

The Lighter Side... BY DICK WEST The Terrible Life Of Our Bachelors

WASHINGTON (UPI) — One of the ugly blots on the otherwise shining fabric of our civilization is the shameful way we treat our bachelors.

Cruelty to bachelors is seldom discussed in polite society, but occasionally you will find someone brave enough to speak out against it.

Such a person is Margaret Mead, the noted anthropologist, who doesn't seem to care what she says as long as it shocks somebody.

Talks Openly
This courageous and forthright lady was here for a lecture recently and at a subsequent news conference she talked openly and frankly about the plight of the downtrodden bachelor.

"We persecute those who don't get married," she said. "We make them feel abnormal and force them to live in an institution — join the Army, the Navy, the Merchant Marine — or we isolate them and make them live alone. We distrust the single life."

Her remarks presumably encompassed spinsters as well as bachelors, but everyone knows that spinsters lead a pampered life compared to the dismal existence of bachelorhood.

I myself have been in the serene and secure state of wedded bliss for so long I couldn't remember how horrible it was to be a bachelor.

So I approached a bachelor friend of mine, Sam Freeloader, and asked whether he felt persecuted.

"It's all true," Freeloader moaned, his chin trembling and water coming into his eyes. "Everybody picks on us bachelors."

"There, there, old fellow," I said, patting his head. "Come pose yourself. Do you feel like talking about it?"

Basically Homebodies
Freeloader bit his lip. "Basically," he said, "we bachelors are homebodies. If we had our way we would go to bed every evening at eight o'clock. But people conspire to keep us out all night."

"They invite us to dinners, parties, theaters, night clubs, concerts, dances, — anything to disturb our rest. And that isn't all."

"Man is by nature monogamous. But a bachelor is virtually forced to take out different girls. A blonde one night, a redhead the next. It's terrible."

"It wouldn't be so bad if we could meet plain, simple girls, but bachelors only meet countesses, heiresses, fashion models, movie starlets and other..."

Freeloader tried to list other atrocities, but he was sobbing too hard to continue. I wish Margaret Mead had been there to comfort him.

IWA Walks Out at Coos Bay Plant

COOS BAY, Ore. (UPI) — The International Woodworkers of America struck Weyerhaeuser operations here Thursday night in a dispute that started over the use of power saws by boom crews.

Pickets were sent out at 9 p. m. after talks between officials of Coos Bay Local 3261 and the company broke down.

About 970 men were thrown out of work at the company's sawmill, particle board plant and plywood plant at North Bend and its woods operations at Allegany.

The union had demanded that workers on boom crews be paid more money for using power saws. The company then suspended employees who laid off work to attend union strategy meetings Monday and Wednesday. Only about 20 per cent of the day shift was on the job Thursday.

The union also has demanded that the workers be paid for the time they are suspended.

GETS MARRIAGE OFFERS
MELMERBY, England (UPI) — James Newbould, 39, who was given one month to find a wife, already has received 30 marriage proposals.

He was told last week that the rural council would turn him out of his bungalow unless he married.

They'll Do It Every Time



The Medical Roundup

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Recently, I reported in this column that Drs. G. M. Howard and H. E. Kaufman reported having found a new and very effective drug called (for short) IDU, which cured acute herpetic blisters (due to the virus of herpes, a shingle-like disease) in from three to six days. Since then, many people have written me asking for some of the drug, to see if it would clear up a long-lasting or chronic or old disease of the eyes. Others hoped it would lessen the pain which, in older people, often remains for months or years after an attack of shingles.

Actually, the drug is still so new that we physicians do not know exactly how far it will go in the treating of chronic blistering infections, and the "fever blisters" and shingles-type of trouble in several parts of the body away from the eyes. Right now it appears that the drug is of value in the healing of acute blistering herpes of the cornea (the clear front window of the eye). In the next six months we will find out if the drug is of any value in healing chronic diseases of the eye or chronic herpes of the skin.

Review Article
Considerable information on the subject is to be found in the American Journal of the Medical Sciences for August, 1963, where there is a splendid review article by a Dr. Henry L. Birge, of Hartford, Conn. As he says, Dr. Robert J. Huebner, of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, has made a study of over 100 viruses. In many cases we still don't know what type of disease a particular virus produces.

The one which produces the terribly painful and destructive little blisters on the front of the eye is thought to be the same as that which produces chicken pox in children, and which produces "shingles" in adults. Actually, in the cases of blisters on the eye the virus appears to affect also one side of the brain, as well as the nerves to the eye, and even the iris and other tissues inside the eye. The pain many persist for years in the eye or the face. Sometimes a cataract or glaucoma (a serious disease) will develop in the affected eye.

Before last August, when IDU was discovered, only 10 per cent of so-called herpetic corneal infections (with little blisters on the front window of the eye) cleared up spontaneously. On the average, the eye remained congested for 41 days, and usually in the end there was some loss of vision.

Drs. Howard and Kaufman reported that they had obtained good results in all but one of 76 cases of herpetic ulcers of the cornea, and the cure came in from three to six days. Now, all over the world, this drug will be rapidly tested. It is to be hoped that it will have some effect on trachoma, a chronic disease of the inner lining of the eyelids, which affects so many of the Indians in our southwest states. In many areas of the world, such as South Africa, a high percentage of the natives have trachoma, and many of them become blind because of it. Sulfonamides and chlor-tetracycline are two antibiotics which will cure trachoma.

Gallbladder Disease
Recently I read in the Statistical Bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company that the mortality from gallbladder disorders has declined more than 3.5's in the 15 years between 1936-1938 and 1951-53. Much of this decline in mortality has been due to the great decrease in surgical mortality, resulting partly from greater skill on the part of the surgeons and partly from the use of antibiotics. For instance, at the Mayo Clinic, in a period of 10 years, from 1941 to 1952, the mortality for the surgical removal of the gallbladder dropped from 1.9 per cent to 0.7 per cent. Also, many persons who, years ago, would have been operated on the day their (perhaps silent and harmless) gallstones were discovered with X-rays, are now permitted to wait and see if they ever have some indigestion or a colic that can be attributed to the gallstones.

Conservationist Added to Staff of Area BLM District

The Medford district of the bureau of land management has announced the establishment of a new staff position for the district—that of range conservationist.

Such a position has long been needed to provide specialized leadership, planning, and guidance in coordination with the district's primary mission, timber management, management of soil and water, forage, and wildlife, according to District Manager Donald J. Schofield. Filling the position is Ronald J. Younger, recently of Burns, Ore., where he was employed by the bureau of land management as a range manager.

He is qualified for the position and should be of great assistance to the employees of the Medford district and of service to the public, Schofield said.

During World War II, Younger served in the Air Force, both in the United States and overseas.

He graduated from Utah State university with a bachelor of science degree in range management. Since graduation he has worked in three BLM districts, Vale, Baker, and Burns, prior to transferring here.

Younger is a member of the American Society of Range Management, Soil Conservation Society of America, Sigma Pi Fraternity, and the Isaac Walton League.

People's Choice Noted by Morse

BEAVERTON, Ore. (UPI) — Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., said Thursday night the people had a choice of "returning to the Neanderthal caves" with Sen. Barry Goldwater or "going ahead with Kennedy."

Morse, speaking at a dinner honoring him on his 63rd birthday, said the Democratic party was "ready to take on the Republican's Messiah—Goldwater."

"You will never find out what final position he (Goldwater) takes on any issue," Morse said. The speech came less than a week after Goldwater, Arizona Republican, and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York appeared at the Western Republican Conference in Eugene.

Morse cited what he termed "the forward march of America under the leadership of President Kennedy. He said Kennedy and the Democrats consider the party platform a 'pledge of honor' and that the administration has a 'remarkable record' of delivering on the platform promises.

Morse blamed a coalition of "reactionary Republicans and an exceedingly small minority of reactionary Democrats" for blocking administration goals. Morse drew applause from the Democratic audience of about 300 when he said no military or economic aid should be given to South American military juntas which have overturned constitutional governments.

TIROS ON BLINK
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Tiros VI weather satellite is on the blink. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said Thursday Tiros VI had developed a malfunctioning in its focus current regulator, creating picture distortion.

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Small Worlds Around Us

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Jammed Mating Call Could Interrupt Insect Explosion

There has been a great deal said about the mating call business; we hear about it more often than we actually hear it. In some levels of animal life it does occur, and in various forms. It may not always be a bold, brazen cry echoing across a wilderness, in the depths of a jungle, or over a plain; it may be a silent wisp and frequently is a faint, indistinguishable odor, or fragrance, carried by a breeze, but just as commanding as an audible roar or lonely, inviting wail.

In the wide and wonderful world of living creatures there are many that send out the mating call that is only audible to members of their own species; mating calls above the range of the human ear to detect. But by deduction and electronic machines, scientists have determined to a certainty that many insects sound the mating call to others of their kind.

Having had previous knowledge of radio jamming, whereby messages over the airwaves are garbled, making them unintelligible, entomologists wondered if this jamming couldn't be done with the mating calls of insects. They wondered what would happen if the call was garbled, so

the girl-bug couldn't get the message across to the boy-bug that was waiting to hear from her. Jamming the mating call might be a way of controlling the exploding bug population. Sonic control, if successful, could be better than the present use of poisonous chemicals.

The jamming device, with the taped mating call of the particular insect-species on it, is played in a field where a crop is growing, and the boy-bugs and the girl-bugs are waiting to hear from one another. Then comes the time when the love-sick little boy-bug is expecting to hear the mating call, loud and clear over the accommodating airwaves.

He listens. He hears it, but somehow it just doesn't sound right; the call is there but there is a strange and peculiar interference. The call is garbled, jumbled, and downright confusing. The hopeful little girl-bug continues to send; so does the sonic control machine.

Imagine the utter chagrin and frustration of the eager little boy-bug; he can't tell for sure where the mating call is coming from, or know why it is so garbled. It doesn't sound like the mating call any of his ancestors answered! There is nothing in his bug-knowledge that clears the situation. He doesn't even

know from which direction the call is coming; she just isn't getting through to him. He waits, hoping the message will clear up, but the little girl-bug gets tired; the sonic control machine outlasts her.

Neither bug knows that this confusion is planned, is a direct result of jamming. If the control works out as planned, the little girl-bug will never get her message across to any boy-bug with romance on his mind. The end result will be an interruption of the species; may even, if completely successful, eliminate a bug species entirely. Pretty discouraging to an insect pest; and may make a fizzle out of what otherwise might have been an insect explosion: for a badly garbled mating call is as bad as no mating call at all.

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