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BANQUET BLUES

Charles V. Stanton

No banquet it seems is complete without the presence of the mayor, an editor and a preacher.

We've never quite figured out why the mayor should always command the place of honor, except that the dignity of his office lends prestige. Presence of a minister, of course, is easily explained because of the necessity of having someone who can offer a public prayer without falling flat on his face. We have no illusions about invitations to editors. All organizations want a good press. Thus the editor must be invited so he will be under obligations.

We've attended so many banquets and dinner meetings during our years of newspaper work that simply receiving an invitation will cause our ulcers to start turning hand-springs and chinning themselves on our epiglottis.

Ulcers are an occupational hazard of the newspaper profession. Newspapermen are inclined to credit their gastric pets to the nerve-racking pace of their work. A more reasonable explanation, however, is found in the food devoured at the all-too-frequent luncheon, dinner and banquet meetings they are called upon to attend.

One of our friends recently commented that a master-of-ceremonies is the guy who tries to make people attending a banquet feel at home when they wished they were.

A Different Kind Of Banquet

We've attended so many of these sessions that we thought we had experienced all kinds and varieties. But it was our good luck this week to run into something new.

Of course, the reason for our attendance was the same. We are well aware that our fat face and acerb disposition grace no banquet table. We get invitations as a bribe to do a public relations job. So we accept the bribe along with the roast beef and instruct our reporters to pass the publicity blurb.

The Roseburg Chapter of the Society for Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America didn't invite us to its dinner meeting this week because of our good looks nor because we could contribute to the occasion. The Roseburg harmony peddlers want some free advertising through the columns of this newspaper for their Barber Shop Parade next April 24. And, of course, they'll get it.

But it wasn't necessary for the Barber Shoppers to invite us to their dinner to obtain a good press. That's one organization for which we have a soft spot in our hard heart, and they could have had their publicity without the cost of stuffing us with good food. But, for once, we had a really good time.

For one thing we didn't have to listen to a lot of long speeches. Our own corny jokes, following our introduction as a visitor, furnished the principal part of the speaking program.

Fine Musical Program Coming

Our jokes, we protest, were no more corny than those of Lyle Fenner, the master-of-ceremonies, nor those of "Chuck" Ricketts, chorus director. Bob Raines had his mind on his feet—inasmuch as he had a tap dance coming later on the program—while he went through the ritualistic welcoming address, and Paul Casey exhibited distress from overeating as he told preliminary details of the forthcoming Parade.

But the whole affair was one of those pleasant occasions where the men shed their coats, shouted across the room, played practical jokes and generally had a good time, while their wives joined in the fun without wifely admonitions, because the men had been careful to separate themselves from their wives at the table.

To top off the program, the emcee brought out each of the various quartet groups for special numbers, including the first appearance of a new Roseburg group, the "Tune By Fours," who show promise of going far in competition. Quartets were organized on the spot. We even had a chance to exercise our rusty, off-key bass with one drafted group. A "tag" affair was presented in which members of a starting quartet were tagged by singers who thought they could improve on the harmony—and no singer is ever bashful. Chorus singing wound up the delightful event. (We had to get in that word "delightful" to please the society editor.)

If all dinner meetings were like that, maybe we'd be more enthusiastic, even though our ulcers jump with joy.

Anyway—and here's the plug that pays for our meal ticket—no music lover will want to miss the program the Roseburg Chapter has scheduled next month. It promises, from all advance reports, to be the biggest and best in the area.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Sometimes a homely girl will say defensively:

"I wish I had the portrait of Whistler's mother tattooed on my forehead. That might make me more interesting to look at."

This attitude is wrong. Patricia Medina, a British actress, said the other day that homely men were more fun on dates than "the pretty boys." She found they had a better sense of humor, were more attentive, less conceited and put more effort in their wooing.

This, of course, is no news to us homely folks. We have known it ever since the first caveman grew a wart on his nose and then by sheer force of character, turned it into a social and business asset. A man with a wart on his nose is bound to be remembered—and being remembered is the biggest problem in getting ahead in this busy world.

What is true of a homely girl, she stands out from the crowd, and this gives her a chance to demonstrate what real talent she may have. Those who pause to laugh at her for the moment may remain to admire her through the years.

A beautiful bachelor girl once asked me, after looking around a roomful of guests at a party: "Why do so many successful men seem to have such homely wives?"

The only tactful reply I could think of was:

"Most successful men are probably near-sighted."

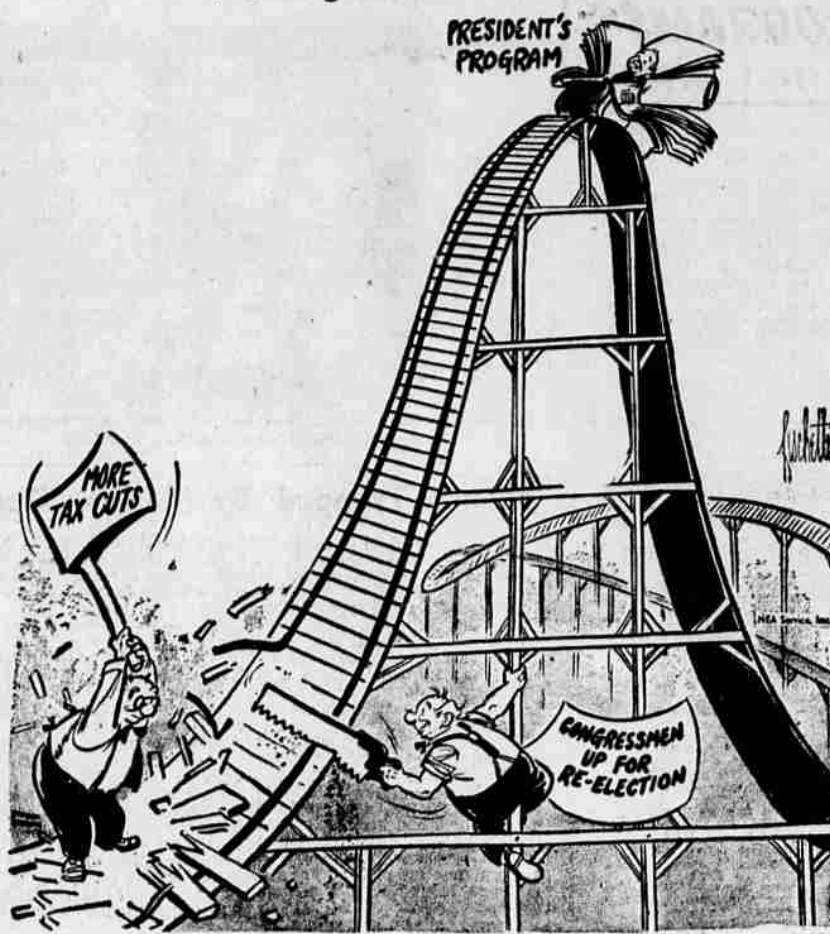
But I doubt if she heard me. She was studying herself in a wall mirror.

That is the trouble with so many lovely ladies. Being beautiful is a career with them. But no girl makes a full time job of being homely. A homely girl has time to listen to a man tell his dreams, time to help him achieve his dreams, and that is probably why men who are successful so often do have charming wives.

A woman who has a face she finds herself unable honestly to fall in love with must, if she is normal, express her human love in other ways and other lives—and she generally gets a richer reward, a bigger payoff, in the end.

She will also probably find that

Working on 'Ike's' Railroad



Bruce Bioassat

It is sometimes interesting to examine all the facts, instead of just part of them.

When Senator McCarthy was inquiring into the background of Reed Harris, former Voice of America official, he established that Harris had once been defended by an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer. He then asked Harris if he knew the ACLU had been "listed as subversive."

He did not say by whom.

It turns out the senator did not mean listed by the U.S. attorney general, the FBI, or the House Un-American Activities Committee. He meant listed by the California Senate committee headed by Jack B. Tenney.

Tenney ran in 1952 for U. S. vice president on the Christian Nationalist ticket. The party's candidate for President, Gerald L. K. Smith, notorious organizer of anti-Semitic and other "hate" groups in the United States.

Tenney's Republican colleagues recently passed judgment on his record when a GOP central committee in Los Angeles turned him down, 10 to 1, as a candidate for re-election to the California senate.

Neither the FBI, the attorney general's office or the House Un-American Activities Committee has ever placed any faith in the findings of Tenney's committee.

Tax Shears Are Sharp In Election Year

It has been evident for some months that many members of Congress favor more tax cuts this year than the administration thinks wise. House approval of the Reed bill covering a wide assortment of excise levies gives concrete expression to this sentiment.

Under this measure, tax rates on a number of items, including telephone calls, transportation, luggage, jewelry, theater admissions, would be cut across the board to a flat 10 percent. These now range from 15 to 25 percent.

The estimated revenue loss to the U.S. Treasury is \$912 million. Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey says the government cannot afford the loss, that it will put farther and farther into the future the day of the balanced budget and a truly sound government economy.

But the lawmakers, worried over a falling line on the business chart and facing a tough election

year, are ducking face, that saddened her as a girl, will mature, as she does, into something better. Time is the enemy of the merely beautiful; it is the friend of the homely. Homely faces weather the ruinous years better than beautiful faces, unless they be carved in cameo.

The older a homely woman grows the less reason she has to fear her mirror. But to a once beautiful woman a mirror is a tragic reproach. All the arts of the drugstore and the beauty salon cannot restore the image it once held. And since the mirror has been her life, what has she left?

A homely girl today has one more consolation in her four hours. People are living longer now. This makes physical beauty less important in a lifetime. It is of real significance to a woman from the age of 15 to perhaps 45 at most, less than half the years she lives.

At any age a homely woman who has learned how to be attractive has an edge over a woman who has beauty and nothing else. Her advantage grows with the years.

After 45 a woman who has depended on beauty alone to carry her through life could tattoo the Star Spangled Banner on her forehead—and still fail to make men snap to attention.

As Cleopatra, reportedly a homely girl herself, probably would put it:

"It ain't how a gal looks that's important—it's who she can get to look after her."

are in no mood right now to fret about whether the budget is balanced in 1955 or 1956 or later. They want to show the voters something tangible, something that directly affects the pocketbook.

Humphrey believes it would be wiser to extend excise tax relief only in hardship cases or in places where it can be reasonably shown that business would thereby be prodded. Yet this argument, like his others on this issue, seems unlikely to prevail.

A much graver threat to the administration's fiscal program is the proposal to raise income tax exemptions from \$600 to \$700 per person. Here again, the political appeal is powerful, especially in the light of contentions by some that this kind of tax relief would give the slightly sagging economy a big shot in the arm.

Humphrey estimates that for every \$100 increase in exemptions per person, the Treasury would lose approximately \$2.3 billion, on top of other losses in prospect from the excise bill and those suffered from the Jan. 1 tax cuts.

The administration obviously has a stiff battle ahead to put over its own more conservative fiscal policies. An upturn in business would boost its chances for success, but otherwise the outlook would appear to favor the tax-cutters.

Dentist Serving As Army Private Is Given Release

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—The Army has released a Marysville, Wash., dentist, who objected to serving as a private after being inducted under the doctors' draft law.

The Appellate Court here said the Army took that course in the case of Dr. Herbert L. Nelson rather than appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Appellate Court had ruled previously in his favor.

The Appellate Court's decision said Nelson had been denied an officer's rank, which doctors and dentists receive under the draft law, "because of former affiliation with the Communist Party and the Young Communist League and because of membership in the International Workers' Order, listed by the attorney general as a subversive organization."

The Appellate Court had held, in reversing a lower court, that Nelson was a qualified dentist and under the doctor's draft law was entitled to an officer's rank and pay. Later, the court ordered him released from the Army pending the appeal to the Supreme Court.

Maj. Gen. H. L. Peckham, P. Lee commander, now has petitioned the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit to let the judgment stand because Dr. Nelson has been released.

Deputy court clerk Richard M. F. Williams said the U.S. solicitor general had decided against appealing.

In the original decision in the case, the Alexandria District Court held that the Army was right in refusing Nelson a commission, on the basis of the alleged former Communist group affiliations, but wrong in keeping him in the Army as a private.

David Douglas' Name Given To New School

PORTLAND (AP)—The name of David Douglas, early 19th century Northwest explorer and botanist and discoverer of the fir tree which bears his name, has been chosen for a new union high school to be opened about two miles east of here this fall.

Supt. Floyd Light, who made the announcement, also said Wednesday the principal will be Howard Horner, who has held the same position the past eight years at Estacada High School.

The school is expected to have about 650 freshmen and sophomores when it opens. In 1956 it will become a four-year institution.

In The Day's News

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25 cents to the federal government and about 75 cents to the local tax collectors.

The ratio is now reversed. It's 75-25—with the 75 cents going to the kindly (but spendthrift) old gentleman with the whiskers and the 25 cents to local government from the state down.

It isn't all due, of course, to the spendthrift habits acquired in the past couple of decades by the old gentleman in the striped pants with the straps going under his steps to keep his breeches from creeping up around the calves of his legs.

We've been fighting wars—and wars are costly. For example: the nearly 695 millions Oregon people will pay in taxes as their share of the 1954 budget, 407 millions will go for military purposes. Wars tear down nations, and we now consider it our American duty to build them up again. Foreign aid will cost us Oregonians 41 millions this year. War veterans' veterans will cost us another 41 millions. Atomic energy (including atom bombs) will cost us still another 2 1/2 millions.

Here's an interesting one: As you may have heard, the old gentleman we've been talking about has run up quite a debt in his spendthrift years. Oregon's 1954 share of the INTEREST on this debt is \$64,680,000. That is \$40.38 for each Oregonian, or \$162.32 for the breadwinner of an Oregon family of four.

It all counts up, you see.

What I really want to point out is that in the mellow years of the past we came to look upon money spent by Uncle Sam in our state as manna drifting gently down from heaven and as such to be gratefully received by us as a gift.

In those halcyon days, we bore down hard on our senators and representatives to dig into THE PORK BARREL. Anything they might drag out of it for us we regarded as lagniappe. If they didn't drag out ENOUGH, we were apt to retire them in favor of more efficient pork barrel diggers.

Times are changing. Each year, when we are skinned on March 15 and our hides are hung on the fence to dry, the thought breaks upon us a little more thunderingly that maybe WE put something INTO THE KITTY as well as taking something out of it. The figures I've quoted here tend to confirm that suspicion.

You know, instead of urging our senators and representatives to reach into the grab bag as often, and as deeply as possible, it might be a good idea to suggest to them that the less our old uncle spends the less we'll have taken out of our hides each year in federal taxes.

You might turn that thought over in your mind.

Police Break Up Wild Drinking Party At Delake

DELAKE (AP)—Police arrested eight boys and eight girls, ranging in age from 14 to 17, in a raid on a drinking party in the Roads Inn area here late Wednesday night.

The boys, found guilty Thursday of being minors in possession of alcoholic beverages, each received a fine of \$25 and a 30-day jail sentence.

Justice of Peace J. E. Hammack, who imposed the penalties, and Al McMullen, assistant district attorney, gave stern lectures about drinking as the 16 teenagers and their parents listened in the courtroom. The girls were not charged.

State and town police and state liquor enforcement agencies made the raid. They said those in the party had been drinking whisky, obtained in Portland, and beer. Seven Portland boys, four Portland girls, one Delake boy and four Delake girls were arrested.

Peery Medicals

The religion of Dr. John McLoughlin has been the subject of considerable dispute among early Oregonians. The records of the Catholic church show definitely that he was baptized in the Catholic Church as an infant. But during most of his adult life, up to the time of the arrival of the Catholic missionaries at Vancouver, he had been under the influence of the Anglican church, insofar as his superiors were concerned.

Prince Criticized For Flight In Jet

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, under criticism in his homeland for his flight in jets, said Thursday he was "shocked and grieved" to learn the test pilot who flew him through the sonic barrier had been killed in a crash.

The prince, apparently irked by criticism in the Dutch press, had asserted there was little danger in flying faster than sound. The crash which killed the test pilot came a few hours after his comment.

Bernhard noted, however, that test pilot Joseph A. Lynch Jr., 33, La Canada, Calif., was reported "doing a slow roll close to the ground" when the TF86 Sabre jet crashed near Las Vegas, Nev., Wednesday.

When I flew with him we did a few aerobatics only at a very high altitude," said the prince, who only last Saturday rode with Lynch in the same plane at super-sonic speeds.

He was one of the finest pilots I have ever flown with. It is indeed regrettable that this fine young man, whom we all admired, had to meet such an untimely death.

Lynch was a veteran of five years' aircraft testing for North American and of 43 missions as a fighter pilot in the Pacific during World War II.

Russians Deny Delaying Tactics

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union has announced its agreement with Western proposals to hold the April 26 Geneva conference on Far Eastern questions in the Palace of Nations and says Communist China, invited to sit in with the Big Four, also approves.

Publishing the Soviet announcement Thursday, its official Communist P. T. Y. newspaper Pravda accused U. S. Secretary of State Dulles of reaching "groundless conclusions" when he accused Russia and Red China last Tuesday of delaying tactics which might put off the conference.

The Big Four foreign ministers agreed during their recent Berlin talks to sit down with the Peiping Communist regime in the Swiss capital to discuss a Korean peace treaty and a possible end to the war in Indochina. The Palace of Nations where the talks will be held is the old League of Nations building, now used by the United Nations.

The long delay in replying to suggestions by U. S. Ambassador to Moscow Charles E. Bohlen on "housekeeping" arrangements for the talks led Dulles to tell a news conference in Washington that the Geneva meeting might have to be put off because of what he called Soviet and Chinese delaying tactics.

Scotland Yard Probing Threats

LONDON (AP)—Scotland Yard said Thursday it is investigating a series of anonymous letters threatening to kill Queen Elizabeth II if she sets foot on Gibraltar.

A police spokesman said the inquiry has not yet determined whether the letters are from a crank or from a real desperado. Taking no chances, the Yard tightened security arrangements for the scheduled visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Gibraltar May 10 as part of their world tour.

The letters, about 12 in all, were written in red ink and signed "Falange Espanola"—apparently intended to mean the Spanish Fascist organization. They were posted in London in the past six days to a number of parliament members, including former Labor Prime Minister Clement Attlee, and at least two London newspapers.

Spain has protested against the Queen's visit to Gibraltar, claiming the rocky outpost guarding the entry to the Mediterranean is rightfully Spanish.

Pope Appears In Public First Time Since Illness

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius XII appeared in public Friday for the first time since he became gravely ill two months ago.

From the window of his Vatican apartment he blessed more than 50,000 persons cheering him from St. Peter's Square.

The crowd was composed mostly of Italian Alpine veterans, here for their annual convention. Exactly as the 18-ton master bell of St. Peter's Basilica boomed the 12th stroke of the noon hour the 10th floor window of the papal apartment opened and the white-clad, 78-year-old pontiff appeared in the window.

A great shout went up from the throng, swelled by nuns and priests including a group from the North American Pontifical College.

Prince Onaga Hoax Revealed

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—"Prince Onaga of the Watusi in the Belgian Congo"—star of a five-year song-and-dance hoax and of television shows and a movie—turns out to be plain Fred Williams of East St. Louis.

But Fred—against whom no charges were filed—refuses to abdicate.

"I think a black face should be somebody," the middle-aged son of a laborer said today. Besides, before he and his wife donned their regal robes, they often were hungry. Then he discovered it's so much easier for a royal dance team to find work than for two ordinary dancers, home towns East St. Louis and Los Angeles. His wife is the former Margaret Cabelle of Los Angeles.

He insisted he still be called prince. And his chief worry was: What will happen at the box office at Marines Memorial Auditorium here April 5. On that date he and his wife were scheduled for a recital of African folk songs and dances.

Fred needn't have worried; that appearance was canceled.

Radioactive Wastes Buried Deep As Sea

SEATTLE (AP)—The radiological engineer at the Hanford atom plant, James M. Smith, said Friday the plant disposes of some of its radioactive wastes by burying them at sea encased in concrete.

Smith told the Industrial Waste Conference the sea burial method was used for solid radioactive waste and that gas or liquid waste generally was diluted and dispersed.

Smith said Hanford engineers constantly check the waters of the Columbia River after the water is used in the atomic cooling processes.



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