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VOICE OF PROPHECY

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Americans use many exaggerated and odd statements in their everyday language.

"I laughed until I split my sides," says one. "It tickled me to death," his companion might answer. And during the busy, bustling days of the holiday season, we frequently hear someone remark: "Christmas will be the death of me."

But this latter statement too often is not an exaggeration.

The National Safety council already is making forecasts of holiday deaths.

Those forecasts do not make pleasant reading at a time of the year when our minds are concerned with the pleasures of the Christmas season. But all too many people who exclaim, "Christmas will be the death of me!" are speaking prophecy.

The National Safety council is fearful that the year-end holiday toll will break all previous records.

Last Labor Day saw 550 persons killed in needless accidents—more than ever before. Yet experience shows that the year-end holiday season is the most dangerous period of the year and that traffic accident deaths on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day run about twice as many as the annual daily average.

Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the holiday season add to the normal winter hazards of bad weather, slippery roads and added hours of darkness, the council warns.

Many factors are involved in the holiday death toll. Casualty lists include the names of numerous Christmas shoppers.

Absorbed in the rush of Christmas buying, struggling with crowds, loaded with bundles, many people are killed as they step into the path of traffic, attempt to cross streets against stop-and-go signals, stumble over obstacles, or violate other safety rules.

Hundreds will be killed in home accidents, especially fires, resulting from carelessness. Falls will result in serious injuries. Overexertion and overindulgence are common enemies during holiday seasons.

Only in one way can we hope to keep the holiday death toll low and that is by using more than ordinary caution. It is not easy to do, because we have so many other things on our mind. We are crowded for time. We hurry. We become impatient. And, in so doing, we become careless.

"Every family in America should put one extra gift under its Christmas tree this year," asserts a bulletin from the National Safety council. "That gift is life. It could be the life of some member of the household, or of a stranger. But it will be saved because someone has used just a little extra caution, common sense and courtesy to meet holiday hazards.

"Remember—a safe Christmas celebration, free from accidents that mar family happiness at that joyous time of the year, is the very best present anybody can give or receive. Don't let death take your holiday!"

We'll be a monkey's uncle if that ain't sound logic!

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

THE VANISHING SCENERY

(Grand Bulletin)

"What did you enjoy most during your visit to Oregon?" That was the gist of the inquiry directed by the Bend chamber of commerce to all the tourists who had registered at its office one summer two or three years ago. "The scenery," was the answer given by the majority of those who replied and it surprised just about everybody.

For the most part chamber of commerce publicity emphasizes almost everything but scenery. The adjective "scenic" may be used and there may be a picture of a waterfall or a mountain but the text usually has most to say about fishing and recreation. And so it came as a surprise when it was discovered that our greatest tourist attraction was scenery.

When the discovery was made we had hopes that something would be done in recognition of the fact and for the purpose of preserving this scenery that gave the largest number of tourists their greatest pleasure in our region. Nothing has been done but on the contrary there have been developments of a nature that are offensive to many tourists and that do real harm to our scenic attractions.

We are thinking in particular of the roadside signs, bill boards and painted panels whose number is increasing on every major road in this vicinity. Where once one had a fine view of the Three Sisters and the other peaks of our western sky line he is now, more than likely, to find a raucous board advertising a Reno night club, some distant hotel or tourist court or a commercial product. These things, if they must be, should be in locations where no harm is done to the scenery.

Let's make the most of our scenery because that is what the tourist is most interested in. Let's keep it for our own aesthetic and spiritual enjoyment, too. Let's remember what Mr. Hoover said the other day when addressing the Advertising club of New York

on receiving from it its plaudits of achievement for his inspiring leadership and unselfish devotion to the public weal. "Sometimes," he said to these advertising men, "I have a dreamy hope you will cease using the scenery to urge pills on me when I am seeking those solitudes where fish alone can dwell."

OREGON'S FIVE MILLION ACRES OF PLOW LAND

(Oregon City Enterprise)
There will be critical interest in the statement before the Oregon Reclamation Congress by the able Arthur S. King, soil specialist of Oregon State College, that there are now 5,000,000 acres in Oregon being "farmed" and that until water is carried to other areas, that is about the limit of plow land to expect.

Perhaps another 200,000 acres could be added to the 5,000,000, he thinks, but the idea of adding greatly to the acreage through removing stumps and brush offers little hope. But, E. R. Jackson, crop specialist for the College, figures that if water could be raised to even a part of another 10,000,000 available acres, the farming acreage could be increased.

With the completion of the Willamette valley project water will be available to a considerable acreage, but the likelihood is that Mr. King was looking at the state as a whole, and particularly Eastern Oregon where the wide stretches would require tremendous expenditures to get water. The College experts have done much, through county agents to improve Oregon farming practices, but the fact remains, as a writer pointed out even half a century ago, farming practices in the Western section of Oregon are generally quite "slovenly." Better farming on the 5,000,000 acres now tillable is the first step, and it is well to understand that there can be uneconomic and inefficient farming just as there can be inefficient and therefore uneconomic industry.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: "Christmas Will Be The Death Of Me"



Scenes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Neatly placed small logs in the fire-basket were not burning as they should. "If you will put one piece of the wood to form a cross..." said mother, smiling at E. J.'s skepticism, "the fire will burn better. The homes we had in England had only fire-place heat. It was a custom—perhaps you think a superstition. But, it worked!"

I asked mother to fix the wood the way she meant. She tipped one small log so it slanted at right angles on top of the others. The fire leaped up almost instantly and the fire burned merrily. It worked all right, the quaint notion of placing the wood "in the form of a cross," but why?

I have done it many a time since. It dawned on me one day: that crosswise piece makes a tiny chimney-draft all its own, doesn't it? Not superstition—just sound common sense that had acquired through long custom a fancy related to the church in a country where the church is so closely interwoven with the lives of the people. I enjoy quaint sayings like that.

The other day the man who collects for the oil, stopped in at the office. He walked directly to the heater, lifted the removable piece in the top, nodded his head in a satisfied way. "I thought so—no pan of water in here. Folks complain of being dizzy, having headaches, feeling queer, or feeling cold when the room is warm... but they don't keep a pan of water here to replace the moisture in the air."

"They complain because a thriving house-plant shrivels up in a week and they blame the oil. When all they need is a pan of water..."

E. J. came in, pounced on the heater-lid. "Ah, ha! No pan of water in here..." and repeated all the oil man had said.

I pointed to a pair of gay argyle drying on stretchers behind the heater. "I took it out. Don't need it when the socks are drying, do I?"

The kettle singing on the hearth which I remember so well was one more quaint idea with sound common sense behind it, wasn't it?

who gripes for gripe's sake should take a good look at himself and then do something constructive, even though it be such a little thing as going to our school elections.

Neighborhood Love On All-Year Basis Urged

ROSEBURG—Merry Christmas and a heart full of gratitude, to those with whom I have come in contact this past year on our community project, Douglas Community Hospital, Inc.

At this time of year neighborhood love and friendship seem to triumph over misery and distress. What a pity that this gift is so poorly used all year.

This ability we have to love, to capture the spirit of love, which is the spirit of unselfishness, of brotherly kindness, of forbearance, of tolerance, and of restraint of personal feelings, brings with it the gift of understanding. The Saviour said to love God and love our fellowmen. This is the law, simple and direct. All lesser laws lead to this great central commandment, and love grows when used most. If we could only keep our community love polished brightly and efficiently, have it for a shining light at the doorway of our homes, so that others might enter and share in its blessing—then happiness would abound with us here in Roseburg.

MRS. FRANK ASHLEY, 1003 N. Jackson St., Roseburg, Ore.

Reid Fellowships Won By Four U. S. Scribes

NEW YORK — (AP) — Three American newspapermen and a woman reporter have won \$5,000 Reid fellowships for a year of travel and study overseas in 1950.

The awards are made by the Reid foundation, set up by the late Osgood Reid, editor of the New York Herald Tribune. The grants will take two of the winners to Europe, a third to the Far East and the fourth to Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran.

The fellowships went to William G. Dildine, 38, copy reader of the Cleveland Plain Dealer; Miss Ellen Gibson, 30, reporter for the Milwaukee Journal; Walter J. Johnson, 30, reporter for the Minneapolis Star, and Richard K. Pryne, 31, telegraph editor of the Seattle Times.

GESUNDHEIT!

BERLIN — (AP) — Beck beer has returned to Berlin after a ten-year absence.

The dark brew was placed on sale in various taprooms for the equivalent of about 20 cents a glass.

Hilfer stopped the manufacture of Beck beer because it required too much grain needed for his war machine.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Democrats Count On Flow Of Political Profits After Showdown In Next Session

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Administration Democrats are counting on swift political profits to flow from plans for a civil rights showdown in the next session of Congress.

The session will begin Jan. 3.

Senator Lucas of Illinois, the Democratic leader, says that showdown will come in the Senate on a bill to set up a permanent Fair Employment Practices commission (FEPC). The agency would have power to enforce its orders against race and creed discrimination in jobs.

The FEPC bill will offer the most serious affront to southern Democrats and widen the breach that already splits that party. At the same time, some administration leaders hope it will prove politically embarrassing to Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio).

Taft, dubbed by some of his friends as "Mr. Republican," is against the bill now on the Senate calendar. He plans to offer, instead, a measure to set up a federal FEPC to obtain voluntary compliance with anti-discrimination rules.

Board Power Feared

Taft has said that the administration bill would create a board that in the long run "will tell every employer how he must make up his labor force."

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other groups interested in the civil rights issue have made their stand clear: They are more interested in the FEPC bill than companion measures to abolish state poll taxes and to make lynching a federal crime.

By the same token, FEPC is a red flag to the southern Democrats. They will throw every effort into the attempt to prevent action on it by the Senate.

In the House a similar bill has cleared the House labor committee and is tied up in the Rules committee. Chairman Lesinski (D-Mich.) of the labor group has announced he will try to by-pass the rules blockade.

Even if the bill is blocked in each house, administration Democrats think they can harvest political profit out of the resulting situation.

The Senate has a new rule, adopted last year, under which the "yes" votes of 64 senators are required to halt the filibuster that southern Democrats always begin when any move is made to take up civil rights legislation.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the GOP floor leader, has identified himself with the adoption of that rule by calling it the "Wherry rule."

Previously, two-thirds of the senators voting could end debate on a bill. But this rule didn't apply on motions to take up a measure. The new debate limitation applies to a motion as well as a bill.

Lucas has predicted publicly that the new rule won't work—that 64 senators won't be on hand to vote when the debate gag question comes up.

If it doesn't work, administration Democrats will blame the "Wherry rule" and say the Republicans have made it impossible to pass civil rights legislation.

Can Claim Credit

If the rule works, the administration will claim credit for having put through the first piece of civil rights legislation, citing failure of the previous Republican Congress to pass such a bill.

Republicans say they don't intend to let the Democrats sell the people any such idea. Wherry

Britain Producing Jet Bomber In Quantity

LONDON — (AP) — Britain's first jet bomber, the sleek medium-range "Canberra," is now in quantity production, its makers say.

The English Electric company, which flew the first Canberra May 19, said a second and third prototype made flight tests in November. The number ordered for the Royal Air force has not been disclosed.

Performance and load-carrying details of the fast twin-set bomber are still secret. With a crew of two it is believed to be in the 600-mile-an-hour class.

Lucas in the last session to force a vote on the rule, asserting that Republicans would furnish 35 votes—more than half—to end debate.

There are 54 Democrats on the Senate rolls, but Lucas may have trouble in corraling the 29 of them that would be needed to make the 64—assuming the Republicans deliver 35 for vote limitation.

If Lucas can't deliver enough Democratic votes, the Republicans will say that the Democrats were the ones who didn't want the bill passed.

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A New Year's Resolution

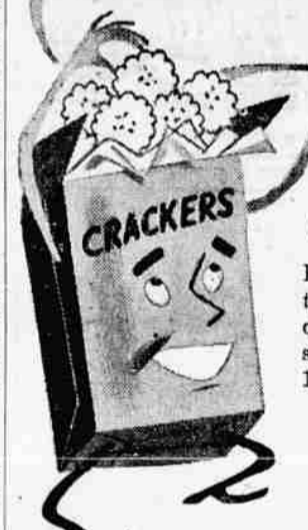
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Bet You Don't Know This About Advertising

by Susan



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