

Boat Harbor Committee Will Hold Public Hearing in Hermosa Beach

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL, Assemblyman

There will be a public meeting of the Senate Committee on Small Boat Harbors held at my request at the Pier Ave. Junior High School, 710 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach, on Thursday, Dec. 5.

It will start at 10 a. m., continuing until 12 noon, reconvening at 1:30 p. m., and adjourning at 4:30 p. m. unless there is further business to come before the committee. If this happens, the hearing will be continued at 10 a. m. the following day at the same place. The presiding officer will be Sen. John J. Hollister, of Santa Barbara County, chairman of the Senate committee.

Chapel Invited

In addition, Sen. Hollister has invited the Assembly committee on marine affairs, of which I am a member, to sit officially with his Senate committee.

The chairman of the Assembly committee is Rex Cunningham, of Ventura. Both Sen. Hollister and Assemblyman Cunningham are Democrats

but they are real statesmen who place the welfare of the people above partisan politics. It is a pleasure and honor to have them and their committees take an interest in the ocean problems of Southern California, with emphasis on the problems of the 46th Assembly District and adjacent areas.

The mayors, city managers, and city councilmen of Torrance, Inglewood, Los Angeles, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills Estates, and Avalon are being invited to attend the hearing and offer any testimony they deem important.

Agenda Told

The tentative agenda for the hearing is as follows:

1. Discussion of ways and means to secure boat fuel taxes for use in developing small boat harbors.
2. Uniform state boat law—problems such as speed, safety regulations and safety equipment, boat capacity (overloading) and water skiing.
3. Educational programs by

boat clubs, boat dealers, manufacturers, etc.

4. Licensing of boat operators.
5. Whether or not state should supervise the issuing of certificates of seaworthiness for small craft.
6. Should the state maintain some type of supervision of boat rental operators in regard to the types of boats rented and equipment and facilities involved.
7. State participation in federal programs of waterways control and how much will be contributed by the state either in efforts or funds in aiding these programs.
8. Which agencies (state, county, municipal, or private) should provide the launching facilities and perform the necessary waterway and harbor improvements for small craft.
9. Discussion of liability insurance and accident reporting for boats.
10. View of commercial interest in small craft harbors.
11. Enforcement of law regarding contamination and pollution of harbors.

Laws Do Not Cure

"There ought to be a law" is a common expression. Whenever something happens that displeases people in city, county, state, or federal government, a host of people express the belief that if we had some new laws all crimes, all sins, and all inefficiency would be washed away. This is not so. Laws in themselves do not mean much. Even though the old adage, "Ignorance of the law is no excuse," holds true, laws are what the courts say they are.

First, we have a few justice of the peace courts in California, not many, but enough to keep that class of courts on the law books. Then, we have municipal courts. Above them are superior courts. Then we have appellate courts and the state supreme court.

New Field

So far, we are only talking about state laws. When it comes to federal laws, we enter an entirely different field of courts, but above all

the courts, state and federal, there is the United States Supreme Court. At one time, it commanded the respect of all citizens, but today it is principally the darling of the extreme liberals.

The ironical thing about the decisions were written by Republican appointees, and not the appointees of Franklin D. Roosevelt or Harry Truman. Therefore, we come to the logical conclusion that a good law enacted by the Legislature or by the U. S. Congress may become a bad law when the U. S. Supreme Court gets its hands on it, whether they are nominally Republicans or Democrats.

Final Analysis

Finally, we must admit, if we are logical men and women, that the administration of good government is not in the hands of those who pass, enforce, or interpret the laws. Actually, in the last analysis, it depends upon what you and I do as individuals.

If you have any suggestions, questions, or criticisms, please send them to me at Post Office Box 777, Inglewood 5, Calif.

Top Crime Writer to Speak to Manuscripters Tomorrow Night

Southwest Manuscripters will have an opportunity to hear a very prolific writer at their Nov. 15th meeting, when Malden Grange Bishop will be guest speaker.

Bishop started his writing career in the early thirties with articles on aviation; being affiliated with Pan American Airways in Costa Rica, at that time. He then gave up aviation and turned to the detective field, specializing in the true crime stories. For several years he was one of the top producers in this medium, with a total of about six hundred stories and articles in various magazines. During this time he became interested in the social problems of crime and gave a great many lectures on this subject.

Wrote Gangbuster

Bishop also wrote many Gangbuster radio programs, a motion picture, and a novel entitled "Scylla."

During World War II, with his background in aviation and writing, Bishop naturally turned to writing and producing technical publications for contractors to the U. S. Air Forces and Navy Bureau of Aeronautics. He has written and produced several hundred technical books of instructions.

He then started his own business in this field, and today is the oldest independent producer of military technical publications on the Pacific Coast.

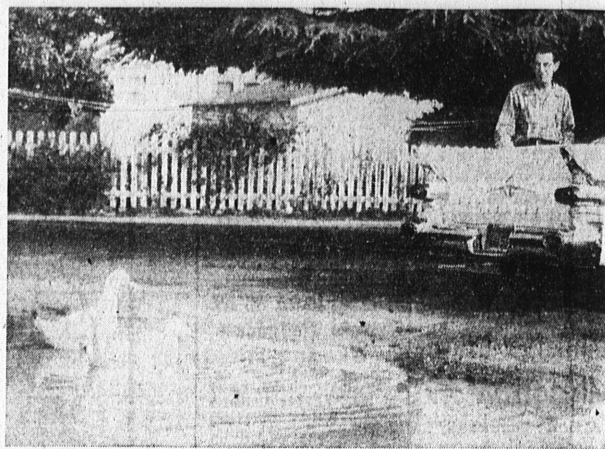
Bishop is a national director of Mystery Writers of America. He is also associated with the American Correctional Assn. and the National Conference of Juvenile Agencies. He is a Fellow and also national treasurer of the Technical Publishing Society.

Subject Given

"On Being a Writer" will be the subject of Bishop's talk to the group. A large attendance is expected, according to Dorothy Boesch, co-program chairman.

The Southwest Manuscripters meet every third Friday of the month at 8 p. m. at Clark Stadium, Hermosa Beach. Both established and beginning writers are welcome to attend meetings and join in the social coffee hour which follows. Further information about membership may be obtained by calling Mrs. Ivan Gilbert, secretary.

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DUCK SOUP . . . Big puddles left by recent rains are fine for these ducks, but not so good for residents in the 1400 block on Elm St. The ducks have ready-made ponds whenever it rains. Here, the birds swim about happily as Willie Brooks, 1416 S. Elm St., watches. (Herald Photo)

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Griming Jack-O-Lanterns greeted the guests at the door. Inside all kinds of Halloween characters had fun playing games, bobbing apples in a tub and biting the apple on a string. Prizes were given for the most original costume, the funniest and the most unusual.

Chief ghost, Cubmaster Taylor Marsh, told a hair raising tale which brought forth squeals and shrieks from the youngsters. The boys of Den 8 put on a clever stunt. Each boy had on a black sack on which markings had been painted. They laid down on the floor, the lights were turned out and before everyone's eyes lay a huge leering skeleton.

Donuts, apple cider and coffee were served. A sincere thank you was in order to all committee men and den mothers for helping to give such a wonderful party.

Visited Navy Vessel

This pack has been active in other ways this past month. The last outing was a visit to a naval LSD, the USS Cabildo. The boys and parents were taken on a tour of the ship and then to the ship's mess hall for cookies, milk and coffee.

At the recent pack meeting eight new bobcats were welcomed into the pack. Byron Cook, Fernando Godinez, Mike Cunningham, LeRoy Rabner, Gordon Fox, Eddie Erst, Nick Nigro and Gary Martin. Joining the wolf rank were Bobby Bridges and John Manahan.

New bears were Paul Marsh, Howard Phillips, Michael Flach, Robert Lindsay, Wayne Wood, Mike Rabner and Craig Winstrum.

More Awards

New lions were Joe Schiliga, Donald Gaw, Gary Slatter and

David Sherwood. Many of the boys received gold and silver arrows for extra achievements. The webelo badge and graduation certificate was presented to Dick Orr and Carl Shutz. Denner stripes were awarded to Ronnie Koberlin, Dennis Kirton, Billy Yavak and Ricky Richman. Assistant denner stripes to Steve Donley, Bobby Bridges, Jean St. Pierre and Mike Rabner. Receiving year pins were Danny Scott, Robert Lindsay, Wayne Wood, Carl Shutz, Don Gaw, Eddie Bridges, Bobby Bridges and Douglas Stohlman.

A full program has been planned for the year to keep the cubs active and interested in scouting.

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