Herald and News

Editorial Page

Your Newspaper—Freedom's Guardian

This is National Newspaper Week. We acknowledge that there are hundreds of "Weeks" every year, and that we do not make too much fuss over most of them. At the same time, we are hopeful that our readers will pardon us if we use this space a little selfishly today.

The free press of America has been our chief guardian against both the internal and external forces that have tried to curtail our freedom. As a representative of the people and as a reporter to the people, newspapers guard your political freedom. They keep their eyes constantly on the seats of government—local, state and national. Time after time, newspapers have been cited for their work in fighting oppressive taxation; exposing corruption in public office; promoting school, library and highway construction, and a thousand other activities in the interest of the people's welfare and freedom.

Newspapers guard our religious, social and economic freedom. But most of all, newspapers guard our freedom by keeping us informed—by telling us what is going on in the community, in the nation and the world.

No people without information can remain free for very long. Restriction of the freedom of the press is one of the first acts of any government that is bent on restricting the freedom of its people. Dictatorship feeds on ignorance.

In a free country the individual is important. In the columns of the Herald and News we shall strive to maintain the philosophy that the individual is of the utmost importance. In this newspaper, and in hundreds of others, the individual is given the opportunity and the privilege of "talking back" through letters to the editor. This is another important factor in maintaining our liberty.

The One That Got Away

Sportsmen-Hunters

An unsigned letter to the editor offers opportunity for an editorial. We received this note from "A Sportsman" with the observation that it might be an appropriate reminder as the hunting season progresses:

If you ask the landowner's permission to hunt on his place, and respect his property once you're on it, you will be doing yourself, the owner, and your fellow-sportsmen a true service.

One of the biggest problems for all hunters these days is finding open country. All too often, once we arrive at a spot that used to be open to all, we are greeted with no trespassing or hunting signs.

In many cases, these signs are put up, not because the landowner is anti-social or selfish, but rather because he has been burned by thoughtless hunters who first neglected to ask his permission, and then — compounding their sins, failed to respect his property rights.

The Golden Rule applies to hunting as to everything else. Courteous, friendly treatment of the landowner, even if you are turned down, won't hurt a bit, and it may result in a close and lasting friendship.

Why not try it this season?

And, then, along the same lines, in the mail comes a release from the National Rifle Association that lends itself to additional comment.

The following facts about 3,240 hunting accidents, summarized by the NRA, provide some valuable safety tips for hunters and hunters-to-be:

Intentional discharge of guns was responsible for 46 per cent of the accidents.

Categories were as follows: Victim was out of sight of shooter, 16 per cent.

Victim was covered by shooter swinging on game, 12 per cent.

Victim mistaken for game, 10 per cent.

Victim moved into line of fire, 8 per cent.

Then, as to unintentional discharge of firearms, here were the accident causes:

Shooter stumbled and fell, 9 per cent.

Trigger caught on brush or other objects, 5 per cent.

Shooter was crossing fence or other obstacle, 4 per cent.

Firearm was defective, 4 per cent.

Shooter was removing firearm from, or placing it in, vehicle, 3 per cent.

Firearm fell from insecure rest, 3 per cent.

Horseplay ("Didn't know it was loaded"), 3 per cent.

Bullet ricocheted, 3 per cent.

Shooter was loading firearm, 3 per cent.

Shooter was unloading firearm, 3 per cent.

Shooter accidentally pulled trigger, 3 per cent.

Shooter was riding in vehicle with firearm, 2 per cent.

Shooter was removing firearm, or placing it in case or holster, 1 per cent.

Some general advice:

Treat every gun as if it were loaded; always point the muzzle in a safe direction; be sure of your target—absolutely sure.

When you sense that you're close to your target, you can't prevent excitement from rushing up your spine. But you can keep it from ruling your mind and your actions.

No matter what the game, safe hunting must be the most important aim of all.

Letters To The Editor

Likes Coverage

We in the Lakeview area are able to get the Reno, Nev., TV station and would appreciate it very much if you would print that station's program schedule in your Sunday supplement.

We also appreciate the wonderful coverage your paper gives this area.

Please accept our compliments.

Walter M. Cory
Lakeview, Ore.

More Coming

To the Editor:

Before I allow it to slip my mind, I must tell you how much we enjoyed the excellent historical article in your Sunday supplement by Floyd Wynne.

I get about quite a bit in my work and have brought up the subject of the article about the Laws Case you wrote of recently.

The comments by everyone who read the article were highly commendatory. Several who knew of the case commented on the accuracy of the article and your fine rendition of the story as a whole was praised.

If I may be so bold as to make a suggestion—let us have more of the same!

There are many people here who have knowledge of some interesting history of this country and would be willing to do a study with you, I am sure.

Guy Merrill, Mrs. Ida Odell, Hal Ogle, John Martin, Ben Pickett of Malin, Mrs. Steller Grayball of Merrill (Pope family) would be a few to start with.

Klamath County has such an interesting history and it would be nice indeed if it could be set down in writing, and it seems to me you would be a natural to do it.

I have always been highly interested in your (Wynne) writings and do look forward to them. I, along with many others, hope you will oblige with a steady serving of this pleasant "diet."

Others who could be helpful include "Backs" Grigsby and A. R. (Orb) Campbell.

Best wishes,
Otis M. Metsker

Urges Support

To the Editor:

It has been brought to our attention the desperate need in this community for rescue equipment.

The average individual doesn't realize that our fire department is not equipped to handle accidents properly. In many instances, tools must be borrowed to free trapped victims. Such delays often shorten the chances of survival for these people.

If we could obtain the disaster unit the fire department currently is seeking, we would have all the necessary rescue and survival equipment needed to meet any emergency.

Many other cities have found the means to obtain equipment of this type. Some of them are much smaller than our own community.

Let's get behind these dedicated firemen and give them the equipment they need to do their job as it should be done.

Beta Sigma Phi
City Council
Rita Backa

Billboard Query

To the Editor:

Here are some questions I would like answered before I would vote to outlaw outdoor advertising:

Is this the beginning of government regulation of communications?

Who is to assume the burden of taxes now being paid by those who will be adversely affected by the curtailment of their rights to advertise their products and services?

Will our many tourist attractions situated off the main highways be visited as often and enjoyed by as many when they become difficult to find?

Do the investments in Oregon's interest represented by the garden clubs and Izaak Walton Leaguers equal the investments represented by the people depending on this means of presenting their products and services to the public?

Are the newspapers backing this proposal honestly trying to serve the public interest or do they see in the hue and cry of the minority pressure groups a golden opportunity to put a competitor, for the advertising dollar, out of business?

When we hear absolutely no adverse comment from tourists concerning billboards who assumes that our visitors are offended by them?

When we are engaged in an almost frantic effort to find new sources of public funds, is it wise to eliminate any legitimate stimulant to commerce?

Who gave the lawmakers the power to offer us bribes with our own money?

It could be argued that these are not the most intelligent of questions, but the answers ought to be interesting.

E. E. Carpenter
Gold Hill, Oregon

Less Taxes?

Dear Editor,

I don't mind taxes, but somehow I just have to say a word or two to Mr. George W. Palmer who likes lower taxes.

Let me say right here and now if Nixon is elected he will be sure to pay less taxes. We have a lot of men here in Klamath Falls that worked for Dant and Warnock Lumber Company and the Bullard Lumber Company and Car Ad Co who have been in business for a long time who has gone out of business. Those men will pay less taxes, ask them if they like it that way.

Common sense will teach you if you don't make anything you won't have to pay taxes only on your property if you are lucky enough to own any.

Take the medical aid bill Nixon was talking about in the debate the other night. What did that bill do for a couple on Social Security? First I would have to pay $24.00 per year for myself, like amount on my wife, then the first $400 doctor bill I would have to pay and a percentage of anything more than $400. Tell me, in high heaven who on Social Security can pay that?

And we all have sense enough to know on Social Security for medical aid we would like a great deal having to pay any such amount. Yet, all of us like Social Security, unemployment and insurance. Of course you Republicans don't until you get out of work, then I'll bet you do. Go ahead and vote for Nixon. I'll be sure and kill your vote. This is written by one 68 years old who for the past six or eight years has paid very close to $1000 a year taxes, yet, in 1951 under Truman I made as much per month as I have since the Republicans got in power, and if you don't believe me, I can show you the check stubs. I still have them. No, I am for the Democrats, first, last and from now on.

Think it over.

E. E. Wash
3693 Frieda Street

NOTHING SPECIAL

(W. B. S.)

"Was This You?" is the title of a warm little essay in the Tulsa Tribune. Here it is:

Was this you? If it was, all we know about you is that you are a well-dressed, responsible-appearing businessman and that you were in the vicinity of Third and Main the other afternoon.

Oh, yes: we know one other fact about you, but that can wait for a moment.

"I first noticed the man," said a lady who phoned the newspaper office about you, "when he stepped out from a group of people waiting for the bus. Then I saw why he stepped out. A crippled Negro girl was having trouble with the rubber tip on a crutch. She couldn't get it to stay on.

"And this man stooped down and helped replace the rubber tip for the girl. She thanked him prettily. But I noticed that he kept watching her, as she struggled on up the street. And the rubber tip of her crutch came off again.

"The man strode out and caught up with her. Then he sat down on the curb, took a bit of paper or something out of his briefcase, wrapped it on the tip of the crutch, wrested the rubber cap back on, wiggled it to see if it was tight, then handed it back to the crippled girl with a smile. But in the meantime he had missed his bus."

If that were you, the scanty identification given by the lady was all we know about you—except for one thing: A small deed, a little nameless kindness such as that paints a much more luminous picture of you than reams of detail on physical description.

And we'll bet you're a pretty nice fellow!

This brings to mind some words written by B. A. Stanley:

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the trust of good women and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it; who has never lacked appreciation of earthly beauties or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration, whose memory a benediction."

Loose Ends: Some of those TV "canned" shows lead me to believe that the industry would be better off if they shot less film and more actors . . . A bargain, sighed a local merchant, is a transaction in which each party thinks he has cheated the other. . . . Looking at our brood brings to mind that some parents have trouble naming a baby while others have rich relatives . . . Nothing will make a driver more safety conscious than the sight of another car marked "POLICE."

This conversation puts me in mind of the so-called Nixon-Kennedy "debates":

"Have you," asked the electrician, "any four-volt, two - watt bulbs?"

"For what?" asked the clerk.

"No, two!"

"Two what?"

"Yes."

"No."

When it comes right down to it, probably the most exciting interlude during the day comes with delivery (or pickup) of the mail. At any time, the simple opening of the mail can bring about changes or a change that can alter one's entire life.

THE LIGHTER SIDE . . .

Campaign Publicity Stirs Politicians In Washington

By DICK WEST
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The presidential candidates don't spend much time in the voteless capital except to drop in now and then for a change of linen and a seance with their ghost writers.

That does not mean, however, that this unfranchised city is not in the thick of the campaign. Every day at high noon, publicists for the Republican and Democratic National Committees meet in the street and blaze away at each other with mimeograph machines.

I don't know how effective these exchanges are from a political standpoint, but they certainly are good for the paper and ink business. Over the weekend, the Kennedy and Nixon camps issued enough press releases to fuel a campus bonfire on the night before the Homecoming Game.

AUGMENTS PUBLICITY MILL

The GOP publicity mill, awesome enough in its own right, was augmented by a perpetual motion handout grinder privately owned by Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, R-N.Y., leading practitioner of saturation technique.

Keating's office distributed separate releases for Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday and Monday morning newspapers, thus supplying something for every edition.

The Democrats had nothing to match this in singles competition although they found a strong contender in Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, who came through with her "Campaign Wife" column and announced a national "Calling for Kennedy" week as well.

In addition, the Democratic Advisory Council zeroed in on the Sunday papers with a policy report on natural resources. It was, to be sure, only one report, but the report was 37 pages long.

BROADSIDE vs. SCATTERGUN

It remained to be seen whether this broadside method would offset Keating's scattergun delivery.

Meanwhile, the two national committees stepped up the pace of their contest to see which could form the largest number of satellite groups before election time.

The Democrats struck early with a "National Committee of Arts, Letters and Sciences," which brought more than 250 authors, painters, actors, musicians, teachers, poets, scientists, editors, publishers and architects to Kennedy's aid.

The Republicans promptly countered with one new organization, "Americans Abroad for Nixon-Lodge," and beefed up the "Lawyers for Nixon-Lodge Committee" and the "National Committee of Women for Nixon-Lodge."

Besides the usual run of campaign schedules and speech texts, the paper blizzard also included a flurry of new reports from the "GOP truth squad" and the Democratic "Correction, Please" Department.

I haven't the space to summarize them other than to say that their tug-of-war with the truth is giving me a cross-eyed view of veracity.

THE DOCTOR SAYS . . .

Some Cancer Fears Not Well Grounded

By HAROLD T. HYMAN, M.D.
Written for NEA

I hope the following comments will answer a variety of questions raised by numerous correspondents on the subject of malignancy.

Q—Is there an inherited tendency to the development of cancer?

A—According to the most recent and inclusive study of this problem, the answer is "No." Under the auspices of the Commonwealth Fund, Drs. Murphy and Abbey investigated the relatives of 200 women with breast cancer and those of 200 women, between the ages of 45 and 65 years, who did not suffer this affliction. Their conclusion:

If a familiar tendency to develop breast cancer does exist it is not large enough to be detected in a study of this limited size.

Q—What then of families (such as my own mother's) in which there have been several instances of breast cancer?

A—"Chance differences," say the investigators, that are statistically insignificant in an inclusive study.

Q—If it is true that the wife of the circumsised male is less likely to develop cancer of the womb than the wife of the husband who has not been circumsized, should the uncircumcised husband submit to operation immediately in his wife's best interest?

A—No. While statistical studies are not completely satisfactory on all points with reference to the relationship between male circumcision and cervical cancer, it is clear that preventive circumcision is effective only if it is done in the early days or weeks of life.

Q—Is it dangerous for elderly persons with senile warts (hyperkeratoses) and other skin blemishes to expose themselves to the sun? Will excessive sunburn tend to cause these blemishes to become cancerous?

A—Possible but very, very improbable. Each of us, as we grow older, develops large numbers of these skin imperfections. While it is true that an occasional one becomes cancerous, the chances are very, very slight; and treatment, if required, is very effective. Therefore, within reason, there is no good reason for oldsters to avoid limited exposure to the sun's rays.

Q—Is it possible for the administration of female sex hormone (estrogen) to produce cancers of the womb or breast?

A—Yes. But under very special conditions. Administration must be continued over a long period of time. And the woman must have some sort of tendency to develop cancer.

In other words, it is most likely that prolonged administration hastens, but does not cause, cancerous growths. That is why cautious physicians condemn the use of estrogens in cosmetic preparations and limit their use in treatment to relieve conditions that can be relieved in no other way.

For a copy of Dr. Hyman's leaflet "What About Cancer?" send 10 cents to Dr. Hyman, care Herald & News, Box 489, Dept. B, Radio City Station, New York 19, N.Y.

Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 18, the 292nd day of the year with 74 more in 1960.

The moon is approaching its new phase.

The morning star is Mars.

The evening stars are Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

On this day in history:

In 1767, the boundary line between Maryland and Pennsylvania, popularly called the Mason-Dixon line, was finally settled.

In 1867, at ceremonies marking the formal transfer of Alaska from Russia to the United States, the Russian flag was lowered in front of the governor's residence in Sitka and the U. S. flag raised in its place.

In 1873, representatives of Princeton, Yale, Rutgers and Columbia met in New York and drew up the first rules to govern intercollegiate football.

In 1892, the first commercial long-distance telephone line was opened from New York to Chicago.

Thought for today: Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson said: "To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming is the only end of life."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—Who invented the gyroscope?

A — Jean Bernard Foucault, French physicist.

BARBS

Lots of girls love a fellow just for the time being—others for the present!

If something isn't wrong, it isn't right, according to the pessimist.

In the old days young men had to question the girl's Pop. Today they just pop the question.

We wish so many people would stop planning picnics except when rain is really badly needed.

Lots of folks short on money still are able to scratch out a vacation.

Maybe politicians cloud the issue because they're in the dark themselves.

Just when you discover what trouble is all about, it's about something else.

There really must be gold bricks, judging from the cost of building a home.

If ignorance really were bliss, all of the grouches would be happy.

Early Statesman

ACROSS
1 Early American statesman, Alexander
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9 He was mortally wounded in a —— with Aaron Burr
13 Handel's forte
14 Gaelic
15 They —— for their fight at Weehawken, New Jersey
16 Leather strip
17 Vipers
18 Direction
20 While
21 Remains
22 Rodent
24 College cheer
25 Utopian
28 Consume
29 Mimic
32 Unnecessary
34 Boast
35 Bargain event
36 Soaring
38 Attempt
39 Employ
40 Is borne
41 Exist
42 Writing implement
43 Quaking
46 Parent
47 Dark
51 Prevaricator
52 Transgressions
54 Masculine nickname
55 Husband of Gudrun (myth.)
56 His mother was of French —— descent
58 Artistic sprinkling
59 Perfumes

DOWN
1 Residence
2 Range
3 Wrestlers' pads
4 That thing
5 Tennis term
6 Play host to
7 Lubricants
8 Negative word
9 His —— occurred the day after he was wounded
10 Bear
11 Discern
12 Fewer
19 Barter
21 Perched
23 Entire
24 Grate
25 Present month (ab.)
26 Term of endearment
27 Slippery
28 Essential being
29 Dry
30 Window part
31 Hen products
33 Comfort
34 Saline solution
37 Anger
39 Footed vase
41 Eagle's nest
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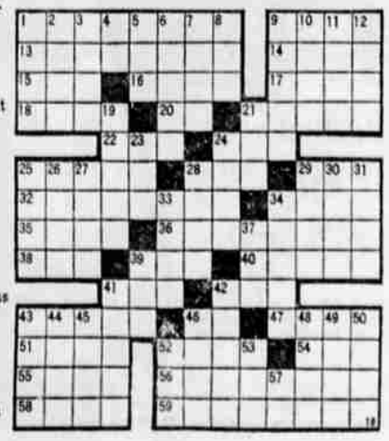
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