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Water—The Modern Need

Cleanliness, a peculiarly American trait, may be next to godliness, as John Wesley wrote, but it is also helping to accent the need for increased water supplies in most cities and towns of the country from vast New York to the small hamlets.

ALTHOUGH population growth and more industrial use are, of course, the major causes of shortages, there are many new household gadgets which help to use up gallons. For example, in Grandma's day the dishes were washed in a dishpan and rinsed with a couple of cupfuls of hot water from the teakettle, the whole operation requiring only two or three quarts. Today, with automatically heated tanks supplying plenty of water, and automatic dishwashing for the more affluent, it takes literally gallons to do the job.

Electric washing machines, and more lately the automatic kind which turn on and drain out several changes of water for each tubfull of clothes have also upped water consumption from the days when a tub and a washboiler did the business.

The washtub, which doubled as a bathtub on Saturday nights of earlier days, was much less wasteful than the present day daily bath, especially in the case of larger families. Nowadays we like to splash around in at least half a tubfull or in taking a shower, get plenty of volume.

WE HAVE cited only a few of the modern conveniences which eat up water supplies, but the fact is, installation of the many such contrivances is increasing per capita consumption at an alarming rate. Water use in the nation has grown almost 50 per cent since the turn of the century. Public water works now supply the incredible total of over 12 billion gallons daily for use in homes, stores and factories.

LUCKY is the city with a not-too-distant, reliable source of pure water for such happily situated spots are few and far between.

Even here in Oregon where rainfall is supposed to keep us fairly moist most of the time, a number of growing towns are facing difficulties. Engineering and construction problems can be overcome but where water sources are lacking there is real cause for viewing with alarm.

Take the situation at Bend, over in central Oregon, for instance. We quote from the always informative editorial column of the Bend Bulletin:

"In the summer of 1949 there were many days when the water in the city reservoirs was pulled down to the danger point. On any one of those days had there been a fire calling for the use of great quantities of water by the fire department the reservoirs would have been emptied. It is not necessary to dwell on all the dangers there are in an inadequate water supply, nor on the extent of the damage that can result from empty mains and supply pipes or mains in which the pressure is at a minimum.

Annually, indeed, the city will face this problem of an inadequate supply and the attendant dangers. Annually, that is, unless steps are taken to remedy the situation.

This is a call for action. It is a call for action that will meet the needs of the city of today, that will provide water for industrial as well as population growth and that will make it possible to offer water to surrounding additions that now lack an independent domestic supply.

Bend's water now comes from the South fork of Tumalo creek. There is a small surplus in the stream even in low flow periods. That surplus is the full amount of water that can be added to the city supply from this source. In terms of water supply Bend, if it relies on the South fork source, cannot grow beyond the limits imposed by that small surplus.

Drilling to find an artesian supply has been undertaken with the contractor now on the third location and with no greater promise of success than that met on the first two tries.

While the milky condition of Tumalo creek, itself, at any point below the Middle fork junction makes the use of the water impossible there is an ample supply in the North fork. Use of North fork water in, perhaps, a new main to the city would answer the supply problem. It would doubtless be necessary, also, to resort to chlorination in a high degree.

The other supply possibility is to go to the Camp Abbot supply that was developed by the army. This, too, is adequate and safe but very costly for there would be a long pipe to put down, there would be pumping expense and the possibility of having to meet conditions caused by the development of the upper Benham falls reservoir, an undertaking that some day may come to pass.

To our mind it's either North fork or Camp Abbot and it's a case of doing something now. Let's have action.

THE EDITORIAL on Bend's water situation is quoted in part here because it allows us to see how simple Medford's problem really is—comparatively speaking. Here we have the water, a plentiful, never-failing supply, pure, cold and sparkling, gushing forth from the Big Butte springs at the foot of Mt. McLoughlin.

At present we are using only a portion of this God-given supply of water, water which constitutes one of the city's greatest assets. It is unthinkable that there should be any hesitation at all in providing another pipe line to bring in the additional Big Butte spring water which this fast-growing community needs now and will need in ever-increasing amount. —E.C.F.

timely warnings to the husbands of flower enthusiasts and Mrs. Rose spoke on flower gardening. Mrs. Rose is an able speaker and well qualified by having considerable training in adult horticultural classes in California as well as the actual raising of flowers of all varieties in her terraced gardens as Rose Acres. She ended the discussion by answering questions of the group.

Following a well-performed musical skit presented by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worrall, a kitchen shower was held to further the clubs project for the year. A sale of flowers netted \$14 for the career fund. Folk games under direction of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Blair completed the evening's entertainment.

Boy Scout News Troop 13 Troop scout Troop 13, Phoenix, and the Lion's club will hold a Jamboree Fun carnival on Saturday, April 8, at the Phoenix grade school gymnasium, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. An auction, with Col. A. H. Dudley as auctioneer, will be held in connection with the carnival. The proceeds will be used to send a delegate to the national

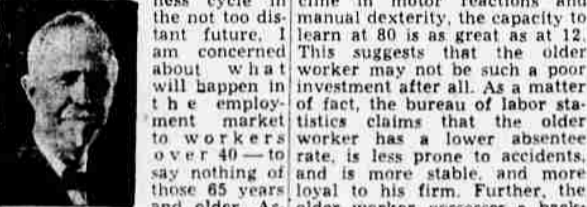
Crosstown by Roland Coe



"I started home with my report card. Then, just as I got in front of the bank, a gang of guys came bustin' out with guns blasin'. One of 'em said 'Gimme that report card!'—so—what could I do but hand it over?"

Babson Discusses Over-Age Workers

By Roger W. Babson New York City, Apr. 3 (Special To Mail Tribune)—With a downward trend in the business cycle in the not too distant future, I am concerned about what will happen in the employment market to workers over 40—50—60—70—80—90—100.



Roger W. Babson present attitude and policy toward men over 40 continues, we will have a real social problem.

One hundred years ago, we were a nation of youngsters in short pants. Our population is, however, gradually getting older. Mortality tables show that the average life expectancy has increased from about 48 years in 1900 to around 65 years in 1946. For example, the U. S. Bureau of Census reports indicate that at the turn of the century, only one in 23 persons was 65 or older, or about four per cent of the population. By 1940, the 65 and over group composed almost seven per cent of our population. The 1960 census will probably reveal a good nine per cent of our population in this older age bracket.

Assuming normal fertility and mortality and with immigration laws remaining constant, thus has serious possibilities. Add to this, those between the 45 and 65 bracket, project to the year 2000, and you will find 40 per cent of the population over 45! This maturing of our population is the result of advances in medical science, a declining birth rate, a markedly reduced number of young immigrants coming into our country, higher living standards resulting in a less hazardous physical life, etc.

Economic Problems Of Over-Age Workers There are already today a number of men over 40 who are jobless and tramping the streets. The Forty Plus club can give you some soul-shaking stories. In 1900, 65 per cent of the men 65 or over were employed. In 1949, there were but 45.6 per cent with jobs. This is largely the result of so-called "welfare legislation" due to which employers don't want to get loaded with older men who demand more unemployment insurance and who are more liable to accidents and sickness.

Back on the farm, the older worker could assume the role of manager and let younger hands do the more arduous tasks. The basic employment problem of old-age workers is something more than a problem of business cycles. It is the problem of the slowing down of physical and mental powers after 40: loss of dexterity, poor coordination, weakening eyesight, greater fatigue. But the conveyor belt continues to move just as fast whether you are young or old.

Oldness Identified With Certain Fixed Age Too many employers seem to identify oldness with a certain fixed age regardless of individual differences. There is no question but what the various compensation plans set up to protect the worker often militate against him because, in the words of one official, "Older employees add substantially to the cost of workmen's compensation, group insurance, and other welfare plans." Employment managers also tend to look upon older workers as unable to learn

new methods,—hence they are poor employment risks. Psychologists tell us that while there is some slight decline in motor reactions and manual dexterity, the capacity to learn at 80 is as great as at 12. This suggests that the older worker may not be such a poor investment after all. As a matter of fact, the bureau of labor statistics claims that the older worker has a lower absentee rate, is less prone to accidents, and is more stable and more loyal to his firm. Further, the older worker possesses a background of experience and backing that often cannot possibly be matched by the younger worker.

What would help men over 40 years of age most, is to have the unions revise their seniority rules. Certainly this whole problem could well become an effective political football—and in fact already is. If private enterprise does not solve this problem, then the government surely will step in. Here then is another challenge for management! Let's hope management takes some constructive measures before it is too late!

General Eisenhower again: He wants our colleges to undertake a study of why so many American men were rejected for military service in World War II because of mental defects—there were TWO MILLION of them, he says—no other nation involved in the war, he adds, had a percentage of mental defect rejects even one-fourth as large as ours.

IN Akron, O., the other day an attractive 19-year-old mother was bathing her baby. Suddenly she held it face downward in the bath water until it was dead. Her husband found her crying hysterically when he came home.

YOU'll recall, of course, the young man who went on a rampage with a gun back East a while ago and left a trail of dead and wounded behind him. And the other young man who went berserk with a butcher knife and left a similar trail of death and injury.

And the Iowa City college boy who is on trial for killing his attractive sweetheart, Gee Gee. His defense is that his mind just went blank, and when he came to it had happened.

THERE is Dolly, the Ringling circus elephant. Over her long life, she had been kind and friendly to children, the story goes. A little 5-year-old boy was feeding her peanuts. Suddenly she seized him with her trunk, crushed his head under one of her huge feet.

They promptly put Dolly to death with cyanide.

LOOKING backward over 10 years, it seems to us who are older that there are more of these things now than when we were young.

Is that true? Or are we misled by the glamour that always attaches to the olden, golden days?

OR is it because communications are now so fantastically far advanced over the communications facilities of a few generations ago? In these days we

Hereditary Units Of Living Matter Carried by 'DNA'

New York, Apr. 3—(U.P.)—Columbia university researchers, with the aid of a complicated new machine, have found that a substance known as "Dna" is the probable carrier of hereditary units in living matter.

Prof. Arthur W. Pollister announced the results of a long-term research project in Columbia's cell-study laboratories.

Using a complex machine, built on the principle of photometric chemical analysis, the researchers probed into the substance called desoxyribose nucleic acid or "Dno." Pollister said the experiments helped to clear up an international disagreement over "Dna" by showing it to be a fixed and constant substance found only in the chromosomes of a cell.

Pollister said the new machine tests, giving the university researchers access to the single cells of living matter "to a degree never before attained," showed that the long threaded-like molecules of "Dna" match in amount with the number of sets of chromosomes and genes—the hereditary units.

On the Side—By E. V. Durling (Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Miami claims the sun shines on that city 359 days a year. Maybe we should put that Milwaukee checker-up to work on this claim. The St. Petersburg (Fla.) Independent gives away its entire home edition every day the sun fails to shine on the city before press time. That offer was originally made forty years ago and continued ever since. During that period the Independent has only had to give away an average of four and one-half editions a year.

"Doc" Webb, the St. Petersburg druggist, seems to have abandoned the slogan "The World's Largest Drugstore." He now refers to his establishment as "The World's Most Unusual Drugstore." To that slogan it certainly seems he is entitled. The Webb place is really forty-three different stores under one roof. When it started in 1925 it had two employees. It now has 1,200.

My girl friend went to Palm Beach this morning and did some shopping on Worth avenue. She says she saw the Duchess of Windsor strolling by. My matrimonial mate bought me a snappy sport shirt. When I put it on and tucked it into my trousers she said: "That's not the way to wear it. All the best dressed men in Palm Beach wear that type of shirt outside the trousers." I don't care what the best dressed men in Palm Beach do. I think wearing a shirt hanging outside the trousers is a sloppy style.

Fuller Warren, His Excellency, the Governor of Florida, started his office holding career at an early age. When only 20 years old and still a student at the University of Florida he was elected to the state legislature. Governor Warren does not smoke nor drink alcoholic liquors. His favorite drink is orange juice. He has made this the official drink of Florida.

Five million people a year visit Florida and 80 per cent come here by automobile. Florida is larger in area than Pennsylvania, New York or Illinois. It is seven times larger than Massachusetts. It was purchased from Spain in 1821 for 14 cents an acre. Looking out the window I note it has started to rain. If the rain doesn't stop soon I am going to complain to the chamber of commerce. I came down here for sunshine.

Florida has a ninety-day divorce law. Those seeking divorces usually come down here during the three winter months. Seems very popular with divorce seekers. In fact, there are nearly as many divorces in Florida as there are marriages. In 1947 there were 23,958 marriages in this state and 20,703 divorces. The minimum attorney fee for a divorce is \$200. There are, of course, many other incidental expenses.

Lake Michigan is the largest lake located entirely in the United States. What lake is second in that respect? If I had been asked that question yesterday I would have been baffled. But now I know the answer is Lake Okechobee, Florida. Incidentally, there are over thirty thousand lakes in Florida. By the way, what state would you say had the most lakes? I don't know for certain, but my guess is that it is Wisconsin. What's yours?

Speed Laws Speed laws are strictly enforced down here. Or so I have been told by friends of mine spent considerable time in the section. The Florida speed law is twenty-five miles per hour in residential sections, sixty miles per hour on open highway during the day, fifty miles per hour on open highways at night. I sure am going to be careful if I do any driving while here. I don't care to end up in the chain gang.

Sewing Contest A recently well attended event in the Miami city auditorium was a sewing contest. That's a fine idea. An event like that gives a housewife a chance to hit the limelight. A great many women view their household tasks as drab routine and thus develop an inferiority complex. The winner of a sewing contest could get the idea she amounted to something. That she was a celebrity in a small way. Besides, a sewing champion might be able to use her reputation to establish a

Canadian Warships Will Visit New York

New York, Apr. 3—(U.P.)—Kenneth A. Greene, Canadian consul general, announced today that three Canadian warships will pay New York a courtesy visit from April 7 to April 12.

The vessels are: HMCS Magnificent, a light fleet aircraft carrier carrying 100 officers and 800 seamen; HMCS Micmac, a destroyer carrying 14 officers and 185 men and the HMCS Swansea with eight officers and 76 men.

The three vessels, which participated in recent anti-submarine and air defense exercises with the U. S. Atlantic fleet and British naval units, will arrive on the morning of April 7. Rear Admiral Walter S. De Lany, U. S. naval commandant of the third naval district, will act as official host of the group.

Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Little Royce Edmondson watched the teacher point the guilty finger at several class mates, then leaned close to her and whispered "it's chair chair that's squeaking."

In the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS

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Hitler was a mental case.

Hitler STARTED World War II, which nobody else wanted. When they go sour mentally in Europe, do they go sour in a BIGGER WAY? Personally, it seems to me that the men in the Kremlin are mental defectives. How else can we explain their actions.

THESE are all big questions. Significant questions. I can't answer them. But it does seem to me that if SOMEHOW we could bring about straighter thinking in this world a lot of the terrible evils from which we suffer would vanish.

Sale of Easter Lily Plants Needs License Salem, Ore., Apr. 3—(U.P.)—The state department of agriculture cautioned today that anyone in Oregon selling Easter lily plants must have a nursery dealer's license before they may legally make such sales.

This is required under the state nurserymen's law which establishes a cost of \$10 for a nursery dealer's license plus \$1 for the state research assessment fee.

Woonsocket, R. I.—(U.P.)—Seven children were injured when a pile of school books fell from their dashboard perch and became wedged under the foot brake of a school bus.

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