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JUST COUNT US OUT

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We dislike intensely the role of a killjoy. It is always our desire and effort to be as cooperative as possible in any community activity and enterprise. But when it comes to a compulsory whisker-growing contest, as announced by the Douglas County Centennial Committee, we draw the line.

If we must pay a penalty, we'll pay it under protest. But we announce, firmly and flatly that we don't intend to grow whiskers—centennial or no centennial; fine or no fine.

It's bad enough when, on a fishing trip, we let our beard go unattended for three or four days. Between scratching mosquito bites and an itching face, we lose all interest in fishing.

Upon reaching home, hastening to the shaving mirror, we behold a startling sight—a homely, fat face covered with a variegated growth of mixed grey and brown and streaks of fiery red; an ogre terrifying to all children—and we like kids.

We do not intend to inflict any such hideousness upon a tolerant public.

We have no objection whatever to beard growing for those who like it. If there are those who find enjoyment in raising a crop of chin spinach that's okay with us. But insofar as we're concerned personally, we'll do our celebrating with our face bearing nothing more adorning than five o'clock shadow.

ORCHIDS TO CASEY

We're going to keep a sharp lookout during the remainder of this week for Helen Casey. We'll duck pronto if we see her coming, for Helen isn't fond of publicity.

But she's leaving Sunday on a trip around the world. She will travel by plane on a two-month tour, stopping in principal cities and points of interest enroute.

If any person is deserving of such a wonderful experience it is Helen Casey. We think she's mighty swell people.

Very few persons have any conception of her philanthropy and benefactions and she'll probably yank our hair out at the roots for even mentioning it unless we succeed in ducking in time. But many a family mentions Helen in its prayers because of her help in time of need. Many a sick and apparently friendless person has found unexpected cheer and strength from a call, a bouquet or a gift from Helen Casey.

But Helen does not give charity. She lives it. She gives of herself; quietly, unobtrusively. She is, in fact, the personification of charity.

While seemingly ever-present to aid those in need or distress, she has in addition brought a wealth of fun to Roseburg people throughout many years. A natural comedienne, she could have had unlimited success on the stage had she not been too busy serving others to try for fame. But her talent has been used in a far more practical way in producing home talent comedies, radio programs and frequent personal appearances as a solo entertainer. Thousands of persons have enjoyed hearty laughs and relaxation as she spread fun through the community.

She has always found time to be of service to any civic enterprise or activity in which she could be of help. Never has she sought thanks, credit, praise, or publicity. She has been amply satisfied with the privilege of giving.

This world has been blessed by the presence of Helen Casey. And if we seem to be lavish with praise, it ain't nearly enough.

So goes our bouquet of orchids to Helen Casey as we wish her *Bon Voyage*.

YOU AND US BOTH

Names are supposed to make news, reports our Washington correspondent for the National Editorial Association. But sometimes, he says, political wisecracks can be just as effective if names aren't even mentioned.

For instance, there's one Democratic gag going around Washington now:

"The Republicans are torn between a man who's hard to get and one who's hard to take."

This is matched by a big campaign button which has begun to make its appearance down South. It reads: "Don't yell at me. I didn't vote for him."



While we were having a snack in a cafe in Winchester Bay yesterday I copied the words printed on a bright red placard displayed prominently. Maybe in the quiet of the home, when the excitement of a fishing trip is not occupying the thought, these words may get a more thorough reading?

DO NOT stay "outside" after dusk or high water.
DO be careful. Study your tide book.
Lower Umpqua Chamber of Commerce.

The tide books mentioned may be secured at the stores or cafes, and probably at the pier. Why not get one? They make interesting reading even if you aren't going fishing (Is there one in your tackle box?)

In the five trips I made across the Atlantic I don't remember being as concerned as I was the one time we went out over that bar.

"EYE WASH"



In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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that if enough of these vandals were laid over somebody's knee and given old-fashioned spankings, or taken out into the woodshed and introduced to a shingle applied vigorously in the right place, it might help.

There's a hole, of course, in that reasoning. In fact, there are two holes.

One of them is that in these modern days nobody knows any more how to administer a good woodshed spanking without rancor or anger, for disciplinary purposes only, in the pure spirit of this-hurts-me-more-than-it-hurts-you.

The other hole is that there are no longer any woodsheds.

Did you ever stop to think that in the America-as-envisioned-by-the-Founding-Fathers, the America - of - the - days - before - the - screwballs - got - into - control, the woodshed occupied a position of the very highest moral, economic and social importance?

Well, it did.

I've referred already to the value of the woodshed as a moral institution. So far as I'm concerned, the statement that a little prayerful woodshed session - either with a shingle, which is too light to do permanent physical harm, or with a hame-string, which in the old days shared responsibility with the shingle in that respect - would be good for what ails slingshot vandals isn't just a smart crack. It was good at times for WHAT AILED ME. I'm old enough now to admit it.

So let's pass on to the economic and social phases of the subject. There was a time, in the hey-day of the woodshed, when we provided with our own little hot hands for a lot of our economic needs.

If we lived in the country, we went out in the slack winter season to the WOODLOT and cut down trees and trimmed them up and hauled the logs home and cut them with a backsaw into stove-wood lengths, which were stored in the woodshed. In later off-peak hours,

we split these lengths into stove-wood size.

As a result, we BOUGHT NO FUEL - which was quite an economic advantage, helping materially to make the dollar go farther.

In conclusion, the woodshed bit heavily into what in these modern days we call LEISURE TIME. Our more practical sociologists are well-nigh unanimous in their opinion that a whole lot of our modern evils sprout and take root in LEISURE TIME.

There's a proverb (proverbs, you know, are well defined as succinct, salty truths distilled out of centuries of human experience) to the effect that "Satan will find some work for idle hands to do."

Well, in the OLD DAYS when the woodshed flourished there was so little leisure that NO YOUNGSTER EVER WONDERED IN A BORED MANNER WHAT THE HECK HE WAS GOING TO DO WITH THE PRECIOUS LEISURE TIME THAT WAS HIS.

He didn't need to think up deviltry. Leisure time, in his life, was so scarce and so wonderful that even MILD diversions gave him a great thrill as contrasted with working up knotty stove-wood lengths into pieces that would go into a stove and then going on to make some of them small enough for kindling.

Why, back in those days, a youngster could get a L.M.E.N.S.E. THRILL, merely out of curling up in a chair with a good book!

As for staying out all night - which, I think it will be agreed, is in these days not totally unknown - shucks! the kid who had put in a normal stint in the woodshed was TOO TIRED even to THINK with any enthusiasm of staying out all night. Besides, he would have known it would mean another MORAL session in the woodshed added to his expected and accepted economic sessions there.

Really, I'm sure we don't give thought enough to the tremendous hole left in our lives by the passage into oblivion of the woodshed.

Sex Criminal, Undeterred By Heavy Penalty, Balks Solution Of Problem Of Effective Way To Deal With Him

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — The sex criminal is the most hated member of society.

But how can you deal with him? Heavy legal penalties do not deter him. And in any case, if he explodes in violence, punishing him won't remove the horrifying experience from his victim's memory — or restore her to life, where he has killed in lust.

William T. Whalen, retired New York city chief of detectives, believes the answer is this: "Anyone involved in any type of sexual crime, no matter how minor, should be given a psychiatric examination—or 'bugged,' as we call it. He should then be forced to take the institutional or clinical care he needs."

"Most of them aren't ordinary criminals. They have sick minds." Thirty-three years of dealing with sex criminals has convinced the veteran ex-cop that present systems for handling them are hopeless, because little is done to prevent them from developing from minor offenders into major offenders.

Window Peeping Common
The public has little realization how widespread minor sex offenses are. The two commonest forms are window-peeping and the molestation of women in crowded buses and subways.

"We have more police calls about peepers than anything else," Whalen said. "As to subway molesters, there are thousands of cases the police never hear about. Women are partly to blame. If someone annoys

them, all they have to do is slap him in the face with their handbag. There are plenty of men about to come to their help."

Many people regard peepers and molesters as detestable but comparatively harmless thrill-seekers. "They aren't," said Whalen grimly. "They follow a pattern. Most of those later arrested for major sex crimes have a police record of minor offenses."

But at present—in New York—the minor offenders can only be charged with disorderly conduct, given a small fine or a short time in jail—"even though they are picked up a thousand times." They can't be compelled to take a mental examination.

Murders Hard To Solve
And when one goes on to commit a sex murder he gives police the hardest possible type of crime to solve.

"There is no motive for the crime that can be traced from the victim's own background," explained Whalen. "The whole man cases his job in advance. The sex murderer usually doesn't. He kills by impulse."

Whalen recently served as tech-

'Kickbacks' Are Deductible In Tax From Physicians

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the absence of specific laws to the contrary, "kickbacks" paid to doctors by optical companies may be deducted as a business expense for tax purposes the Supreme Court decided Monday.

The tribunal ruled that several states have recently passed legislation outlawing such kickbacks. Monday's decision was on an appeal by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Lilly, owners of several North Carolina firms which grind and fit eye glasses.

The government said the firms in 1943 and 1944 paid to prescribing physicians one-third of the retail price of glasses bought by patients sent to them by the doctors. Justice Burton delivered the 8-0 decision. Justice Douglas disqualified himself from the case.

Burton's opinion held the kickbacks amounted to an ordinary business expense "in the generally accepted meaning of that word."

"We voice no approval of the business ethics or public policy involved in these payments," Burton said but he added that the payments had not been made, doctors would have sent their patients to other opticians willing to make the kickbacks.

Noted Home Economist Is Dated For Grange



Miss Wilma Sledge, above, field home economist for the American Can Company and expert on food and food preparation, will appear before the Douglas County Pomona Grange at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Evergreen Grange Hall.

Miss Sledge will demonstrate preparation of meals and explain how canned foods help make America the best-fed nation. She will also show how Oregon's \$100,000,000 food canning and freezing industry benefits housewives.

During World War II Miss Sledge was appointed head dietitian of the U. S. Army Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco. She was also manager of a company restaurant in Oakland, Calif., and has had two years' work in training home economists for field demonstration work.

N. Pacific Crab Fishing Banned To Japanese

TOKYO (AP) — A government spokesman announced Friday Japanese crab fishing vessels will be banned from the North Pacific this year because of adverse American reaction.

Kosen Hirokawa, minister of agriculture and forestry, reported the action. Several Japanese companies had been competing for the right to fish the area, untouched by Nipponese since World War II.

Hirokawa said the government would not recompense any of the concerns for losses they suffered because of the change of plans.

Promotion, Broadcast Of Fights Under Fire

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal grand jury investigating boxing recommended Friday the filing of a civil anti-trust action to end restraint in the promotion and broadcasting of championship fights.

The jury, which began its investigation on Oct. 8, questioned about 30 witnesses, including World Middleweight Champion Sugar Ray Robinson.

Non-Battle Casualties Of U.S. In Korea Up

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. forces in Korea suffered 401,628 non-battle casualties since the start of the fighting to last Jan. 1, says Secretary of Defense Lovett.

Most of them—378,914—have returned to duty, he added.

The figures were provided Thursday to Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.), who had accused Lovett and the Pentagon of giving Congress "a complete runaround" on requests for such information.

Lovett said the figures included all military personnel excused from a simple headache to a major operation.

nical advisor for "The Sniper," a Columbia Pictures film marking one of the first efforts by Hollywood to deal with the problem on a sociological basis.

It tells the story of a perverted youth who kills several women with a carbine but who, before going berserk, tries vainly to bring his deteriorating mental condition to the attention of a young hospital interne, too busy to deal with him.

"Compulsory psychiatric examinations may show which offenders are potentially dangerous and need to be put away—and which can be put back on the right track," said Whalen.

"As it is now we have no real barometer to see what can be done with these people."

Scream, His Advice
His advice to women who are suddenly confronted by a violent sex criminal is this:

"Scream. A woman's best defense is a scream. As a rule, they are easily frightened off, and 99 times out of 100 they'll run. But don't fight back or try to hold on to a man like that to keep him from escaping. Rape or attempted rape carries a long prison term, and a man will kill to keep from that."

Service Clubs Highway Signs Will Remain

PORTLAND (AP) — Those service club signs on posts at the outskirts of most cities don't have to be torn down, the Oregon State Highway Commission decided Thursday. Last month the commission had said they would have to be removed.

The original action came when a church asked a permit for a sign and the commission decided it had to draw the line somewhere and ordered all signs removed within six months.

But Thursday R. H. Baldock, engineer, reported it all had been a mistake. The signs aren't on state right-of-way but are on city property and thus the state has no control over them.

Oregon College of Education won a round on its fight to get highway 99-W off the college campus at Monmouth. The commission ordered a relocation survey.

West Virginia was carved out of the state of Virginia and became a state in 1863 during the Civil War.

Official Laxity Charged To Head Of Health Dept.

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago's top health officer, Dr. Herman N. Bunden, was reported named Friday in a grand jury true bill accusing him of improper conduct in office.

The action against the president of the Chicago Board of Health and syndicated health columnist was reported taken by a grand jury investigating illegal sale of horse meat as beef for human consumption.

The reported true bill charged malfeasance and nonfeasance. Malfeasance is improper conduct in office; nonfeasance is failure of a public official to perform prescribed duties.

Reports that a true bill had been voted spread through the Criminal Courts Building after Edwin Spitz, assistant state's attorney assigned to grand jury work, was seen carrying into the jury room the book in which the secretary records true bills.

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