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Fewer Laws

By FLORENCE JENKINS

It isn't the lawyers in Oregon who make the laws.

The trend has been toward electing fewer and fewer attorneys to the state legislature. This may have come about with the thought that a labor official might know more about labor, a farmer might be more receptive to the state's agricultural needs and a teacher might be assured of election because of the pretty well organized school vote in Oregon.

Whatever the reason, the various pressure groups manage to get more and more laws on the books every year.

In the last Legislative Assembly there were 10 lawyers among the 30 senators and five attorneys in the 60-member house of representatives.

The Oregon State Bar has, for the last good many sessions, conducted a program of legal service to the Oregon legislature. It is pointed out by John H. Holloway, secretary to the Oregon State Bar, "Under that program, we supply lawyers in constant attendance who render legal opinions, assist in drafting legislation and give legal advice to legislative committees."

"We are always impressed by the tremendous volume of legislation offered at each session, a large part of which appears to be unnecessary, or to be necessary only because of other or earlier unnecessary legislation."

"It all seems to be part of a great and continuing willingness, and even enthusiasm, for centralized bureaucratic government control of everything."

It is that expansion of bureaucratic government control that we object to so strongly.

In Oregon we are getting commissions for practically everything and almost everything requires a license—even a canoe on Upper Klamath Lake. And every commission and every department seems to continue to grow.

The sprawling Department of Motor Vehicles is just one example. Twenty-one legal size pages listing names of 321 drivers whose licenses were ordered suspended between February 7 and March 11, were received on Monday. The letter accompanying the list stated that mailings to "newspapers and all others except law enforcement agencies" were being discontinued. The reasons: "Certain individuals and concerns . . . have been using it for commercial purposes, and a survey of newspapers by our clipping service indicates that the number of papers now publishing the list of suspended drivers is too small to justify the continued cost of handling and mailing."

Are the taxpayers paying for a clipping service, too, just to find out who publishes information disseminated by state bureaus?

Will this discontinuance cut one single salary from that department?

A firmer stand against pressure groups might permit our lawmakers more time to study possible economies in state government.

As Mr. Holloway states: "The tendency today, certainly, is to enact legislation in fields which could not possibly have been within the contemplation of the founders of this republic."

And we love his summation: "I have always felt that if a man didn't have any more sense than to sneeze into a handkerchief, he should be allowed to do it, subject to the frowns of his neighbors. We should not pass a law against it."

Ike's Friend

By MERRIMAN SMITH
LTH White House Reporter

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Backstairs at the White House: At 5:25 p.m. last Friday, a big car threaded deftly through the heavy homegoing traffic swirling around the south grounds of the White House and moved up to the southwest gate of the White House.

The man riding beside the driver in the front seat was George E. Allen who sees a lot more of the President than many members of the Eisenhower family.

Allen's mission at the White House was a familiar one for him.

The President wanted to get away for the weekend. His home in Gettysburg was closed (Mrs. Eisenhower was in Arizona with some friends who included Mrs. Allen) and the President had decided to spend Saturday and Sunday at Camp David. This is the White House camp in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland 67 miles from the President's office.

When the President thought of a weekend at the camp, he immediately thought of George, a 64-year-old, affable, shrewd Mississippian who has made somewhat of a career these past 30 years of being a close friend of presidents.

Allen, a millionaire director of several dozen large and small corporations, knew the late President Roosevelt quite well. In fact, F.D.R. pushed George into public prominence for the first time when he made him a commissioner of the District of Columbia. Allen became even a closer friend of President Truman and frequently accompanied him on weekend yacht trips.

But his friendship with Roosevelt and Truman did not compare with the close relationship today between George and the President whom he first knew during World War II when George was on a Red Cross mission to Europe.

It was George who influenced the President and Mamie to buy their farm in Gettysburg (George had bought one there himself only a few months earlier in 1949).

Allen's trip to Camp David with the President last weekend (they were joined later by other friends) was one of many such journeys he undertakes at the behest of his good friend in the White House. The President had visited twice at another of Allen's homes, outside Palm Springs, Calif., and George frequently accompanies the chief executive on hunting and golfing trips to Georgia.

Those who know Allen and the President understand readily why they are such close friends. One paramount reason is that George knows his way around government, he is a keen student of world affairs, as well as domestic politics, and the fact that he has piled up a sizeable personal fortune in the past 30 years shows that he knows something about the world of business and industry.

Eisenhower also knows that Allen keeps his mouth shut.

The President can blow his stack about world conditions, he can say very frankly what he thinks of a bonehead plan made by an associate in government, he can complain bitterly about the invasion of his privacy by reporters and he knows that Allen will be a most sympathetic and discreet listener.

Probably as important as all of the other reasons put together is this factor: Allen asks nothing of the President and gives willingly of his time, engaging personality, vast store of cheering anecdotes—and advice, when asked.

The Lighter Side

By DICK WEST
WASHINGTON (UPI) — I never won \$264,000, or even a five-year supply of flour wax, on a television quiz show. But I have a brain that soaks up information like a sieve.

I always figured this kind of talent was worth something and now I know what it is worth: \$12 a day for two weeks every two years. I mean I am a natural born census taker.

I discovered this hidden aptitude after reading in the newspaper last week that Teddy Nadler, the biggest winner in TV quiz history, had flunked his test for a census job.

Nadler, according to a dispatch from St. Louis, failed to answer the necessary number of questions in a quiz given to persons looking for work in the 1960 census.

Christians to know what could have stumped the man who could reel off the names of the eight countries that straddle the equator, I presented myself at the census office here and asked to take the test.

Twenty-five or 30 other contestants were seated at tables around the room when I entered and was handed a two-part test by a lady quintmaster.

She didn't say whether the questions came from the locked vaults of the Treasury Department and I didn't ask. We were given an hour to complete the test with no interruptions for commercials.

The first part had 30 questions dealing with reading comprehension and word definition. The second part had 16 questions requiring us to locate places on a map.

It was the second part that waylaid Nadler. Census officials said he apparently got mixed up on the difference between East and West.

That can happen to anyone and I might have made the same mistake except that my group was—I hate to say it—coached. The young woman who conducted the test told us in advance that the top of the map was north, the right side east and the left side west.

She didn't say where south was and this caused me some trouble. Luckily, only one question required that knowledge and I got it with a wild guess.

When I handed in my paper, I was told I had reached one of the highest plateaus—only two wrong answers, both in the first part. Fifty per cent is passing.

Let this be a lesson for Nadler and any other interested parties: If you want to work for the government, don't clutter up your brain with a lot of knowledge.

Sales Gimmicks

By SAM DAWSON
NEW YORK (AP) — Many business concerns in this era of competition are turning to new ways to ease you into buying their products. Others are trying out the old ways—ways that in less-competitive days they had rejected as all right for some kinds of business but not for them.

More industrial firms are teaming up this year with show business to glamorize the sales pitch. Classical record-cutters are invading supermarkets. Margarine and like products are found in an increasing number of drugstores.

Groceries this year are offering many more deal transactions—price inducements sponsored by grocery manufacturers.

Cigar makers are going after the young smoker rather than letting him grow older and turn to them. A light bulb manufacturer teams up with schools and churches. A pharmaceutical firm offers physicians a recording of various heart disturbance sounds to help them turn to the proper medication, preferably ones the firm makes.

Here is just a small sampling of what companies are doing:

Some coffee companies hold that money talks. In Chicago, North Woods Coffee inserted seven cents in each can. A secret amount was put in Maryland Club Coffee cans.

In California, Butternut puts a quarter in each one-pound can, but half a dollar in each two-pound can.

In parts of the Midwest a chip-dip tray, priced at four for a dollar, helped Red Dot Foods sell potato chips.

A trading stamp company believes that in numbers lies strength. King Korn Stamp offers autos, trucks and yachts. Church groups have bought their ministers a car that way—a congregation of 200 can pool enough stamps to get a car in a year according to the stamp concern.

Women's clubs can pool stamps to get the outgoing president a nink stole.

Bayou Cigars Inc. has gone after new markets with redesigned products. It continues to produce the conventional cigar. But it now

offers as a major part of its line shorter and slimmer cigars to attract young men as customers. It also has new blends, milder than former types, and is packaging a five cigar pack to get men to buy more than one at a time.

A patented bulb with a soft white light is being marketed through schools, churches and other organizations wishing to make something out of the deal.

The maker, Ver-A-Ray Co., sells them to the groups at \$27 a case, and the amateur salesmen market them at \$52 using the profit to buy hand uniforms or instruments, choir robes or organs, or playground equipment.

At least one room air conditioner maker ignores winter weather. Carrier Corp. packaged window coolers as Christmas gifts at \$169 each. And a single New York City company sold 60.

Vets Mail Bag

In financial emergencies, veterans who hold permanent GI life insurance are better off to borrow on their policies rather than cash them in to raise money, the Veterans Administration advises.

The GI policyholders may borrow up to 94 per cent of the cash surrender value of their permanent plan policies, the VA pointed out. Only GI term insurance has no loan value.

Even if the policyholder borrows the limit permissible on his policy, the policy remains in effect, although the protection is reduced until the loan is repaid, the VA explained.

All protection ceases forever when the policy is surrendered for cash, the VA said, because once the GI policy is canceled, it cannot be restored.

Annual interest on GI policy loans is computed on the unpaid balance, and should be paid on or before the due date, the VA emphasized. Should a veteran die before repaying the loan in full, the unpaid balance is deducted from the policy proceeds before the beneficiaries are paid.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
Q—I am at school under the Korean GI Bill and don't feel I am making satisfactory progress with the course I am taking. Can I change it?

A—Yes, that is possible, provided of course the lack of progress is not due to your own misconduct, neglect or lack of application, and if you have not already had a change of course up to now.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Tuesday, March 22, the 82nd day of the year, with 284 more days in 1960.

The moon is approaching its new phase.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

On this day in history:

In 1763, the British Stamp Act went into effect in the American colonies, holding that stamps must be attached to newspapers, playing cards, legal documents and brochures.

In 1794, Congress enacted legislation prohibiting slave trading with foreign countries.

In 1917, the United States became the first nation to recognize Russia's provisional government.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill amending the Volstead Prohibition Enforcement Act to legalize 3.2 per cent beer and wine.

In 1957, a series of earthquakes, strongest since 1906, rocked San Francisco.

A thought for today: President John Adams said: "Where annual elections end, there slavery begins."

Quotes
United Press International
VANCOUVER, B. C. — Archie Ross, retired businessman, on his arrival back in Vancouver from the first commercial jet trip around the world:
"I'm ready to do it again."

PATERSON, N. J. — Former New Jersey Atty. Gen. Nelson A. Stamler commenting on the report mobster Mike Spingola, who blamed Stamler for his deportation, had sneaked back in the country:
"Bigger people than he have threatened me and it never worried me."

LONDON — Peeping Radio on the prison sentences of a bishop and other Roman Catholics on charges of spying and counter-revolutionary activities:
"Their collusion with the imperialists and treason against the motherland under the cloak of religion constituted serious crimes of high treason."

They'll Do It Every Time

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By Jimmy Hatlo



Rogue Slates Timber Sales

The Rogue River National Forest, Klamath District, will begin its spring series of special timber sales offering 3,300,000 board feet of pine species and 400,000 feet of white fir and other species at 2:30 p.m. April 25.

The sale area, called Dry Creek Number 2, is located between Sevensville Guard Station and the Annie Springs Highway near Crater Lake National Park.

The sale is a portion of a program to keep local mills supplied with timber until Klamath Reservation termination proceedings are complete.

Prospective bidders may get further information from D. K. Freewing, district ranger, at his office, 203 Post Office Building, Klamath Falls.

Minimum bid price for pine is \$32.30 and for white fir and other species, \$16.70. The price includes sale betterment and slash disposal fees of \$1.75 per thousand feet.

Gen. MacArthur Makes Progress

NEW YORK (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur is reported making excellent progress in recovering from a prostate gland operation.



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NCO Wives Meet

The Mothersingers of Klamath Falls will entertain members of the NCO Wives Club at a social meeting at the NCO Club, Kingsley Air Force Base, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 22. Members of the club are urged to be present to hear the singing group.

The U.S. Army is in the market for field laundry equipment requiring little or no water, says the National Inventors Council.



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