

# Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A SELF-SATISFIED dinner partner of Mrs. Patrick Campbell once asked her, "Why do you suppose it is that women are so utterly lacking in a sense of humor?"

"God did it on purpose," Mrs. Campbell answered without batting an eyelash, "so that we may love you men instead of laughing at you."



From the collection of J. E. Henderson, of Montreal:

All men are cast in the same mould, but some are mouldier than others.

Hell hath no fury like a woman's corns.

When you put a new man on an important job, watch carefully to see if he grows—or just swells.

If only I knew where I was to die, I would never go near the place.

Indigestion is the inability of a round stomach to adopt itself to a square meal.

"Mama," gloated Papa, "our baby's going to be an auctioneer when he grows up. He just put Uncle Joe's watch under the hammer."

## Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

New Orleans—Delta Airlines pilot Capt. Charles Quinn of Metairie, La., who took off from Caracas during the short-lived Venezuelan revolution:

"It was so quiet it was almost impossible to know a revolution was going on... no one seemed excited. All in all, it seemed like a small New Year's celebration."

Eureka, S.D.—Wilbert Beck, 16, commenting from his hospital bed on the highway accident which killed nine persons including his parents and four brothers and sisters:

"I remember a car coming toward us and then a terrible nightmare."

Newton, Iowa—Mrs. Marilyn Damman, 24, whose son Steven, 3, was kidnapped in New York two years ago, on the breakup of her marriage:

"He (her husband) deserted me and moved next door to his parents' farm. He's accusing me of carelessness because Steven was kidnapped."

Las Vegas—Producer Jack Cathcart, after songstress Judie Garland left the Flamingo hotel stage in mid-performance New Year's eve:

"Her voice is just gone. Her voice just petered out and she was unable to go on."

Washington—Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) on his plan to increase Social Security payments and contributions:

"Twenty years ago Social Security was thought of as just a guarantee of bread. Today most Americans depend on it as the foundation of their retirement plans."

CRASH KILLS SIX — Warsaw, Poland — Six persons were killed and two injured seriously when a fast moving electric passenger train hit the rear of a slow freight southeast of Warsaw Tuesday.

BANKER OFFICIAL DIES — Baltimore, Md. — Thomas B. McAdams, 78, former president of the American Bankers association died here Tuesday after a long illness.

ROMANIAN DYING — Vienna — Communist Romania's 72-year-old president, Petru Groza, is dying, Bucharest radio indicated on Wednesday.

## Annual Barbershop Quartet Contest Set

Forest Grove — The annual Gay Nineties festival will be held here Feb. 27, 28 and March 1 to determine the championship barber shop quartet.

Invitations have been sent to more than 400 singing groups to compete for prizes. Both men's and women's competition will be held for the Northwest quartet championships.

Contestants must be in costume and be non-professional. Judging will be on technique, barber shop style, stage presence, selection and costumes. Information on entering is available by writing the chairman, post office box 13, Forest Grove.

## Teamsters Plan To Pick Officers

Portland — Teamster Union officials from Oregon and southwest Washington will meet here Friday, Jan. 10, to replace two members of the union's joint council for the area.

Stepping down are Clyde C. Crosby as recording secretary and R. R. Mikessell as secretary. However, Crosby will retain his important job as Teamster International representative for Oregon. He said he had been considering his resignation as recording secretary for a long time because of a conflict of duties.

## PRINCESS SENTENCED

Cairo — The Court of Appeals has fined former Princess Faiza \$59,560 and sentenced her to a month in prison for evading customs regulations seven years ago. Faiza, a sister of ex-King Farouk, now lives in Istanbul and was not in court for the ruling Thursday. The indictment charged she used her royal prerogative to bring unsupervised personal goods into Egypt in 1950 without paying customs duties. The prosecution charged she later sold the goods.

Vienna — Communist Romania's 72-year-old president, Petru Groza, is dying, Bucharest radio indicated on Wednesday. The radio said Groza's condition has "considerably worsened" and "it is not possible to stop further progress of the disease." He has been president since 1952. Before that he had been premier since 1947.



NEW CAR — The Rambler American (above) designed to combine the economy and handling ease of the small European cars with performance, comfort and roominess, is on display at Lea Motors, Fifth and Bartlett sts. Built on a 100-inch wheelbase, the five-passenger, two-door American is powered by a six-cylinder L-head engine of 90 horsepower. It is nearly three feet shorter than the average United States car, but with space per-passenger equal to the larger cars, company officials said.

## Dividends Break All Records During '57; Little Change Seen

By ELMER C. WALZER, United Press Financial Editor

New York — Dividends in 1957 of American corporations broke all records in history, and it is being predicted they will be little changed in 1958.

Such prediction, made today by Standard & Poor's, is seen as the best news the bulls have had in many a moon.

Most of the earlier prognostications anticipated lower dividends because of a pinch on profits that has been developing for some time.

Standard believes, however, that with less pressure on cash positions from the requirements of inventory accumulation and plant expenditures, corporations may well stretch a point in their treatment of stockholders.

For several years past as corporations have been expanding with part of their earnings, the dividend payout has been "extremely conservative," according to Standard.

It could well rise by a few percentage points to permit the total of dividend payments to equal that of 1957, the firm concludes.

It is a well-known fact in Wall Street that stockholders pay more attention to dividend payments than to any other phase of corporation's business.

Many a corporation head will attest to that fact. If a

corporation cuts or omits its dividend, the stockholders are sure to raise a howl heard far up in space. Chairmen of the board and presidents of companies dread facing their shareholders at annual meetings when the dividends have been slashed.

And dividends also make or break prices of stocks, it is noted. If a company cuts the dividend a few cents a stock often drops several dollars a share. And the mere anticipation of lower dividends could keep many investors out of the market.

The Analysts Speak

Wall Street analysts have been noting recently that the stocks with dividends assured are being bought from time to time in much better fashion than companies where the payments seemed in doubt.

Standard & Poor's in arriving at its dividend prediction took into account the prospect of a sharp recovery in the second half after business dipper further in the first half of 1958.

Even corporate profits are expected to make a good showing. Standard estimates the earnings on its 425 industrial stocks used in its index will be \$3.55 a share, against \$3.67 in 1957 (estimated) and \$3.53 in 1956. Earnings on these stocks amounted to a mere \$1.30 in 1929.

Standard places the dividend payout on these 425 companies at \$1.95 a share, against \$1.94 estimated for 1957, and \$1.95 paid in 1956. To achieve this companies will have to pay out 55 per cent of net income in dividends.

## Earth Closer to Sun Now Than at Any Other Time

By FAY BENTLEY

Strange as it may seem the earth is nearer the sun during the first part of January than at any other time in its 12-month journey around the center of our solar system. This is possible because the orbit or path followed by the earth in its yearly travel is not a perfect circle, but slightly elliptical or egg-shaped.

On Jan. 3, at 6 a.m. (PST), our planet reaches perihelion, or the point on its orbit closest to the sun. At that time the distance between the earth and our nearest star will be somewhat less than 91 million, 500 thousand miles.

On July 3, the earth will reach aphelion or the point farthest away from the sun. Then the distance between sun and earth will be approximately 94 million, 500 miles.

"Why is the weather colder in January than in July if we are three million miles nearer the sun at this time of the year?" people often inquire.

Depends on Sunlight

The season at any point on the earth depends upon the amount of sunlight that region receives. The more sunlight the warmer the season.

The axis or axle around which the earth constantly rotates does not stand upright in a vertical position but is tilted at an angle of 23½ degrees from the perpendicular. This inclination of the earth's axis never changes. As a result the northern hemisphere is tilted towards the sun for six months, March to September, and away from the sun for the remaining six months of fall and winter.

This slanting of the earth

is a most important factor in determining the hours of daylight for any region on the earth's surface. During January, in this latitude, the sun averages slightly less than nine hours per day above the horizon. In July, there are more than 15 hours of daylight.

Then, too, in January, again due to the earth's inclination on its axis, the sun's rays touch our part of the earth at a much greater angle than in July. The greater the angle or slant at which the rays of energy strike the earth, the smaller is the amount of heat generated.

So, paradoxical as it may appear, we in the north experience winter while nearest the sun and summer when farthest from the sun.

Variation in Distance

This variation in the earth's distance from the sun brings about other seemingly contradictory results. During the last of December and the first of January when everyone is talking about the "short days," we are actually having the longest days of the entire year.

True, we are having the least amount of daylight, but astronomers consider a day to be the time it takes the earth to make one complete rotation or turn on its axis. The earth travels fastest when nearest the sun and slowest when farthest from it. This effects the length of time required for one rotation.

At the beginning of winter when the earth's orbital speed is greatest, our day is about 24 hours and 27 seconds in length. In July, when the earth is traveling at its slowest rate of speed, a day is several seconds shorter.

## Diseases Will Be Subject of Program

Communicable diseases and what they mean will be the subject of the public health program presented on KBESTV, Saturday, Jan. 4, at 5:30 p.m.

Questions on measles, mumps, virus and Asiatic flu, the common cold, chicken pox and other communicable respiratory diseases may be telephoned to the station for an hour before the program.

The panel of doctors on the program will consist of Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Dr. William Miller and Dr. Malcolm Byers. The program will be moderated by Mrs. C. Ivan Burton.

## Two Dances Slated At Medford YMCA

Two dances will be held at the YMCA this week end for teenagers.

Junior high students are invited to a dance at 8:30 p.m. today sponsored by the junior high youth council.

Senior high students will dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Y with the senior high youth council in charge, according to Y officials.

Chuck Holt is in charge of tonight's dance and Miss Karen Stansbury is chairman of the Saturday event. Proceeds from tomorrow's dance will go to the "Teens Against Polio" fund drive.

Miss Joyce Gillinsky is president of the youth council and Alex McDonald, advisor.

## BOOKKEEPING EASE

Washington — Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell has proposed easing the bookkeeping chores of firms holding government contracts in excess of \$10,000. These firms now are required to retain wage and hour records of employees for at least four years. Mitchell Thursday proposed cutting this time to three years. Interested persons will have until Jan. 17 to submit their views to him.

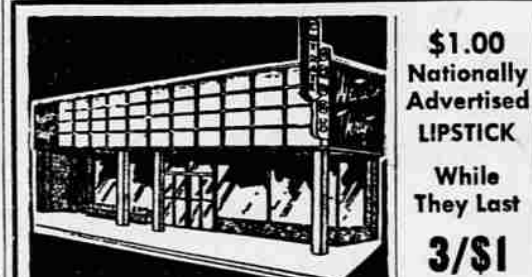
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