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BITS AND PIECES

OF THE WEEK

BY DICK REVENAUGH

Marmot, Jan. 30, 1957

To The Editor:

A mild, soft-spoken man, always ready to lend a helping hand to a neighbor Ben Pickens died last Friday, Jan. 25, and is mourned by his family and friends.

Mr. Pickens had been suffering from heart trouble for some time and his doctor had warned him against any exertion. Friday, a nephew who had been helping him, Clyde Tice, was truggling with a heavy load and Mr. Pickens in his usual way, stepped forward to help but the exertion proved too much for his already overtaxed heart. He died before a doctor could be summoned.

Mr. Pickens, son of George Pickens one of the early pioneers in this section, was born about three miles west of the old Marmot postoffice on his father's homestead. He

attended school in the old Marmot one room school. He lived all his life in this community. He was an expert machinist and has been employed in several local saw mills where his skill in machinery was very valuable.

Lillian TenEyck
 Marmot

To The Editor:

If there is anything this scribe fears above or beyond being late for breakfast or not being present at the afternoon coffee hour, it's being at Mrs. Andersen's disposal when spring house cleaning starts. First taking down the curtains, carrying out the rugs, hanging them on the wire out in the yard, then laboring them with a stick or anything else that comes handy. You see, the stick and I are taking the place of the electric carpet sweeper, our main objective is to see to it that no bug nor hidden microbe, escapes our bombardment with the stick.

Then there is the "going over" the woodwork with a nice soft cloth. I talked Mrs. Andersen out of varnishing the doors, mainly because I forgot to buy the stuff at the Sandy paint store the other day. Then came the final ordeal, that of hanging the blind curtains. Ever try to hang one? How is it you always get 'em crooked?

Then when you try to pull them down they won't budge or if they do, they fly up and roll up at one end of the rod. Verily I say unto you, there's where your Sunday school training really pays off.

Ross Andersen,
 Boring

(Ed Note: We are in complete and full sympathy with you, Ross. Just one added bit of annual agony we have been through—have you ever tried to wash a 7-foot-long venetian blind in a 5-foot-long bathtub? Preferably a venetian blind made of springy animated aluminum with razor-edges?)

BITS AND PIECES 23 ems

To The Editor:

We wish to thank all those who made this contest a success and who gave our children a chance to win. The

help and support of all our friends is deeply appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schmitz
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Krieger
 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Schneider
 Mr. and Mrs. Daryle Eliason
 Mr. and Mrs. Alan Gunderson
 Mrs. Barbara Wilson

BITS AND PIECES 23 mes.

To The Editor:

As the driver of School District No. 46 Bus, no. 3 which was involved in an accident Monday afternoon, February 18, I wish to thank the wonderful neighbors in the vicinity of the accident for the help they volunteered.

The youngsters on the bus should also be praised for the courage and poise they showed and the orderly way in which they left the bus after the incident.

John Ludi
 Sandy

THIS YOUNG WORLD

BY SHARON LANDRETH

The royal household of England has been having its share of "domestic brawls" these days. Except for a choice few, most Britons didn't know that the Queen and her hubby were having a "tiff." Then by the time the news leaked out, as such hot gossip usually does, they go trotting off to have a second honeymoon. Such little items prove one thing though, the people under all those purple robes, Knights of the Garter stuff and the stuffy titles, are humans. Like us, sort of, only with a little more frosting.

What kind of goop do these so-called U. S. Communists think they're slingin' anyway? Three hundred delegates met recently in New York for a convention

and declared themselves independent of Moscow and the Marxist-Leninist doctrine. Well -- big deal. If you want to be pessimistic about the whole rigamarole you could imagine they are all spies working under direct orders from the Kremlin but optimistically, I'd say they must be crack-pots, no matter who they are. Anybody who'd give up good ol' rough and tough capitalism where you take your breaks as they come for something like communism is nothing but a parasite.

For pity sakes, the burlesque is back in Portland and according to the first-hand account of a Journal lady reporter, it's decent, in every detail right down to the ostrich feather fan. Not being an expert on such matters, I must take the word of said lady that there have been more exciting shows in Portland but not quite so nice.

The S.P.C.A. let loose with what they thought was an apparently new brainstorm for getting rid of varmints. They say, feed 'em grain soaked in whiskey and when they are "immobilized" (that means plastered) pick them up. Well, I've got news for them -- they've been doing that to human varmints for quite awhile.

An Albany, New York teenager gave a congressman from Ohio a bad let-down Wednesday. He got mobbed in a hotel lobby by teenagers and with a politician's usual amount of ego, figured the big welcome was for him. The let-down came when he found out it was for Tab Hunter. He got more wind knocked out of his sails when he asked who Tab Hunter was; the girl (obviously thinking he must be a foreigner) asked him who he was.

"A congressman," he replied.

"What's that?" she asked. "Now that's silly. There couldn't be a teenager in the U.S. who doesn't know what a congressman is. Of course Hunter's popularity over the politician is understandable. Sometimes even a movie actor makes more sense than the politicians."

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