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IT'S ALL IN THE MIND

By Charles V. Stanton

An editorial writer for the *Register-Guard*, Eugene, has performed for me a great service. He has relieved my great anxiety. Before I read one of his late columns I was very disturbed. Now I can relax.

Until a few months ago I was privately convinced that I had at least an average mind. I would have told myself that my I.Q., while nothing to brag about, would rate somewhat above that of moron.

More recently, however, I was beginning to have doubts. The trouble stemmed from radio and television programs. Every time I turned on the radio or TV receiver I ran into one of those datted quiz programs.

The candidate might be a 10-year old boy. "Identify the pterodactyl process of sphenoid of the pterodactyl," intones the master of ceremonies, whereupon the youngster rattles off the answers while I still wonder what is a pterodactyl — fruit or flower?

Then a charming young blonde who, at 23 years of age, has distinguished herself as a doctor of philosophy in ten languages, steps forward and, in reply to the question, "How many gallons of water in the Atlantic Ocean?" not only comes up with the correct gallonage, but tells how long it would take to pump the ocean dry with an ordinary bilge pump.

And there I sit!

Ignorance Depressing

Listening to quiz programs, I have the greatest sympathy for that character who, confronted with a microphone, can't remember his own name.

But that's the way it goes, night after night. Men, women and children stand up in public and answer complex questions on subjects I never heard of.

It gets to the point that I begin to believe the diplomas I have to show for my meager education wouldn't be accepted as entrance credits into a school for the mentally retarded. It's very depressing.

But, says the Eugene editor, the "quiz mind" is not necessarily the best mind.

"People with even better minds might do poorly on such a program. And people who have done well on quiz programs often turn out to be otherwise undistinguished."

Phew! Isn't that a relief?

The Eugene writer was commenting on an article which appeared in *New York Times Magazine*. I didn't see that article, but how comforting it must have been!

If you too have been suffering from an inferiority complex induced by the mental brilliance displayed in these myriads of quiz programs, perhaps you will also be interested in some of the observations made in the *Register-Guard*:

The ability to dredge up simple facts, learned long ago, is not an indication of superior mental ability. Rather it is an indication (downright proof, we'd say) of superior memory.

How Do You Remember Names?

Most of us, as children, rode bicycles. Too few of us ride them today. Yet we know that if we'd hop on a bike this afternoon, we'd have no trouble keeping our balance. That's memory. That's the skill we learned and a skill we'll never forget as long as we live.

Things "come back" to all of us. Visit a city where you once lived. You'll be surprised how quickly things "come back," the names of streets, the bus routes, the locations of stores, things you hadn't thought of in years. Take a refresher course in a foreign language and note the same things. Is it not possible that "things come back" to Mr. Van Doren and Mrs. Nearing faster?

What I want to know is, do they have some way we can learn to think of the name of that guy who just spoke as we walked down the street; that name we're doing our darnedest to recall, and can't?

The Eugene writer says the article in the *Times* referred to these quiz whizzes as "greyhounds on the track." The rest of us, he said, are "just plain hound-dogs, lounging on the hearth."

That's me! Nothin' But a Houn' Dog!

40 Per Cent Enrollment Increase For Schools Is Predicted By Fall Of 1961

Roseburg public schools can expect a 40 per cent increase in enrollment by the fall of 1961.

This prediction is shown in an enrollment forecast report prepared by Supt. of Schools M. C. (Mike) Deller who states that the district can expect this year's enrollment of 5,333 to rise to 7,779 in five years.

Translating this increased enrollment into classroom needs a total of 75 classrooms will be needed by 1960, 21 in the secondary schools and 54 in the elementary system.

The forecast is based on such factors as birth rates in the local area, the ratio of births to membership in the first grade six years later and "survival" rates from year to year. By determining a survival rate, future school membership can be projected into coming years.

Supt. Deller states the validity of his study is dependent on several assumptions.

These are, he says, the number of "drop outs" continuing at the same percentage, no changes in the 12-year system such as an addition of kindergarten or junior college, no supplanting of teachers by use of teachers' aides causing larger classes and no changes in the present school attendance law.

Also, Deller states, his study is based on the assumption that physical education and health classes or any other curricula will not be legislated, that the ninth grade will be returned to a junior high school status eventually, that the business cycle continue without severe depressions or booms and that the education program remains the same.

At the present time the elementary schools have an "overload" of 402 students, Deller points out in his report. This means that 16 additional classrooms are needed by the district figuring a teacher-pupil ratio of 25 students per class.

By 1961 this situation will show an overload of 1,372 students in the elementary schools with present facilities. This reflects a need of 54 new elementary school classrooms.

The secondary schools, Roseburg High School and Central and Joseph Lane Junior High Schools, are presently operating with no shortage of classrooms, Deller states. This situation will continue until September, 1958, when a classroom shortage will appear.

Overload Coming
By 1961 the secondary schools will have an overload of 879 students creating a need for 21 classrooms at the secondary ratio of 32 students to one teacher.

The secondary situation is complicated by the ninth grade in its present location as part of the high school, Deller says. He points out that placing the ninth grade in the high school was an "expedient" decided on in 1949 when the junior high began hurting for space.

When the senior high school's capacity of 1,440 students is reached, Deller points out, several alternate solutions are available.

One of these would be construction of a new junior high school and place excess ninth graders in the new school, until the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades expand to occupy the senior high school's capacity.

Filed and Forgotten



Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — Curbstone comments of a pavement

Plato: There was a time when the American dream called for a bathroom in every home, an electric light in every room, a car in every garage and a chicken in every pot.

This was the goal of prosperity, and the hope was that it all could be won by working a 5-day, 40-hour week.

How old-fashioned that dream seems now! The present dream is one of multiple plenty. A family is falling behind the Joneses if it doesn't have at least two of everything—and maybe three.

The goal now is two telephones and two television sets in every home, a bathroom for every bedroom, a radio and at least two floor lamps for every room, and at least two cars for every garage. All this is supposed to be achieved now on a 5-day, 35-hour week.

The kitchen that once contained a single gas stove and an electric range now overflows with an electric stove, an electric oven, a broiler and a refrigerator as big as a closet (the deep freeze is so big it has to be in the basement).

Once the American home was kept clean with a dustmop and a broom. Today it has a dustmop, a broom, a carpet sweeper, and a vacuum cleaner with 37 different kinds of attachments.

Remember the first pioneer in your neighborhood who bought a room air-conditioner? Now it isn't enough to air-condition even the entire house. At least one of the family cars should be air-conditioned, too.

Where will it all end? Why, we aren't even halfway to happiness yet! In the last campaign Vice President Richard Nixon foresaw a day when Americans might work only a 4-day week.

When this day arrives and the nation's long-range, high-speed highway network is completed, other crystal ball gazers foresee the rise of the two-home family—

which will shuttle between its dwelling in the city and its weekend refuge in the country. Each family home—the one in the city, the one in the country—will, of course, need a broom, a dustmop, a carpet sweeper, a vacuum cleaner, two telephones, two television sets, a radio and a bathroom for every bedroom, three kinds of stoves, a refrigerator, a deep freeze, air-conditioners, and a garage that will hold two or three cars.

This automatically will double the present prosperity, as new automatic factories stamp out fresh millions of the material gadgets that spell out America's high standard of living.

But prosperity always has a price tag on it.

One price of the existing prosperity may be reflected in the fact that one out of every two hospital beds in the country is occupied by a mental patient, and one out of every 12 children born today will suffer a mental ailment.

The sale of aspirin has risen steadily with the rise in living standards, and some wag has figured out that for every \$40 earned in the United States somebody gets a headache.

The price of prosperity—worry—is also shown by the widespread increase of the number of people who are unable to slumber without taking a sleep capsule, and who can't face the duties of the day unless they gulp "happy pills" as if they were peanuts.

Half the people in America who are sick now are sick because they haven't been able to find contentment while surrounded by more creature comforts than any other people in history.

The one-home family now can get by with a single family doctor. If the hypertension, ulcer and heart attack problems are doubled in the one-home family home, the two-home family home probably will require at least two doctors.

Such being the case, if we are to go on madly trying to eat higher and higher on the hog, perhaps the educational goal should be fewer kindergartens

In The Day's News

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budget, it is becoming reasonably apparent that too much spending isn't popular among the VOTERS.

This is the moral: If spending is to be cut, the VOTERS will bring it about. Whenever it becomes apparent that excessive spending of the taxpayers' money LOSES votes instead of WINNING VOTES there will be economy in government again. But not before then.

Interesting little tale: Popular Science magazine predicts that glib-tongued home-repair swindlers will bilk Americans out of half a BILLION dollars this year.

Hmmmmmm! Let's put it the other way around:

AMERICANS THIS YEAR WILL PERMIT THEMSELVES TO BE BILKED OUT OF A HALF BILLION DOLLARS BY SMOOTH-TONGUED SLICKERS.

How?

It will all be quite simple. These smoothies will harp on SOMETHING FOR NOTHING. They will make it appear that their prospects can get rich quick with very little effort. All that will be necessary will be to bite on the bait the smoothies are offering.

There will be a catch to it, of course.

The catch is that there is NO SUCH THING as something for nothing.

Bill Would Permit Kill Of Deer Harming Crops

SALEM — The House passed and sent to the Senate Thursday a bill that would let the state Game Commission declare open emergency seasons on deer that threaten severe losses to crop lands.

Special deer hunting permits would be limited to 75, and would be available to hunters anywhere in the state. The House Game Committee earlier had eliminated a provision that permit holders would be restricted to residents of the county where the emergency existed.

Rep. Joe Rogers (D), Independence dairy farmer, objected to the bill, asserting that concentration of hunters in a small area sometimes resulted in more crop damage by the hunters than the deer.

Governor And Gill Compose Differences

SALEM — Sen. Warren Gill (R), Lebanon, and the governor's office composed their differences Wednesday over legislation to provide suspension of district attorneys under indictment.

Gill, who criticized the governor Monday for not knowing that a bill to take care of such a situation had been introduced by the Lebanon senator early in the session, said he would work with the governor's office on the problem.

Gill said he had asked Orval Thompson, the governor's legal advisor, to ask the governor's permission to have Thompson's assistance.

State Near Goal In Production Of Young Fish

PORTLAND — The state, which expects to produce more than 12 million fish at its hatcheries this year, is well on the way to meeting its goal, the state Game Commission reported Thursday.

The Oak Springs hatchery near Maupin and Roaring River near Seio have produced almost 5 million fall rainbow eggs. Many of these will go to other hatcheries for rearing.

The Bandon, Alsea and Cedar Creek hatcheries have produced 1,100,000 silver salmon eggs and 502,000 coastal cutthroat. The McKenzie hatchery has produced a million rainbow eggs. Another 1,600,000 rainbow eggs were produced at the Willamette hatchery. The take there is expected to go about two million. At Leaburg the eggs totaled 2,935,000.

The Fall River plant near Bend produced two million eastern brook trout eggs. Wizard Falls is producing 150,000 brown trout, 24,000 kokanee and 29,000 lake trout. In addition 300,000 brown trout eggs were shipped in from out of the state.

Another 200,000 lake trout eggs were shipped in from Washington to Wallawa and Klamath hatcheries.

Polar Continent Now Has Chiefly Scientific Value

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — The U.S. antarctic task force commander Tuesday said the south polar continent so far seems to have chiefly scientific value, not strategic or economic.

Rear Adm. George Dufek, whose Operation Deep Freeze forces have just returned from establishing American scientific teams on Antarctica for the International Geophysical Year (IGY), said the ice continent's strategic value in a future war probably would be confined to weather stations.

He added that even those would take a tremendous effort to build and maintain, and that similar construction of military bases seemed most unlikely.

Economically, Dufek said, the antarctic seemed to offer little except whaling although many mineral samples had been found. He speculated that the finding of rich veins of uranium might furnish a source of power for antarctic scientific stations.

"But you cannot write it off," the admiral added. "After all it is six million square miles, bigger than the United States and Europe combined."

Angry Crowd Stones Car Of Integrationist

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A white man who has publicly advocated integration of the races was threatened and his car stoned by an angry crowd of white persons at Birmingham's Terminal Station Wednesday.

Lamar Weaver, a steelworker, had gone to the station to see a Negro minister and his wife off on a trip. He later was fined in Traffic Court on a charge of reckless driving, resulting from his efforts to flee the angry crowd.

Weaver sat in the Negro couple in a white waiting room until a large crowd of white persons assembled. Police ordered Weaver and others having no business in the station to leave.

The Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth and his wife left Birmingham by train for Atlanta. Shuttlesworth previously had said he intended to sit in the station's white waiting room.

Contrary to an Interstate Commerce Commission ruling banning separate waiting rooms for white persons and Negroes, two separate waiting rooms are maintained at the Terminal Station.

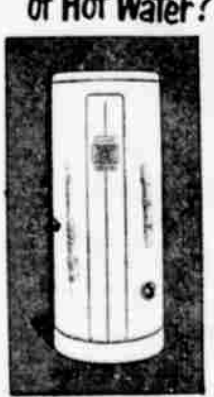
One is designated "for white and interstate passengers," and Negroes have been barred from it in the past. The other is maintained for use of Negro passengers.

The Shuttlesworths were in the waiting room for about 1½ hours, under a heavy police guard. Weaver was followed by more than a score of shouting white men, most of them cursing him, when he left the station.

He reached his car unharmed and prepared to drive away when some of the crowd rocked it back and forth, apparently attempting to overturn it. The car was stoned; some of its windows were broken.

Weaver backed into a parked car and drove through a red traffic light leaving the scene. He drove to police headquarters and asked for an immediate trial, explaining he planned to leave Birmingham.

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