



MUSIC IN THE AIR—Like so many song-birds perched in a tree, (except who ever heard of a warbler with a "Dixieland" beat?) the group of musicians above, all students at McLoughlin Junior High school, attracted a throng of neighborhood children during a rather unusual "jam session" recently. The group, who called themselves the Charmers, played up a storm and it was just too bad for anyone in the vicinity who was trying to take a nap. The music was fine, but man, it was like . . . uh . . . loud, you know? The boys are, left to right (in tree) Skip VanSickle, on the trombone; Bill Warren, sax; Paul Jenny, trumpet; and on the ground (getting the drums in the tree was out of the question) is Jim Mitchell.

Choir To Give Ashland Concert

Ashland — The choir from the Multnomah School of the Bible, Portland, will present a sacred concert at the First Baptist church, Ashland, Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m.

The choir includes 36 young people who are attending the school which trains them as pastors, missionaries, Christian education workers, and to serve in other fields of Christian work.

Director is Howard Stevenson. A free will offering will be taken for the school.

Foresters Attend OSC Short Course

Corvallis — Three foresters from southern Oregon completed a special short course in forest variable plot cruising Friday at Oregon State college.

Participating were Albert J. Boris, Timber Products company, and Howard W. Mitchell, Medford corporation, both Medford; and Duane Smeltzer, Butte Falls.

Some 65 foresters from throughout the northwest and Canada were enrolled in the three-day school, offered each of the past six years by OSC. The course was sponsored by the college's school of forestry, which presents five different short courses each year for northwest foresters.

Variable plot cruising is a new, more efficient method for determining the volume of standing timber. Developed in Europe, it has been field tested in both Douglas fir and pine timber types with "excellent" results and with wide adoption, according to the college.

TRY MANNED MISSILE
Washington (UPI) — An Air Force space expert believes the Russians have tried at

Lenten Message

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Most people would accept everything about Christ and His teachings—except the cross. The cross remains precisely what St. Paul proclaimed it to be, a stumbling block over which they fall who would find Christ appealing, consoling, inspiring, anything else one wishes—except for the cross.

Indeed, most would probably find even the cross magnificent if Christ had limited its necessity to Himself. But he did not. He made it the condition of the sincere following of His teaching that each would take up his own cross in imitation of the crucified Son of Man.

St. Paul gloried that he might share any part of the redemptive sufferings of Christ. He understood that only they can share the glory of God who have shared the cross of His Son.

This is unintelligible to the undisciplined and the selfish, even those who call themselves Christians and who profess to seek the truth that religion offers. Whatever in Christ is comfortable and consistent with their purposes is gladly accepted, out of this they cheerfully fashion a "faith by which to live." But the "hard sayings" of the Gospel, the stern requirements, the contradiction and renunciation which come with the cross—these are repugnant to mere nature and are speedily rejected.

Then comes Lent and with Lent the reminder that the way of perfection, on whatever level is never cut to our preferences and smoothed for our ease. It is always the way of the cross, of austerity and voluntary penances which give us some title to the joy of which Easter is the promise. Every now and again nations must learn this lesson as well as individuals. Ours is such a time in history. Lent was never more opportune in its lessons of the necessity and the uses of the cross.

least once to put a man into orbit around the earth. This view was expressed Sunday by Brig. Gen. Don D. Flickinger, bioastronautics expert for the air research and development command. Flickinger said the United States is almost ready to try to put a man in space.

Try and Stop Me

—By BENNETT CERF—

SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER tells of a political scandal that's about to break in a certain very large state. "Somebody," he claims, "has stolen next year's election re-



A few generally overlooked observations by famous men resurrected by Bill Blair:

"I don't mind lying, but I hate inaccuracy"—Samuel Butler.

"What is written without effort is in general read without pleasure"—Samuel Johnson.

"A fanatic is a man who can't change his mind and won't change the subject"—Winston Churchill.

"The secret of being boring is to say everything"—Voltaire.

A Yale playboy boasts that his girl has everything—but he's hoping to get some of it back.

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Four Crewmen Die In Crash of B47

Duluth, Minn. — (UPI) — The Air Force has announced all four crewmen were killed aboard a B47 bomber that crashed Friday night in a snow-choked, partially flooded logging area near Hurley, Wis.

Lt. Alice M. Osteen, 343rd Fighter Group information officer at Duluth AFB, identified the victims as 1st Lt. Theodore H. Stalmach, navigator, Miami, Fla., whose body was found Sunday a mile from the crash scene; and Capt. James P. Jarrett, Bandana, N. C.; 1st Lt. Gary H. Hanify, Toledo, Iowa, and Lt. Lumumba.

Candy Suggested To Replace Coffee Break

Santa Barbara, Calif. — (UPI) — There's a plot afoot to replace the coffee break by a candy break.

Businessman Russell D. Albers said today coffee breaks are costing American business too much money.

"Nothing against coffee, mind you," said Albers. "But it just doesn't have the energy wallop of a piece of candy and it is tremendously time consuming."

"Look," he said. "A top executive earns about 40 to 50 cents a minute. So a 10-minute coffee break twice a day is costing his company between \$8 and \$10 a day or around \$2,000 a year."

"Multiply that by a few thousand executives and you are up in the millions of dollars."

What Albers foresees is a conversion to top executives to candy breaks and "then we're going to get going on a junior executive candy break," he said.

"From there it's just a short hop to lining up secretaries, clerks, timekeepers, office boys and finally the entire production staff," he said.

Asked if he was serious, Albers smilingly said he certainly was. And then he revealed who he is, the president of a Los Angeles candy firm.

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a woman's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors. (Copyright 1961—General Features Corp.)

Mrs. T. F.—We need more money, but I hesitate to take a job and neglect Howard.

Howard F.—She needn't worry. I can take care of myself better than she thinks.

Mrs. T. F.—I was widowed a few months ago, and we are in desperate financial straits. My husband left no insurance, no savings, and many debts. Although we owned our home outright, I'll have to sell it to meet obligations.

To provide living expenses for myself and Howard, our 14-year-old son, I must either seek employment or go on relief. Embarrassing as it would be, I'm inclined to do the latter. Then I can devote myself to providing poor Howard with the best possible home.

He's a gifted, promising boy, and the loss of our home on top of the loss of his father could be a shattering experience for him. I feel he should at least have his mother around to comfort and reassure him as much as possible.

Howard F.—I think my mother's plan is terrible. I can understand her selling our home, what with all the bills and taxes and fuel costs. But we don't really have to go on relief.

Mom says she wants to take care of me, know where I am and how I feel. Well, she knows exactly where I am from 9 to 4 every day. Right on Riggs ave. in school. And I feel fine there. She can easily get a part-time job. She's a crackjack bookkeeper, and used to work in a tax office.

And what's wrong with my getting working papers? Then I can make some money on Saturdays and after school. I know Mom's thinking of my studies and hobbies and all. But I'm a good student. And things will get better.

Meanwhile, I wish she'd try my way.

The Council: "Into each life," said Longfellow, "some rain must fall." Yet, in her solicitude for her fatherless son, Mrs. F. wants to be the tarpaulin that "shields" him from something essential. The problems ahead may provide just the right challenge for the full flowering of Howard's talents.

We concur with Howard. While we hold no brief for avoidable suffering, we find value in a few surmountable

bumps in the road ahead. If his mother rushes to smooth them, how will he ever flex his own problem-solving muscles?

A reasonable amount of stress, say the experts, is not only desirable but necessary for optimum health. For full development, a heart needs a hill to climb. The best pearls, say the breeders, come from the most "irritated" oysters. Mrs. F. need not fear any long-range detriment to Howard if she takes a job.

Temporarily, of course, Howard may have to forego a part in the class play or a private research project for the science class. But with the reinforced self-confidence that will come with licking the present threat, he'll catch up fast.

In a recent study of gifted children, Dr. Victor H. Goertzel came up with findings to prove that "all" is not lost when adversity hits a home. On the contrary, it may be a record.

the spur that propels a child into real accomplishment. Mrs. F. must not lose sight of the many compensations in Howard's life, not the least of which is the example of a proud, go-getting mother.

To sum up, Mrs. F.'s troubles may turn out—if handled in brave teamwork—to have helped Howard more than the lack of any trouble could do. Besides, no mother can assure a lack of trouble, no matter her resources. Together, this mother and son can pack a real punch.

Oregon Firm To Get Award for Safety

Boston — (UPI) — An Oregon firm will be awarded the nation's highest construction safety award here this week.

The award will go to Montag-Halvorsen & Associates of The Dalles, principal contractor of the John Day dam, during the national convention of the Associated General Contractors of America which opens Monday.

The company topped all heavy construction safety performances in the past year, and established a new national record.

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