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Editorial Correspondence

SOBOBA SPRINGS, Calif., March 20.—If you wish to appreciate what the motor car has done to eliminate distances, try hitch hiking for a while. Time yourself for a two mile jaunt along the highway, and then put your stop watch on a motor car, assuming a normal speed for both. We did it yesterday. Motored to the San Jacinto tunnel, the western portal of the Colorado River aqueduct two miles north of here and then walked back. It took the car three minutes, to go up, and our faithful dogs consumed just 39 minutes to negotiate the return. Which incidentally explodes the theory the average person, SAUNTERING along the highway, makes four miles an hour. Time yourself and see. Don't saunter if you wish to make it. Push yourself just short of a dog trot.

Before visiting the aqueduct tunnel we started on a hike to San Jacinto, the back-way. (We shall probably enter the marathon run at Berlin three months hence.) Met a car, a few hundred yards away from the Soboba which surprised us by coming to a sudden stop, with certain gestures of recognition from within. Walked back to see what was the matter and were delighted to see Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bennett, who had motored over from Palm Springs. They had not come to call however, but were looking for a place to enjoy a picnic lunch after keeping a dentist appointment in Banning. Persuaded them to visit the editorial tepee, up on the hill, look over the resort and sample the springs. Roger is a glutton for springs,—regardless of the flavor or temperature, passing none of them by. Mrs. B. more fastidious found a slight sip at one spring sufficient,—white sulphur or black sulphur, she maintained the taste is the same—like eggs and rotten ones. (Trust the manager of El Encanto is on duty this morning.)

Well whatever the final judgment of Roosevelt's New Deal, there will be plenty of lasting monuments to his administration—monuments that will endure as long as this old ball of dirt does. Hoover Dam and this Colorado river aqueduct is one of them. (The Los Angeles Times insists upon calling it "Hoover dam" regardless of the official title of Boulder, and as a result that is the term employed throughout this section of California.) Of course this is not a New Deal project, but practically all the work has been done during the Roosevelt administration so by future generations it will undoubtedly be classified with Bonneville, Grand Coulee, Tennessee Valley and other huge power and irrigation projects.

Hoover Dam has been completed and turned over to the government about two years before schedule,—wonder how long it would have taken if the contract had been let on a cost-plus basis! They are behind schedule on this Metropolitan Water district project, but work will probably be completed by 1938. The delay has been due largely to water—there being over 90 miles of tunnel, between here and Hoover dam (about 240 miles northeast of here) and both unexpected springs and subterranean rivers were encountered.

Well the tunnel entrance at the base of Mt. San Jacinto looks like any other tunnel—a train could go through it. As a matter of fact trains do go through it on narrow gauge tracks but they are electric—used to haul the dirt and rock out and take the crews to work. We walked in a few hundred yards, until we came to a red illuminated sign up high on the right which spelled danger. The tunnel extended as far as the eye could see a straight row of electric lights,—as light in there as the Holland tunnel from Jersey City to New York. Later we were offered a trip to the first work station, but decided it would merely be a repetition of what we had seen. Moreover it was cold and damp in there and we had brought neither sweater nor coat.

We have enough figures and of sufficient proportions even to impress a New Deal adding machine, but confine ourselves to only two of the more significant. This tunnel is 13 miles long, running from this western portal to Cabazon, north of Palm Springs, and is to be lined with concrete. Perhaps this figure for the concrete needed will make Moose Muirhead's mouth WATER—4,730,000 cubic yards,—enough to build a 14-foot motor highway from Los Angeles to New York! A 16-foot tunnel and yet the dirt excavated will total 44,600,000 cubic yards—enough declared the engineer in charge, to cover Pershing Square to the depth of a mile. (And we wager if that were done, the lion tamer and the phoney Buffalo Bill would still be sitting on their respective benches talking to the USUAL assembled audience!)

Some people may suppose a tunnel like this is built by starting to dig at both sides of the mountain simultaneously and then meeting in the center. Not so. Such a plan would have consumed probably a tenth of a century longer, for only two crews could then be on the job at one time. There are from five to eight crews working all the time. Shafts are dug at the lowest surface points revealed by the topographical survey—(the bottom of the valleys and ravines for example)—then two crews are let down and start to work in opposite directions at each tunnel. That is why the finished tunnel is not straight but follows a zig-zag line, its direction being determined, NOT by the shortest distance between two points but by the contours on the surface.

They have first aid stations ready for all emergencies, but considering the dangerous nature of the work, there have been amazingly few accidents and this year at least no fatalities. We noticed several cars with trailers parked in a group of trees near the tunnel headquarters. Here several of the engineers and executives live. One of the trailers had not only an electric refrigerator, and twin beds, but a shower bath and some pulley weights, such as one might find in a gymnasium. After being on the job all day in the tunnel, one must feel in need of a little brisk gymnasium exercise in the evening!

This water from Boulder—pardon, Hoover dam—will be used for household purposes and irrigation, according to the official prospectus. Water for household purposes in the Los Angeles area, eh? Well we venture to say, this will eventually mean turned little for irrigation. For that Los Angeles area now takes in everything north of Mexico and south of the Canadian line! (One-third of the electric power generated at Hoover dam will be used to pump the water over the high points in this "ditch"—which sounded phony to us,—but the young man who escorted us about, repeated the figure when we questioned him.) We had supposed it was almost entirely gravity flow.

Which reminds us a federal district judge in L. A. has ruled his court has no jurisdiction over this hobo quarantine, operated by the Los Angeles police, whereupon the Times puts it on the front page as a victory for this unconstitutional exclusion. Denying jurisdiction is hardly a victory for ANYONE. As a matter of fact Attorney General Webb of California has announced there is no legal justification for this high-handed action whatever, and has urged the chief of police to quit while the quitting is good. But the Los Angeles C. of C. is behind the police force—so nothing will be done. R. W. R.

Missionaries Safe. TAIYUAN, Shanai Province, China, March 21.—(AP)—The American missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Claude Thomas and their two children of Wheaton, Ill., reported missing from China inland mission at Hsuehsien, are safe at Kungtung. Editor Rowell Honored. SACRAMENTO, March 21.—(AP)—Governor Merriam today reappointed Chester H. Rowell, San Francisco newspaper editor, and Garret W. McEnerney, San Francisco attorney, to 16-year terms as regents to the University of California.

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THEY THINK THE Y NURSE BETTER

Measurements and health records of college women for many years seem to show that women are taller and stronger today than their mothers. Justified clothing and grandmothers were in their day. Vital statistics seem to indicate that the whole population of this country enjoys a greater expectation of life now than ever before; that one has a better chance of attaining old age, thanks to better sanitation, better hygiene, greater knowledge of how to live.

The modern girl or young woman goes in more or less for athletic activities. She wears more sensible, more healthful clothing than her mother or grandmother did. She quit fainting, swooning and other frailties which we need not mention here. These reforms brought her up where she was twenty years ago. But in the past decade or two she had been slipping. I fear. Cigarettes, make-up and booze haven't helped her a bit. Now hold your sarcasm. This is just Dr. Doc Brady in a heart to heart talk.

I've said more than once that, in my judgment, smoking is no more harmful to the health of a woman than it is to the health of a man. At the same time I believe young women who take up smoking are more likely to smoke to excess. And there can be no question that excessive indulgence in tobacco injures the health of any one. Just what injures Haven't time to explain now why the girls are more likely to carry it to extremes.

Make-up is harmless enough in itself, provided cosmetics used contain no poisonous or injurious ingredients. But in my opinion the girl who requires skill in the art of make-up is less likely to take good care of her health, her hygiene, her habits, because she can so effectively conceal the marks of ill health and counterfeits the appearance of health. On this ground alone I would prohibit the use of rouge, lipstick and other make-up, as well as French heels, burlesque dress, cigarettes and booze by school girls. Put me down as an old meanie if you like. I still believe in spanking, too.

Some fair-minded fathers and mothers will perhaps disagree with my view. All right. But when it comes to drinking cocktails and having a pull at the smart aleck boy friend's pocket flask, probably few parents will protest against my animadversions.

Similarly small sized shepherd dogs and cows and the sheep. He thinks the landscape grimly beautiful, despite total absence of trees. Wood for homes has to be imported and it is as primitive as 100 years ago. O, yes, Shetland is north of Scotland.

In listing a batch of favorite restaurants for an out-of-town friend soon to arrive on a visit I noticed so many began with the letter L. Such as Ligny, Luchow, Larue, Lebus and Longchamp. And in making afterward I concocted my idea of a perfect meal, sections I remember from here and there. Here it is: Chicken broth with rice from the Armenian Akakia, sole Marguery from the original Marguery in Paris; kidney pie from the Colony, thinly sliced sweet potatoes and pineapple from the Victor Hugo in Los Angeles; wilted lettuce salad from Antoine's in New Orleans, Corder Plantain from Rita Carlton, And coffee, of course, from Lindy's.

I've been sloshing around in one of those mental either-ethers again today. Touched off by some fool sending me the name Earl E. Gurley and asking me to repeat it rapidly. An idiosyncrasy such as that can wreck an otherwise dandy day. O, yes, I'm going to write a book. I mean to see an exhibit of match pocket flaps in a department store. The biggest collection in the world, some 22,000, is owned by an army major in London. Maurice Geraghty, Tom's son, out in Hollywood, also has an enormous collection. Ben Finney has a huge curtain of collected champagne corks.

The new gilt fluted special pier into which the Queen Mary will be warped is finished and waiting. A swank dock front night club hard-by is hoping to catch the late sailing hordes. The Normandie, too, is being allicked up for the battle of the barques. May the best boat win. Both of them make me sick—that is they would make me sick if I started out to take a few Atlantic swells with them. A skiff ride, indeed, in Central Park gives me the ork-ork.

SINGAPORE, Straits Settlement, March 21.—(UP) Charles Chaplin, annoyed by reports of his supposed marriage to Pauline Goddard, featured in his latest movie, chartered a luxurious private yacht today for a voyage in the East Indies. The yacht is the Sea Belle II, owned by Sir Thomas Shenton Thomas, governor of the settlements. The government finds the yacht expensive and occasionally hires it out to those able to pay. The last customer was Duke Cromwell, the American Tobacco heiress, during her honeymoon cruise with James H. R. Cromwell. The yacht is now popularly nicknamed the Honey-moonship.

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

NOTE this dispatch from London: "France and Belgium today demanded that the League of Nations council adopt a resolution branding Germany a violator of the Locarno and Versailles treaties."

If they succeed in that, they will then demand the league invoke sanctions (boycotts) against Germany.

SENATOR BORAH had nothing else to his credit, he would have a large claim to our gratitude for having been one of the small group of senators who by their determined opposition to what then seemed a popular movement kept us out of the League of Nations.

FRANCE is filling the air with her demands over Germany's repudiation of her obligations under the treaty of Versailles.

Well, at the first moment when she thought she could get away with it, France repudiated her war debt to the United States.

Which is worse—a treaty violator, or one who "welches" on a debt? (To this writer, who is just a small town business man, one seems fully as bad as the other—in spite of all the high-sounding talk that is coming from the French.)

D. S. B. McLAUGHLIN, Williamette university sociologist, urges that hopelessly feeble-minded persons be "mercifully" put to death.

One question at this point: "Who would be the judge of hopeless feeble-mindedness?" This writer could, if pressed, name several candidates, but doubts whether they or their relatives would accept his judgment.

THIS business of killing off "useless" people is a good deal like starting a fire in dry grass. One never can tell when it is started how far it will go before it stops.

ETHIOPS CLAIM VICTORY AT AMBA

ADDIS ABABA, March 21.—(AP)—The Ethiopians claimed today to have achieved a sweeping victory in a battle north of Amba Alagi on the northern front.

The battle lasted for several days and ended last night, the report said. Emperor Haile Selassie was reported to have taken an active part in leading his troops.

Amha Alagi is about thirty miles due south of Makale, the main stronghold of the north, which has been in Italian hands since early in the war. The Italian losses were said to have been "heavy" and it was claimed that the Ethiopians were within striking distance of Makale.

Addis Ababa was apprehensive lest the Italians retaliate by bombing the capitol and all shops were boarded up.

HEIRESS' MOTHER REPORTED BETTER

JERSEY CITY, N. J., March 21.—(UP)—Slight improvement was observed today in the condition of Mrs. Myron Cooper Hewitt, accused of the sterilization of her heiress daughter in a conspiracy to gain control of the latter's estate.

Mrs. Hewitt's temperature dropped to 102 degrees. Her condition has been reported as critical since she entered the Medical Center hospital three weeks ago suffering from an overdose of sedative. A charge of attempted suicide is pending against her.

SCOUT OFFICIALS OF ENGLAND WILL VISIT MEDFORD

Irving P. Beasley, Scout executive of Crater Lake Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, attending the sixth national training conference for Scout executives at French Lick Springs, Ind., has sent word to council headquarters that he has secured J. S. Wilson, camp chief of the Gilwell Training Center in England to meet with Scouters of the council on Sunday, April 6.

Mr. Wilson, camp chief of the Boy Scouts Association in Great Britain, will be in Medford for the week of April 6 to 12, and will be in charge of the Gilwell Park near London is the British center for training Scout officers and has attained what may be called international status, as was indicated by the chief Scout of the world adopting it after consultation with the International Scout committee, for his title of Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell when he was elevated to the peerage of Great Britain on the occasion of the coming-of-age celebrations of the Boy Scout movement in 1929.

Mr. Wilson will be accompanied by R. A. Frost, who has been connected with the Scout movement in England in various capacities for many years. They have been in attendance at the training conference at French Lick Springs and after the conference will visit a few councils.

Dr. E. DeAlton Partridge, national director of research and program development, will also accompany Mr. Wilson and Mr. Frost.

Larry Schaefer, president of Crater Lake Area Council, stated: "I feel this council is extremely fortunate in being able to secure these three internationally known Scouters to meet with the men in this area." Executive Beasley took the Gilwell training course in London under Mr. Wilson and because of this contact the invitation was accepted.

REVISION BASE FOR CORPORATION TAX

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(UP)—The house tax sub-committee tonight announced tentative agreement upon a new "yardstick" corporate tax plan, granting preferential treatment to small corporations.

The new plan represents a sharp revision of the original proposal under consideration by the house ways and means sub-committee headed by Representative Samuel B. Hill (D. of Wash.).

If ultimately approved, the new tax program will levy smaller taxes than those at present on corporations with small profits, but will increase the levy against larger organizations.

Anti-Communist To Lecture Here

Dr. L. R. Patmont of Berkeley, Calif., world traveler, linguist and authority on international affairs, will give a series of three lectures on communism, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the First Christian church. Dr. Patmont's lectures, illustrated with actual photographs taken during a 30,000-mile trip through Russia, have attracted large audiences throughout the United States.

The lectures will commence each of the three evenings at eight o'clock, and no admission will be charged, although a free-will offering will be taken.

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Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY March 22, 1926 (It Was Monday) Local Legion post to launch membership campaign.

Four stranded tourist families detained gasoline when they refuse to work by the county court. Pathe News will film opening of Crater Lake season.

State dry enforcement officers sentenced to prison for conspiring to defeat Prohibition law, by federal court judge at Portland. Rogue river now the lowest in 25 years, and hurts the fishing.

Clearing of right of way for new city pipe line started. TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY March 22, 1916 (It Was Wednesday) House asked to vote \$8,808,906.71 for cost of chasing Bandit Villa, to date.

A flurry of snow fell over the valley today, lowering the temperature in real March fashion. "What we need are practical persons on our school board with ordinary horse sense, that will cut out of all unnecessary frills such as athletics, domestic science and all other non-sensicals. There is no child going to school but what can get all the exercise they need mornings, evenings and holidays at home of their parents will put them to work. I know boys going to the high school will stand around or play ball and let their mothers spade the garden, and every mother should be able to teach her daughter to cook and make her own garments."—(From letter to the editor.)

Injunction sought prohibiting use of crude oil for smudging in orchards.

Enjoy Pears Every Day. To the Editor: Having discovered persons who scarcely know that Winter Nells pears are an article of food, I thought a word of appreciation of this local product might be timely.

We have this week been using the last of our Winter Nells pears. I do not know how many boxes of pears we brought out from town last October, but I do know that for months we have enjoyed pears nearly every day. My early life was spent in the east, where any kind of fresh fruit in the winter months was a luxury. I doubt if most persons in southern Oregon properly appreciate and make use of the winter pears and apples that the packing houses so generously distributed.

If, as many of us believe, it is criminal to destroy or use for stock food products that are suitable for human consumption, then the packing houses should be commended for allowing their culls to be taken into our homes for use. Is not this one of the little things that make of the Rogue River valley a "great country?" Sincerely MRS. BERT HARR. Jacksonville, March 30, 1936.

Pendleton Gives \$350. PENDLETON, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—D. D. Hobart, chairman of the Umatilla county Red Cross, said Pendleton's donation of \$350 to aid eastern flood sufferers was one of the first responses to appeals for aid on the west coast.

Be correctly corseted in an Artiel Model by Ethelwyn B. Hoffmann.

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