

Dennis the Menace



"YOU TELL 'EM. THE POOR KIDS BEEN ASKIN' HIS UNCLE FOR THAT GLOVE SINCE LAST SUMMER!"

Salem Hotel Fire Report Said False

Salem—UPI—The screeching of sirens shattered the morning quiet in the downtown area here today as firemen responded to a reported blaze in a downtown hotel.

It was a false alarm. Firemen said they received a call at 6:25 a.m. from a pay phone that there was a mattress fire in room 9 of the State Hotel.

Ladder trucks, rescue rigs and pumps streamed from the main fire station.

There wasn't even a whiff of smoke, firemen said. They then began a check of all downtown hotels in case a wrong address had been called in.

They could find no fire. The department said "we receive maybe 25 false alarms a year, but this is the first one involving a hotel."

The Medical Roundup

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Is Cancer Contagious

I often say in this column that I know of no good evidence to prove that cancer is contagious, but still letters keep coming from people who are very fearful that they or their children will "catch" the disease from a grandmother or a neighbor in the next house. I have known hundreds of men and women with a cancer who for years slept in the same bed or the same room with a spouse, and they never passed on their cancer.

On rare occasions, one hears of a "cancer house" in which several persons have cancer, but this may not mean anything, because with a disease as common as cancer there must be some houses in which two or more persons happen to have the disease at the same time.

We must remember also that some very busy surgeons operate almost every day to remove one or more cancers, and they do not "catch" the disease. The best proof that cancer is not catching is that a bit of cancer tissue can be put under a man's skin and it will not grow there. This experiment was carried out recently with 100 "lifers" in a prison, who volunteered for the work.

Cancer is not contagious, but is it hereditary? What is the cause of cancer? Is there any good laboratory test for cancer? Dr. Alvarez discusses these and many other questions in his booklet, "What We Know About Cancer." You may obtain a copy by sending 25 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 857, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

Stretch Marks On Skin
Women sometimes write asking why they have wide and unattractive stretch marks on their skin—stretch marks which may have been

due to once having been quite stout and then later having reduced weight. Bad stretch-marks on the abdomen are usually due to the fact that the woman has had one or more children. What some of these women want to know is why certain friends of theirs who were once stout or had a child have no such skin markings.

I suspect that the difference is in the inheritance of good elastic tissue in some women. I do know that some women, after having had a child, have a badly scarred abdominal wall, while others have no scars at all. I suspect that the woman with no stretch-marks has "younger tissues" than have those women who are distressed with marks. I do not know of any way of getting rid of the stretch marks except by an operation. But this would be a big operation, and it would leave scars, perhaps almost as ugly as the stretch marks.

When Two Drinks Bring Relief

Every so often I see a patient who tells me of vague discomforts, perhaps in the digestive tract or abdomen, or skin or chest. He may say he has been well examined in big clinics and nothing has been found that throws any light on his trouble. Perhaps he has had his distress off and on for many years; he has seen many doctors and tried many medicines, but without results. Sometimes, while asking him what brings on his distress, I learn that it comes most often during social contacts, for example, when he goes out to dinner or takes a young lady out for the evening.

This statement will immediately make me suspect that the distress is due to nervous tension, and I will be sure of it when the man goes on to say, "You know, this is curious, but if I take two drinks, my distress is gone, and I can have a pleasant evening." Alcohol cures him because it is a sedative and a tranquilizer; it can relax nervous tension, and it can put him at his ease.

There is a danger to this, however. The person, on finding that alcohol will make him the social and friendly and approachable person he wants to be, may get to taking too much of it.

In her book, "The Cry Tomorrow," Lillian Roth tells of an evening when she discovered that alcohol could make of her the social and lovable person she wanted to be. It is too bad that on that evening no one was there to tell her that just because alcohol could do such a wonderful thing for her, she should never touch it again. Some wives write me to say that they lose their frigidity and can be normally affectionate after a couple of drinks. Sometimes people will tell me that two drinks will cure their itching hives, and then questioning may reveal the fact that the skin trouble came with some strong emotion.

Portlander in Jail On Charge of Murder

Portland—UPI—Howard Wilson, 43, Portland, was being held in the city jail here today on a charge of murder following the fatal stabbing of another man Sunday.

Wilson was accused in the death of Raymond Wilcox, 30, Portland. Police said the stabbing occurred outside a northwest Portland tavern after an argument about a pool game.

Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS

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Not By Accident. This Dog Finds Her Place in the Sun

There were those who didn't believe it, even after witnessing the performance with their own eyes. Even the little dog's mistress had reservations. She, too, figured it must be more accidental than planned. Still, the evidence was there, the little dog was real and what she was doing was very logical.

She was a small dog of mixed ancestry. She had been lost once, had been an inmate of an animal shelter. Later, her board-bill had been paid and she came to live with a small family in the suburbs. Like all pups she rapidly adjusted herself to the whims and habits of her new owners, learning what they expected of her and usually succeeding in pleasing them.

Like most dogs in new surroundings she made her selections: chose her favorite person, her preferred location for her frequent naps and whose bed she would sleep beside at night.

Amusements

During the days she amused herself in the fenced-in back yard. She dug holes, buried bones, chased sticks and spent hours worrying a rubber rat. Always, like all her kind, she was mysteriously conscious of time.

She took her nap always at one o'clock and slept until three, curled up on the cushion of an aluminum chair that was part of the porch furnishings. She knew exactly how to curl herself on the cushion to attain the most comfortable position. Occasionally the chair was moved (when the housewife swept the porch floor), but regardless of where it was, it was always the chosen chair for the midday nap, for that chair held the body-contoured cushion.

Unnoticed by the little dog, the sun marched across the sky; the golden days of summer slipped away into the limbo of time; the air became a little chill. Instead of avoiding the sun, as she had all summer, the little dog now sought its falling warmth. When the body-contoured cushion in the aluminum chair was in the shade of the porch roof, the little dog shivered in her sleep. Frequently she would interrupt her nap to go out again

and sleep on the grass. Things were not so pleasant.

Missed Sun

Always thoughtful of the dog's comfort, the dog's mistress tried to leave the chair where the sun's rays would hit the cushion during the time of her nap. Then, on an unusually cool day, the little dog romped and played in the yard. Nap-time came. She ceased her play and crawled up into the contoured cushion. The sun's rays slanted through the screen but missed the chair by a couple of feet.

The dog shivered, recurred herself, but the shadow of the porch still hid the warming rays. The housewife looked out her kitchen window when she heard the chair being noisily knocked across the porch floor. The dog was hitting the chair with her fore feet, until the sun shone on the cushion.

Thinking it was an accident the housewife, next day, purposely left the chair in the shade. She waited. Nap-time came. The dog tried the chair; too cold. The housewife watched. The dog jumped down, turned and began hitting the chair until the sun shone on the soft cushion.

Skeptical friends came on following days to watch what they couldn't believe, and, they too, witnessed a little dog working hard to "find her place in the sun."

Machinery To Free Airmen in Operation

Mountain Home, Idaho—UPI—Legal machinery was expected to be in gear today to free airmen Gerald Martin Anderson from a first degree murder charge he claimed the Air Force forced upon him.

Prosecutor Francis Hicks said he would seek a dismissal clearing Anderson from the eight-month-old charge. Hicks and Sheriff Earl Winter said following their four-day investigation that Anderson had been wrongly accused and held for the knife slaying of Mrs. Nancy Joy Johnson, 22, and her son, Daniel, 2. Theodore Thomas Dickie, 21, has admitted the Mountain Home slayings and the Elmore authorities said their investigation has upheld his confession.

Court Records

MEDFORD MUNICIPAL COURT

Perry Robert Pickett, violation of basic rule, \$25.
Gregory Ray Esp, disobeyed traffic sign, \$10.
Ronald Eugene Thompson, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Clifford Arthur Huffman, expired operator's license, \$5.
Charles Duell Batten, failure to stop upon entering a public street from a private driveway, \$5.
Vincent Leroy Armstrong, expired vehicle license, \$5 suspended.
Mary Magdalen Schmitt, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Edna Marylyn Boyd, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
Genevieve Clara King, violation of basic rule, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT

Howard Dean Marku, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Nettie Matilda Casassa, failure to stop and yield right of way, \$15.
Herbert David Gowin, overload, \$114.
Otto Blischke, overweight load, \$15.
Douglas Marshall Kinney, no vehicle license, \$5.
William Boyd Harlan, failure to stop right of way at intersection, \$15.
Albin William Mead, overload, \$22.
Melvin Roy Sheppard, overload, \$22.
Fred Kent, failure to yield right of way, \$5.
Earl Carl Tippler, no safety chain, \$15.
Marion Larry Kusel, no wheel covers, \$5.
Elizabeth Terry Wilson, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Robert William Klein, violation of basic rule, \$10.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Glen Duane Taylor, box 217, Gold Hill, and Lois LaDean Young, 743 Head rd., Central Point.
Edward Samuel Claydon, Williams, Ore., and Beverlee Ann Tolleson, 327 North Holly st., Medford.

Klamath Falls Man Killed by Gunshot

Klamath Falls—UPI—Marion Burns, 21, Klamath Falls, was shot and killed here Sunday. State police said he was shot by a rifle fired by a 16-year-old boy when he forcibly entered a private residence.

Comedian's Former Wife Found Dead

Beverly Hills, Calif.—UPI—Comedian Jimmy Ritz' former wife, Judith Lee Ritz, 33, was found dead Sunday night apparently from an overdose of barbiturates, coroners' deputies said.

Ritz, 57, told police he had been trying to contact his ex-wife and became alarmed when he could get no answer from her home. After trying unsuccessfully over the week end, Ritz called the police.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

WHEN THE CIRCUS was in town, a hard-pressed publicity head of a fancy new beauty parlor conceived the notion of having his boss pose combing out a lion's mane. "We've got a pretty tough bunch of lions," a circus executive reminded him. "They wouldn't take kindly to a stranger saying into their cage."

"That's all right," said the publicity scribe. "My boss is such a hound for publicity, he wouldn't even notice."

Once upon a time there was a small, relates Simons Roof, who set out on a chill winter morning to climb the trunk of a bleak cherry tree. As he painfully inches his way upward, a beetle poked his head out of a hole and advised him, "You're wasting your time, friend. There aren't any cherries up there." But the small didn't stop moving for a second. "There will be when I get there," he pointed out.

"Experience," suggests Ralph Peterson, "is what enables you to make the same mistake again without getting caught."

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Senators in Laos On Fact-Finding Tour

Vientiane, Laos—UPI—Four senators arrived Sunday on a fact-finding mission undertaken at President Kennedy's request.

They are Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), J. Caleb Boggs (R-Del.), Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), and Benjamin Smith (D-Mass.).

They conferred Sunday with King Savang Vatthana and scheduled talks today with neutralist Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma.

To Cut or Not To Cut

Constituent Sends Version of How Kennedy Might Sound in Hamlet Role

By DICK WEST

Washington—UPI—After the recent elections, I cited some quotations from Shakespeare to show that many of the immortal bard's lines seemed to apply to defeated candidates. Shakespeare not only was a great hand for summing up the plight of political also-rans. He also had quite a bit to say about taxes.

Not long ago a constituent of Rep. Peter Frelinghausen Jr. (R-N.J.), sent the congressman a version of Hamlet's soliloquy as it might now be recited by President Kennedy. It began as follows:

"To cut or not to cut—that is the issue: 'Simply making up one's mind is such a problem. 'Whether it is politically wiser to suffer 'The slings and arrows of an outraged Congress

"Or to take up arms against the NAM, the AFL-CIO 'And the Chamber of Commerce. To slash—to tax 'No more; and with this cut perhaps also end 'The hundreds of little loopholes that businessmen 'And all of us are heir to . . .

It is not necessary, however, to revise Shakespeare in order to find appropriate passages. His words abound with them.

Now that the Cuban crisis has died down, some, and there is talk again of cutting taxes next year, I thought it might provide an interesting perspective to interview the sweet singer of Avon and see what he has to say on the subject.

Q Mr. Shakespeare, what are the prospects for a tax cut?

A "They say miracles are past."

Q Would you favor a reduction?

A "Can one desire too

much of a good thing? It is meat and drink to me."

Q What is your opinion of the income tax form now in use?

A "Confusion now hath made his masterpiece. For my own part, it was Greek to me."

Q Have you had some trouble with the tax collector?

A "No man's pie is freed from his ambitious finger. He hath eaten me out of house and home. He thinks too much; such men are dangerous. Forty thousand brothers could not, with all their quantity of love, make up my sum."

Q Did you cheat on your tax return?

A "To be honest as this world goes is to be one man picked out of ten thousand. Some of us will smart for it. You yourself are much condemned to have an itching palm."

Q So if the President recommended a tax cut, you would approve?

A "I would applaud thee to the very echo."

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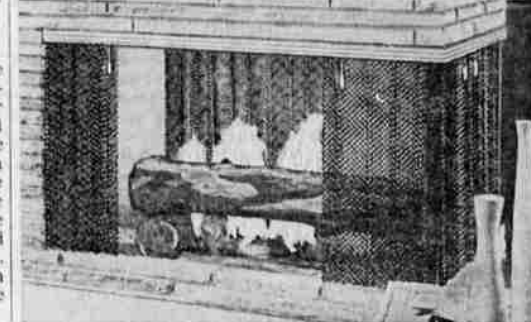


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