

**Boyle's Column**

**Baby Sitting Experience Tempts Author To Comment**

By HAL BOYLE  
 NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—The Christmas season is the time of year when old maids, middle-aged bottle-fed bachelors and childless married couples wish they had some kids.  
 Count me among the yearners. When the shadow of Santa Claus shows on the horizon, I begin to look through rose-colored glasses at the posterity I don't have.  
 But in my time I've been one of the best baby sitters in the business. The young couple's best pal—that's me. While they trot off to the movies I stay home and watch their small fry. And I don't mind bending an elbow out of joint patting myself on the back over how good I am at raising other people's sapplings. I have yet to see the baby I can't quiet by crammng a bottle of warm milk in his kisser and threatening, "Shut up—or I'll sell you to Brooklyn."

**Conclusions Reached**  
 That "Yale" professor who learned about children by window-peeping through nurseries may not agree, but from 10 years of serving as substitute watch dog for the neighbors' heirs and heirlooms, I've come to a few conclusions on how to raise—or "rear"—the nation's potential presidents.  
 Now if I had a son—

The first thing I would do is try to teach him not to be afraid of the dark. If he turned out like his old man he would be living in it most of his life.

I would subject him to a full course of "Mother Goose" and the fairy tale books so that he could live up to his ears as long as he could in that imaginative realm that keeps children children. When he finally asked with dawning suspicion, "Just who is this guy Santa Claus, Harry," I would send him to his mother. Women are supposed to handle the breaking of men's hearts.

I would make him take up a hobby, save a dime out of every dollar he earned, learn to type-write and play one musical instrument, and learn to speak one foreign language as well as he did his own. In the world ahead of him, an intelligent man with only one language will be a man walking on one leg.

I would give him a pet—and teach him to care for it. I would make him learn first aid and how to use a saw and hammer.  
 I would never punish him by making him go sit alone in his

room. I would whale the devil out of him for only three things: (1) Starting a fight; (2) stealing and (3) showing disrespect to his elders.

At 12 I would give him a camera and pay his entry fee into the Boy Scouts so he would discover the wonderland of field and forest. If he skipped the Scout meetings, I would put him on the corner selling newspapers so he could learn about the two-legged wild life of the city.

I wouldn't let him play high school football. (If I couldn't make the team—and I didn't—why should he show me up?)  
 Some time during these years I hope he would write a poem

and like me well enough to show it to me.

When he began to get pimples and oggle the girls, I would send him to a public university in another state. For four years he would be too painful for a fond father to look at.  
 Upon graduation I would pray that he would go on and study medicine, start his own business, or become a farmer. These things are for men. But if he wanted to be a newspaperman I would give him a one-dollar bill, disown him, adopt another boy—and start all over again.

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**Army Investigates Russian Shooting**

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The man's body, shot through the back of the neck and stripped of most personal belongings except clothing, was discovered by a German civilian who called an American military police patrol.  
 Schenectady, N. Y., was chartered in 1798.

**Restaurant Law Brings Change**

PORTLAND, Dec. 17 (AP)—The city health bureau reported today its inspection of restaurants under the state's A-B-C classification law was getting results in cleaner establishments.

Dr. T. L. Meador, city health officer, reported one west side cafe-night club closed its doors two weeks after a "C" sign was posted. The management had been storing food in a toilet room, he said.  
 He reported 633 of the city's 1600 eating places have been inspected and many are earning higher sanitation ratings after the initial inspection.  
 The Blue Nile in Africa was so called from the dark color of its silt-laden waters.

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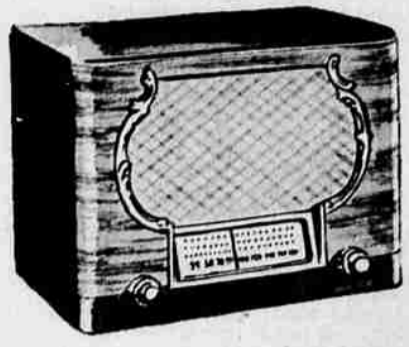
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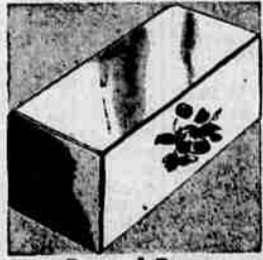
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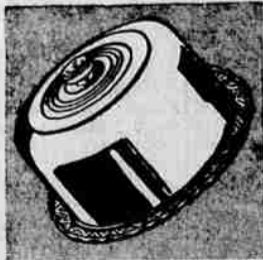


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