

EDITORIALS

The Post Office Deficit

Shortly you will be paying 4 cents to mail your first class mail and 7 cents to send it airmail. There will be other increases, principally affecting third-class mail in the government's effort to reduce the huge deficits that plague the post office department.

There are still many classifications of matter going into the mails that do not pay their way. The government itself is an offender with millions of pieces burdening the department that might just as well not have been printed. Parcel post, an activity that is in direct competition with other private carriers, can stand some scrutiny.

As in the case of many other taxes, these so-called cheap postal rates have been a snare and delusion to the average citizen. He pays in taxes what the department loses in revenue. He may buy a 3-cent stamp for 3 cents but he probably has been paying 4 cents all the time through his income tax.

Postal increases have been a heated issue for many years for the simple reason that politicians don't want to make themselves unpopular with their constituents. The congressman with the courage to face up to reality has been rare and more often he ducks any direct and obvious tax on the voter.

Americans must, and we think they will, see the logic of a realistic approach to the post office deficit. We see no reason why anyone using the mails should be asked to pay more and more increments every body including the publishing business.

Chest Organizes

Appointment of city chairman for the 1956 Community Chest campaign in the Harbor area reminds us that preparations already are underway for the annual fall drive for this essential cause.

The task of these fine people who annually solicit the funds necessary to carry on the work of the Chest, seems more difficult each year. While there is a reluctance on the part of many individuals to accept their share of the responsibility, a disturbing factor is today's competition for the contributed dollar.

The last two decades have seen an almost headlong flight by organizations formerly within the fabric of the Community Chest which was conceived and sold on the principle of a single subscription to care for the needs of many worthwhile agencies. Today the list of organizations competing for the gift dollar outside the chest is long and still growing.

There is no question of the good intentions of those who sponsor and work in these various projects—all aimed at reducing or eliminating human misery. There is also no doubt that the organization and operation costs of these agencies has been multiplied many times, thereby creating an overhead that is wasteful to the extent that a very large percentage of the original gift dollar never reaches its intended goal.

It is too much to expect these well organized groups outside the Community Chest to return to the fold. In fact, the trend is otherwise. In the meantime, though, it must be realized by the general public that the Community Chest still is the one great indispensable force, the one that makes possible a long list of welfare activities that improve the lot of thousands and work day and night for the community good.

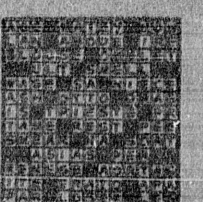
Opinions of Others

One of the differences between a small town and a big town is that in a big town the people park their cars when the fire sirens sound, and in the small town, they drive out into the street and try to bust the trucks to their destination.—Stockton (Kans.), *Rock County Record*.

The idea that youthful offenders mostly come from the wrong side of the tracks is just fancy. One organization after long study came up with a final conclusion that will make a lot of folks howl. Where's the blame? On the homes, the churches, the schools—in short, on adults with whom youth comes in contact. "Failed on the job," is the verdict.—Whitefish (Mont.), *Pilot*.

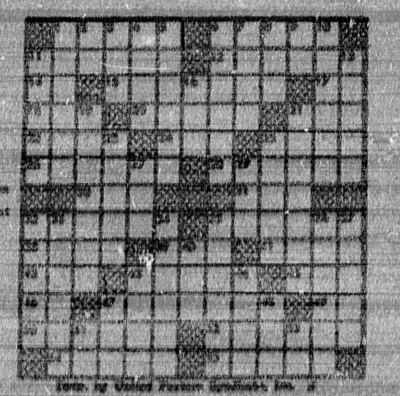
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ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Brink



THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bandy

Going to School Dangerous

Going to school can be a risky business, according to the quarterly report on schoolground accidents given to the board of education this week.

The 11-page report is liberally sprinkled with the usual injury reports—broken and bent fingers of athletes, students jumping or falling from swings, falling on black top-ped areas, and the rest of the normal, everyday hazards.

But now and then an unsuspected peril creeps out of nowhere to plague the students.

The example, two students in two different schools reported injuries as the result of mouse bites.

But it was an Arlington student who reported his arm was cut by another child's tooth. They were playing "squirrel."

Another Arlington school student—perhaps in training as a substitute athlete, reported a splinter wound received by rising from a bench.

The right thumb of a Crenshaw Elementary student earned an entry on the injury log by being bent back when its owner tried to push it into a block of styrofoam.

Among the unique injuries reported was a small hole in the center of the forehead of another Crenshaw student. It was caused when he was hit in the head by a broken record thrown by another child.

A Meadow Park student was scratched while playing nation ball. The scratch we can understand, but what is nation ball?

Several cases of "piggy-back fatigue" showed up in the reports. Apparently a popular pastime in some areas is to have one student sitting "piggy-back" on another, and then they spin around, and around, and around until they collapse. We're not sure, but we think the idea is a test to see whether the rider gets dizzy and falls off before the bearer gets dizzy and falls down.

And, there is no heaven of safety for the Accidently student. One girl at Steel school was injured when she slipped on a banana peel—in the girl's restroom.

A North High student reported slight scratches on neck and chin, and was probably happy about it. The student was injured by walking into a board—panels were standing on. Now in the funny papers, a bucket of paint would have spilled on his head.

For a down-to-earth report, however, we'll nominate the North High student who checked in with a cat up, bleeding gums, and a possible loose tooth. "Struggled by a fellow student," the report said.

One South High student was hit in the eye by an "unknown flying object." Apparently it wasn't a firing any-

car, however, or someone would have reported this earlier.

The South High student who checked in with abrasions on the lower left rib area gets the quarterly prize, however.

The report said he "ran in to a hand-saw pushing a four-wheel cart."

Any time the hand-saws start pushing four-wheel carts, there's just no place to go to avoid schoolground injuries.

GARDENERS CHECKLIST

1. Much of the bare-root nursery stock that you somehow didn't get around to planting at the right time is available now in containers. These are good healthy plants that have a firm grip on life.
2. During hot spells, to prevent mildew try to do your watering in early morning or evening rather than the middle of the day. However, a mid-day spraying is often beneficial when humidity is too low for some plants—camellias, azaleas, etc.
3. All your work and pleasure in the garden goes for naught if you don't keep after unwelcome guests. Get after the bugs with spray, dust or bait when you see the first signs or they'll get you.
4. Mule, azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons with a thick layer of peatmoss. Helps retain moisture—gives a neat appearance—and keeps weeds down and mainly preserves the condition preferred by these plants.
5. If your lawn is looking yellowish right now, chances are it could stand a good dose of fertilizer. Ask about some of the new preparations now on the market.

BE FOR GOOD HEALTH

Avoiding Hot Weather Perils

Hot weather is here and with it discomfort. There is nothing you can do about the weather, of course, but there are a few things that can be done to help you weather the discomfort.

Some people think that their body temperature rises during hot weather. This is not true, provided you are free from disease or infection. Normally, your body temperature has been standardized at about 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. When changing weather conditions cause the temperature to rise or fall, a little center in the brain, acting like a thermo-

stat, turns loose the mechanism that help the body maintain its normal temperature.

Actually the sensation of heat or cold is not due to a change in the temperature of the body but to a change in the temperature of the skin.

People who perspire freely are more comfortable than those who do not, because evaporation of sweat from the body surface aids in reducing body heat. When the humidity is high, increasing the moisture in the air, there is less evaporation of perspiration, and consequently less heat leaves the body.

Bribery an Ever Present Evil

The most surprising thing about the Sherman Adams case is that it has stirred up such public and press controversy. We said the same thing a few years ago in a similar White House incident which involved the five percenters, deep freezers and General Vaughn. Either the public is naive about such goings on inside politics, politicians and businessmen who constantly pull every angle of advantage, or an eager-beaver press had dried up its source of headlines. For if Sherman Adams was wrong in what he did, so is almost every other political personality on the face of the earth. They all do the same thing in varying degrees in every country, in every language in the world. There appears to be some "lacuna" in most of them and, incidentally, in most of the public who accuse them.

Bribery, in one form or another, is ever present in the political and business world. Ask any purchasing agent. Ask any industrialist who puts up money and approves the lush "expense" accounts for "entertainment" which covers a multitude of hidden sins. Look into the millions being spent to "butter-up" clients and prospective clients... public officials for "unpublic" favors—the entertainment and other "sundry considerations" that went in the build-up for the Dodgers securing Chavez Ravine for baseball, or for any similar enterprise which involves the support of public officials. It will shock the naive out of their idealistic dream.

Why do individuals or corporations put up such large sums of money to elect certain public officials? Why do thousands of firms make equal political contributions to both parties at every election? Why are policemen allowed by average citizens to free-wheel their way into theatres and restaurants, and offered merchandise at cost from stores on their beat? Why are public officials, from city councils to state and national capitals, offered and usually accept lavish gifts of all kinds—free trips, free sports passes, free world series tickets, free Kentucky Derby boxes, free championship fight seats and free apple cider?

The answer is because our society has sanctioned such things by condoning them and we all have become a party to this mess. From the apple to the teacher, to the

apple to the Sherman Adams in political life, it is only a matter of degrees. The sin grows up with age, that's all. It is a form of bribe, pure and simple. Only it is perfectly all right when we give it or receive it... but sinful when it applies to someone else.

Mr. Sherman Adams was wrong in what he did, just as the society who condones such improper acts of public officials and others is equally wrong. President Eisenhower was wrong in defending him. He was wrong in saying "I need him", regardless. In accepting Mr. Goldfine's gifts and favors Sherman Adams betrayed the sanctity of the White House, the President, and his political party. The prestige of the White House makes it so much more imprudent, to say the least. But this is not the only reason Mr. Adams should be asked to leave. The main reason is that what he did is morally wrong. It happened in the White House in the mind. It is now a national example. And there are millions of adults who wrongfully condoned such things, and millions of youngsters who are developing habits that are watching the Adams case. President Eisenhower's support of Mr. Adams was the worst thing he could have done before the nation. The President, in our opinion, lost stature... and his prestige and party will suffer for it.

We would have thought a lot more of Sherman Adams if he had acknowledged his mistake and resigned. But for him to say that what he did before federal agencies for Mr. Goldfine he would have done it for almost anyone who called the White House is just not L. S. Mr. Adams is available to but a few. We know from experience. Just a call from Mr. Adams to any federal agency in behalf of any one means priority and favorable consideration. Mr. Adams did not have to say anything in behalf of Mr. Goldfine. The result is the same. The fact that he called is sufficient for the head of any federal agency, and Mr. Adams

LAW IN ACTION

Deeds Simplified

California has simplified the deed to your home in recent years. Gone is much of its old language.

Odds are, if you are buying a new home now, you will get a "grant" deed plus title insured against defects which could be found in the public records.

The grant deed has largely replaced warranty deeds of old. For under the law the grant deed itself implies that the "grantor" (your seller) has conveyed interest in the property only to you—and without encumbrances not recited in the deed itself.

Where encumbered, say by a lease, a lien, or a tax claim, for example, the property is sometimes also conveyed by a "quitclaim" deed which simply gives to you only what interest the seller may happen to have whatever that may be and however encumbered.

The simple grant deed should show the names of the grantor (the seller), the grantee (that's you, the buyer), the property's description, exceptions and reservations such as encumbrances not of the record (easements and the like), and how you will take title.

Vital rights and sometimes tax dollars depend on how

you take title. So talk to a lawyer before you decide.

The deed may say that you take title as husband and wife—which, with nothing else added, would mean that you take it as "community property." If you plan to take title in joint tenancy, as tenants in common, or as separate property, for example, you must say so in the deed.

Once you have your deed it may be hard to find or correct oversights in it. So it's a good idea when you are about to take over on your new lawyer check off each item, and make sure everything is the way it should be.

Note: California lawyers often take extra money so you may know about our laws.

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Your Daily Activity Guide

According to the Stars

To know the message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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My Neighbors

It's a shame! You want your tractor to work better and longer.