A Nichol's Worth of . . .

Comment On This and That

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Washington —(U.P.)—Time was when a man in these United States didn't know what time it was.

Readjusting ourselves to "daylight" as opposed to "God's time" is a comparatively simple matter these days

Harman Nichols

Consider the plight of folks back there before clocks were synchronized by time zones.

When it was noon in Chicago it would be 12:31 in Pittsburgh; 12:24 in Cleveland; 12:17 in Toledo; 12:09 in Louisville; 12:07 in Indianapolis; 11:50 in St. Louis; 11:48 in Dubuque; 11:39 in St. Paul, and 11:27 in Omaha.

Heaven only knows how many different time zones there were before somebody wised up to the fact that it would be a good idea to get the clocks to working as a team on "standard time."

In the old days the railroad had the very devil of a time.

Take Buffalo. At one time there were three clocks in the railroad station. One time for New York by which the New York Central operated. Another for Columbus and the other for local Buffalo time.

San Francisco Trip Rough

And going from Eastport, Me., to San Francisco, was somewhat of a problem. A person could wear out his watch running the hour hand back and forth. In the cross country run in the old days, he would have to twist the stem around 20 times.

In Kansas City, in the roaring days, each jeweler furnished his own "standard time." Competition dictated that no two clocks should be set the same. There was many a wager and many a busted beak over whose watch told the correct time.

The business of fouling up the clock with "daylight time" has raised a lot of complaints. Farmers say they can't teach a cow to give down juice when the sun isn't in the right place. Some poultrymen, perhaps with tongue in cheek, report that their biddies on fast time lay square eggs with half a yolk.

Paris laughed at Franklin

Daylight fast time dates back to the days of Benjamin Franklin. Penny-saving Ben dreamed up an idea of moving the clocks of Paris ahead to save wax candles. Paris laughed and turned their berets backside-to in mockery.

It was not until 1907 that the same idea was rekindled, this time in Britain. A fellow named William Willett gave it a whirl in a little booklet called "the waste of daylight." He thought it would be a good idea to run time up 80 minutes in summer in relays—20 minutes a month.

A decade later an American champion of fooling around with time was found in a Pitsburgh businessman named Robert Garland. He said that anything that breathes is smart. Anything, that is, except mere man "who is so stupid as to deprive himself of an extra hour of sun."

Congress had a fight on its hands, but it finally passed a day light saving law in 1918. A lot of people and a whole lot of cows still don't pay much attention to it.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
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Hollywood —(U.P.)— Oscar losers usually insist the best man won, but mustached, lovable Arthur O'Connell, the character actor-sensation of "Picnic," allowed as how Jack Lemmon beat him out in the wrong category.

Aline Mosby

Lemmon took home the Academy Award for best supporting actor for "Mister Roberts." Actually he was one of the stars of the picture but he entered the supporting Oscar race where he'd have a better chance.

"That's not fair," the frank O'Connell said today. "Rosalind Russell was starred in 'Picnic' and she could have won the supporting Oscar if she'd dropped to that category. But she refused to.

"Why, when 'Picnic' opened I didn't even have any billing in the ads until after I was nominated for the Oscar. It isn't fair for a star to buck a guy who doesn't even get his name up there."

O'Connell's complaint is not that of a sore loser because he considers himself "a lucky guy," for not winning the Oscar.

"More people are talkin' about the fact I didn't win it," he laughed.

O'Connell's Oscar nomination made him one of the few character actors to have been boosted to stardom. He'll get "A" billing in his next picture, "The Monte Carlo Story," in which he'll romance the most glamorous queen of the screen, Marlene Dietrich.

One of Hottest Actors

O'Connell is no Rock Hudson but currently he's one of the hottest actors in town. He was snapped up for top roles in "The Man In The Grey Flannel Suit," "The Solid Gold Cadillac," "The Proud Ones" and, currently, "Bus Stop." Composer Moss Hart even wants O'Connell to star in a Broadway musical. .

Before "Picnic" this new sensation was a successful but comparatively unknown Broadway actor for 27 years. He had no ambition, he admitted, to become a star. How does he feel to have hit the jackpot in middle age?

"I'll tell you honestly — I'm waitin' for them to turn it off," he reflected. "I'm making more money in a week than I made in a year on the stage. But I'm afraid to buy a fancy car — I might jinx this luck.

"I'll just pretend it isn't really happening. And maybe it will keep going."

Garden Notes

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Spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia and flowering quince should be pruned as soon as the blossoms have faded. Pruning during bloom is not at all detrimental, so if you would like to prune off some branches for decorations it would be quite all right to do so.

These early blooming shrubs produce flowers on wood that has been grown the previous year so pruning now would stimulate the plant into producing more of this young growth which will insure an abundance of blooms next spring. Small twigs scattered throughout the body of the bush should be left as these will fill in and make the bush more compact appearing during bloom.

Cut Back Severely

In the case of forsythia the blooming canes should be cut back severely leaving only short stubs on the older growth. Flowering quince is pruned differently and in this case the canes which are four or five years old should be cut back lower to the ground leaving the younger canes to set spurs and bear fruit.

Grape vines now are bleeding rather profusely so pruning should be delayed until the new growth has started; at which time the bleeding will be reduced and it will last over a shorter period. There is no way to stop bleeding once it starts.

Time for Trimming

This is also a good time to trim hedges and other plants which have grown too large and need to be cut back. By pruning at this time new growth will be made immediately and the ugly cuts will be hidden from view in a very short time. Hedges should be trimmed so that the bottom of the hedge is slightly wider than the top. This gives the lower branches a better exposure to sunlight and they will remain healthy instead of becoming thin and straggly.

Persistent cutting of a hedge is desirable as it will discourage the hedge from making an extremely vigorous growth. By hedging persistently and keeping back any new growths which may become excessively vigorous, the hedge may be kept nice and thick and after a few years of this persistent clipping the hedge seems to give up and while it will remain nice and green it will make much less new growth and will require only infrequent trimming. In these cases fertilizers should be used sparingly or the hedge will again be stimulated into a vigorous condition.

They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Britain Sees Lack of Firm U.S. Policy in Mid-East Harming West

LONDON —(U.P.)— Britain is becoming increasingly worried that lack of a firm U.S. policy in the Middle East is hurting the West in that troubled area.

Government and financial circles here believe this decline in influence is endangering the vast oil investments which are important to both countries in the area.

There is a growing struggle for power in the Arab world and the stakes are high. Two-thirds of the world's known oil reserves lie under Middle East sands.

Britain's financial solvency depends on the steady flow of revenue from her oil fields in Iraq and Kuwait.

United States oil companies, too, have big investments in Arab lands.

There is a feeling in London that the United States is afraid of antagonizing Arab chiefs because it would imperil these oil investments, that this fear is contributing to the general breakdown of Western prestige.

Economic Life Theatened

Many Britons are calling for a firm western stand now to prevent further deterioration of the western position and to head off an Arab-Israeli war or explosions of nationalism such as that which took place a few years ago in Iran.

But there is no sign that Washington is sympathetic to the idea, despite the fact that it is a matter of economic life or death for Britain.

There is little doubt that British and western prestige in the Middle East are on the wane. From the tiny Bahrain Islands in the Persian Gulf to the vast desert kingdom of Libya in North Africa, the swelling call of Arab nationalism is gradually winning control of the minds of 40,000,000 Arabs. It is being helped along by sympathetic Communist propaganda.

Western observers are closely watching political developments in three key Arab states for signs of revolt against unwelcome governments or foreign oil companies. It was agitation against the Anglo-Iranian Oil company that put ex-Premier Mohammed Mossadegh in power in Iran and launched a turbulent period in which that country came dangerously close to falling into the Communist camp.

The key states are Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iraq. They are the biggest oil producers, and all three have shown signs of unrest.

Iraq Stable for Moment

Iraq, like Iran, is a constitutional monarchy, investing most of its oil income in development projects such as a mammoth flood control and water conservation project that opened last week. Premier Nuri El Said, a veteran politician and old friend of the British, still wields a controlling influence in the country and with the young Hashemite King Feisal.

The situation apparently is stable in neighboring Jordan, another Hashemite kingdom, when young King Hussein suddenly booted out the British commander of Jordan's Arab Legion.

Nuri is getting old, observers here point out, and his active role in Iraqi politics can be expected to decline.

Iraq produced 33,700 tons of oil last year. Saudi Arabia, where an American oil company has the oil concession, produced 47,600 tons.

The third rich oil island, Kuwait, is most closely watched of all in London. This tiny shiekdom is the biggest Middle East oil producer, and last year turned out 54,800 tons of oil. As in Iraq a massive development program is under way in Kuwait and so far the situation has been stable.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Wednesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

1 Act	31 You	61 Or	
2 Great	32 Gain	62 And	
3 Private	33 Accept	63 Influenced	
4 Same	34 Much	64 Your	
5 Early	35 Hopes	65 Express	
6 Success	36 Own	66 Your	
7 Limit	37 Reviewing	67 Give	
8 Your	38 Estimates	68 Pleasure	
9 For	39 Load	69 Indicated	
10 Interests	40 Favors	70 You	
11 More	41 Personal	71 Questions	
12 Financial	42 And	72 Propositions	
13 Attention	43 Plans	73 Hour	
14 On	44 Needs	74 Tonight	
15 Private	45 That	75 Can't	
16 News	46 Is	76 Independence	
17 To	47 Raises	77 Taxes	
18 Pull	48 News	78 Property	
19 Your	49 Can	79 Your	
20 Obligations	50 And	80 Required	
21 Agreements	51 Obstacles	81 Insurance	
22 Hurdle	52 During	82 Charitable	
23 Guard	53 Ideas	83 Pet	
24 Best	54 Dinner	84 Possibly	
25 Now	55 In	85 Resources	
26 For	56 Are	86 Instincts	
27 Your	57 Favorably	87 Matters	
28 Or	58 Pushing	88 Now	
29 Temper	59 Conserve	89 Aims	
30 Don't	60 Assert	90 Repay	

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