

# In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The other day this column dealt with an incident on highway 99 (now U.S. No. 5) in which motorists picked up a hitch-hiker and later beat him up, robbed him of all his possessions and left him lying beside the road where he was later found by kindly travelers who ministered to his needs — including getting him to a hospital.

The incident moved this writer to say nostalgically: "Wouldn't it be wonderful if the olden, golden days when one could unhesitatingly pick up some stranger who needed a ride and safely carry him on his way would come back again? What has happened to us anyway?"

A few days later, the mail brought a letter from a reader who wishes to remain incognito. In his letter he says, in substance: "Am I a pessimist... or a realist... or just plain human? I am a Western movie, TV and book fan, and from what I read in the books and see on the TV and movie screens I am led to believe that in the old days there were evil people, just as there are evil people now. And there were good people, also—just as there are good people now."

"I have read the Bible; and the Bible story of the Good Samaritan is an old-fashioned hitch-hike story, differing in no essential way from this story of what happened to the hitch-hiker the other day on Highway 99."

It's an interesting thought. It prompts this question: Just what did happen to this traveler of the long ago? St. Luke tells the story thus:

"A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side."

"BUT a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him he had compassion on him. And he went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence and gave them to the host, and said unto him, 'Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.'"

PROBING questions: "Is the world getting better? Or is it getting worse?"

ANSWERS are hard to find. Referring to Lord Byron, Joaquin Miller wrote a long time ago: "In men whom men condemn as ill I find so much of goodness still."

"In men whom men pronounce divine I find so much of sin and blot. I do not dare to draw a line 'Between the two, where God has not."

MAYBE we'd better leave it there.

Ireland To Purchase Homes of Presidents

BELFAST, North Ireland (UPI)—The Northern Ireland government, noting the tourist business which Eire has promoted around its Kennedy homestead, said it plans to buy the family residences of two previous U.S. presidents.

It said the father of President Chester Arthur once lived at Cullybackey and the grandfather of President Woodrow Wilson lived at Strabane. Both men later emigrated to America, government officials said, but their old homes still are standing.

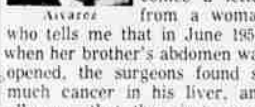
# The Medical Roundup

by *Walter Alvarez*

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## Hope Helps Patients With Cancer

Every so often in this column I like to call attention to the fact that some persons with even scattered cancer have so great a resistance to the growth of the tumor that they will go on living for years. For instance, here to my desk comes a letter from a woman who tells me that in June 1956, when her brother's abdomen was opened, the surgeons found so much cancer in his liver, and all over, that they just sewed him up again, and gave him only a month or two to live. Actually, he got along well for five years — until July, 1961 — when he had to have a colostomy (an opening of the large bowel onto his abdominal wall), for a growth in the colon, which probably started all the trouble many years before.



Alvarez

Recently a brilliant scientist had a similar experience. His abdomen was opened surgically and immediately closed because his liver and abdomen were full of masses of cancer. Instead of dying, as he was expected to do, my friend lived on comfortably for four years.

Every so often a man writes to scold me for not urging people to try some quackish "cancer cure" which, he says, somewhat lengthened the life of a relative, or made him more comfortable. My answer is to not stir my enthusiasm. Why? Because I have known so many people who didn't take any medicine at all, and who went on living for years, perhaps with a cancer which I looked at occasionally with x-rays.

Refused Surgery

I remember well the minister who consulted me at the Mayo Clinic many years ago. He had a cancer of the stomach as big as a golf ball. He refused operation because he wanted to try the influence of prayer on his tumor. Actually, with prayer alone, he soon became comfortable enough, and at times he would return to be x-rayed—ex-

pecting to find he was cured. But in spite of the fact that he had no pain or indigestion worth complaining about gradually the lump got a little bigger. Finally, he had it removed, if I remember correctly, after three years.

I wrote up his experience in a medical journal for several reasons: one, to show how slowly a cancer can grow, and how long it can be in a stomach before it causes distress; two, to show how much improvement can come when the person thinks he has been cured (as when he takes some medicine prescribed by perhaps an enthusiast or a quack); and three, to show that if a man past 50 wants to avoid dying of a cancer of his digestive tract, he had better be x-rayed once every year.

Dr. Alvarez discusses danger signals of cancer in his booklet, "What We Know About Cancer." You may obtain a copy of it by sending 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request for it to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, Box 357, Des Moines, Iowa 50304.

Hunting Accidents

This fall, millions of American men will go out into the woods and mountains, hoping to shoot and bring back an animal of some kind.

Unfortunately, at least 200 of these hunters will be brought home dead; some trigger-happy hunter will have shot at something he saw moving behind a bush, and that something happened to be a man. Obviously, no hunter should ever shoot unless he can see clearly what it is that is moving. Also, it is very unwise for two hunters out in wooded country to get separated. They are then likely to shoot one another.

Some years ago, many hunters adopted the custom of wearing a red cap and a red shirt, but now I read that this hasn't worked well enough. Recently an eye-specialist tested the vision of a large number of hunters who had mistakenly shot a man in the woods, and then found that some 30 per cent were so color-blind that they could not see that a red shirt was red.

And so probably, by the end of this fall, there will be the usual number of dead hunters. There will always be the men who will shoot at anything that moves, and there will always be the men who kill themselves while dragging a loaded gun through a fence. There will always be men who pull a trigger while the gun is pointed at someone, and there will always be men who will leave a gun lying around the house, loaded.

It is dangerous even to leave a shell in the magazine. I remember well the day that a man asked my chum Reeves if he could borrow Reeves's shotgun. When the friend asked if it was loaded, Reeves said, "No, but take a look." So the friend

## Los Angeles Has Cooler Weather

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—A siege of heat that kept temperatures above the 100-degree mark in most of southern California for five straight days apparently had ended today.

Cold ocean breezes rolling inland from the coast dropped temperatures 14 degrees in Los Angeles yesterday — down to a "cool" 88 from Sunday's 102. The hottest it got in Los Angeles during the five days was 109 on Thursday.

Weather forecasters expected continued cooling for the rest of the week. A maximum of 83 — still above normal — was the forecast for Los Angeles today.

The normally cool beach areas welcomed the night and morning fog and low clouds that usually persist this time of year.

Weather men credited a high pressure area offshore with forcing cooler air inland to end the hot spell.

## Sherman County Shooting Probed

THE DALLES (UPI)—Sherman County Dist. Atty. T. Lester Johnson today was investigating the fatal shooting of Keith Sturdevant, 34, at a Rufus trailer house Sunday night.

Johnson said witnesses were being questioned but no charges had been filed.

The fatal shooting, the third in six months in Sherman county, apparently followed an argument between Sturdevant and another man at a tavern, authorities said. Sturdevant was struck by a bullet from a .22 revolver.

## REAL WESTERNS

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## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

JOHN STRALEY tells about a rich man's son who was so slow on the uptake it took him seven years to go through high school—yet he longed to go to college. The father reluctantly agreed to stake him \$10,000 if he could answer a few simple questions.



The first question propounded by Pop was "What's what?" "I don't know," admitted the son—and was promptly put to work in a menial job at Pop's plant.

Came the time for the son's first vacation, and off he went to the big city to see the sights. In a bar, a very beautiful girl suggested that he buy her a drink or two. The boy pointed to a maid on her shoulder and inquired, "What's that?"

"What's what?" asked the beautiful girl. "Holy mackerel," gasped the boy. "If I'd known that—'billy I'd be in college!"

SILLY RIDDLE TIME

Q. Why do elephants have flat feet?  
A. From jumping out of high trees.  
Q. How can you tell when there's an elephant in the refrigerator?  
A. The door won't close.  
Q. What has 12 legs and feathers and goes "bah bah bah"?  
A. Six Indians singing the whiffpoof song.  
Q. What weighs two tons and is purple all over?  
A. A 4000-pound plum.

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