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PLASTIC DILEMMA UNFOLDED

For a time it seemed that the end of the war would usher in an era which some already were calling the Age of Plastic and Synthetics. By and large it promised to be quite an era, filled with light, durable, inexpensive comforts and conveniences achieved through wonderful new feats of alchemy.

Even before the era arrived we could imagine archaeologists of some distant millennium beginning a new subdivision of man's history at about 1950. (They'd probably call it The Age of Plastics and Synthetics, too.) They would consider the date significant as marking man's abandonment of the quaint old notion that the edible fruits of the field were useful only as food.

It was then, those distant archaeologists would say, that our semi-primitive 20th century ancestor found that the grain which he ground and baked to ease his hunger, or distilled to ease his troubles, could be combined with oil to make tires for his land journeys; and that the humble bean he fed to his animals and occasionally could be cooked and pressed and molded into vehicles and other useful objects.

But it seems now that such a chapter in man's history may never be written. For our inventors, though full of wisdom and ingenuity, had overlooked one thing. They forgot that the race of man shares this earth with some old and highly respected inhabitants who still maintain the uncomplicated idea that something to eat is something to eat. Period.

And thus, before the Age of Plastics and Synthetics is even upon us, we read that in one place dogs have eaten the soybean license plates off an automobile, and that in another bears have devoured a set of synthetic rubber tires with apparent relish.

Not many years ago a man traveling Siberia in a troika ran the chance of having both his horses and himself consumed by ravenous wolves. Today the horses and sleds are disappearing. Modern civilization is moving in on those frozen Russian wastes.

But at the rate things are going, it will only be a question of time before the Siberian motorist starts dreading the thought of having wolves spring upon his running board and go to work on his soybean tonneau, dashboard and steering wheel, sparing him only long enough to make sure that they have had their quota of plastic proteins.

Perhaps discouragement is premature. But as of today it looks as if the Age of Plastics and Synthetics had struck an impasse. Man thinks he has discovered something to make human existence more attractively human. The animal kingdom stubbornly persists in believing that man has simply whipped up a few new recipes.

For the time being we shall forego both plastics and judgment. But we shall watch developments with what we hope can remain a detached interest.

FRONT LINE HOME FRONT.

So far in this war, the civilian public of the United States has been spared any such sweeping epidemic as the "flu" which invaded the country toward the end of the last war and took more casualties than battle. The main reasons are the advances in medicine and health education—preventive action.

In the forefront of this struggle to keep the nation healthy are the Public Health Nurses—and this is Public Health Nurse Day, a gesture of gratitude, and an effort to make more people aware of what they owe to them. The Salem Capital-Journal offers this excellent summary of what and who:

What is the public health nurse? She is a registered nurse with special training in teaching health. She is a teacher as well as a nurse. Like all nurses she aids in the treatment of sickness, but her chief concern is its prevention. She is concerned with the prevention of the spread of communicable disease through immunization and the skills of home care. She aids in the adjustment of a tuberculosis patient to care in the sanatorium or at home and arranges for an examination of family and other contacts. She is concerned with the venereal disease control of patients and examination of contacts. She is interested in the health of every mother and her new baby. The wives of all servicemen are entitled to public health nursing services through the Emergency Maternity and Infant Care program. She visits the schools, and the school child in his home and is concerned about his health status and how well he is protected against disease. She arranges conferences in the schools where new students and students with health problems are examined and referred to their family doctors and dentists for correction of defects. She is also concerned with the maladjusted and neglected child, and various other types of handicapped children.

Marion county (with a population now somewhat smaller than Lane's and much more compact) has been much luckier than Lane in its health service. They have been

able to find and keep six public health nurses who have made a total of 5,472 visits. Lane county has authorized five but has been able to get only three—Mrs. Mary Turner, Miss Lucile Vale, Miss Zula Kickbusch—and they have been very busy women, with more than 1,500 visits in addition to office duty at the clinic in the courthouse basement. With Dr. C. R. Lindgren, Sanitarian Bill Cloyes and one office secretary, Miss Dorothy Schmekit, this is the staff in our home front line fight for health.

Over the nation, Public Health Nurses—31,000 of them—made \$1,000,000 duty calls last year. All over the country they are working at about half strength. Thousands of their members are with the armed forces. The armed forces are short some 60,000 nurses and naturally they get first call on most of the new nurses completing training.

The Public Health Nurse does not have much chance for fame or glamor. Her workaday uniform is quite plain and she passes almost unnoticed as she goes about her duties. She does not see foreign lands and exciting places. A great deal of her best work is done in shabby homes and remote places. But she has her big moments. A great deal of her work is with children, with families who would otherwise have no expert guidance or care. She sees the national standards of public health and cleanliness and common sense improving, and she knows that in this great work she has had an important share.

Lane county has been budgeting only \$22,680 a year to public health service (about one third of which is reimbursed by the state). Part of this money is being turned back each year because it is impossible to get enough nurses. Might it not be wise to see if this money could be set into some kind of cash reserve to expand this service in the post-war. A broader and better health service will be badly needed then.

THREE HEILS FOR HITLER

A Stockholm correspondent of The New York Times reports that 40 per cent of the Germans are living on bad food from army or government canteens, that near-starvation levels may be reached by spring, and that there will be further suffering unless a mild winter offsets the severe coal shortage.

But the correspondent says that the Germans aren't taking it lying down. In Berlin at least they have their "little joke." When they greet each other now their "Heil Hitler" is supposed to convey doubt as to whether Hitler or Himmler is head man.

What a revenge! First they heiled Hitler with enthusiasm. Then they heiled him at the Gestapo's orders. Now, in their desperation, they are getting bold. Of course they don't dare stop heiling Hitler. But they have their little joke. Perhaps, on a quiet street, they even dare murmur the greeting with a rising quizzical inflection.

It is easy to feel contempt for such a sheeplike tribe of humanity. It is less easy to feel much hope for them, or for their contribution to a post-war world of free men intent upon enhancing the decency and dignity of their race.

To get to the top, says a banker, the place to start is at the bottom. And also on the level.

We are no authority on statistics, but the average run of motorists is too fast per hour.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

IN A SERIOUS MOOD
I'm being serious in this column, so get in a serious mood before you read further. All set? Here goes: The greatest human benefactor of all times would be the man or woman who could set in operation a matrimonial bureau which would have dignity and the approval of society.

Now maybe it's because I'm a matron and am happily married (well anyway married; and happily so when there's no carpenter work to be done) that a lot of young people, and some not so young, give me their confidence. I find as many men as women and girls who want and can't seem to accomplish, what all want if they're normal, and that is to get married. Yet for some reason I can't understand, they have been unable to do so. The men say, "I don't meet many girls; at least not the kind of girls I'd be willing to marry." The girls tell me the same.

Just this very morning a woman told me she'd give anything to meet and marry a decent man. "How decent?" I asked, having in mind the unreasonable demands some women make, forgetting they themselves may be no bargain.

"One who quit carrying a bottle when he was weaned," was the prompt reply.

Yet less than a week ago a man said to me, "A man has to carry a bottle these days to rate with the women; makes a guy sick."

So it is my contention that a good move would be to get things organized; separate the sheep from the goats, so to speak. Get the bottle babies together and the weaned ones ditto.

Maybe I'd have the universal trouble were I husband hunting but I doubt it. I'd go at it in a business like manner for after all, marriage is the most important business in the world.

The church which I attended is giving a banquet this week. Members were urged to bring service men. "Remember your own men are some where and maybe some one is inviting them to things. You do the same," we were told.

"But I don't know any service men," wailed several women. I didn't either. I hadn't known any Thanksgiving but I got guests just the same. So today I barged into the Service Men's club and told the hostess I wanted two boys for Thursday evening. I could have had 20. The same goes for a puppet show being given by a group from the University. Of course I call my guests "Sonny" and they call me "Mom." Now the only difference I'd make were I husband hunting would be to ask for—but skip it, I'm not.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

BUSINESS WOMEN

SPONSOR RECEPTION

Eighty-five attended the desert and informal reception given Thursday evening by the Eugene Business and Professional Women's club in honor of new members. The party was held at the St. Mary's Episcopal church parish hall.

Mrs. Richard Humphreys played background music. Mrs. Harold Jensen, first vice-president of the state organization, extended greetings from that group. Mrs. E. M. Lundy discussed legislation before the state legislature. Mrs. Kathryn Kilburn talked on the conference for the district held in Corvallis. Mrs. Jewell Mann gave special music.

Mrs. Karl Peterson from the League of Women Voters talked to the group on the equal rights amendment now in congress, the league being opposed to the form of the amendment because of its vagueness.

Guests at the meeting included Mrs. Arthur Larsen, Mrs. Nedra Hunt, Misses Patricia Colerick, Dorothy DeRoss, Josephine Reginaldo, Leora Peterson, Mrs. Clifford Baird, Mrs. A. W. Beaver, Mrs. Elsie Doran of Portland, Mrs. J. T. Jaeg.

Announcement was made of a rummage sale on February 10, of the council meeting on February 7, and the February luncheon on the second Thursday of the month.

ST. MARY'S GUILD

St. Mary's guild, St. Mary's Episcopal church, held its regular meeting Wednesday at the parish hall. The birthday honored for the month was that of Mrs. S. L. Lowry, who cut the birthday cake. Mrs. Lowry has been a member of the guild for the past thirty-three years. In charge of the luncheon were Mrs. Herbert Smeed, Mrs. N. L. Murphy, Mrs. E. Eugene Chadwick, Mrs. E. G. Minot. For the meeting next week, the members will take their paper sack lunches.

P-TA MEETING

The Woodrow Wilson junior high school P-TA held its meeting Tuesday evening. A potluck supper was served, followed by a program. The school band played. H. V. Johnson was the main speaker. Plans were made for a rummage sale on the second Saturday in March, and the next meeting of the unit comes the fourth Tuesday in March.

RNA GROUP

Getchell club of the Royal Neighbors of America met at the home of Mrs. Lester Read Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Ora Gowan from Kansas was a guest, and ten members were in attendance. The club present was received by Mrs. Lloyd Johnson.

Next hostess will be Mrs. R. A. Denny.

EAGLES AUXILIARY

Eagles auxiliary celebrated the seventeenth anniversary of the founding of the local group at its meeting Thursday evening. Four candidates were initiated during the regular business session, these

Oregon Casualties

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Oregon soldiers wounded in action in Europe: Alcock, PFC Ardel H.—Mrs. Olga Alcock, mother, Toledo. Brog, Pvt. Alvin D.—Casper Brog, father, Beaver Creek. Dagman, PFC Kenneth J.—Mrs. Marian L. Dagman, mother, Portland. Davenport, PFC Harris E.—Mrs. Doris Zella Davenport, wife, Vernonia. Dean, Pvt. Dallas M.—Mrs. Marvin D. Dean, mother, Pendora. Frye, Pvt. George C.—Mrs. Rovena J. Frye, wife, Hermiston. Giersch, Tech. 3d Gr. Randolph M.—Mrs. Arlene F. Giersch, wife, Hood River. Hemer, PFC Lloyd J.—Mrs. Gwyneth Hemer, wife, Portland. Kampy, PFC Henry C.—Mrs. Mary E. Kampy, mother, Elsie. Kirsch, 1st Lt. Donald H.—Mrs. Rachel G. Kirsch, mother, Portland. Phillips, PFC Wayne E. Jr.—Wayne E. Phillips, father, Baker. Savini, Capt. John—Joyce Potter Savini, wife, The Dalles. Siegman, Staff Sgt. William L.—Mrs. Ruth M. Siegman, mother, Junction City. Stephenson, 2d Lt. David H. Jr.—Mrs. Marie Stephenson, mother, Portland. Vogel, PFC Willard J.—Mrs. Gertrude Vogel, mother, Portland. Warden, Pvt. Carl L.—Mrs. Lena A. Warden, wife, Harburg. White, PFC Joseph W.—Dick Scott, friend, Salem. Woodward, Pvt. Gall W.—Mrs. Dorothy Woodward, wife, Lorane.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Oregon men listed as naval casualties: Bright, Alvin Martin, seaman first class, U.S. naval reserve. Dead. (Previously reported missing on report of naval casualties for Nov. 27, 1944.) Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bright, Brothers. Killing, Jack D., private first class, U.S. marine corps reserve. Wounded. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Killing, Canby. Lyons, Samuel Howard, motor machinist's mate third class, U.S. naval reserve. Missing. Wife Mrs. Kathryn Marie Lyons Boring. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Edward Lyons Boring. Rosenbaum, Merrill Kenneth, chief electrician's mate, U.S. navy. Missing. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rosenbaum, La Grande.

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being Mrs. LeRoy Madison, Mrs. Grey Landers, Mrs. Maxwell Moore and Mrs. Raleigh Gant. Entertainment, consisting of games and contests, followed the meeting. Thirty guests from Cottage Grove were present, and members shared box lunches with the visitors.

BIRTHDAY EVENT

Quarterly birthday anniversaries were celebrated at the meeting Thursday afternoon of Central Lutheran Ladies Aid society. A no-hostess luncheon was served in the church parlors, at tables prettily decorated, and holding birthday cakes. A program of music and readings followed. Thirty-five were present.

THETA RHOS MEET

New officers were in charge at the meeting of Theta Rho Girls club, Wednesday evening at the IOOF hall. Miss Marie DeVos presiding. The business meeting was short. Rules and by-laws of the club were discussed, and the books were audited for the past year. Plans were made for a penny potluck dinner to be held Feb. 14.

SEW AT MEETING

Sewing for Bundles for Britain and America was the work of Helmetta club of the Pythian Sisters, at its meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Cecil Henderson. Approximately thirty members were present.

A meeting of the sewing group was announced for next Wednesday evening, at the home of Mrs. Tracy Stocker.

SOCIAL MEET

Mrs. Harry McAdams held high score at bridge and Mrs. George Johnson was low; Mrs. A. R. Clow was high, and Mrs. M. E. Jones low, at pinocle, at the social meeting of the auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. M. D. Powers. Cards followed a seven-thirty o'clock dinner, at which the hostess was assisted by Mrs. C. H. Walter, Mrs. F. J. Drury and Mrs. M. W. Strowbridge.

A meeting of the officers, at two-thirty, and the drill team, at three o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon, January 31, at the Knights of Pythias hall, was announced. Practice will be held.

INSTALLATION HELD BY LOCAL DUW

Installation of officers was held by Daughters of Union Veterans Wednesday evening, with the department president, Mrs. Verna Garner of Seaside serving as installing officer, and Mrs. Elva Eldred of Portland as ceremonial guide. Other visitors from Cottage Grove were present, and assisted in the installation. A covered dish dinner was held, preceding the event, at which there were seventy-five present.

Officers installed included: President, Miss Cora Kreamer; senior vice-president, Mrs. W. R. Hall; junior vice-president, Miss Ada Shuey; chaplain, Miss Laura Stillman; treasurer, Mrs. A. A. Furber; council members, Mrs. Carl Pfeiffer, Mrs. R. A. Bingham and Mrs. F. S. Beach; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Sadie Heiland; secretary, Mrs. Cecil Small; press correspondent, Mrs. A. J. Bier; guide, Mrs. O. A. England; guard, Mrs. T. J. Mountain; assistant guard, Mrs. Lois McHoes; musician, Mrs. T. C. DeVane; color-bearers, Mrs. George Thompson, Mrs. Alberta Safford, Mrs. Carl Dragoon, and Mrs. W. R. Dean; historian, Mrs. George Ogle.

Announcement was made that the sewing club of the order will meet Feb. 7 at one-thirty o'clock, at the home of Mrs. William Conn.

VISITS GROUP

Pvt. Vera Storm, women's army corps, a former member, visited the Neighbors of Woodcraft at its meeting Thursday evening. Regular business was transacted. It was announced the Thimble club will meet Feb. 5 with Mrs. Jessie Marsh.

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Arizona Hunters Oil Guns For Buffalo Hunt

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., Jan. 26.—(AP)—Fifty Arizona hunters have rifles oiled and ammunition ready for a foray Feb. 3-4 into House Rock valley where they will shoot 50 buffalo.

The main object of the annual hunt is to reduce the state-owned herd of about 200 buffalo. A secondary benefit will be a buffalo meat barbecue for about 4000 persons at Phoenix, the state capital, and Tucson, Arizona's second city.

Hearing Scheduled On New Cemeteries

SALEM, Ore.—(AP)—A public hearing will be held soon on a bill which would allow for the creation of new cemeteries, and

would permit the rehabilitation and maintenance of old cemeteries. The bill, introduced by Sen. Walker, has been the subject of some conflicting testimony. Some cemeteries in the state "disgrace to the community," and some that he didn't know of miles away should be maintained.

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