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## Courthouse Wing

By FLOYD L. WYNNE  
A number of months ago I put myself on record as opposing the construction of a new wing on the county courthouse.

I certainly don't want to seem arbitrary on this subject.

I mentioned a number of months ago to Bob Walker, Klamath County judge, that as far as I could see there appeared to be no urgent need for such a wing and that taxpayers' money should not be spent for this purpose.

He stated that, in his opinion, the extra room was urgently needed and the project should go forward.

He offered to take me on a tour of the courthouse to talk to those who need the extra space. If I would do this, he said, I would be convinced of the need for the addition.

I ACCEPTED THE OFFER and stated that I would be glad to take such a tour if he would line it up and let me ask my own questions.

To date, I have not heard anything further of that offer.

HOWEVER, I do note that sketches of a proposed new wing were presented to the county court the other day for their examination.

The proposed wing would be at the rear of the present structure and would be a basement and a two-story arrangement.

It was pointed out by the court in releasing this item that they now have \$292,100 set aside for construction of this wing, and that construction could begin later this year, if the budget committee would set aside some more money for that purpose.

Last year, the budget committee set aside \$150,000 for this construction.

CERTAINLY, I do not doubt that present occupants of the courthouse could use more space.

That's not the question. The question is whether or not they actually need it.

Government has continually expanded in just this fashion. First, new space, then they fill it up with offices and employes and the tax bill goes up.

I'm not unalterably opposed to the new wing. It's just that as I see it now, it doesn't appear necessary.

Instead of expanding government, this is a time to be cutting it down.

I'M STILL waiting for that invitation to see for myself.

## Squaw Valley

By FLORENCE JENKINS  
The medical needs incident to the Winter Olympic games at Squaw Valley will be the responsibility of a medical division of 184 volunteers, 58 of whom will be physicians.

In addition to the anticipated 25,000 spectators daily from February 18 through 28, the medical division also will protect the health of the 4,500 persons in the "official family," which includes 1,000 athletes from 34 countries, the American Medical Association reports.

Dr. William W. Stiles, professor of public health at the University of California, is medical director for the Olympics and is coordinator of the complex medical program.

His planning started a year ago, because the nearest hospital was a 21-bed facility 12 miles from the valley and because there were only six practicing physicians within a radius of 25 miles of the valley.

Newly-constructed facilities include a 22-bed hospital, nine medical aid stations, billets and quarters for administrative staff. There will be 32 doctors on duty at one time in the fixed facilities. Ten other physicians, members of the National Ski Patrol System and proficient skiers, will patrol the snowy slopes to give first aid and assist in evacuation of injured athletes.

There will be 58 registered nurses, pharmacists, X-ray and laboratory technicians, physiotherapists, ambulance drivers and administrative personnel. A total of 101 will be on duty at any one time.

Twenty doctors will accompany teams. Other doctors will attend the games as spectators. Two physicians, who also are linguists, will serve as interpreters.

The AMA reports that all members of the medical team will serve without compensation, but will be given lodging, meals, transportation and insurance coverage.

Cost of transforming the almost virgin wilderness of the two and one-half mile long valley into an ultra-modern winter recreation area is estimated at more than \$17 million. Of this, the AMA relates,

Congress appropriated \$4.3 million. California State Park funds accounted for \$7.9 million, the state of Nevada contributed \$36,000 and private donations totaled \$2 million. The area is to become a California state park after the games.

## Off-Beat Notes

By TOM STIMMEL  
Leap year has advantages. One not generally known is the extra payday it promises. There will be 53 weekly paydays in 1960.

It has to do with mathematics. We gain one day each four years (leap year); after seven leap years, we gain one week.

This happens every 28 years—it won't happen again until 1968.

Sammy Floyd Cannon, a driver raised by cable from a wrecked car last week just before the wrecker itself plunged down a bluff, is not 42, as his age was given in a news story. He's only 22.

But, Sammy conceded, "I aged last."

It's all in a name when politics are concerned.

State Sen. Harry Boivin was a youthful candidate for district attorney some years ago, after already having served several terms in the state Legislature. His campaign travels brought him before a rancher who challenged, "You aren't Harry Boivin."

"I sure am," Harry insisted.

"Well," said the rancher, "I guess it was your father I've been voting for, then."

County Judge Bob Walker and his wife Mickey selected Palm Desert and Palm Springs in California after Walker's doctor ordered a rest. A 12-day visit was restful, Walker said, but it wasn't warm. There was snow on the San Jacinto Mountains above the resort towns, and temperatures in nearby Indio fell to 17 above.

A young driver who completely demolished a 1935 Dodge in a wreck Sunday was on his way to junk the car when the accident occurred.

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## SHORT RIBS

By Frank O'Neal



U.S. income tax structure. Every office is wired with soothing music, and each client is served with free coffee.

"His nerves are usually on edge," explained Dick. "He's tense. Paying taxes is not a pleasant thing to him, unless you can make it pleasant."

"But if you can relax him, you can get the needed figures from him in half the time."

## Cancer Clambake

By DICK WEST  
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Seldom have I seen so much tobacco consumed under a "no smoking" sign during a discussion about cancer.

People were firing up cigarettes, cigars and pipes all over the House Commerce Committee room.

No one paid the slightest heed to the "no smoking" sign that hung on one wall. Neither did the fact that Arthur S. Flemming, secretary of health, education and welfare, was the witness deter them.

One of Flemming's agencies, the Public Health Service, has on occasion called attention to statistical links between smoking and lung cancer.

On this occasion, however, he was talking about cancer in relation to cranberries, chickens, oranges and lipstick. Worrying about things like that may be one of the reasons people are smoking more.

The secretary was before the committee seeking a stronger law to protect us against cancer-causing chemicals in foods, drugs and cosmetics. The bill would give him more power to ban the use of artificial coloring agents that might be harmful.

Flemming first gave a long discourse on the things that science knows about the cause of cancer. Then he gave a longer discourse on the things it doesn't know.

Until there is more clear information on the subject, he told the committee, it is best not to take chances.

That is all very well, agreed Chairman Oren Harris (D-Ark.), but neither, he added, should Flemming's agency keep the nation in a constant state of alarm.

Flemming replied that he was trying hard not to create any undue concern. But I gather some of the lawmakers still were concerned about the great cranberry panic, as well as the lesser uproar over chicken hormones, orange-tinted oranges and new lipstick shades.

There seems to be no doubt now that we can eat cranberries, chickens and oranges with impunity. But I am not so sure that kissing is safe.

Flemming, you may recall, put 17 lipstick colors on the blacklist last year. This made the lipstick makers see red.

The order banning the sale of the lipstick has been set aside until Feb. 1 to give the lipstick makers time to raise objections. Pending the outcome, the ladies are free to use it at their own discretion.

Flemming said it was not a question of developing a cancer-proof lipstick, since none of the colors showed signs of causing cancer. But he said they might be harmful in other ways if used in large quantities.

In view of all the smoking in the room, I wondered why Flemming didn't repeat the warning about lung cancer. Somebody said this was because tobacco is neither a food, drug nor cosmetic.

## Tax Service

By HAL BOYLE  
NEW YORK (AP)—"Paying income taxes doesn't have to be a painful ordeal," said Richard Bloch. "It can be enjoyable—even fun—if you know how to make it so."

This year Bloch, 33, and his older brother, Henry, 36, will help some 200,000 Americans pay their annual tribute to Uncle Sam as painlessly as possible.

They are pioneers in a mushrooming new field—the field of tax consultation to the masses.

Shortly after World War II the two brothers launched an accounting firm in Kansas City, Mo. It prospered. One of the services the pair offered their clients was assistance in filling out their income taxes. This began to take more and more of their time.

"One night we got to wondering who helped ordinary Americans fill out their income tax returns and whether there might not be a mass market there," said Dick.

The brothers checked and found perhaps some 300,000 tax consultants helped part of the 60-million-plus U.S. taxpayers prepare their returns. But they ranged from high-priced lawyers to neighborhood drugists and barbers who charged \$2 fees.

In 1955 they launched what is now the country's largest chain-store-type of income tax consultation. Today they have 1,000 employees who man 108 offices in 46 cities and gross two million dollars annually. Their goal is 1,000 offices.

Their clients include housewives, retired doctors, airplane pilots, small-businessmen, and "a tremendous number of Internal Revenue Service workers."

Their fee depends on the complexity of the return. The highest they have ever charged is \$500. But the fee for a \$500,000-a-year steel executive was \$12.50, half of the fee for a \$750 or less, and the average is less than \$10.

Most of the brothers' employees are accountants and they go through an intensive two-week training course after being hired. Weekly bulletins alert them to new tax changes.

The company guarantees the accuracy of its returns, agrees to pay any penalty or interest charges resulting from its own errors, and appears free with its clients if the government audits any returns. Its proudest boast is that none of its returns has ever wound up in a tax court.

The two brothers are as adept at psychology as they are on the

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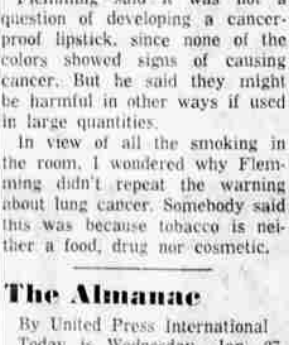
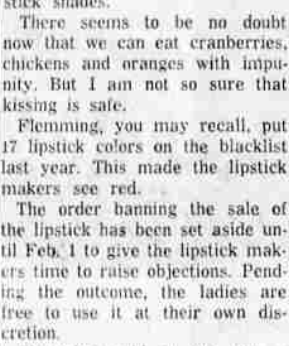
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## 'They'll Do It Every Time'



## Raise Asked By Teachers

PORTLAND (AP)—Portland teachers have asked for salary and fringe benefit increases that would total \$2,900,000 a year.

The proposal was made to the Portland School Board Monday night by the Unified Salary Commission—composed of four teacher organizations here.

The board said it will decide by March 7 whether to place on the May election ballot a proposal to raise the tax base and get the needed revenue.

"We are well aware that this is a substantial upward revision of the maximum salaries," Dale Henderson, a spokesman for the commission, told the board.

Two board members said they favored the commission proposal. Others said they thought the voters might be more inclined to approve a smaller wage boost.

Under the proposed schedule of

increases, teachers with master's degrees would get the biggest salary boost—\$1,100 a year. They now receive \$7,000 annually. There are about 2,700 public school teachers here.

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