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Encouraging

The Daily Record has noted two hopeful signs in the business world during the past few days—the return of the old steam peanut parcher and the shoeshine stand to the streets of Dunn.

Citizens of the town are indebted to Doug Thigpen for the reappearance of these two time-honored institutions of the street.

For several years, it hasn't been possible to buy a bag of hot roasted peanuts in this whole town. That problem has now been solved, even though they do cost ten cents a bag instead of a nickel.

It used to be the case that you could walk into any barber shop and get your shoes shined for a dime and the barber shop shine boys had plenty of competition in the other shoeshine boys who roamed the streets with their boxes offering to polish them for a nickel.

During the past year or so, it hasn't been possible to get a shoeshine in a majority of the barber shops—even at 15 cents a shine.

Barber shop proprietors report that they just haven't been able to get shine boys. Even \$10 or \$15 a day doesn't appeal to them. Apparently, that's too hard work for a young fellow with nothing else to do in these prosperous times.

Ironically enough, you can go into the barber shop of the Waldorf-Astoria or any other hotel in New York and get a shoeshine for 15 cents.

It must be that our community is more prosperous than these other places. Or else shining shoes just doesn't appeal to the boys anymore.

Land Sought

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\$100 to \$300, but would receive no pay for walkways, streets, etc. Mr. Hoob's originally estimated that this would net Mr. Pope approximately \$24,000 for the two and a half acres of land, or about \$8,000 per acre. The city manager said this morning that he thought his early estimate was too high and that it would not net Mr. Pope that much.

He said the price to be paid would be up to the council.

OTHER MATTERS

Several other matters will also come before the council tonight, including letting of catering privileges for the Dunn Armory, water and sewer contracts, proposals for blanket bond insurance, etc.

Scheduled to be present at the meeting is W. S. McKimmon of the State Board of Health, who has been invited to discuss plans for the expansion of Dunn's water plant.

School Posts

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Benjamin, T. N. Holmes, R. A. Cameron.
Dunn, Dr. Clarence L. Corbett and Ralph Wade.
Erwin, Charles M. Crawford and Z. E. Matthews.
Lafayette, J. R. Bradley and Mrs. Clara Spence Harrington.
Lillington, Grady C. Matthews and A. J. White. They were named to succeed J. E. Barnes and R. E. Byrd, who resigned.

A number of other matters were also disposed of at today's meeting.

These Days



By Sokolsky

THE STATE OF FORMOSA

In the United States, we continue to debate whether we are to support Chiang Kai-Shek's government in Formosa, or whether we shall bypass him and deal with the agents of guerrilla generals of the mainland or whether we shall recognize the Communist Mao Tse-Tung.

The British have solved this problem to their disadvantage by prematurely recognizing the Chinese communists, who, however, do not recognize the British. This might be amusing were it not so tragic in view of General Douglas MacArthur's statement in Korea, which is largely a result of this faulty British policy.

It is interesting, therefore, to have a look at the state of Formosa, an island which, by the treaty of Shimonoseki in 1895, was ceded to Japan along with the Pescadores. The Japanese called the island Taiwan, a name which the Russians continue to use.

The defeat of Japan in 1945 left Formosa without government, and Nationalist China took over, housing large bodies of troops there. In their hunt for pro-Japanese natives, the Chinese behaved badly. When Chiang Kai-Shek took over in 1949, he had the problem of face of establishing a government not only for the natives but for the enormous influx of refugee Chinese.

Meanwhile the status of his government internationally became increasingly confused. According to the Cairo Declaration (Nov. 26, 1943), Formosa was to be returned to China by the peace treaty with Japan. But there is no peace treaty with Japan. Also, while the United States and other countries and the United Nations recognize the Nationalist regime as the government of China, Great Britain, and some other countries recognize the Soviet regime of Mao Tse-Tung.

This question of legitimacy is very important in Asia. In the matter of Korea, for instance, the Americans are embarrassed, perhaps disastrously, by the fact that Great Britain recognized the Chinese regime which is fighting us, while Great Britain is embarrassed by the obvious political necessity of voting in the United Nations with the United States and against Soviet China. General MacArthur emphasized this confusion in his "stalemate" statement.

Two cases have arisen in the British courts over this curious situation. In the matter of "Civil Air Transport, Inc. V. Chennault and others," decided in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, the legitimacy of government was involved. The British court decided that as there is no peace treaty with Japan, Formosa is still part of the Japanese Empire. This is, of course, a retreat into pure legalism, unrelated to the fact of the situation. Furthermore, it makes the British position illogical, for if there is no legitimacy to the Nationalist government in Formosa, what possible legitimacy can there be to the communist regime in Peking?

In the case of "USA V. Yang Soon-EE" in the Singapore court, the chief justice said:

"It is clear that the Central Peoples Government and the Peoples Republic in China is recognized both de facto and de jure as the only government in China. The ship is registered in Formosa which is legally part of the Japanese Empire and not apparently de facto under the control of the communist government in China."

If this is true, why is not Korea a part of the Japanese Empire?

G. W. Keeton, dean of the faculty of law in the University of London, says of this:

"... It is an attitude which is quite inconsistent with that adopted in respect to Korea, which was also Japanese in 1943, but is now treated as an independent state. Moreover, if Formosa was to be regarded as still formally Japanese territory, then administration of it pending the peace treaty is ultimately the responsibility of the allied powers, whose agent for defence is General MacArthur. Hence it would be an attack upon the allied military administration, and as such, a matter of immediate concern to this country as well as to the United States. Yet Great Britain has committed herself to the position that she is not primarily concerned with a communist attack upon Formosa!"

Both Communist and Nationalist China reject the British position. Both regard Formosa as Chinese territory. The official American view is that Formosa is Chinese territory. The British were premature

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Little Old NEW YORK

By ED SULLIVAN

Men and Maids, and Stuff

Tension in Iran stepped up by the undercover conflict between British and U. S. oil combinations, each trying to outsmart the other, and both playing into Communist hands. Sikorsky helicopters, in Korea, have rescued 2,000 kids attached to Marines, Navy, Army and Air Forces. Sharimah Douglas made it a point to be in Hollywood when Peter Lawford got back from Australia. Her rival for his affections, Monica Lewis, Director George Sidney's MGM flicker, "Show Boat," tabbed as the greatest picture of the last 10 years by preview audiences on the Coast. Ava Gardner and Howard Keel are sensational in it. New York downcast over exit of Kefauver probers, greatest local excitement since Halley's comet.

Railroad stations jammed with servicemen on Easter furloughs. Kefauver TV probe cost N.Y. theatres a cool \$1,000,000. George Gety 2nd to wed Gloria Gordon. Doris Dukes coast companion, Paul Hesse. Eloise McElhone and Bill Warwick to wed April 6. American-born wife of the Maharajah of Indore consulting lawyers. Farrar and Strauss buying another publishing house? Woolworth Donahue rushing Jean Bartlett Putnam. Jewish Theatrical Guild honoring Eddie Cantor and George Jessel at Waldorf-Astoria May 5. Wounded GIs from local hospitals enjoying Riverside Drive buses.

Jersey politics betting on a Hague-Edgers comeback in coming Hudson County elections. Rita Hayworth arrives on the 11th. Gloria Vanderbilt Sr. and Tommy Penneck a coast item. Dr. Rex Ross and his ex-wife, now Mrs. Elliot Roosevelt, will fight for custody of their child in court April 10. Judith Anderson first-nighting with critic William Hawkins. Dane Clarke's wife, painter Margot Yerkes, on road to recovery. Laraine Day's mgr., Marty Martin, marrying Audrey Benson in July. Pat Easton, leader of the Four Jacks and A Jill, and the Jill in the act, Denise, will marry. New law allowing ticket brokers to charge \$1 above box office price, instead of 75c, can make a difference to a ticket broker of \$50,000 a year.

Sir Stork winging to the Dean Martins, the Leland Haywards, the Leo Gorseys and the Dick Jurgenses. Jean Arthur due to arrive in Hollywood in mid-April for the George Stevens flicker, "Shane." Pastor Martin Niemoller very ill. Bebe Shopp, Miss America of 1949, serious with John Del Porto, son of a South American political power. Vaughn Monroe's TV stanza renewed. Motion picture biggies honoring LITSE prexy, Richard Walsh, at "21" April 10. Marguerite Chapman with John Howard. Larry Storch clicking at Pierre. Jack Buchanan replaced the late Ivo Novelle in "King's Rhapsody." New three-decker Staten Island ferry boats luring tourists. Jimmy Durante into Copa Thursday. Joe E. Lewis into Mocambo on 3d.

Most striking-looking in Easter Parade, Jinx Falkenburg, Joyce Matthews and two of those French hat models from Paree but steady TV diet of femme voices really can drive you daffy. Wanda Hendrix-Audie Murphy divorce becomes final next month. Darryl Zanuck back from Europe, en route to coast. Arthur Loew Jr. and Pier Angeli a steady twosome. The late Kay Byrnes' dad, Larry, rushed to Veteran's Hospital 31. Russell Nye and Jacqueline Bultinck a Colony twosome. Golden Deeds Award to James M. North of Fort Worth Star-Telegram as Man of Year p.a. Mrs. William Bendix recuperating from surgery. John Steinbeck switching his abode to Mexico to recapture his old time writing punch. Jim Monahan, have exploded. Peruvian millionaire Olavo Vasconcelos and Natalie Schafer blazing. It's a boy for the Phil Brokers of the Jaywalkers; girl for the Dick Lewises, producer of "Two Girls Named Smith"; the Gene Sheffrins named him Stephen; the Tom Hollymans, photed of Holiday, named him Burnes; the Bob (WJZ) Sweeneys picked Michael. 600 hand-picked veterans of the Korean war now training units here.

in their recognition of Soviet China and that got them all tangled up in difficulties.

Godwin

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Godwin began his career on the bench.

No time was lost this morning in getting down to work. Four divorces were granted on quick order.

Those given a divorce were: Leola Ryals Robertson from Robert Robertson; Lucille McLamb Elliott from Douglas M. Elliott; Lee Cecil Moore from Grave Sylvester Moore, and Bonnie E. Willard from Earl S. Willard.

Several other divorces were scheduled to be heard today.

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Frederick L. OTHMAN

WASHINGTON, The 82nd Congress may not be passing any laws, or even raising any taxes, but it's certainly busting records as the greatest group of hawkshaws in lawmaking history.

The Kefauver crime investigating committee, with its discovery of monkeyshines in high places, is only the beginning. The Congressional sleuths are looking up all sorts of odd alleys.

One committee even now is investigating the curative waters of Hot Springs, Ark. Another is investigating the investigators of the Federal Trade Commission, on the theory that maybe its been worrying too much about such things as Venetian blinds and imitation mink.

Thanks to the operations of the Senate Banking Committee the gag is going the rounds that RFC stands for Rosenbaum Fur Coats. The poor old RFC still hasn't heard the last of Congressional inquiries. Now the Executive Expenditures Committee, which is celebrated most perhaps for the way it uncovered the free deep freezes a couple of years ago, is continuing the inquiry into the government's loans to peculiar businesses.

In that connection a Midwest rattlesnake farm decided not to apply for an RFC loan the other day. The directors, concluded rightly that fellows like me might write spoofing pieces about them. After all, the RFC did lend money to the snake farm in California and we taxpayers still own what's left of it. The snakes, unfortunately, died long ago.

The Senate Agriculture Committee is looking into the high price of meat; it still hasn't finished with the cost of a cup of coffee. More than 40 movie stars, directors and producers even now are buying tickets on the Super Chief for appearances before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

A committee under Sen. Mike Monroney (D. Okla.) is investigating the election of Sen. John M. Butler (R. Md.). Some disgruntled Republicans in Oklahoma, peculiarly enough, are demanding that the statesmen investigate the campaign of Senator Mike.

The gentlemen are investigating farm parity prices; they're thinking about an official inquiry into price controls; they're looking into some odd loans to little businessmen who suddenly became big ones, with Uncle Samuel's assistance. Particularly are they interested in a couple of fellows with \$500 between them, who wound up as proprietors of a multi-million dollar steel tube factory.

All this investigating is playing hob with the old routine on Capitol Hill.

So many legislative cops are so constantly on the road that their votes here are sorely missed. Congressional bells clang as usual at noon for the daily meeting, but few lawmakers show up because they're in committee rooms making witnesses squirm.

Many of these committees have special dispensation to work all day, without attention to the debate on the floor, and several Senators hardly have set foot this year

in their new, \$5,000,000 chamber. In the Senate Office Building, all is confusion. The place usually looks like Paramount Studios in Hollywood, with electricians laying cables for the movie and television cameras, setting up microphones, and swinging flood lights from the crystal chandeliers.

A fine thing, too, from my own view point. All I have to do is be there, without earmuffs. No reporter ever had it so easy.

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It-Says-Here

by Bob Hope

Attention Sam Spade. Arrangements have just been made for a TV series dealing with famous cases from the files of Scotland Yard, and it should be a most gripping and exciting series.

Scotland Yard is Britain's most famous crime detection agency. It's something like the FBI with a monole. Scotland Yard detectives are said to retain an icy calm under any condition. I can see the inspector entering a room where the entire family has been murdered, the butler is hanging from the chandelier, and a time bomb is ticking away in a corner. He surveys the scene, slowly fills his pipe, turns to his assistant, and says, "something here doesn't look quite right to me."

British detectives are always prepared for any emergency. They're always ready with a copy of an old-fashioned newspaper, they always have a copy of the London Times, and they always have a copy of the London Times in their pocket. They always have a copy of the London Times in their pocket.