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Around the Clock

By DON UPJOHN

In an addition out in North Salem a new job of street naming has been done, according to records with the county, three of the streets being named Morning, Noon and Evening streets which uses up most of the time that people are awake, in fact it covers just about everything but midnight. There still may be a near little question of adjustment to arise when we all go back on daylight savings time next summer, especially for the folk living on Noon street, who won't quite know just where they're at.



Don Upjohn

Shirtilo Economy
Ipswich, England (AP)—How long do blue-blooded English Earls wear their shirts? Lord Cranbrook told fellow-members of East Suffolk Standing committee his shirts lasted four years—but by that time most of the tail has been cut away to provide new collars. The committee, which also includes a Baron, Baronet and two Knights, was considering how long local policemen should wear official-issue shirts before the garments were classed as "a worn condition." Their decision: Three years. Plain white shirts of average quality cost 4 pounds (\$11.20) in London's haberdasheries.

The Cuckoo Cuckoo
Margate, N. J., Nov. 17 (AP)—Time is cuckoo these days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edison Hedges. Their daughter, Clarissa, recently brought a cuckoo clock from Switzerland. The Hedges' pet parrot, "Joey" was fascinated by the cuckoo in the clock. Joey learned to out-cuckoo the clock. He usually adds a few licks of his own to those of the cuckoo. Frequently now, when the Hedges sit down for dinner, it appears to be 15 o'clock—Joey time, of course.

Face Was Familiar, But—
Laramie, Wyo., Nov. 16 (AP)—A Laramie service station mechanic learned today that a familiar face on a skunk was no proof that the striped cat would be friendly. The lesson came when Hap McKin's pet skunk—a deodorized, refined gentle animal—disappeared. One of Hap's friends told him that he had seen the pet under a building. The face looked familiar but it was a different animal. Hap closed his service station, opened the windows wide, and settled down to wait for a wind that would carry the memory of the stranger away.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER
What Is It That Tires The Tired Business Man?
By HAL BOYLE
New York (AP)—What makes the tired business man tired? "His office," said Leonard Hutton, interior decorator. "A man's office should be like his den at home—comfortable and relaxing. "But what is the average office like? "It has an oversize desk—that's to show he's an important man—a swivel chair, two stiff chairs for visitors, and a leather-covered sofa. On the wall is a map of the U. S.—with flags stuck in it to impress his customers with how many men he has across the country."

Hutton clucked disapprovingly. "It's too sober—too dull. It gives him no lift. Badly designed rooms make people tired and nervous—but they don't realize why. A man can work more efficiently and make a better impression on his associates if his office doesn't look like an office."

Hutton is full of concrete suggestions to put a littleumph in the American business office. He feels it should have some music, a hidden bar for entertaining prospects, no glaring lights, and colorful draperies that can be drawn automatically—by pushing a button. "And no wall maps—good pictures or personalized photographs," he said. "Nor do you have to have stiff heavy chairs just because some crazy guy decided Gothic was a good style. "You should have comfortable chairs arranged in a friendly seating group. Conference tables

are no good. Who ever felt at ease at a conference table? If the businessman must have files in his office, Hutton said, they should be recessed into the walls. "Files only remind the visitor he ought to be back in his own office working. How can you sell him an idea if he isn't at ease?"

Hutton thinks the tired business man doesn't fare much better when he goes home to rest from his dingy office. "He comes into a living room 'decorated' exactly in a what-do-they-use-these-days manner. Then the poor man has to sit in some uncomfortable reproductions of some ugly style that never was a style but just a period."

"There is no place for him to lie down, because his wife won't let him rest on her good living room sofa or on the bed—the bedspread might get wrinkled. "So the man's unhappy at his office, unhappy at home—and that's why so much business is done in restaurants and cocktail bars."

Hutton, who recently decorated the Austrian embassy in Washington, is of German birth. "They do so much to make automobiles comfortable here—and so little to make homes comfortable," he said. "It is amazing in a country of electric toasters, bottle warmers and refrigerators that the home has been neglected to such an extent."

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Jimmie Roosevelt Charts Straight Political Course Now

By DREW PEARSON

Los Angeles—It looks like Jimmie Roosevelt is definitely coming into his own. Once a callow youth, floundering under the weight of a famous name, Jimmie dealt with almost anybody who came along. At one time he was the political pal of Mayor James Curley of Boston. Another time his life insurance sales to George Washington Hill of the American Tobacco Co., didn't help the Roosevelt family.



Jimmie Roosevelt

However, Jimmie is 42 now, and the years have done something to him. He has excellent political judgment. He is careful about friends. And most important of all, he is now able to chart a straight political course. Jimmie knows what he wants and goes after it.

One of the most interesting developments about Jimmie Roosevelt is the group of youngsters around him. It is reminiscent of the young democrats of his father's day, the young people who would fight and die politically to defend the name of Roosevelt.

Those young democrats of 1933 have now put on age, in some cases mould and crust. But a new generation has come along in California and their adoration of Jimmie Roosevelt is probably greater than that once given his father.

Jimmie is amazingly popular in California. When he goes into a restaurant, a political meeting or any place where people gather, the music stops, or else begins, or a whisper sweeps over the room. You can write it down that he can win the democratic nomination for governor in a walk, whether Truman supports him or not.

NOTE—The president's ire at those who supported Eisenhower before the Philadelphia convention has changed toward Mayor O'Dwyer of New York, Jack Arvey, the political boss of Chicago; Senator Douglas of Illinois and various others. His peevishness against Jimmie Roosevelt probably results not so much from the Eisenhower incident but from his jealousy for all things Rooseveltian.

SHERMAN SHOWS SPUNK
On the west coast where the admirals hatched their revolt, things are a lot different now that Adm. Forrest Sherman has taken over the navy helm. He's steering a steady course and rebellious admirals are climbing back aboard.

Sherman's policy is friendly but firm. He demonstrated that he could use an iron hand not only by abolishing operation 23, the navy propaganda unit, but by cracking down on another navy propaganda nest at Pensacola, Fla. There, the navy was even mimeographing form letters of complaint to congressmen, then handing them out to the congressmen's constituents to sign.

But Admiral Sherman sent his deputy, Adm. John Price, to Pensacola, and stopped the smear campaign. Adm. John Reeves, in charge of the operation, is being replaced and will retire in April. Simultaneously, Sherman showed he wasn't a yes-man by letting Capt. John Crommelin off with a sharp rebuke. This was a decision which Rear Adm. George Russell, the navy judge advocate, urged Sherman to duck, and dump into the lap of Secretary of the Navy Matthews.

But Sherman replied: "Crommelin is under my command, and I'll take the responsibility." Though Sherman had been smeared by his fellow admirals as a "Quisling," he didn't barge into his new office swinging the ax. He started by "going to school," and calling in each bureau chief to bring him up to date on naval affairs. Result: Peace and order is beginning to come back to the armed forces.

NOTE—Admiral Sherman decided upon a naval career at the age of six when he first set foot on a battleship, the U.S.S. Kentucky. As early as 12, he showed his seamanship and spunk while sailing off the New England coast in a whaleboat with his grandfather. Several miles off shore, his grandfather died at the helm, and young Sherman brought the boat home safely through choppy water.

ROW OVER SUBSIDIES
Two neighboring governors—J. Bracken Lee of Utah and John W. Bonner of Montana—got into a row over mine subsidies the other day at a closed meeting of 13 western governors at Salt Lake City.

The row started after the governors heard a mining industry spokesman, Carl Trauerman, plead for higher tariffs, a free gold market and—of all things—federal subsidies. This is the first time the mining industry, considered a bulwark of free enterprise, has joined the chorus crying for a government hand-out.

Montana's Bonner agreed that federal subsidies were necessary to keep the small mines operating, argued that it was sound defense policy to have strategic metals pouring into our stockpile. But Utah's Lee snorted that the "less we have to do with the federal government the better," and urged the governors not to undertake anything they couldn't do on their own. Lee's little speech didn't go over with the mining industry, however, which happens to be the principal industry in Utah and which does not agree with the GOP cry of "welfare state" at least when it comes to mining. NOTE—Lee also opposed federal aid to education, which has been sponsored in congress by Utah's Sen. Elbert Thomas. In fact, Lee was against everything that emanated from Washington—even tangled with California's Gov. Earl Warren over rent control. Warren maintained that rent control was still necessary in some California cities—no matter what the situation was in Utah.

BY GUILD
Wizard of Odds



MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Are Germany and France Moving Toward Reconciliation?

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

One of the greatest boons for peace and rehabilitation of Europe would be a solution of the bitter enmity between Germany and France—and from important quarters comes guarded word that there is hope the breach may be healed.

British Foreign Secretary Bevin told an audience in London that the recent Paris meeting of the Big Three Foreign Ministers (America, Britain and France) dealt with "probably one of the biggest problems of all—the integration of Germany into western civilization."

The unexpected statement by one of the world's leading statesmen was preceded by other equally surprising pronouncements from the hostile camps themselves.

Going back to the early part of this month, we find French Foreign Minister Schuman trying to convince his people that the best way to avoid trouble with the Germans is for the two countries to become good neighbors instead of suspicious rivals.

That's strong medicine for the average citizen to swallow. However, not only Schuman but other French officials said the chances of ending the old Franco-German feud were better than ever before in history.

A few days later Ludwig Erhard, economics minister for the New West German Republic, predicted in Paris that the future of European cooperation will depend on Franco-German cooperation. He said it should be easier now to bring the two countries together because their economic ideas correspond.

Erhard told a news conference he was in Paris to find an economic basis for a political agreement which he expected would be concluded soon. He said Germany recognized the French need for security guarantees and was willing to make sacrifices in order to demonstrate its readiness for reconciliation.

Sounds encouraging, doesn't it? Certainly things seem to be moving in the right direction. However, we shall be wise if we don't jump to sweeping conclusions.

The enmity between Germany and France is deep-seated. Over the years there has grown up this mighty Franco-German barrier which Allied statesmen are now trying to remove.

There finally is general recognition of the fact that rehabilitation of Germany is essential to rehabilitation of Europe, and that there cannot be full rehabilitation of Germany until the Franco-German quarrel is settled.

This recognition in itself is a hopeful sign.

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