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Pensions: Look Before You Leap

In all this spurge for pensions it is well to hear from those with real experience in the field. One of the insurance companies which has handled a great deal of business in annuities and in group emansions is the Equitable Life Assurance society. Its president, Thomas I. Parkinson, discussed this trend to company pensions in his annual report. His comments are worth noting:

"It is easy, at the same time dangerous for those unskilled in this field to underestimate the future costs which must be met under adequately secured pension plans. We believe the Society will continue to serve a very useful purpose in this field, both because of plans in which our guarantees will be of benefit to employers and employees, and because of the influence which our own experts may be expected to have through giving skilled counsel to those who must assume the responsibility of pension plans.

"It is of vital importance that leaders of Management and Labor alike resist setting objectives under such plans so high that they will eventually find their realization impossible of fulfillment. If proposed benefits are excessive because of failure to evaluate carefully the capacity of business to meet the costs, then we run the definite risk of Government intervention on a broad scale and resort to monetary policies which will bring still greater depreciation of the dollar. In such event, desirable as the objectives are of providing adequate old age security, the effort to provide it through the Government may defeat entirely the very security sought by such plans. Because of our close day-to-day relations with the insurance public we know of the existing hardship of providing for the necessities of life in this inflationary period after meeting the current demands of the tax gatherers."

So many public pension plans have gone on the rocks because of miscalculation that conservatism is necessary in projecting pension programs. Even then, the figuring isn't simple because of the increasing longevity of Americans. There should be much looking before leaping in this field.

Mills Want More Time

Crown Zellerbach has clarified its position with respect to the demand of the state sanitary authority that it end stream pollution by discharge of waste liquors at its mills in Lebanon and West Linn. Frank Youngman, vice president, says they have no intention of shutting down but that it would be impossible to meet the deadline fixed, Dec. 31, 1951. He says the company has converted its small Lebanon mill to an ammonia process to test out, a system which would abate the nuisance but that it will take time to test out the process to see if it works and can be employed at the larger West Linn mill.

Oregon Pulp & Paper company here is interested in the suggestion of Dean Gleason of the state college, that liquors be impounded in lagoons during the period of low water in the Willamette, to be released when the river is in flood when the dilution would not be injurious. It could use its lands on Minto island for that purpose.

So, we may be getting somewhere. The sanitary authority may need a legal club, but chiefly as a weapon in reserve. As The Statesman previously remarked the way to end stream pollution is through cooperation. The mills must show some effort at licking the problem. If they do we do not doubt the authority will be considerate in its time extensions.

Power and Aluminum Reduction

Reviewing the report of the Columbia river power system, BPA, the Bend Bulletin notes that in the past three years virtually half the delivery of power has been to the aluminum

industry. However, the revenue received from this use has been well under one-half of the total.

The Bulletin refers to "favoritism" to the aluminum industry. That may not follow from the facts as stated. Aluminum production is on a continuous basis. Its demand is "firm," night and day. That earns for it the lowest rate, as is true in any system.

It is true, as the Bulletin notes, that aluminum reduction provides few jobs relative to the power consumption; and the northwest would be better off if the power were broken up in smaller parcels and used by industries giving more jobs per thousand kilowatts. Perhaps that may come with development of an aluminum fabricating industry in the northwest. One such user of aluminum is locating in Salem. The payoff may come at that end of the line.

Automatic Stops

The terrible wreck of the commuter train on the Long Island railroad reiterates the need for automatic stop devices which will stop a train when it goes by a red signal light. This wreck was apparently caused when an engineer failed to heed such a signal, though he was a veteran engineer who was conscientious in trying to avoid accident. His son says he was always afraid of the "human" factor, and this it seems was what caused the wreck.

Railroads have a good safety record and have pointed to it with pride. But along comes a tragedy like this and the public becomes aroused. In this electronic age it would seem that a system could be installed which would rouse the engine crew or apply the brakes when a train runs by a red light. That would seem to be the next step forward for railroad safety.

A bill to require members of the communist party to register is under preparation by a group of senators. The idea is to "smoke 'em out". Instead of bringing them "above ground" as desired, it might just drive the commies further underground. The party is pretty well fractionated now. It doesn't keep "lists" of members in any central place where government agents are likely to get hold of a copy. Instead there are small cells, with very limited contacts and connections with other cells. A registration bill may result in getting some to register, but the bulk of the membership may continue as an underground organization.

In a campaign speech in Scotland Winston Churchill said if he became prime minister again he would seek to end the arms race by arranging a meeting between President Truman, Premier Stalin and himself. In view of the mutual hostility between Churchill and Stalin his mediation efforts would not look very promising; but at least the old British bulldog would try.

Robert A. Vogeler, American business man convicted of spying in Hungary, was sentenced to 15 years in prison. Nations at war have long had a custom of exchange of prisoners. Maybe in this cold war we could work out an exchange for Vogeler, though opinion here is that he was framed by the commies.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek reassures Chinese on the mainland that he will organize an offensive to rid China of the revolutionists, then he will execute Mao Tse-tung and try Premier Stalin as a war criminal. The inveterate optimist!

A rise in shirt prices is predicted. But remember the old saying: Keep your shirt on.

Diplomatic Break with Bulgaria Unprecedented

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The United States, charging that Bulgaria has broken the Paris peace treaty, tortured and killed employees of the American legation in Sofia and generally prevented normal intercourse between the two countries, has taken the unprecedented step of breaking diplomatic relation in "persecution."

The immediate point at issue was the Bulgarian demand of a month ago for the withdrawal of Minister Donald R. Heath, whom the Sofia government accused of conspiring with members of an alleged Bulgarian "spy ring." The spy charge already had been used by the communists to rid themselves of dissident elements in its own government.

Now, obviously anticipating the break in relations, the Sofia government has brought new charges of spying for America against five more Bulgarians, two of them former employees of the U. S. legation. The move is patently designed as a backfire against news of the break.

The break itself merely places the final seal on a long series of protests to the Bulgarian government. It is effective, since there has been practically no commerce or friendly communication between the two countries since Bulgaria became a Russian satellite, is merely to record the seriousness with which the U. S. views Sofia's acts. Its actual punitive value is small, and there is no threat of war such as usually followed such breaks in former times.

It just means that, so far as the United States is concerned, the Bulgarian government is not fit to deal with.

Relations continue with Hungary, despite the Vogeler case and numerous charges of violation of the human rights clauses of her peace treaty.

Opponents of diplomatic recognition for Communist China will be quick to point out that there is no more hope for truly friendly relations there than among the Balkan satellites.

Some may raise the point that Russia is the actual source of all the troubles with these countries, and that she is the one with whom relations really should be broken. This will re-

ceive scant hearing, however, since the practicalities of the situation are entirely different. America and Bulgaria mean little to each other. But Russian and American affairs impinge on each other throughout the globe. A break with Russia would inevitably intensify the current arms race and almost certainly, some day, resultant casualties would produce a war.

Russia is too big for such a spanking. The action against Bulgaria, however, may mean that President Truman is going to be more opposed than ever to establishment of relations where normal intercourse is only a fiction, and that he will continue to hold out against Peiping.

The Safety Valve

DEFENDS FEDERATION PLANS

To the Editor:
You do a great wrong to the World Federalists and the Atlantic Union people in your Saturday editorial entitled "Glittering Formulae" Won't Work. No responsible member of these organizations believes either proposal is an "easy answer". They are, however, sufficiently well informed to realize that what we now have in the way of international organization is dangerous and inadequate. They are people with imagination who are tired of rushing around in the same old circle from one war to another. They are not bemused as to the difficulty of breaking out of that circle, nor do they propose a "magical way."

Perhaps Americans are not willing to abridge their sovereignty now. The Atlantic Union people simply say that we must abridge our sovereignty now or stand in grave danger of losing it

entirely. Nobody can "guarantee" that the same people would not also misuse a world federation or an Atlantic Union; but there is the danger in trading a plan which might work for a plan which has produced a series of wars "till the mind of man runneth not to the contrary"? I in of Defense Johnson as to his reasonable knowledge of people when you ridicule world federation and Atlantic Union plans with a "glittering formulae" tag. John Hakanson 980 Locust St.

SIZE UP JOHNSON
To the Editor:
I can't understand why Gov. McKay thinks he should have a public statement from Secretary of Defense Johnson as to his reasons for ordering reinstatement of the silly air-raid warning system. Surely he isn't that naive. Why not just size-up and assay Johnson?
A. M. Church

Cycle Wins; Hank's Wife Takes Over

By Jean McLemore
DATONA BEACH, Fla., Feb. 24—(Editor's Note: Henry's wife, Jean, is writing the column today for a reason which she explains below.)

There is no doubt whatsoever in my mind that my husband is a very wise and brilliant man, sometimes he is so darned wise and brilliant that it lays me low. It makes me wonder if I am worthy to be allowed to hang up the clothes, find the things that have been irrevocably lost and clean the razor of a man of such infinite wisdom.

The American Motorcycle association racing festival is being held here in Daytona Beach. Henry has been going every day to the try-outs and the practice runs. Watching all the youngsters go zizzing and whizzing by was finally too much for him so yesterday he decided to try it, too.

Now just imagine a 43-year-old man who always calls a taxi if he is faced with the physical ordeal of walking four blocks deciding to put on a crash helmet and be helped (I guess) onto a racing motorcycle so that he could see how it felt to do the dangerous turns from the beach speedway onto the asphalt road. He found out just how it felt. He fell off the motorcycle the minute he hit the asphalt and skinned himself from head to foot. They took him right to the doctor and then brought him home where he is now. He is in bed all bandaged up and yelling like a hyena who has just found out that he lost his money in the photo finish.

You would think that someone had begged Henry to ride that motorcycle, whereas I'll bet you that whoever owned the machine would have given him five dollars to let it alone. The motorcycle is exactly one hundred today, too, getting itself well for the big race three days from now.

My gentle invalid is perfectly furious—not with himself, mind you, but with the motorcycle he rode. He claims, and who am I to doubt his word, that he didn't hurt himself in the slightest when he "just slipped quietly off the thing" but that the motorcycle chased him, knocked him down and ran over him. No matter what shape that machine is in, it will get no flowers from Henry (Speed) McLemore.

Another claim that he keeps making in his weak invalid's voice at the top of his lungs is that he has a temperature of one hundred and eight. He won't let me take his temperature and he feels like one of the cucumber family but he still insists that his temperature is exactly one hundred and eight. When I asked him just how he knew this he assumed the cunning expression of a witch doctor and said very simply that he had ways of knowing. "Yes, indeed, I have ways of knowing," he kept repeating. I think that all of this would be of great interest to the medical profession and perhaps later on I can persuade him to write a learned paper on the subject.

The motorcycles are roaring down the beach right in front of me as I sit on the porch writing this and I can hardly keep my eyes on the typewriter for watching to see a man slip quietly off his machine and then have the thing pursue and chase him till finally gets him down. Maybe it will even growl at him, who knows?

I've simply got to stop writing this and give my full attention to the motorcyclists going by. Think what I might miss. Man bites dog, maybe.

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TAX TIPS



A JOINT RETURN is cheaper for most married couples. You can file one even if you were married on the last day of 1949. Both must sign it.

Better English

By D. C. Williams
1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I came nearly winning the game."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "peculiar"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Degredation, delectation, dereliction, disparagement.
4. What does the word "itinerary" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "h" that means "risky"?
ANSWERS
1. Say, "I came near winning the game."
2. Pronounce "pe-cul-er."
3. Degradation.
4. A route; record of a journey. "The itinerary of the lecturer covered fifteen states."
5. Hazardous.

Washington's Rules Still Good

By the Associated Press
George Washington's ability to get at the essence of a problem helped make him a leader in war, in the Constitutional convention and as president. He showed this ability as a boy when he compiled a list of "Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation."

He probably was about 13 years old when he compiled these rules. And most of them are still such that you would be glad to have your own 13-year-old son follow them. It is only when Washington speaks of what he calls "men of quality" that his rules begin to have a strange ring.

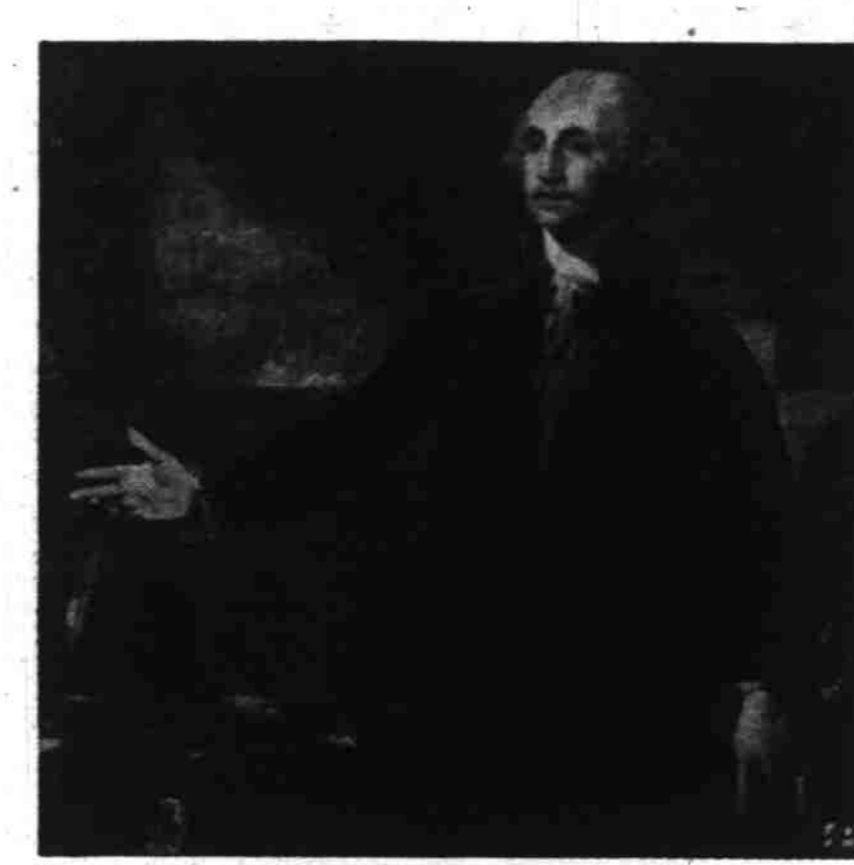
Americans are apt to forget that Washington, whose birthday anniversary is today, was something of an aristocrat. He was one of the richest men in America and he could stand on his dignity. His fine coach and four to six horses and his state barge drew protests from Jefferson's faction when Washington was president. Here are some of his rules which seem to show that America has advanced in democracy since his time.

"In pulling off your hat to persons of distinction, as noblemen, justices, churchmen, etc, make a reverence bowing more or less according to the custom of the better bred and quality of the persons."

"Till ill manners to bid one more eminent than yourself be covered as not to do it to whom it's due."

"When you present seats let it be to everyone according to his degree."

"When you meet with one of greater quality than yourself, stop, and retire especially if it



WASHINGTON as Painter Gilbert Stuart saw him.

be at a door or any straight place to give way for him to pass."

"Artificers and persons of low degree ought not to use many ceremonies to lords or others of high degree but respect and highly honor them and those of high degree ought to treat them with affability and courtesy, without arrogance."

"In speaking with a man of quality do not lean nor look them full in the face nor approach too near them at least

keep a full pace from them."

"Never express anything unbecoming nor act against ye rules of moral before your inferiors."

"If a person of quality comes in while you're conversing it's handsome to repeat what was said before."

"In company of these of higher quality than yourself speak not till you are asked a question, then stand upright put off your hat and answer in few words."

Written by
Dr. Herman N. Bundensen

Literary . . . Your Health Guidepost . . .

By W. G. Rogers
TOP OF THE WORLD, by Hans Ruesch (Harper; \$2.75)

Up in the barren land of the Polar Eskimo, there are Anarvik and Siksik, Ernenek and Asiak, Ivaloo and Milak . . . several generations of men and women whose fascinating customs are added to the touching story of their lives to make this unusual novel.

It is a land where the aged and feeble are put out, or go voluntarily, to die in the cold; the girl baby, too, may be exposed, to speed the bearing of strong sons. The woman who goes to meet death may not be rescued lest the gods of the sea into which she plunges be angered. The wife is shared as is the food, because there are so few women and so little food.

The monster Polar bear is baited with a spring knife set in a frozen ball of blubber. Saving up for what we'd call a rainy day, which may be to them a night half year long, they stack away meat until the maggots rot it tastefully. When they catch game, they eat it all, the liver, the eyes, the intestines, all the parts which, as the white man's proverb says, strengthen a part. But no other wisdom of the white man is of any use at all. They cannot use the church and its teachings, at least not as described here. They cannot understand why it is worse to slay an evil-doer, like the guest who insults his host by refusing the offer of the host's wife, than to slay fox or seal. Their wisdom is how to hitch up huskies, drop babies into a hole in the snow, prepare skins. It is the strange, curious wisdom of Ivaloo who, receiving a pressed flower as a remembrance from a departing white, thanks him, pops it into her mouth, and exclaims "Delicious!"

"Where the white men reign, you are ignorant," Ivaloo learns from an Eskimo, "but in your land it is they who are ignorant." How appallingly ignorant we all would be in their land we learn in this absorbing story. It's an ignorance some squeamish readers might be happy to preserve, yet the Eskimos are a happy people, and wise enough when they come in contact with the whites, to withdraw. If they benefitted not all all, we benefit by an entrancing novel.

The colorful rosefish, once regarded as good only for display in markets, has become an important food species.

X-ray examination is necessary for a definite diagnosis. Operation is rarely necessary in these cases. However, if wearing a brace and stretching the spine does not relieve the disorder, the operation must be carried out.

Virus infections may sometimes attack the nerves of the arms. Known as neurotrophic infections, they may produce severe pain of long duration. Treatment consists of the administration of the vitamin B-complex. The new antibiotic, aureomycin has also been tried in a few cases but, as yet, not enough reports are available to

draw a conclusion. Another cause of pain in the arm is what is known as scalenus anticus syndrome, a condition in which there is pressure on the scalenus muscle in the neck on underlying nerves and blood vessels. Recently it is believed that this condition does not occur very often. Its treatment requires an operation.

Tumors of the spinal cord itself may be responsible for arm pain. In these cases, also, careful X-ray study is needed to make a diagnosis. Treatment is operative in such cases.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
M. M.: I am a healthy man of fifty-two. Can I drink a pint of buttermilk each day?
Answer: There is no reason why you should not drink a pint of buttermilk each day.
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Bone tumors will also cause intense pain in the arm because of pressure on nerves. X-ray examination usually will reveal when this type of disorder is present.

Heart disease also may be responsible for pain in the arm. This pain is usually made worse by exercise of any kind and is relieved by rest and the giving of nitroglycerine.

Little flat pieces of cartilage known as intervertebral discs separate the bones of the spine. Rupture of such a disc in the upper part of the spine may result in brachialgia. If the spine is twisted or bent toward the affected side, the pain is made worse. Changing the position of the neck may also cause a variation in the degree of the pain.

There may be a disturbance of the muscles depending upon the location of the ruptured disc. There also may be changes in the sensation of the skin of the arm.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"How long would WE last if we operated on a deficit like the government's? egad! . . . why, we'd be barred from membership, here . . ."

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page one.)

companies are foreign producers, too: Standards of New Jersey, California, Socony-Vacuum, Texas co. Others are sticking their toes in foreign pools: Gulf, Phillips Petr. So there is a sharp division of opinion within the industry.

The drive for protection is led by independent producers, especially in the mid-continent field. Texas producers have put the bee on their congressmen and have urged protective legislation. The answer is that we shouldn't burn up all our own stores of petroleum and then be wholly dependent on foreign countries. For security reasons alone we should maintain large reserves underground.

American companies interested in middle east fields are running into fresh trouble. Great Britain has cracked down on purchase by so-called sterling countries of "dollar" oil. It wants British concerns to get the business so precious dollar exchange will not go for petroleum. This made a little stink when a British diplomatic communication intimated that the protest by our state department was mild. The American companies then jumped on state.

A little while ago stocks of oil companies were prime favorites among investors. They are not quite so popular now. The period of lush profits seems to be running out. Old Man Competition responding to laws of supply and demand is stomping into the field. In measure it will be "every man for himself and devil take the hindmost." In measure only, for states with control laws are closing valves on production and importers are scaling down shipments to fend off congressional crackdown. The secular growth in consumption will soon be resumed and the gas price war will probably be but a temporary episode until the business gets stabilized.

RECORD CROPS

PHOENIX, Ariz. (INS)—Arizona farmers have broken previous records for crop acreage harvested, volume of crop production and total value of principal crops for the third consecutive year. The state office of the Federal Crop Reporting Service reported that Arizona's bumper cotton crop was largely responsible for the record totals. Overall value of principal crops was estimated at \$163,000,000—despite substantial price declines for most items.

Hollywood on Parade

By Gene Handsaker

HOLLYWOOD — Ronald Reagan doesn't like the postwar economy trend of cutting down the number of stars per picture. He thinks it's poor economy—that studio overhead is the place to prune. "I'll be convinced there's a panic," he says, "when we have as many empty front offices as we have empty dressing rooms."

The slim, extroverted president of the Screen Actors Guild argues: "The cheapest thing you can put on the screen is a good performer, no matter the cost. We've built this business on personalities—the star system. Let's not kick that system." "Storm Center," now shooting, teams him with Ginger Rogers and the increasingly popular Doris Day. Ronnie has no complaint with that line-up.

But often there used to be a whole raft of good boxoffice names in a hit picture. "The Philadelphia Story" had Jiminy Stewart, Katherine Hepburn, Cary Grant, Ruth Hussey, and Ronald Young. "Boom Town" teamed Tracy, Gable, Colbert, and Lamarr.

"Often now," Reagan said, "they'll put in one star with a lot of people from left field—fine people but not ones the public has taken in with its kitchen utensils."

"I'm all for new faces. They're the life blood of business. But you shouldn't introduce six new faces with one veteran performer. It used to be one new face with six veterans. It's unfair to one star to have to carry the boxoffice burden and the threat of the story. And it's poor economy. It's like trying to improve the milk business by cutting down

the cream content in the bottle."

Reagan claimed that 45 or 50 cents of every production dollar goes for studio overhead. And furthermore: "For every penny you can save on the set, there are places not yet touched in the economy wave where you can save dollars." Such as?

"Greater care in selecting story properties," said Ronald. "That would avoid those bundles of paper on the shelf that represent a quarter of a million dollars each. Many times studio A buys a play property, say only because it hears studio B has three guys in New York dickering for it. I don't want to sound like the guy who, having seen the monkey, can run the circus. But the last place economy should be considered is in the performers."

SCREEN GOOD

HOLLYWOOD (INS)—Resalind Russell has been appearing before college student groups in the Los Angeles area, speaking on the subject, "The Good in Hollywood."

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