

**They'll Do It Every Time**  
By Jimmy Hatlo

PROPER CONDUCT FOR FRIENDS, ONE OF WHOM IS SICK ABED....

LOOK, PAL—DO YOU NEED ANY DOUGH?

NO, NO! NOT A THING— BUT YOU SURE ARE A REAL PAL...

THE WELL FRIEND ALWAYS OFFERS FINANCIAL AID— (WITH A CHOKER IN HIS VOICE...)

AND ALWAYS THE SICK MAN MUST TURN DOWN THE GRACIOUS OFFER....

...SO— BREAK MY NECK TO GO VISIT HIM AND HE TRIES TO PUT THE ARM ON ME FOR FIFTY BUCKS...

GLAD YOU WARNED ME, MILO...

TSK—TSK!

BECAUSE IF IT'S NOT PLAYED EXACTLY ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPT...

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SAW AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO TOM O'CONNELL, CLEVELAND, OHIO

**Small Worlds Around Us**  
By Lynn M. Watkins  
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**Knee High To A Grasshopper, Homely As A Hedge Fence**

What a terrible handicap for such a little fellow, for he was frequently described by many of those who saw him to be "about knee-high to a grasshopper and as homely as a hedge fence."

Particularly enough, this figure of speech acquainted anyone that heard it with a very small boy with freckles, unruly hair and perhaps an upturned nose.

It's difficult to understand why a hedgefence should always be homely; it must have been a line of shrubs or trees of any species planted in such a manner as to become a barrier or to mark a boundary line or fence off an area. It may have been unsightly and unkempt, but hardly could it be considered ugly.

But strangely enough, these figures of speech were pretty revealing, even if the implication of exaggeration was glaringly evident; they really had more significance than some of the other typical Americanisms such as "nervous as a cat," or "mad as a wet hen."

These came about probably because the cat's natural quickness was attributed to nervousness; but rapidity of movement, and a smooth fluidity of body movement is characteristic of all members of the feline family.

The domestic hen, on the other hand, really does despise water in anything larger than a drinkable amount, so she would undoubtedly become angry if she were wet, so there in some sense to this expression.

**Misunderstanding About Incidence Of Rabies Told**

Salem—UPB—There is a great deal of misunderstanding about the incidence of rabies in Oregon, according to Dr. G. M. Johnson, assistant state veterinarian.

In an article in Agriculture Bulletin, an official publication of the State Agriculture Department, Dr. Johnson clarified what he termed "general statewide confusion."

He said in October, 1960, one dog in Curry county was found to be rabid. As a result of the findings more than 2,000 dogs and cats were vaccinated.

No cases of rabies have been reported from that area to the present, he said.

He stated, however, that there seems to be an "alarming increase in the number of rabid bats reported."

He said the public usually confuses rabies with other disease or symptoms of diseases.

"An ill-tempered dog is quite frequently regarded as rabid. A dog with convulsions, fits or epilepsy is quite often erroneously referred to as a 'mad dog,'" he said.

He said more public information is needed about the disease.

Rabies clinics have been set up in Lane and Benton counties following findings of rabies in foxes in those areas.

There are some sections of our country where the knee-high to a grasshopper business can become a little derogative by saying, "he was knee-high to a polecat and lower than a periwinkle." And there are at least two very dissimilar forms of living things commonly known as "periwinkles."

There is a mollusk called a "periwinkle" that has about forsaken the sea and crawled up in trees and weeds that edge the oceans, and there they live, within sight and sound of the tide and surf but safely above it. In some parts of the world the shell named "periwinkle" is gathered and eaten as human food.

Another periwinkle, is a simple wild flower, with five white, pink, or red petals, but to be "lower than a periwinkle" must mean the mollusk that lives by the sea, which certainly isn't as low as some of the other shell creatures—perhaps being about "knee-high to an oyster."

Dallas, Tex.—UPB—Mrs. O. C. Wilkinson told police there was something fishy happening around her house Tuesday. And there was. Somebody tossed 10 ripe fish on her front lawn.

**Drugs Give Substantial Aid To Some Cancer Patients**

Editor's note: This is the last of three dispatches written for UPI by Dr. John W. Cline, president of the American Cancer Society, in conjunction with the annual National Cancer Crusade during April. In it he discusses the role of drugs in treating cancer.

By JOHN W. CLINE, M.D., President, American Cancer Society (Written for UPI)

For many centuries, witches, medicine men, faith healers, physicians and scientists have sought a "magic bullet" which would cure cancer.

To this day, they have not succeeded in producing a drug which will cure the disease. The cancer patient's only hope for cure still resides in surgery or radiation while the cancer is still contained and operable.

Nevertheless, over the years, and more particularly in the last decade or so, drugs have provided substantial help to an increasing number of patients. In some cases, healing has been so dramatic as to persuade both the patient and the physician that a cure may have been achieved. Unhappily, so far, drug-induced improvement has lasted for only a few months or, at best, a few years.

**Gland Removal**

In some kinds of cancer—notably of the breast and prostate—the removal of glands and administration of sex hormones often restore a substantial measure of comfort and health. These have become routine procedures in certain cases.

Cortisone-like hormones, and a large number of other drugs—some of the latter resembling a war gas, nitrogen mustard, with effects on tumors similar to those of x-rays, and drugs which block the cancer cell's use of folic acid—have proved of great benefit to leukemia patients. There are few patients with leukemia today who cannot get some help from one or another of these drugs.

The most remarkable results of chemotherapy are being obtained in an extremely rare type of female cancer, choriocarcinoma. Methotrexate, which blocks folic acid used by cancer cells, gives great

help, lasting more than five years in a few cases, to patients with this disease.

Another promising aspect of cancer chemotherapy research is the finding that some breast cancer patients seem to stand a better chance of surviving their disease if they are treated with certain drugs at the time of and just after their operations.

Whether the results will prove as favorable in patients with cancers of other sites is yet to be seen. The results of combination treatment—surgery plus drugs—in cancer of the colon have been disappointing in the past, but some treatments, still in the experimental stage, seem to be more successful.

Thousands of drugs are now being tested each year against transplantable cancers in laboratory animals and against cancers grown in laboratory dishes. More than 100 of these show such promise that they are used against a variety of experimental cancers; and, of these, a dozen or more are being given cautiously to patients.

In this manner, our armamentarium of anti-cancer drugs is being built up. Almost all cancer patients can be given some help, however temporary, in even the late stages of their disease.

Most of the new preparations, however, are ingeniously designed molecules deliberately contrived to block the chemistry of the cancer cell. This approach to "molecular medicine" has been made possible by the remarkable strides being made in biochemistry. These efforts are still in their infancy. As more is learned about the chemistry of normal cells and cancer cells, we can expect a more effective attack on the latter.

Considering that intensive and extensive studies in the chemotherapy of cancer have been conducted for only a dozen years or so, progress has been satisfactory.

Two problems continue to plague the field of cancer chemotherapy. One is drug resistance; the other drug toxicity. While a large number of excellent anti-cancer drugs are available for clinical use, eventually the patient fails to respond in the positive way he did at the beginning of treatment. This resistance is poorly understood and cannot be circumvented at present. This problem is subject to very active research.

Experimental chemotherapy of cancer has played a significant part in the new frontiers of medical science.

**SELF-CONFIDENCE UN DERMINED**

**Elmo Roper Beats Dr. Gallup With Opinion Ballot for Dick West**

By DICK WEST

Washington—UPB— I am one of the apparently few Americans who have never been polled by Dr. Gallup, and I was beginning to get a complex about it.

You know how it is when you feel left out of things. It sort of undermines your self-confidence. It was, therefore, reassuring to get through the mail this week a questionnaire prepared by Elmo Roper, one of Gallup's arch rivals in the opinion sampling field.

"At least," I said to myself, "someone seems to care what I think."

Moreover, Roper's poll is more than just a cross-section of public opinion. It was described as "a survey of 3,000 American leaders." When I read that, it made my heart sing.

**Not Included**

Later, however, I found out that I wasn't included in the select 3,000. An accompanying letter explained that extra copies were being mailed to a bunch of newspapermen.

Nevertheless, my spirits were uplifted by a chance to participate in a poll on any basis, and I have done my best to justify Roper's confidence in me.

In this poll, the pollees are supposed to predict, or guess, what domestic and world conditions will be like four years from now. The results will be buried in a "time capsule," which will not be opened until 1965.

Then we will see how wrong we were.

Among other things, Roper wants to know who will win the 1964 U.S. presidential election and whether man will have reached the moon by 1965.

The answers to both of these questions are more or less obvious. A harder question would be: Who, in 1965, will be president of the moon?

**Sample Answers**

I wouldn't want to take the element of suspense out of the poll by revealing all of my answers in advance. I will, however, paraphrase a few of the questions and list my response to them.

By doing so, I may enable some other un-pollled citizen to share vicariously in the thrill of being quizzed by Elmo Roper.

Q. It now takes about one hour to drive from midtown New York to Idlewild Airport? What will be the driving time in 1965?

A. Zero. At the rate New York is growing, by 1965 the airport will be in midtown.

Q. The flying time by commercial jet liner between New York and Washington is now about one hour. What will be the flying time in 1965?

A. This also will be cut to zero. By 1965, a jet leaving Washington will reach New York before it ever gets off the runway.

Q. The present record for the 100-yard dash is 9.3 seconds. What will the record be in 1965?

A. By 1965, this question will be academic. What will matter then is how long it takes to run from Washington to New York.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Cleveland, Ohio—UPB—Among the questions T. Keith Glennan, former National Aeronautics and Space Administration director, received during an appearance here was one asking: "Did you know you were the grandfather of a new baby boy?" That was now the news was broken to Glennan that his daughter, Mrs. Frank R. Borchert Jr., was a mother.

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