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TRIUMPH OF A NECKTIE

By GEORGE CASTILLO

It hangs there in the closet casting the same uncomfortable kind of a shadow as a hangman's noose.

The stripes seemed to form a leer. It is another night for taking the wife out to dinner, and as every well-dressed man knows, it means wearing a necktie.

Down through history man has worked diligently on articles of torture. He developed the rack, the "boot" and other subtle forms. At the same time, he designed articles of clothing with the discomfort of the wearer in mind.

For women it has been such things as the binding corset which demanded a man and a boy to tighten. For men, it was first the high collar and now the necktie.

The tie is an appendage with little reason except torture and general discomfort.

Take a typical evening. After hurdling the psychological barrier of picking out the right color and style and struggling to tie the correctly smooth knot, you're ready to go.

But wait—your wife discovers a soup spot. "You can't wear that," she says. So, you're face to face with the psychological barrier again. You take the easy way out and ask her to pick one.

Grating Starts

Now you're on your way.

You go to dinner and your wife sits on one side and a friend on the other. Your wife says something and you look at her. Your neck grates along the starched collar. This brings the friend into the conversation. Your head swivels to him. Again the grating neck.

The conversation bounces back and forth past you. A twist of the head is necessary to devote proper attention to each sally. By now the friction has worn your neck to the consistency of raw steak.

You begin tugging at your collar to ease the chafing, but it only helps momentarily.

Then as you release it, the necktie seems to grow tighter around your neck. You begin to picture in your mind the discomfort the horse thief must have felt as the vigilantes slapped his horse from under him and the noose tightened. You feel your tongue swelling and breath coming in gasps.

You reach for a glass of water because you're feeling faint. It helps, and you manage to finish your meal.

You begin to smile happily as you drive home because you have unobtrusively loosened the tie, and you know you can soon divest it. Your wife insists you keep it on because you still have to pay the baby sitter and "I don't want you looking like a bum."

Enter 'Tarzan'

You arrive home and the youngsters hear you and insist on getting up to say "good night" to the baby sitter. With this ritual out of the way, the next is to bid you good-night. As you kiss one, the other takes a firm grasp and swings happily, like Tarzan, from your necktie—with all the suitable sound effects.

At this point, neighbors drop in for a late-evening cup of coffee. As the children are hustled back to bed, you serve the coffee and sit down to discuss the events of the day with the neighbors.

After a particularly enthusiastic report on the latest sighting of Sputnik or Junior's fight with Johnny, you reach for your coffee.

Floating limply in the cup, it's design still leering at you, is the end of your necktie.

—Peter Edson—

WASHINGTON (NEA)—One great paradox of American life today is that nearly five million people are receiving public assistance from state and federal governments. The total cost to the taxpayers is around three billion dollars a year.

This public expenditure for the relief of poverty is made in spite of the fact that there is now record prosperity. There are 67 million people employed and another 67 million are drawing Old Age and Survivors Insurance under Social Security.

Over 2.6 million of the people now "on relief" are getting what's known as Old Age Assistance (OAA). Their average age is 75. Their problem is created by the fact that more people are living longer.

WHEN THE SOCIAL SECURITY system was set up 20 years ago, it covered only industrial workers. Farmers, the self-employed and other groups weren't covered until Congress passed amendments to the Social Security Act in 1954.

Older workers in these groups, previously uncovered, now have to depend on public assistance if they've no other income.

Government Old Age and Survivors Insurance payments—OASI—are based on past employment and earnings. People paid low wages get low benefits when they retire.

These OASI payments may not be enough to keep them alive. To make up the difference they go on OAA. There are nearly 600,000 people now on these rolls, getting supplementary public assistance. Public Assistance, or PA, is based on the need of the individual. OASI payments are not based on need.

The poorer the state, the heavier its PA case load. ADC—Aid to Dependent Children—accounts for 600,000 more cases on the public assistance rolls. This aid is given for children under 18, living with a close relative who is in need.

The ADC case load has been changing recently due to OASI amendments. Now, when an insured worker dies, the surviving spouse gets immediate, additional aid for dependent children. There

are 713,000 of these cases last year.

AID TO THE BLIND—AB—accounts for another 105,000 of the people receiving public assistance today.

Aid for the Permanently and Totally Disabled—APTDD—accounts for 244,000 more.

If a working parent is disabled, private family resources may be exhausted rapidly and public assistance becomes necessary.

"Aw, C'Mon' Fellows—Smile"



Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't read his mail.

That gentlemen may prefer blondes, but the ladies themselves don't. In a world survey Willard Gilwitz, president of Helene Curtis Co., found that chestnut brown is the most popular hair shade... and nine out of ten women who dye their tresses, dye them brown.

That the shock from an electric eel is strong enough to fell a horse. That a doctor recently suggested people with head colds wear a red ribbon on their sleeves to warn others away...but we've always been warned by their red noses!

That comedian George De Witt, defending his profession, said, "It is the salt that gives savor to the cold mutton of life."

That Benjamin Franklin conceived the idea and established the first permanent subscription library, mother of all the circulating libraries in America.

Odd 'Dish'

That the oddest dish ever served at Maxim's, famous Parisian restaurant, was a nude girl covered with pink sauce on a silver salver. Naturally the order was placed by an American.

That Grace Downs, model school dean, took her young niece to her first movie...When Grace asked her later how she liked it, the child replied, "It's okay, but there's no time to run out to the kitchen for a cookie."

That the tilt of the Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy has increased a quarter of an inch in the last 15 years.

That one of the biggest selling fruits in America is the coffee bean, which the chances are, you probably didn't know is actually a cherry.

That the longest word you can type out on the top line of letters on a standard typewriter is "typewriter."

That it was Friedrich Karl Otto

Dibelius who observed, "power is like sea water. The more one drinks of it, the thirstier one gets."

That of the 1,886 colleges and universities in the United States, 744 are controlled by religious groups. Protestant groups maintain 474, Roman Catholics 265 and Jewish organizations five.

15 Brooklyns That there are 15 cities and towns named Brooklyn in this country...but the one across the East River here is the only one that has 27 macaroni factories.

That the most famous heavy lady in America has never gone on a diet...she's the Statue of Liberty, weight 225 tons.

That handleader Sammy Kaye says, "When a woman insists that man treat her with consideration, she generally means a cash one."

That the National Safety Council lists the leading cause of death among infants under one year as "immaturity"... Motor vehicles are the top cause of accidental death up to 65... after 65 it is falls.

That it was Sir William Osler who observed, "The desire to take medicine is perhaps the greatest feature which distinguishes man from the animals."

In The Day's News (Continued From Page One) women over 35 if they want to avert a threatened manpower shortage. He told an audience at Harriman, New York, the other day that by 1965 the national economy will demand TEN MILLION additional workers.

He said HALF of these will be women.

And—In Portland, the city council has just voted unanimously to hire 15 women to patrol its downtown parking meters, write out parking tickets and act as official advisers to tourists.

The unanimous vote followed an attempt by some groups to block the program in favor of handicapped persons and disabled veterans. But the city council agreed, on the basis of experience in other cities, that ONLY WITH WOMEN could an effective program be evolved.

In many other areas, the Portland councilmen pointed out, "meter maids" have kept overtime parking down to a minimum and have freed male police officers for "more manly work."

It has been a man's world up to now—or so they tell us. But times are changing.

More new stuff: A scientist—Reuben Gustavson, president of the National Water Resources Council—calls for a new research program aimed at tapping the vast water resources of the earth's atmosphere.

He tells the council's annual meeting in Washington that the atmosphere contains SIX TIMES the amount of water found on the earth.

Page Southern California. Maybe, if all this comes to pass, they won't need our water from up here in the north. All that will be needed is to learn how to squeeze the water out of the air.

P.S.: At the right times—And at the right places. Too much water at the wrong place and the wrong time is often as bad as no water at all.

NURSE ON PROBATION ASTORIA — Mary Ruth Hoffman, a nurse who abandoned her newborn child Oct. 15 in a Catholic Church here, was placed on probation for five years.

She pleaded guilty to a charge of contributing to the dependency of a minor.

Reader Opinions

Symphony Orchestra Dates Three Concerts

To the good citizens of Douglas County:

A good deal has been written about a "world adrift" because the period in which we live is without standards.

Our homes, schools, and churches must establish new standards by bringing all people up in the company of the best in art, music, literature, morals, or anything else that will make it possible to reject that which is inferior and to know the difference between good and bad. It is useless to indulge in fruitless criticism. All persons have a personality to develop and the power to live it or well.

Roseburg and its adjoining towns have done a great deal in the past for the culture of Douglas County through its school choirs and bands, the Community Concerts, and the Roseburg Symphony Orchestra.

Again, our Symphony Orchestra is making an appeal for your support of its three concerts—fall concert, Nov. 17; winter concert, Feb. 27; and spring concert, May 1. All concerts take place at the Central Junior High, Roseburg, at 8 p.m. Charles L. Steele, who so ably conducted the Symphony last year, is with us again.

Our Nov. 17 concert consists of the following: Most Happy Fella by Frank Loesser; Symphony No. 5 in B-Flat Major, Franz Schubert; Little Red School House, William Grant Still, and South Pacific by Rogers and Hammerstein. Jen Carlson, Publicity Chairman, Roseburg Symphony Orchestra.

Wool Contest Chairman Grateful For Publicity

Many thanks to your staff and paper for the fine publicity and news coverage that you gave the "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest which ended last week.

Due in great part to your publicity, the number of entries in the contest was more than double that of last year's contest.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Charles McCord

November Bazaar Set By Lutheran Ladies

St. Paul's Lutheran Ladies Aid will hold its annual bazaar Nov. 7 at the parish house, it was announced recently.

The Ladies group was reminded to renew its membership in the Good Shepherd Home in Anaheim, Calif. Mrs. Vernon Teater reported on the LWML rally at Cottage Grove recently. Mrs. Rice reported on her visit to Concordia College in Portland on "Concordia Day."

Mrs. Lewis Wilson's Sunday school class donated its birthday bank to the choir robe fund. Mrs. Charles McCullum showed movies and told of her life while living in the Panama Canal Zone. She gave a talk on "The Black Christ" of Porto Bella and showed items from Colon.

It was voted to furnish and serve food for the Emerald Zone youth rally.

Glendale Church Men Give Morning Service

The Glendale chapter of Presbyterian Men had charge of the morning service at the Glendale Presbyterian Church last Sunday.

Those participating in the service were Bill Wunsch and Carl Koehler, who had charge of the worship service preceding the morning message. Don Wohler ushered, and Marlen Yoder delivered the message.

Former Curtin Resident From Alaska Visits

Neil Neuman of Ketchikan, Alaska, arrived in Curtin recently by bus to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sowles. Neil lived at Curtin when a small boy but is now in high school.

In California Mrs. Norman Suiter of Curtin and Mrs. Sam Gilman of Lorane left by bus Thursday to visit Mrs. Gilman's sister in Los Angeles, Calif. They expect to be gone about a week.

Hubert and Virgil Hickethier of Portland visited a few days at the Sidney Meacham home. Other visitors at the Meacham home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kerr and sons of Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. Doris Doak of Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hedien of Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Doak came for their daughter, Helen Powell, who had been visiting with Dorothy Meacham and parents over the weekend.

Several members of the North Douglas HE club sent fruit and vegetables to the judging at Roseburg and those winning were Mrs. Alvin Allen who won first on tree fruit; Mrs. Eugene Boss, first on jelly; Mrs. Norman Suiter, second on jelly and Mrs. Boss second on berries.

RADIO CLUB PLANS DINNER Umpqua Radio Club has planned a potluck dinner Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the club building on Klamath Avenue.

Arthur Selby, Civil Defense director, will be guest speaker. Those attending are asked to bring a hot dish, salad or dessert, and their own table service. Beverages will be furnished.

Toastmistress Club At Camas Valley Plans Fun Night

Camas Valley Toastmistress Club met recently with Enid Weist as Toastmistress.

Plans were made for a fun night Wednesday. Enid Weist was appointed public relations chairman, and Hazel Defferding, topic mistress, used "words" for the topic. Esther Pryor acted as time keeper.

Margaret Crouch gave a reading; Unita Dahl spoke on the founding of Toastmistress, and a panel composed of Crystal McMaisters, Hazel Peltzer, Enid Weist and Ella Bartley spoke on evaluation.

The next meeting will be Nov. 6 at Bart's cafe.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Busch recently were Leona Huey and her nephew, Loren Wigan, of North Bend, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shersey of Teko, Wash. Mrs. Huey and Mrs. Busch are cousins, reports correspondent Mrs. William Banks.

Merry Circle Joins Association Group

The Merry Circle of the Glendale Olive Presbyterian Church decided to become a branch of the Women's Assn. of the church at a meeting last week.

Under the new arrangement, the two groups of the association will continue to have part of their meetings separate. The next meeting will be joint to work out details of constitution and by-laws and plan how to further the work of the church.

The Merry Circle decided to begin meeting in the evening to allow ladies of the church to choose whichever meeting is best for them, reports correspondent Mrs. Gerald Fox.

Bladder 'Weakness'

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