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# Washington Notebook

WASHINGTON (NEA) Perhaps it's the humidity, which makes this city notoriously steamy and possibly warps rational thought processes. Whatever the cause, summertime seems to bring out the worst in Washington and its politicians.

The low point of the now-fading summer of 1977 undoubtedly was the spectacle of a "good government" president engaging in an embarrassingly display of public affection for a banker-turned-politician whose fiscal follies were disavowed by even the American Bankers Association, a group not previously known for its zealous concern about industry ethics.

Ranking right behind that show in terms of outlandish political behavior was the strange episode in which the House of Representatives feigned surprise upon ostensibly "discovering" that the toothless pussycats selected long ago as members of its Ethics Committee weren't fierce tigers in disguise.

The committee has a virtually unbroken record of ignoring or sweeping under the rug all potentially embarrassing cases, a felicitous approach for the minority of cornercutters and crooks as well as the majority of legislators who simply abhor scandals in their midst.

The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, as the panel is formally titled, was able to walk away from those earlier cases because they didn't generate sufficient publicity or citizen indignation to force a full investigation.

Then along came Tongsun Park, the Korean wheeler-dealer whose activities produced a wholesale threat to the reputations of dozens of present and former congressmen. After months of scathing news stories, the committee reluctantly bestirred itself.

The 12-member committee is composed almost exclusively of men who continue to support the discredited philosophy of "to get along you've got to go along" as the key to survival and success in the House.

Its leader is Rep John J. Flynt Jr., D-Ga., 62 years old, a veteran of 22 years in the House and representative of a district which fans out to the south and west of Atlanta.

It was Flynt who lost control of the Korean probe after his specially appointed chief investigator resigned in protest over the committee's foot-dragging. It was Flynt who publicly proclaimed that the committee would actively pursue its probe throughout the summer, then went off on a European junket.

Flynt's unusual dalliance with the Ford Motor Co. is well known in Georgia, where it was a major campaign issue in 1974, but the story

deserves recounting for the rest of the nation to illustrate prevailing ethical standards in the House.

Ford operates an assembly plant in Hapeville, a suburb just south of Atlanta. In the summer of 1972, that facility was burdened with 3,000 excess Torinos which had to be temporarily withheld from the market for additional emission control testing.

The way Flynt tells it, Ford officials went up in an airplane to scout around for a suitable storage field and, without even knowing the identity of the owner, selected the Congressman's 600-acre farm as an ideal location.

Ford stored its cars on Flynt's farm for five weeks and paid him two months' rent totaling \$12,500. Slightly more than a year later, Ford and the nation's other major

automakers were on Capitol Hill to seek one of the numerous delays in implementation of tough federal emission control standards. Flynt voted for the postponement.

That information was turned up by Flynt's Republican opponent in 1974 and 1976, a college professor named Newt Gingrich who also discovered that Joe Akin, carried on Flynt's congressional payroll at an annual salary of \$10,500, was manager of Flynt's farm.

It was following those disclosures that Flynt was elevated to the post which makes him the House's paradigm of ethical standards — and his colleagues pretend to be startled when they discover that Flynt and his fellow committee members aren't very enthusiastic about pursuing the Korean bribery investigation.

## Getting All Together In One Place

### National Geographic News

WASHINGTON Calculators and metric rulers may be more exciting, but at least one elementary school supply from the olden days remains on the shopping list this fall: crayons.

Despite competition from new-fangled felt-tipped pens and colored markers, crayons are as popular as ever, the National Geographic Society has found. A supply purchaser for Washington, D.C. public schools, where kids used about 150,000 boxes of crayons last year, said: "Other markers are very popular, but I don't think they'll ever replace crayons."

Twenty years ago, 44 crayons were sold for each child in the United States between the ages of three and eleven. Last year the \$2-billion-a-year industry sold 62 crayons per youngster.

The new affluence, crayon executives say, is partly the result of promotional efforts to offset the effects of their biggest problem — birth control.

"Every little guy that arrives on the face of the earth is a potential customer," said Max L. Smith of the American Crayon Company.

With fewer customers being born, the industry is working on expanding the use of crayons in schools and by adults. Binney & Smith, the largest manufacturer, holds workshops around the country where each week hundreds of teachers roll up their sleeves to try out new crayon techniques.

The promotions seem to be working. Last year the company

sold 98,500,000 boxes of crayons.

Primitive crayons first left their mark thousands of years ago on Stone Age cave walls. One of the first of the modern crayons, which are made by adding powdered pigment to liquid wax, came from Binney & Smith at the turn of the century.

In 1885 Edwin Binney and his cousin, C. Harold Smith, had begun mixing lampblack with wax at their factory in New York to make crayons to be sold as marking pens for businessmen. When they started adding pigment, the crayons caught the eye of Mrs. Binney, a former teacher.

She urged that they sell children their crayon, which comes from the French word "craie" or chalk. Named Crayolas at her suggestion, they hit the shelves in 1903 for a nickel a box.

Gold at End of Rainbow Round, flat-sided, large, and small, crayons are now made by seven American companies in 72 colors including Prussian blue, gamboge, mahogany, salmon, silver, copper, gold, and eight fluorescent shades. They are exported around the world in boxes printed in at least five languages, but nowhere are they as popular as in this country.

Although the nickel box is no longer, crayons have held up to inflation fairly well. Until 1957 an eight-stick box cost a dime. Last year the average price of eight crayons went to 29 cents.

Crayon sales are rosiest this time of year; two-thirds of Binney & Smith sales occur in the back-to-school season. But there's nothing to be blue about in January and February, says Smith of American Crayon. Winter ailments that keep children in bed bring out the crayons.

"The flu works to our advantage the way birth control works against us," Smith said.

## Kniesel Is Billed For 200 Toilets

TWIN FALLS, Idaho (AP) — Suit has been filed against motorcycle stuntman Evel Kniesel seeking payment for 200 chemical toilets provided at the site of Kniesel's unsuccessful attempt three years ago to jump the Snake River Canyon here on a rocket vehicle.

O.K. Swenson of Twin Falls claims he was promised \$25,000 to provide the toilets from Aug. 27 to Sept. 8, 1974, and was paid \$19,000.

He claims Kniesel and his Snake River Enterprises owes him \$6,000 plus interest and \$2,000 in attorney fees.

Kniesel parachuted to safety when his vehicle failed to bridge the gap.

## Sertoma Club Sets Car Wash

The Iredell-Statesville Sertoma Club will be holding a car wash this Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Newtowne parking lot in front of Village Inn Pizza.

Charges will be \$3 for cleaning the exterior of the car. An extra \$1 will be charged for cleaning the interior.

Earnings from the event will be put into the club's sponsorship fund to be used for projects.

# Astro-Graph

BY BERNICE BEDE OSOL

**YOUR BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 20) — You will mix with influential persons this coming year and you should cultivate them. But little people in key places will do much more for you than the bigwigs.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Friends are likely to oppose your views today. If the issues aren't too important, it's better to go along with them rather than to make waves.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Risks that are well-calculated can work out for you today. Don't get carried away, however. You could quickly dissipate what you've gained.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be satisfied today as long as you're making progress with your aspirations. If you push too hard, you could grind to a halt.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Either you or your mate could be a little too extravagant today. Each should check on the other so the budget doesn't suffer.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Think for yourself today, even though people you truly respect may try to tell you otherwise. Your insight is probably far better.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If at all possible, don't associate with shirkers today. Align yourself with those who have a zest for the job and you'll please the boss.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — Try to be with a small group of close friends today, rather than with a large gathering of mostly strangers.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Suppress an urge to gamble on career matters today. Substitute a logical approach for any inclination to take a flyer.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — You're a good story teller today. But stick to the facts. They're good enough without trying to embellish them.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — Someone you're involved with may conveniently leave their checkbook at home. Unless you think quickly, you'll have to underwrite the expenses.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Impulsiveness and overgenerosity could be the trouble spots in your life today. This is especially true if you're trying to put a deal together.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — You have a tendency to procrastinate today. If you get caught up in your own web, you'll try to rationalize your actions.

## Happy Birthdays

Sept. 21

- Dianna D. Troutman
- Fran Woody
- Jay Garland Parker
- Linda Sprinkle
- H. L. Sain
- Tony Woodward
- Gretchen Cowan
- Randy Mason
- Margaret Bradburn
- Don Wooten
- David Jarrett
- Jimmy Patterson
- Edgar Barnett
- James Warren
- Arthelle Brown
- Mary Seamon
- Mrs. Leonas Little
- Mrs. James Creedmore
- Mrs. Lex Bowles
- Susie Nash Philbeck
- Roy Taylor
- Clara G. York
- Pauline A. Ballyon
- Charles Hoover, Jr.
- Paul Christopher
- Wilma Gooden
- Mrs. Glenn Stevenson
- Mrs. Walter Davis
- Salon Mitchell
- Homer Lee Jordan
- Mrs. Jesse Brown
- Sandra Ridenhour
- Richard Phillips
- Vann Shoemaker
- Mrs. Faye Carr
- William Wilson
- Jo Anne Swearingin
- Ann Stewart
- Wanda Scott
- Robert D. Williams, Sr.
- George C. Chambers, Jr.
- Veronica Bennett
- Ozella B. Blackwell

# POLLY'S POINTERS

by Polly Cramer, Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

### Polly's Problem

**DEAR POLLY** — My cat wet on my rug and I cannot get rid of the odor even though I have used a disinfectant in water and pine scented ammonia. After anything dries the odor is still there. — PAULINE.

**DEAR PAULINE** — Perhaps Mrs. E.P.'s letter will be of help to you.

**DEAR POLLY** — I use the same method getting rid of cat odors that my mother used many years ago. I put a small rag in a frying pan and set it on fire. This is not dangerous if used carefully and it removed the odor completely. Keep a lid for the pan in your other hand so as to smother the fire if necessary. I do not think sprays for the air will remove cat odors. — Mrs. E. P.

(Polly's note: Do not set the pan on your carpet but hold it in your hand near the places that have the odor and follow directions for holding the lid so as to have it ready if needed.)

**DEAR POLLY** — My Pet Peeve is with recipes that say eight tablespoons of butter or whatever instead of one-half cup, and three teaspoons instead of one tablespoon, which is the same. That is making us do it the hard way. — LOIS.

**DEAR POLLY** — To keep your pictures hanging straight, wrap masking tape, wrong side out,

around the middle of a rounded toothpick and put at the bottom near the corners of the back of the picture and it will always hang straight.

An old metal shoe rack can be nailed to the garage door or wall to make a great holder for garden tools.

When one does not have drawer space for storing extra pillows hang them on pants hangers in a closet.

An old broom with frayed and spreading bristles can be renewed by soaking the bristles in water for a few minutes and then putting a strong rubber band around the bristles just below the stitching. When bristles are dry remove the rubber band. — NORA.

**DEAR POLLY** — I have several recipes I use often that call for grated cheese, so I buy cheese in large quantities. I grate the cheese with my salad maker and put salad oil on the grater so the cheese does not stick. I measure the grated cheese into the amounts most often used, put in plastic bags and mark on each the amount of cheese it contains. It is all grated and does not take long to thaw when I remove the required amount from the freezer. I have no waste because of moldy cheese and am saved the time and trouble of grating cheese every time it is needed. — MRS. R. L.

Polly will send you one of her signed thank-you newspaper coupon clippers if she uses your favorite Pointer, Peeve or Problem in her column. Write Polly's Pointers in care of this newspaper.

## As Seen From Here

By E. S. GREGG

If you overhear teachers from different schools talking shop, do not expect references to what is or should be taught and how — you are apt to hear largely talk about how to keep order in classrooms and corridors, because our schools are captives of the doctrine of permissiveness and discipline is an obscene word.

Professor James S. Coleman of Chicago University says, "There is an extreme loss of the school's authority, particularly with regard to maintaining discipline."

One gets the impression our public schools are run less by the administrators than by the pupils themselves. If in any way this should be partially true, what a sad situation! Adults after years of experience usually are never certain they know the right courses of action; why should teenagers and younger pupils be allowed to decide what they should do and when? They can only act by whim and desire, insubstantial foundations for fulfillment and success.

Diane Ravitch of Teachers College, Columbia University, believes "parents want some assurance that the seven or eight hours a day their children spend in school are not spent in doing whatever they feel like, that they're being taught and are getting an education."

All life is a series of adjustments and compromises. The alert learn early that they must get on with others and with existing mores and institutions to earn any time for self-accomplishments. If our public schools do not nurture such beliefs, are they not failing to educate, because education means the enrichment of living and few individuals in youth have inherited or achieved much richness?

Teachers are apt to excuse the permissiveness by saying they are called upon to do the job of orienting and conditioning pupils which should have been done in the homes and

they have a point. No public institution, however, with its impersonality, rules and red-tape, can replace the influences and intimacies of the traditional family.

Newsweek recently made this comment: "A permissive era of inflated grades and easy diplomas is slowly on its way out, as educators relearn an old lesson: that new is not necessarily good." I may add that discipline and respect for those with more experience is not necessarily bad.

To let children decide what they shall learn or to dictate conduct in classrooms and corridors seems to have in it more of abject surrender than satisfactory solution.

Anyone who has an unusually high opinion of his worth might take a second to realize that each of us is only about one four billionth of all the people on this small planet.

### DISTRICT MEETING

The Happy Hour Golden Years Club is host to the district officers meeting to be held at Grace Park Recreation Center Wednesday at 10 a.m. Only two officers to attend, please, Mrs. Charlie Isenhour, club president reports.

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**TUESDAY**

WBTV 3—CHARLOTTE

4:00 My Three Sons

4:30 Adam 12

5:00 Gunsmoke

6:00 Scene Tonight

7:00 CBS News

7:30 Name That Tune

8:00 The Fitzpatricks

11:00 Scene Tonight

11:30 "Kojak"

2:00 Sign Off

WGHP 8—HIGH POINT

4:00 The Three Stooges

4:30 Brady Bunch

5:00 Emergency One

6:00 Eyewitness News

6:30 ABC News

7:00 Cross Wits

7:30 Sha Na Na

8:00 Happy Days

9:00 Three's Company

9:30 Soap

10:00 Family

11:00 Eyewitness News

11:30 Tuesday Movie Of The Week

1:00 Eyewitness News

WSOC 9—CHARLOTTE

4:00 The Gong Show

4:30 Petticoat Junction

5:00 Bewitched

5:30 The Odd Couple

6:00 Eyewitness News

6:30 NBC News

7:00 Cross Wits

7:30 Candid Camera

8:00 Richard Pryor Show

9:00 "Girl In The Empty Grave"

11:00 Eyewitness News

11:30 Tonight Show

1:00 Tomorrow Show

2:00 Eyewitness News

2:30 Sign Off

WXII 12—WINSTON-SALEM

4:00 Little Rascals

4:30 Bewitched

5:00 Gunsmoke

6:00 Newscenter 12

6:30 NBC News

7:00 My Three Sons

7:30 Hollywood Squares

8:00 Richard Pryor Show

9:00 "Girl In The Empty Grave"

10:00 NBC Reports

11:00 Newscenter 12

11:30 Tonight Show

1:00 Tomorrow

2:00 Meditations

2:05 Sign Off

WCCB 18—CHARLOTTE

4:00 The Edge Of Night

4:30 The Mike Douglas Show

5:30 Evening

6:00 ABC News

6:30 Hollywood Theatre

8:00 Happy Days

8:30 Laverne & Shirley

9:00 Three's Company

9:30 Mary Robbin's Spotlight

10:00 Family

11:00 Nightly News

11:30 Tuesday Movie Of The Week

1:07 Final Edition News

WRET 36—CHARLOTTE

4:00 The Flintstones

4:30 The Monkees

5:00 Brady Bunch

5:30 Dream Of Jeannie

6:00 Beverly Hillsbillies

6:30 Gomer Pyle

7:00 "Coral Jungle"

8:00 "Night Of The Generals"

11:00 Mary Tyler Moore

11:30 "The Diamond Wizard"

1:00 "Call Of The Wild"

2:30 News

3:00 Sign Off

UNC—CHAPEL HILL

4:00 Sesame Street

5:00 Mister Rogers

5:30 Electric Company

6:00 Zoom

6:30 Engineering Review

7:00 Genealogy

7:30 MacNeil-Lehrer Report

8:00 Della Reese And Woody Herman

9:00 Performance At Wolf Trap

11:30 Sign Off