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We'll Laugh, Anyway

It's National Laugh Week, they tell us. And that's all right, as far as it goes. We know right well who and what to laugh with, when we are unable to go it alone. But we don't know who to laugh at. That's the catch.

We can laugh right heartily with the rain which moistens our verdant valley to assure a rich summer's growth; with the snow without which the zero weather of the winter would have harmed our plants still more; with the sunshine which bursts the buds and brings the greenest of greens to the veritable fairyland we claim as ours; with the kids and their kites, marbles, baseballs.

In fact, we can laugh with most anything, with the abundance with which we are blessed.

But who to laugh at? Should it be the military who claims flying saucers are a myth or the commentator who claims they are a full-fledged invention of this nation; with the secretary of defense who claims we can lick the tar out of Uncle Joe or at the public (ourselves) who try to believe it; at the unknown submarine off our coast or at navy in moth-balls; at the witch-hunters braying on the crimson trail or at the communists who wouldn't amount to a hill of beans if we knew some good answers to our problems.

There is much to laugh with in this wonderful old world of ours. There is much to laugh at, too, but it's a wry chuckle that doesn't know at what it's aimed.

It's National Laugh Week. So for the time being we'll laugh. It'll help our liver. But we're still puzzled about a few things.

Let's Fix the Roads We Have

There is merit in Engineer Baldock's proposal to defer new highway construction in favor of the repair and re-building of presently-deteriorated roads. Whether it is essential the new-construction allocation be halved is for experts to decide, but certainly many of our roads are in disgraceful and dangerous condition and should not be allowed to remain in their present state.

The same principle is applicable to counties, too. We need more roads but we need even more the restoration of some that we already have. There are chuck-holes right here in the Salem area that could well wreck a car and bring death or injury to occupants. Work has been done on some of them but it has been of a temporary nature and a few weeks of traffic have shown that money so expended is wasted.

It is entirely possible a system of restoration can be worked out whereunder all the modernized cow-trails need not be restored now. Little-used roads can await both the repair of more-travelled ones and the construction of more needed ones. But there are many with heavy traffic which are not now safe for travel.

We are not advocating a delay in any essential new construction. But we are advocating the temporary elimination of "luxury" highways until the state can catch up with itself in making the most of what roads we have.

Where Are Ethical Controls?

Harry Bridges took a stiff jolt when he was convicted of perjury for having sworn he was not a communist when he took out U.S. citizenship five years ago. He'll appeal, beyond doubt, and the case is not closed. But he is in deeper trouble than when the immigration service at prior hearings charged he was deportable because of communist affiliations.

There is no need to comment on the trial nor its testimony. A jury found Bridges guilty and

French Communists Admit Marshall Plan Aid Has Weakened Their Hold on Working Man

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
France's communists have themselves become the best supporting witnesses for the claims of success made by Marshall plan supporters on its second anniversary.

On Monday, President Truman, General Marshall, Paul Hoffman, Secretary Acheson and others claimed that the European recovery program had thwarted communism and cited it as a vital weapon for winning the cold war.

At the same time, in convention near Paris, French communist leaders were admitting that they had lost a large part of their hold on the French working man. They are failing, they admitted, to stir up French workers on political issues, and find it more and more difficult to call strikes for any save economic purposes.

One after another, department leaders confessed that the number of communist cells was dwindling. Efforts to stir up antagonism against the Atlantic pact have boomeranged.

When the communists first announced their plans for port strikes to interfere with shipment of American arms to Europe, observers were quick to perceive that they were cutting their own throats.

It became evident that international communists, following its inflexible course of opposition to the Marshall plan, American-European cooperation and development of security measures, was about to sacrifice the political prospects of national parties to Russian ends.

The French communist party will now concentrate on rebuilding its political, or ideological, fences. The leaders seemed to be resigned to a smaller party, only hoping to make it more militant.

This sort of retrenchment is not unusual among the commun-

that fact speaks for itself. The company Bridges has kept for many a long year made him suspect. The jury held the suspicion well founded, on the basis of testimony.

The pattern of legal vituperation provided an especially interesting, and annoying, angle to the trial, and Judge Harris felt impelled to act as did Judge Medina in New York—he sentenced defense attorneys for contempt of court. Maybe they think the publicity is worth it. But such actions are no credit to their profession.

It appears from here that the bar association could well control such tactics. There is no reason our courts of any level should be exposed to the unbridled abuse of attorneys to whom decency and dignity and respect are drowned in the hunt for notoriety and fees.

All News Not Gloomy

Assuming the reliability of the statistics presented, two separate news stories this week augur well for the future of Oregon's great forests. W. D. Hagenstein, forest engineer for Pacific Northwest Forest Industries, told the chamber of commerce there was enough timber in the state to assure production at least 50 years, and that with continuance of sustained yield programs there never need be a cessation of cutting even after that time. The West Coast Lumbermen's association said cutting in Western Washington and Oregon in 1949 was nearly 750,000,000 board feet more than in the preceding year and credited advertising and promotion for much of the increase. All the news these days is not gloomy.

Superintendent for Hillcrest

The new dormitory, school and food service buildings at Hillcrest state training school for girls are impressive but where's the new superintendent?

The present superintendent resigned in January, her resignation to be effective in June. At that time, if we remember correctly, it was explained that the effective-date was set in order to give the board of control plenty of time to consider carefully the qualifications of applicants for the job and then to give the Hillcrest head, Mrs. Katharyn Loanza, plenty of time to show the new boss the ropes.

Now where's the new superintendent?

Felicitations go to the estimable Grants Pass Courier which this week is observing its 65th birthday. The Courier, now in a new and modern newspaper plant, has had its publisher for 53 years Amos E. Voorhies, one of the state's veritable deans of journalism, and its present stature comprises a lot of his dreams come true. Our hearty congratulations.

Like father like son. This week's 20-page Gresham Outlook was staffed by a group of University of Oregon Journalism students, and they did a nice job. Should be no surprise to those acquainted with George S. Turnbull, journalism professor and recently dean of the U. O. Journalism school, to find that his son, Stan, was editor-in-chief of this issue.

"There are good dams as well as bad dams—but be sure a bad dam isn't depicted as a good dam," says the Columbia River Packers Assoc., Inc., in an ad in the Oregon Voter. . . Hot dam! Especially the Snake river one.

Democratic Candidate for Multnomah Sheriff Max J. Olshen's platform (quoted in Oregon Voter) is: "License (sic) gambling, and control (sic) same. Slogan: A square deal to all. . . Makes you sic (sic), doesn't it?"

The Safety Valve

Facing Facts and Figures
To the Editor:
The United States, under its democratic administration, has increased its debt from \$72,402,000,000 in 1942 to \$257,130,000,000 in December of 1949 and is constantly increasing it. It is presently marketing another one thousand million (one billion) dollars worth of bonds, going in to debt for one thousand millions but receiving only \$1,000 for every \$775. Bonds sold previously are now maturing and will continue to mature in increasing numbers so more money must be raised to pay them, as of course they will be cashed in on maturity for they pay no more interest. We are heavily taxed on the food we eat, the clothes we wear and everything but the air we breathe.

As I have always said in this column, to which I have contributed for 17 years, there can be but one outcome to the above situation: National bankruptcy, unless our crazy spending spreads and we get down to spending less and facing facts and figures.

Our statesmen seem intent only upon getting re-elected and

making investigations of the other party—more power to 'em. I can but think of the old saying—"when thieves fall out honest men have a better chance."

Hilda Storebo
Silverton, Ore.

Royal Family, Bobbies Get Mac's Stares

By Henry McLemore

LONDON, England—The king, the queen, and the royal princesses had a bit of luck the other day. I walked right in front of them and they could not have helped having a good look at me.

As great as their interest must have been in seeing me waddle by, they were too polite to stare. But not having been born in a castle I was not too polite to stare, so I managed to get an excellent close-up view of them before I was caught up in the crowd.

It would be hard to find a nicer looking family than the royal one of England. Photographs don't do them justice at all. I'm sure the queen has the most warming smile I have ever seen, and the king, if you can visualize the two together, has a face of strength and gentleness.

As for Princess Elizabeth, she looks every inch a queen right now. The word regal was coined to describe her. And her sister, Margaret, is five times as attractive as even her best photographs show her to be. If regal was coined for Princess Elizabeth, peaches and cream was invented for a description of Princess Margaret's complexion.

I missed Bonnie Prince Charlie, but I guess he was home doing a bit of teething on an old crown he had found around the house.

I wonder what would happen to the citizens of New York if a few hundred London bobbies were shipped over to handle mid-town traffic for a few days. My guess is that the streets would be littered with New Yorkers who had fainted from surprise on finding that policemen could be extremely polite as well as efficient. There is no doubt that the New York cop is as efficient as any cop in the world, but his ability to kill a citizen with kindness and courtesy is open to discussion—plenty of discussion.

Catching a bus in London still remains the most invigorating exercise for its millions of inhabitants. There is an unwritten rule, apparently, that a bus must never come to a stop and customers must board it on the dead run and vault off it whenever they figure their chances of getting a leg broken are the slightest.

Many is the mile I have walked in London, as much as I loathe this form of getting from one place to another. Buses, make a flying tackle at a bus. That sort of thing may be all right at 42 but it can be deadly at 43.

If in London you get hungry for home cooking try to wangle a card or invitation to the dining room and cafe run by the American Embassy for its employees. It's just off Grosvenor Square (still known as Elizabethan Platz), and the food is strictly stateside.

Tomorrow I am going punting on the Thames. Not that I know how to punt anything but a football, but I figure it will add to my social standing when I get home to be able to refer offhandedly to the day I nearly drowned while punting on the Thames.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He sits in drafts with impunity."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "occurrence?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Occurrence, concurrence, temperance, temperament.
4. What does the word "garbology" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "g" that means "use of lofty language?"

ANSWERS

1. Say, "with immunity."
- 2.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"We must look to the future, men! . . . design a low-price car that will go after the pension money!"

BIG 'BREAK' FOR CIVILIZATION



Census Counters . . . Salem lady told census taker, "I was enumerated in 1940 so why do I have to be counted again?" . . . Crew leader reported one refusal out of 625 citizens counted. . . man balked at income question . . . Otherwise the income query, which rocked Republicans, has drawn little opposition . . . Tabulation of Salem population possibly out by April 20 and for rest of Marion county by May 10, says District Supervisor Cornelius Bateson.

Scout officials John Klapp and Howard Higby hauled out cooking equipment in their office and performed practical experiment with flapjacks . . . Laying aside scout axes and compasses they estimated if each of 44,000 scouts at national scout jamboree this summer eats three flapjacks for breakfast, stack for one meal would be 1 1/4 times high as Empire State building . . . Speaking of stacks . . . Cherryland princess contestants pretty enough this year to be plucked from a tree . . . Festival judges urging Bishop-Moderne studio (supplying publicity pix free) for glamour shots . . . Rumor that judging this year will count more on downright good looks rather than on ability to make speeches, cook, ski, sing or play a roller piano . . . Festival parade booked as biggest ever . . . on a Saturday . . . maybe with some Portland Rose festival floats.

Catholic center, nearly completed here, will be largest of its kind in state . . . Unemployment compensation commission says cafe workers lowest paid profession in this area (they make some up in tips) . . . John Steelhammer, Marion county rep, candidate, has eye on house speakership . . . lining up promise votes from current crop of legislative candidates . . . John had speaker post in bag just prior to 1947 election . . . Only hitch was he failed to bag election to house.

Small egg, big yoke . . . Woman panting around in local battery . . . Finally chooses a riotous creation . . . "That," breathes the clerk, stumped in admiration at such good taste, "is part of our store's Easter decorations."

I WAS THERE, by Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy (Whittlesey House; \$5)
Leahy may not know his movie stars, may not care for music, or endless banquets, either, when he's at Potsdam or Yalta, and may be able to identify Frank Sinatra only as some one "said to be a great favorite on the radio." This book admits, in passing, a few things he didn't know; and admits frankly an occasional wrong guess, as when he guessed the A-bomb would be just another weapon . . . he says Stalin, too, acted unimpressed when Truman hinted at it.

But the explanation is, that for eight years this author was very busy with other matters as our ambassador to Vichy and, for most of the time, as Chief of Staff to Roosevelt and Truman. This concerns extremely vital national and international affairs on which Leahy was better informed than almost anyone else. The things Leahy did know are the stuff of history.

His account opens with his assignment to Vichy, and curiously that was an instructive jumping-off point, for personalities associated with Petain kept popping up almost to the end of his story. Some official reasoning that seemed obscure in these years still seems so, though de Gaulle now lacks the defenders he once had.

Aside from the Free French leader, the Russians are of first importance, with Stalin reasonable on numerous occasions, then Molotov flaring up in mistrust of the U.S. and Britain over negotiations for Italy's surrender, and the "cold war" starting. Leahy believes, in hot disputes at Potsdam.

Leahy closes with the sad reflection that in his day armies and navies didn't war on women and children, but with the conviction that, until something like the UN assumes absolute control, U.S. security lies in more and better atom bombs.

Early in the book, which is based apparently quite closely on notes, Leahy appears a bit unbending and dryly matter-of-fact; it is hard to imagine Roosevelt calling him Bill. But by the time we reach the end, when Truman is calling him Admiral, the name that fits is Bill.

Pass the Liniment
In the spring there's no escape. I must try to get in shape. By work and exercise both out of door.

But I lack enough ambition To get really in condition. I've got just enough to keep me stiff and sore. —J.W.S.

Your Health

By Dr. Herman N. Sanderson

We have a great many different drugs for relieving symptoms which usually accompany the menopause or the change of life.

Recently, in order to determine the relative effectiveness of the various drugs, a study was made in which they were given to 200 women. The results indicate that while all are not equally good for all patients, every patient can be helped by one or another of the remedies which are at the command of physicians today.

Of the various preparations tried, it was found that one known as ethinyl estradiol produced its effect with the smallest dose. From this standpoint, it was one of the most economical preparations to use and it was also easily administered. However, this preparation produced nausea or sickness at the stomach more frequently than the others studied. The drug seemed to produce rapid relief of the symptoms, but excessive bleeding was a common complication.

The symptoms of the menopause which seem to be most severe are headaches, hot flashes, sleeplessness, nervousness, and depression.

In most instances, prompt relief of the symptoms was noted with the various drugs used. All of the preparations seemed to give this relief with equal frequency.

If relief occurred only gradually, headaches appeared to be the symptom which persisted the longest. Often, larger doses of the preparations were needed to get rid of the headaches.

Sleeplessness was rapidly controlled, as were the hot flashes. Nervousness and depression are the most resistant symptoms and required the longest time to overcome.

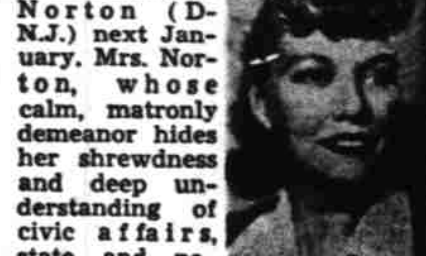
Some of the patients complained of the return of headaches and flashes at regular intervals. These intervals seem to correspond to the time when the regular period would be expected to take place. However, increasing the dose of the drug used seemed to suppress symptoms, even at these times.

It would seem from this study that the great majority of patients with symptoms due to the change of life could be given relief by estrogens, which are gland extracts from the ovaries that can be administered by mouth. Of course, all such preparations must be administered under the direction of a physician who will select the proper one to use in the

Ways In Washington . .

By Jane Kads

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Her colleagues in congress and newsmen who "cover" Capitol Hill are going to miss Congresswoman Mary T. Norton (D-N.J.) next January. Mrs. Norton, whose calm, matronly demeanor hides her shrewdness and deep understanding of civic affairs, state and national, announced her retirement recently on her 75th birthday. She has been a member of congress 25 years.



Now recovering from pneumonia influenza which kept her for some weeks in Bethesda Naval hospital, she missed the large birthday party planned for her on the Hill. "Batting Mary," as she is known sometimes in congress—"Aunt Mary," affectionately, to newsmen—said her decision to retire was "difficult one." But, she added:

"My retirement does not mean that I shall be less interested in the welfare of my country, state or district, nor shall I abandon my deep concern in the problems of labor. For 10 years from 1937 to 1947, Mrs. Norton headed the house labor committee—becoming the first woman chairman of a major committee. In this capacity she fought vigorously for the wage and hour law. She's never been active in the labor union movement. Some men resented her. In fact, the first time she presided, members staged what she called a "shut-up" strike. She broke that up by starting a quarrel.

She soon let everyone know she was well able to take care of herself, and in the house, she has always been "just another congressman." Strictly a politician in her own right, she came from the "rough-and-tumble" New Jersey political district with the backing of "Boss" Hague. She was the democratic party's first congresswoman when she came here in 1924. She had been the first woman chairman of a state political convention and first woman chairman of a state party. For seven years she served as unofficial "mayor" of Washington—chairman of the house committee on the District of Columbia.

Mrs. Norton was largely responsible for passage of the bill legalizing boxing for the district, a pastime which had been banned since 1880. She has been a perennial sponsor of legislation to grant District of Columbia residents national representation in congress.

Caution, Curve Ahead

On twisting mountain roads If you speed, nobody cares. They reserve speed limit signs For the six-lane thoroughfares. —J.W.S.

right dose, as well as tell when and if estrogens are to be used. They are, however, not employed in most cases until the menstrual periods have stopped.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
N.N.: Are there any hormones or vitamins that will prevent the hair from becoming thin?
Answer: I know of no vitamins or hormones which would have any effect on such a condition. (Copyright, 1950, King Features)

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