without my nickname."

He said it was a bitter blow when the Sailors Union of the Pacific ruled nicknames could not be used on union election ballots.

Nahorney, 38, ran last year for the office of secretary-treasurer, hoping to unseat Morris Weisberger of San Francisco. Almost nobody voted for him, he said, because they didn't know who he was.

"I'm a rank and filer who is tired of being pushed around," he said, explaining why he went to court and put his nickname into his legal name.

So this year against Weisberger on the SUP ballot in the two-month voting period opening Dec. 1 is the name he is certain all will know: A. J. Pack-Rat Nahorney.

The shoe industry of the United States consumed 80 million pounds of cotton in 1957.

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2 Homes Burned In Texas Fire

TYLER, Tex. (AP) — At least 29 fires burned thousands of acres of East Texas grassland and destroyed two homes Tuesday.

Damage was heaviest in fires which raged out of control north and south of here. Wind gusts of 30 m.p.h. made the fires difficult to fight. No injuries were reported.

More than 100 men using tractors and other heavy equipment finally brought the fire south of Tyler under control.

River Institute Slated In South

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — An old Louisville Water Co. pumping station will become America's first full-scale potamological institute.

Potamology is the science of rivers. University of Louisville officials, who will rent the station, said Tuesday the only other complete potamological institute is in the Soviet Union.

The university will remodel the structure on the Ohio River and maintain a small fleet of boats for river research.

WELCOME HOME SPRAGUE

VICKSBURG, Miss. (UPI) — Can-can girls, townsfolk and a din of horns greeted the stern-wheel showboat Sprague Tuesday when she resumed her role as a Vicksburg tourist attraction after being featured for six months at the Pittsburgh bicentennial celebration.



Pfc DANIEL KELLEHER, local National Guardsman, recently completed a six-months active duty training program at Fort Ord and Fort Bliss, Texas. He was trained specially in radar and radio.

— Photo by Jack Metz

HAS CHEST TROUBLE

LONDON (UPI) — Actress Jayne Mansfield was reported ill today with chest trouble. A spokesman at the studio where she is making a movie said she has a touch of the flu and is exhausted and will remain in bed two or three days.

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