

### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Clifford Rowe

Just the other night I attended a banquet. On returning home, I had no sooner opened the door than the lady of the house popped her favorite \$64,000 question, "What did you have to eat?"

Now the dear lady and I have been joined for better or worse for nigh on twenty years; and in all that time whenever I have eaten out, I have always faced an inquisition of this sort on my return. And although my answer is always the same, "I don't remember," my favorite girl friend never gives up hoping.

The sad truth in regard to the problem is that provision for the proper appreciation and enjoyment of food was evidently left out of my physical blueprint when the preliminary planning was being done. And I am really sorry.

I envy those males who can readily drool over a tasty dinner; I feel an outcast, one to be shunned and avoided, as I hear them extol anent the various delectable dishes it has been their good fortune to consume; and I find myself cursing the fate that deprives me of the ecstasies which seem to be theirs.

The brutal truth is that as far as I am concerned, food is something with which one stokes the firebox in order to keep the old steam at the proper pressure point in order to get the most efficient service. I truly believe that if the table conversation was interesting enough, the hostess could serve me cooked cabbage (which I detest) and I would never know

The Lower and Devany Real Estate Office is to re-open soon at North Bend. Lower, and his mother, Mrs. Edith Devany, used to be Brookings realtors, leaving here around 1948 to conduct a similar business in North Bend where they were quite successful.

According to the story in the North Bend NEWS, the couple closed their office there in 1952, after selling 150 homes, in a development project and handling several other major transactions. Raymond and his mother followed the real estate business in California where he has recently been an appraiser for the FHA.

As soon as a new location is obtained, his mother will join Raymond at North Bend.

the difference. As a result, I am well aware that I am not popular with hostesses who hold that if a man fails to eat a meal sufficient for a logger facing a hard day, he doesn't like her cooking. Being thoroughly convinced in my own mind that it is not necessary to eat more than is required to keep me going until the next repast, I thus make myself eligible for public enemy No. 1 of the true hostess.

The one to be truly pitied, of course, is my long suffering wife. It must be highly discouraging after one has slaved over a hot stove for hours preparing a meal fit for a king, and then after querying the master as to its quality to have him answer, "It was wonderful darling, what did we have?"

I am confident a jury would bring in a verdict of justified assault if she should wrap a skillet around his neck.

The PILOT has already had two queries about our asking for letters on "The Old Time Christmas I Remember Best," for publication in our Christmas issue. One of the queries was from a lady right here in the Chetco valley and the other is an elderly gentleman who is mulling over a middle-western Christmas he'll probably write about.

We told them just what we had in the paper—just write as much as they please and how they please on the topic, "The Old Time Christmas I Remember Best."

We plan to ask some judges to help us who will know how to make very happy selections from their own experiences and MAY have a prize or two or three.

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Again the neighbors have come to the rescue—moving a merchant's stock. Eva Lee's dress shop was escorted two blocks and across Highway 101, from the Johnson-Hurst Building to their brand new location, kind of next door to the bank. Doyle Duncan supplied the pickup, and Mrs. Opal LaBrook, Mrs. Amber Campbell, and Mrs. Erma Rice supplied the skill and muscle. All Eva Lee and Lydia had to do was sit back, point, and advise.

An illustrated story about Dave Crockett and his trick horse Chief, appeared in the magazine section of the Sunday JOURNAL. The story was sent in by Miss Connie Bordwell.

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