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This nation was founded on a principle of free speech and, on paper, that privilege is our most jealously guarded constitutional right. In practice, however, such a noble purpose frequently is brought to task.

A case in point is that of an eastern German-American bund leader, Fritz Kuhn, whose remarks attacking the President in most disrespectful terms have aroused the nation to a near-apoplectic rage. That a leader should hurl insults at our government while praising a foreign dictator is just a little more than the average loyal citizen cares to stomach. We are all for free speech, and all that . . . but why doesn't somebody ship Fritz off to the land he professes to admire more than his America?

However, there is little real danger to this democratic government from such hinge-lipped little men. His bund will collapse from popular disapproval and widespread resentment. But what is less direct and of deeper concern to all of us is the bunds' revival of pig-headed race prejudices. Fritz Kuhn and his kind will come and go, but each new indulgence in hatred will leave a lasting scar.

Back in the days of the klan this country endured the worst kind of simple-minded ugliness, and the present bund efforts to revive such stupid passions can be disastrous both to Jew and German citizens of the United States, and to the rest of us as well.

Free speech is a precious American possession, but it exacts its price. Now if the government could just crack Kuhn for income tax evasion, a great tradition would remain untrammelled and a rotten odor from Berlin could be dispelled.

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MAKE 'EM PAY TAXES, TOO, EARL!

Fortunately, there is a Something which eventually evens all things. Residents of Ashland—and of all Oregon communities located hard by the California state line—have tired at the insistence with which northbound tourists flash their sales tax pennies here. But the other day none other than our own secretary of state, Earl Snell, bit the dog.

Snell, it seems, wrote Tule Lake, Calif., for a financial report on that municipal corporation. In fact, he demanded immediate compliance with Oregon law covering the subject.

And you can imagine the surprise of the startled Tule Lake city recorder.

Somehow or other, we're mighty proud of our enterprising Snell. His geographical boner was a refreshing retaliation for the habitual land grabbing which "moves" our Crater Lake into California.

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NOW, WHEN I WAS A BOY—!

Nope, there's nothing new under the sun, and the crack goes for these silly women's hats, too.

Modern motorists, with their fidgety impatience to arrive at wherever they're going with the least possible delay, appear to be a new high in human hurry. But there's no real difference in the throttle-smasher of today and the rein-snapping, clucking buggy crowd of yesterday.

The only difference is in the vehicles under them.

It was not so long ago that Hiram, hitching up his team for a jaunt into town, snapped his horses on their hind quarters and muttered, "Well, let's be a-gittin' thar". And you can be sure that Hiram took the most direct road and didn't stop to let the nags nibble along the wayside. His impatience to get to town—and then to get back home, once he started—was as great as is that of the driver of a high-powered car who nervously jiggles with a radio dial to kill time as he speeds along at 60 miles an hour.

Yes, mankind has better and better tools with which to work, but he keeps doing the same pointless, silly things with them. The yokel who used to bend over with striking distance of a cranky mule's lethal hooves now lurches around curves at breakneck speed.

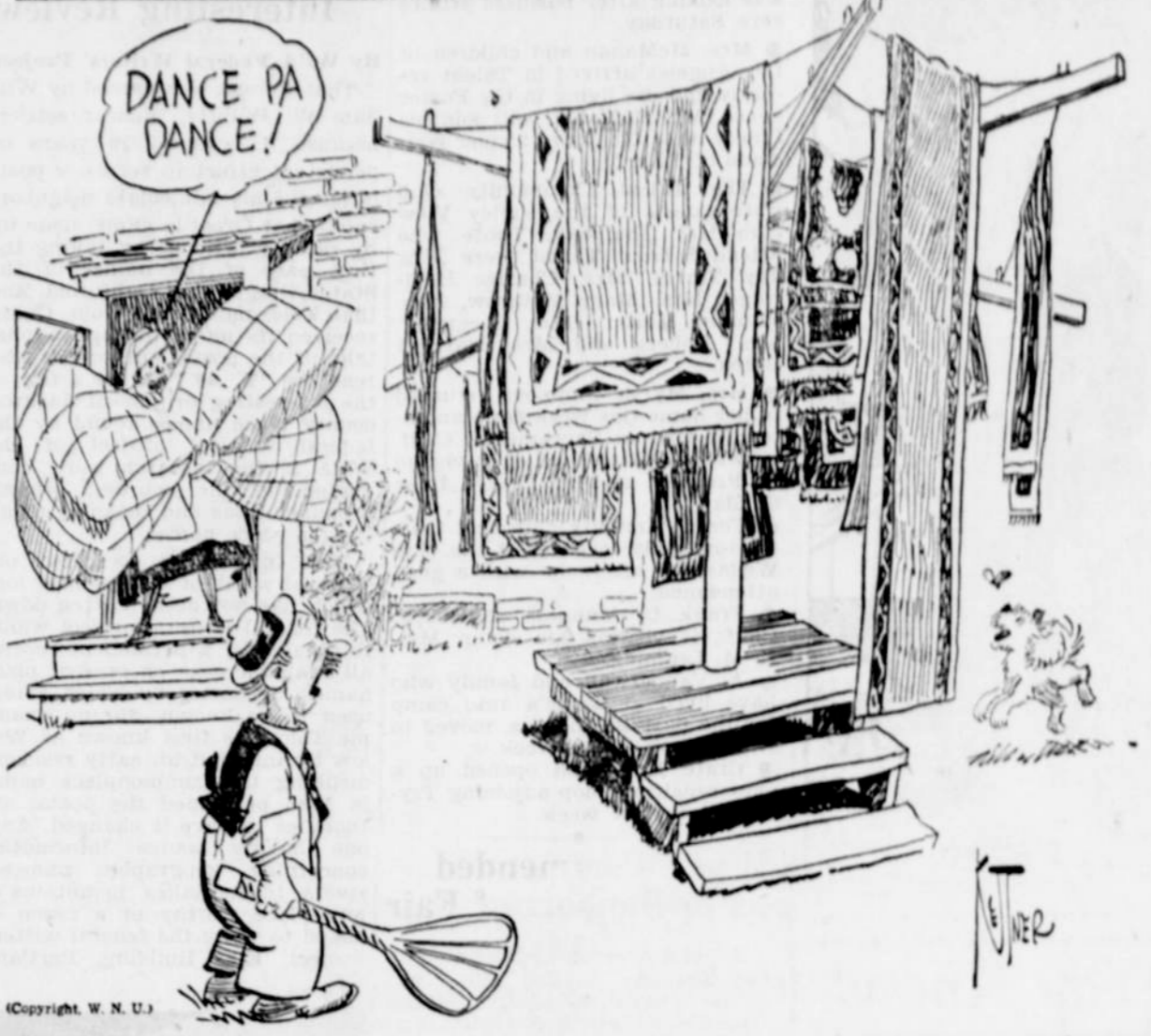
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OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

JAMES ROOSEVELT, while personally conducting "Wuthering Heights" on its European premiere, took dinner with the king and queen of England, but it cost him \$320. He had to charter a private plane to keep the appointment.

Here's one to add to Goldwyn-alla. Sam Goldwyn appeared at his office one morning muttering "this is terrible" over and over again. Finally, one of the bolder souls, unable to stand it any longer, asked, "What's this that's so terrible, Mr. Goldwyn?" Whereupon the big moving picture man replied, "I just found out that the one I got working for me isn't the one that's president."

It is to be hoped that the television sets will be blessed with a greater degree of selectivity than is possessed by the radio receiving set over which we get our nightly entertainment. Amos 'n Andy's black faces hovering over Major Bowes starting Charlie McCarthy off to a song and dance would be a scene that would drive a more enduring soul than ours off to the pool hall.

State of the Nation: It wasn't confined to the Hoover administration. The other day the writer was handed a salesman's card reading "give me an order or I'll vote for him again." In 1928 taxes took 22 cents out of every dollar of national income, in 1937 it was 18 cents. Seventeen senators can veto a treaty with a foreign nation. Eighteen senators can be elected from the nine most sparsely populated states which contain eight per cent of the population, and this month Madame Dionne will celebrate her 30th birthday. Lou Gehrig, holder of the record for playing in the greatest consecutive number of baseball games—over 2000—has voluntarily benched himself. Said neither the team nor himself were going so good.

Our vote for the most expressive statement of the week: "The passage was so rough that for five days I wore a porthole around my neck."

When reading some of the comments one gathers that the San Francisco fair isn't the gigantic spectacle financially that it is scenically. Herb Caen, writer for the San Francisco Chronicle, has let out some pretty sharp observations in this regard and some of the irate citizenry are penning letters of protest to the editor. So far we don't think he has been accused of untruthful reporting but probably what makes 'em mad is that he tells too much of the truth, too well.

Difficulties along the spectacular gayway and lack of patronage for the big name swing bands will always make the best headline material which draws attention from the actual fair itself. Fairs, in the strict sense of the word, have always been the same. In ancient times tradesmen and producers brought their wares to some central point probably under the auspices of what was the forerunner of the present-day chamber of commerce, for exhibit and sale. In later years it became impractical to tote the actual goods around so exhibits by the manufacturers and foreign governments were used instead. Gayways and sideshows are always in existence in a number of places throughout the country and those at the fair are being conducted by show people who are merely carrying on their usual occupation in a new setting. Moreover, one finds the exhibits

FACTS FOR DRIVERS

By EARL SNELL Secretary of State

EARL SNELL, secretary of state, calls attention to the following item from the publication "The Safe Driver":

"Some time ago the National Transportation company of New York City installed a rear buzzer signal on every vehicle in its taxicab fleet.

"Officials hoped the buzzer would prevent backing up accidents, which had become far too numerous. It did. The buzzer attracted attention when the cabs backed up.

"Backing up accidents dropped 30 per cent.

"Because a backing vehicle usually travels slowly, drivers are apt to minimize the hazards of traveling in reverse.

"Evanston, Ill. had a splendid record of 301 days without a traffic fatality. It was broken late in 1938 when a woman was killed by a truck backing into a private driveway.

"In New York state last September eight men were struck and killed by automobiles in industrial accidents, four of which were being backed up.

"It is so easy to get into trouble when you're backing up. The victim often is unaware of the vehicle or becomes caught between it and a wall or loading platform."

The importance of traffic safety education in our schools is clearly demonstrated by figures supplied recently by the National Safety Council to Earl Snell, secretary of state. This report, Mr. Snell states, shows that about 5,000 American high schools teach regular courses in traffic safety. In some school systems, the traffic safety course must be mastered before the student may graduate.

About 2,400,000 boys and girls reach the driving age every year and each year, as more schools teach traffic safety, a larger percentage of this number begin their driving experience better equipped to do a safe job of it.

During the last five years the of the different enterprises only at these fairs and they are not maintained at any other time or place. If the headlines of the difficulties of the sideshows could be displaced for a pictorialization of the excellence of the scenic and industrial attractions, perhaps, in the humble opinion of this correspondent who understates when he says that his experience in showmanship is limited, perhaps the fair tycoons down there wouldn't have so many headaches over the unfavorable publicity given the gate attendance and the closing of some of the amusement attractions.

Anyway, "just swell" is the usual answer from returning visitors we have talked to up here in the hinterlands.

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Church of the Nazarene

E. E. Wordsworth, Pastor

"The church where you are a stranger." Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Service for youth with message by the pastor. "Remembering God in the Morning" worship 11 o'clock. Pastor will preach. The Spirit's Anointing and Second sermon on this subject. Evening worship 8 o'clock. Pastor will preach on the "Lost Opportunities." Singing services are of vital importance. Helpful congregational singing. Please note church time to 8 p. m. Welcome.

First Baptist Church

Charles E. Dunham, Pastor

Church school meets at 10 a. m. C. N. Gilmore, superintendent. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. "Why Men are Offended" is the subject of the past sermon. Young People's Union at 7 p. m. The evening at 8 o'clock. The pastor will have his subject being "I was Greater." Prayer and conference on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

JERSEY CLUBBERS TOUR FARMS, PICNIC SAT

Members of the Rogge Jersey Cattle club Saturday toured Ashland area farms at the J. R. McCracken farm, 10 a. m., and continuing to B. Poyer dairy at 11 a. m. Ladino Jersey farm at 1 p. m. at which time basket luncheon, milk and ice cream were enjoyed. A number of classes were arranged for the day. Owners and breeders of Jersey and other breeders, members and others will participate.

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