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Telethon Tomorrow Offers Treat for Viewers, Junior Village

By JOHN SHERWOOD
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Telethons seemed to stumble out of fashion after such superstars as Jerry Lewis, Milton Berle, Lorne Greene and "Little Joe" bawled in public hour after embarrassing hour. But now the Kennedys are about to revive the old-fashioned telethon, and if it goes as all as it went yesterday at Sen. Robert F. Ken-

edy's Hickory Hill estate in McLean, we're all in for a treat instead of a treatment. Some 80 students from area colleges showed up at 5 p.m. to map plans for tomorrow night's affair to benefit Junior Village. Feasting on coffee and doughnuts, they first were given a tour of the big house and then received their assignments for the 8 p.m.-to-1 a.m. live telecast over WTTG Chan-

nel 5 from Lisner Auditorium. The students will use their own cars as volunteer chauffeurs for the celebrities who are coming to town for the high-horsepower benefit for the village. Mrs. Eric Wentworth was busy passing out assignments from a picnic basket stuffed with papers covered with scribbling. Michele Lobe, of American

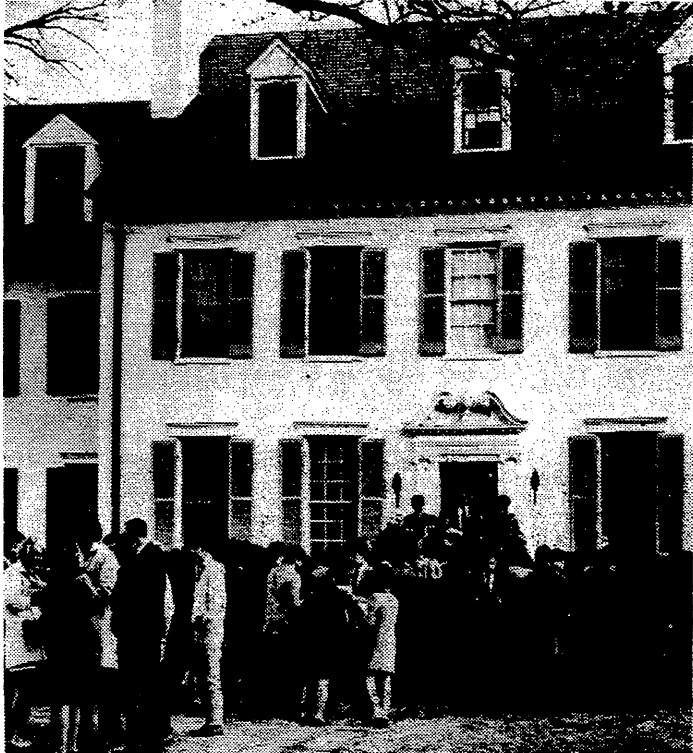
University, came up with the Jefferson Airplane. Ben Plotkin got Jack Parr. Glenn Havermann drew Skitch Henderson, and Norman Lewis was to pilot Tommy Smothers, of Smothers Brothers' fame. There were offers of trades heard in the crowd. Andy Williams for the Union Gap? Judy Garland for John Glenn? George Plimpton for Angie Dickinson? Negotiations were conducted on the spot.

Ethel Kennedy quickly started a fire in the hearth and then ran up the steps, taking them two at a time. Mrs. Wentworth was listening to the "sad tale of a bushy-haired student who had lost his assignment. Brummus came trotting on to the scene licking hands. Barbara Howard, sunglasses propped on top of her head, was on the floor with a pastepot and poster.

But the weekend was just beginning, and it looks like fun. At 7:30 tonight the Kennedys will entertain at their home on Chain Bridge Road. Rehearsals for the telethon start at 9 a.m. tomorrow, and at 1 p.m. there will be a luncheon break at the Georgetown home of Sen. and Mrs. Edward Kennedy, at 1607 28th St. NW. The telethon begins at 8 p.m., with Jack Parr as mas-

ter of ceremonies. A break in the evening will come at Ambassador and Mrs. Averill Harriman's Georgetown home, 3038 N St. NW. Other celebrities expected to take part in the telethon include Lauren Bacall, Woodie Allen, Tony Bennett, Buddy Hackett, Eddie Fisher, Tony Randall, Peaches and Herb, Carol Channing, Perry Como, Nancy Ames, Art Buchwald,

Sen. Charles Percy, the Kennedy brothers and their wives, Paul Revere and His Raiders, among others. The 1,500-seat auditorium at George Washington University is sold out, but viewers are invited to call in pledges. They may ask to speak to celebrities after dialing 225-6300. All proceeds will go toward purchasing recreational facilities for the children of Junior Village.



Area students gather at Hickory Hill for their telethon assignments.



Mrs. Barbara Howard goes over plans with Brian Greenspun.



Another group is briefed by Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy.

The Rambler

Learns of Government

By JOHN MCKELWAY

Perhaps the most mysterious publication the Rambler has ever come across is entitled "Commerce Business Daily." More so than any newspaper, or any other publication for that matter, it gives you a hint of what thousands of people are doing behind thousands of windows in the federal buildings one comes across.

For anyone as naive as the Rambler it represents something close to madness. But things have gotten out of hand and he supposes there is nothing anyone can do about it.

THIS PARTICULAR PUBLICATION, which is published daily, keeps various businesses up to date on what the government needs and what it wants to get rid of. It is extremely difficult to read, however, and the Rambler would not be surprised if some young, bright student is not hired each year to try to understand the thing and alert various enterprises to what might be had if they move fast enough.

The Rambler holds here in his hand the issue of Feb. 13. And he notes:

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is apparently looking for somebody to do the "Research and Development Study of the Unsteady Transonic Lifting Surface Theory."

If that does not interest you, you might want to pursue, with your employees, the repair of the USS Chemung which, the Rambler gathers, will pull into Long Beach Harbor, Calif., sometime in March.

The Rambler naturally wonders what happened to the USS Chemung. We still have it, obviously, which says something for the crew. But, at any rate, she is in need of repairs, and some company will bid on the project and the company will be in roses for awhile. Good.

Also intriguing is the offer for someone to launder a bunch of "down filled sleeping bags." This item is particularly interesting to the Rambler. He does not know why Department of Defense did not set up facilities to handle the cleaning of down filled sleeping bags.

Certainly, the DOD must have known that sooner or later the bags would have to be laundered. But, as he says, this is a mysterious publication which does give you some idea what the government is up to.

Oh well, there are problems all over the place. The Forest Service, for example, needs someone to spray "furnished herbicides" on forest land.

And the forest supervisor of the Tahoe National Forest of Nevada City wants someone to plant "young, bare root, nursery grown trees for the purpose of establishing a new timber crop."

The needs are endless. The United States, the Rambler gathers from the various announcements, is in need of altitude indicators, washer spring tensions, nuts (plain hexagon), bolts, padlocks, chains, brackets, hooks and eyes.

This, perhaps, is not so remarkable. What fascinates the Rambler is that someone can figure out just what these requests mean and have the courage enough to make a bid on them.

Here we go with an announcement from NASA and the Rambler wishes you luck if you can make anything out of it at all:

NASA-GSPC to issue REP 701-39010-270 for Phase B & C (Definition and Design) of the ATS F and G Satellites will be sent to each of the following firms: AVCO Corp., 1701 K St. N.W., Wash., D.C. . . .

There follows a long list of other firms, some located locally, and then we get this information:

"Only those firms capable of performing Phase D (hardware development, fabrication, test and project operations) will be eligible for a Phase B-C contract award. Additional RFP packages not available; however, one complete package will be kept on file with the contracting officer. . . ."

This is the sort of thing which would drive the Rambler nuts — looking up the meaning of all the initials and trying to determine what in the good Lord's name somebody was after. Maybe this is why the big companies hire so many lobbyists to help them out. The Rambler doubts, for example, that there is only one "RFP package available." Whatever that might mean. Can't they run off a copy?

Anyway, it must be apparent, there is an awful lot going on that we don't know about.

Board Urges Columbia Pike Transit Line

Limited Slots Reprieve Opposed by Agnew

By JAMES B. ROWLAND
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ANNAPOLIS — The Maryland Gambling Study Commission is recommending that slot machines, slated to be outlawed July 1, be allowed to spin in certain establishments such as fire houses and fraternal and veterans lodges.

Gov. Spiro T. Agnew, who appointed the commission last April, has flatly rejected the proposal which, in effect, would give limited legality to slot machines throughout the state. They now are legal only in the four Southern Maryland counties of St. Marys, Calvert, Charles and Anne Arundel.

The commission proposal, which also calls for restricted use of multiple-play pinball machines, is contained in a draft bill supplementing a Jan. 19 report by the group urging complete abolition of all slots and pinball devices.

Apparently dissatisfied with the selective approach taken by the commission, Agnew discarded the bill and ordered a massive rewriting to confine the measure strictly to outlawing pinball machines July 1. He wants the slot machine phaseout law to remain intact.

The Governor also has turned down another commission proposal calling for the creation of

an independent crime investigating agency armed with subpoena powers and the authority to conduct intensive probes anywhere in the state.

Agnew has consistently said he would not alter a 1963 law calling for the phaseout of slot machines between July 1, 1965 and July 1, 1968.

The governor also has been adamant foe of multiple-play pinball machines, and tried unsuccessfully to have them outlawed in Baltimore County while he was the chief executive of that jurisdiction.

The multiple-play pinball devices are those on which the player can increase his odds, and his winnings, with additional coins fed into the machine or given to the person who controls the machine by an electronic calculating gadget. These machines are required to have a \$250 annual federal gaming stamp.

As submitted by the commission head, Clarence W. Miles, a Baltimore attorney, the proposed bill would have permitted those slots and multiple-play pinball machines to exist in bona fide fraternal, religious, charitable, veterans and volunteer fire department establishments. The gambling devices, in effect, could be legally used by non-

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THREE ESCAPE Boy, 7, Killed By Blaze at Kenilworth

A 7-year-old District boy burned to death in wind-swept flames as he and three other boys played at the Kenilworth dump shortly before 5 p.m. yesterday, authorities reported.

Kelvin Tyrone Mock of 3743 Grant St. NE, and his friends apparently were playing near the fire when Kelvin fell and the flames caught him before he could get out of the way, according to the report.

Firemen and rescue equipment responded after two of the boys ran for help. Mayor Walter E. Washington last night got in touch with Fire Department officials and asked for an immediate verbal report, which was given him in his District Building office. "I am deeply distressed by the tragic accident at the Kenilworth dump," the mayor said today. "The entire community, I am certain, shares my feelings."

"The new bids for landfill work to convert the dump into parkland will be opened Feb. 26. In the interim, all efforts will be made to work with the citizens of the area to prevent the recurrence of another such tragedy," he said.

Burning at the dump was to have ceased before Christmas, but a delay in obtaining a contractor for the landfill work has held up the move.

A start on the operation is to begin the first week in April. Two other children were reported burned, one seriously, in accidents at their homes yesterday.

Leonard Linkous, 5, of 2237 Prout St. SE, was taken to D.C. General Hospital by Fire Department ambulance with first, second and third degree burns to 60 percent of his body about 12:40 p.m. after his shirt caught fire when he was playing with matches, firemen reported. His condition was described as serious.

Joseph Wayne Collins, 2, of 649 South Carolina Ave. SE, was reported in fair condition after being taken to Casualty Hospital with first and second degree burns to the hands, face and neck, sustained in a fire of undetermined origin in a second-floor bedroom about 10:30 p.m.

2 TV Stations Cited For Education Efforts

Two Washington television stations have been given merit awards from Ohio State University, it was announced yesterday.

The Evening Star's WMAL-TV, Channel 7, and WRCTV-TV, Channel 4, are among 10 television stations honored by Ohio State's Institute for Education by Radio-Television for "excellence in educational information and public affairs broadcasting."

Manning OKs Handling Of 4-Letter Word Case

By ERNEST HOLSENDOLPH
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Supt. William R. Manning spoke out for the first time yesterday on the status of two McKinley High School teachers who used a controversial essay on four-letter words, saying that he is satisfied with the handling of the case.

The case appeared closed, as Benjamin H. Alexander, the member of the District Board of Education who led the protest against the assignment by the teachers, said he accepts the administration's promise that four-letter material will not be tolerated for classroom use in the future.

Alexander had threatened earlier yesterday to read the six-page essay aloud at the next school board public meeting if the case were not handled to his satisfaction. But he said later he would not do this.

Reprimands Confirmed

Manning confirmed earlier reports that Kendall V. Hannington and Linda C. Huffman have been reprimanded for making an "error in judgment" by making the assignments, and that Hannington, a teaching intern, has been relieved of classroom duties and will get a new assignment.

Manning spoke to reporters following a closed meeting with the District Board of Education late yesterday, where he said he "gave a progress report on personnel matters," particularly the legal issues involved in the case of Hannington and Miss Huffman.

"Essentially the matter had been resolved at the first step in the grievance procedure," Manning said. "After some discussion with their principal (George R. Rhodes), they were reprimanded for what they did and this was accepted," he said.

What reopened the issue was the entry of "outside parties," Manning said, referring to public demands by Alexander for suspension of the teachers, and a defense of the pair by board member John A. Sessions.

During an assembly at McKinley yesterday morning, Sessions conducted a poll of students by secret ballot and the students supported their teachers by a vote of 1,305 to 54.

"Unfamiliarity" Blamed

Manning blamed "unfamiliarity" with the new agreement with the Washington Teachers Union for the case being reopened.

He said that a teacher may be suspended only by the president of the school board upon recommendation by the superintendent for disobedience or for personal moral misconduct. But he implied that the "mistaken judgment" of the McKinley teachers was not ground for suspension.

"I personally and professionally do not condone the use of that kind of material in a classroom," Manning said. "Other material could have been used to illustrate the ambiguity of language," he said.

Both teachers contended that they used the magazine essay, liberally sprinkled with four-letter words, to show students the limitation of such language and to encourage them to seek better means of expression.

Fish Pact Invoked

Mexico and United States have agreed to implement a five-year agreement under which each will be permitted to fish in waters between 9 and 12 miles off the other's coasts, it was announced yesterday.

Rail Corridor Proposals Downgraded

The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission last night recommended that a rapid transit line along the Columbia Pike corridor be included in the transit system in Northern Virginia.

The organization also voted to downgrade earlier proposals to build a rapid transit line along the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac railroad through Alexandria. The transportation commission now feels the line should be a permanent railroad commuter operation with trains operating through to Union Station.

The recommendations were made to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, which has the major responsibility for making regional decisions about transit plans. The authority received the proposal formally at its meeting today but did not act on it immediately.

Even though the Northern Virginia recommendations are not binding, the authority has informally indicated it will accept recommendations from the suburban jurisdictions about transit lines.

Last October the transit authority recommended rapid transit service along the RF&P and Wilson Boulevard corridors.

The transit authority recommendations would have cost around \$420 million, but the plan recommended last night apparently will cost around \$634 million.

The transit authority later is expected to release figures showing how many more customers the \$634 million system would attract, and this in turn will show how much the more expensive system will cost in federal and local cash grants.

Home Rule Tied to Big Registration

Two high government officials told Democratic party precinct workers last night that a large registration turnout would hasten home rule for the District.

George Weaver, an assistant secretary of labor for international affairs, said "each person we are successful in convincing to qualify for the election, we are that much closer to home rule." He said a large turnout would be a "clear manifestation" that Washington needs and wants the responsibility of self-determination.

Stephen J. Pollak, assistant attorney general in charge of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, warned: "We can kiss hope of home rule goodbye if we do not get out and vote." Pollak was instrumental in getting the District's govern-

mental reorganization through Congress.

A District official predicted meanwhile that a bad registration turnout would better George Wallace's chances of getting on the D.C. ballot in November.

The lower the total registered, the fewer names Wallace will need to get on the general election ballot in November, he said.

The former Alabama governor has announced he will enter several state primary elections, plus the District's May 7 primary. To get on the city's general election ballot, Wallace will need the signatures of 5 percent of the voters registered as of July 1.

He said the election board members are still optimistic about a high number of regis-

trants in this weekend's voter drive, but admitted that the registration mark so far—24,270—was poor.

Tilford Dudley, chairman of the city's Democratic Central Committee, urged disaffected District citizens to vote on their complaints, and said that opposition to the present government was a reason to register and vote.

Registration will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. tomorrow in all 128 precincts, and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at the District Building, 13th and E Streets NW, until March 23.

A third neighborhood registration will be held March 22 and 23 and a fourth precinct sign-up will be announced later.

All voters must register by March 23 even if they registered in 1964.