

NOTEBOOK JOTTINGS

Hal Boyle Fills The Summer Dearth Of Humorous Stories

By HAL BOYLE  
NEW YORK. — (AP) — Notebook jottings:  
Manhattan is the capital city of people who talk to themselves... they walk along gabbing out loud at a great rate... many appear to be out of their minds, but no one bothers them... what happens to them? Where do they go?  
Passed one on crowded Sixth avenue the other day... he was muttering this message over and over:  
"Get ready, sheep, get ready. You won't be here long."

The summer dearth in good stories has set in. But with a bow to whomever it belongs to, I'd like to pass along the cutest one I've heard all season:  
At a children's party one daring youngster suggested, "Let's play postoffice." The blushing boys and giggling girls all agreed it was a great idea.  
The first pair to start the game were shy. So they went into a closet. The rest of the children gathered outside the door. They listened and listened but couldn't hear a sound. After about 15 minutes one child rapped on the door and said:  
"What are you doing in there?"  
And from inside the closet a muffled small voice shrieked desperately:  
"We aren't doing anything. Our braces are hooked!"

Friend of mine has a son in nursery school. When his parents set out recently to attend an evening meeting with teachers, he wanted to know why.  
"Oh, to learn how to raise you better," he was told.  
"Well," said the boy, "try to find out why I'm so afraid of thunder and lightning, will you?"

How-the-language-grows note: A movie producer giving his views to a luncheon group: "I'm just thinking out loud—mentally."  
But my favorite is this mysterious remark overheard in a beauty shop: "So I told him, 'Listen, wise guy, take your diamond ring out of my new tencent hair net.'"

Martini-lovers tend to want their drinks dryer and dryer. And bartenders sometimes get weary of being told, "Make mine like the Sahara."  
"Why don't you just have a throwaway martini?" one barman finally asked one of these high voltage customers.  
"What's a throwaway martini?"  
The barman poured some vermouth in a glass, swished it around, then emptied it down the drain. Then he filled the glass with pure gin and set it before the customer with query, "dry enough?"

A number of Broadway characters were having one of those heavy intellectual discussions that start in night clubs after midnight. The subject: How to deal with the German problem?

The argument grew bitter. Some thought the American policy was too soft. Some saw it as realistic. One pointed at a U. S. airman standing at the bar and said, "Let's get his opinion."  
He approached the flyer and said, "I can see by your ribbons that you were in the European theater. What do you think we should do with Germany?"  
"Pave it!" said the airman, turning back to his beer.

Northwest Needs Told Democratic Natl. Chairman

THE DALLES, June 27 —(AP)— Northwest business, farm and labor leaders gave William Boyle Jr., chairman of the Democratic national committee, their recipes for development of the Pacific Northwest here.

Boyle promised to take them directly to President Truman when he gets back to the nation's capital tomorrow.  
The conference, unique in that most of those attending were Republicans, was called to let the national administration know what the people of Oregon think should be done to develop the area's resources.

Most called for construction of more multi-purpose dams to aid irrigation and navigation.  
But Chester Dusten, regional director of the CIO warned that fishing and lumbering, in two states which employ thousands of workers in the area, must not be forgotten. He said there is an immediate need for more reforestation and development of access roads.

Charles Baker, Walla Walla, president of the Inland Empire Waterways association, backed the dam construction program on the Snake and Columbia rivers.  
More Power Needed  
"Franklin D. Roosevelt's foresight in building Bonneville was the key that unlocked our greatest resources," he said, "but it is not enough; we still have a power shortage."

Dams are not uneconomic, W. S. Nelson, secretary of The Dalles chamber of commerce, told Boyle and Mrs. India Edwards, vice-chairman of the democratic committee.  
"You should tell the people in the east that 84 percent of the cost is repaid by the sale of power," he said.

Earlier Boyle expressed regret that Oregon does not have an "intelligent hard-working Democratic delegation in Congress."  
To develop Boyle said, the region needs people who can "look farther than their noses."

Ancient census takers often estimated population of a given area by the amount of salt consumed there in a specific period, says the Book of Knowledge.

No Marketing Quotas On Wheat For 1951 Crop

WASHINGTON, June 27 —(AP)— Secretary of Agriculture Brannan announced Monday that farmers will be allowed to grow next year's wheat crop free of rigid marketing quotas.

This action was foreshadowed two weeks ago when the federal crop reporting board forecast this year's crop at about one-fifth smaller than last year's.  
Quotas must be proposed by the secretary when supplies reach a legally-defined "surplus" level. Growers must comply with quotas when they are in effect or pay stiff penalties.

Brannan said that present supplies, while large, are not quite big enough to warrant marketing controls. Quotas would have to be approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting in a national referendum.  
Quotas were last applied to wheat in 1942. They are in effect this year on cotton, major types of tobacco and peanuts.

Acreage planting allotments will be assigned wheat growers later, and possibly will call for a smaller acreage than was seeded for this year's crop.  
Growers may abide by or ignore planting allotments, but only those who comply are eligible for government price supports.

Brannan estimated the total wheat supply at 1,385,000,000 bushels. He said it was 18 per cent above the "normal" supply or two per cent below the marketing quota level.

Conquer Heat With Fruit Salad

By GAYNOR MADDOX  
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Fresh fruit salad with an unusual dressing is the kind of novelty that perks up hot weather appetites.  
Here's an unusual molasses cheese sauce for your fruit salad:

Beat together one square cream cheese, 3 tablespoons lemon juice and 3 tablespoons light New Orleans type molasses. Sprinkle in chopped nuts. Serve with fruit salads.  
For the salad, use melon balls, cherries, grapes, orange and grapefruit sections, arranged in individual bowls, garnished with tender greens. Pass sauce in separate bowl.

From San Francisco, Jessica C. McLachlin, an old friend of this column, sends this delicious recipe for veal:

Veal Bataleika  
Three tablespoons bacon drippings or other fat, 2 pounds veal steak, cut in small cubes or strips, 1/4 cup flour, 1 cup hot water and 1/2 cup sauterne or other white table wine or 1/4 cups hot water, 1 (4-ounce) can mushroom stems and pieces, 2 tablespoons chopped parsley, 1 onion, thinly sliced, 1 tea-

spoon paprika, salt and pepper to taste, 1 cup sour cream.  
Heat bacon drippings in a large heavy skillet with a tight-fitting lid. Add veal and brown slowly on all sides. Stir in flour; add water and wine; cook, stirring constantly, until mixture is thickened and smooth. Add mushrooms (including liquid), parsley, onion, paprika, salt and pepper.  
Cover tightly and simmer gently, stirring frequently, for 45 minutes to one hour, or until veal is tender. Just before serving, stir in sour cream. Taste and add additional salt and pepper if necessary. Serve with buttered noodles.

Salad Season's Is Here Again

By GAYNOR MADDOX  
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For lunch during warm weather serve salads made with fruit or vegetables. They provide nourishment, especially when served with enriched bread or rolls, and rest lightly on the stomach.  
Tomato Sandwich Salad  
Put two slices of fresh tomato

together with a filling of cottage cheese. Serve on iceberg lettuce. Top with mayonnaise. Other fillings such as chicken, tuna or egg salad may be used too. For youngsters, cut this "sandwich" into bite-size squares for easy eating.  
Calico Peach Cup Salad  
Crisp cabbage-apple salad heaped in a luscious fresh or canned peach half is a vegetable and fruit combination that will mean happy eating for all the family. Leave the red skin on the apples and garnish the top with thin apple slices. This salad is unusually attractive looking.

Matchstick Salad  
Place a small mound of cottage cheese on a bed of shredded lettuce. Dip one end of crisp, cold celery and carrot sticks in a bit of paprika and insert them in the cottage cheese ball, "matchsticks" loosely on shredded lettuce.

Stuffed Pear Salad  
Fill fresh or canned pear halves with a mixture of equal parts of finely grated raw carrot and grated American cheese moistened with French dressing. Serve on lettuce cups arranged on a platter.

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