

Family Reunion Puts Hex On Middle Aged Crowd

By HAL BOYLE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—To come home for a family reunion in the Middle West this time of year is a thing to make you feel years younger for a while.

But it doesn't really last. The reason is that the seasons keep on changing—but you don't.

The trees grow on skyward, and so do the children. And that is a hard thing to bend yourself to. You don't mind your friends and brothers being a bit older and grayer, but you hate to admit you're in their company too. You think you should stay with the young folks.

And as for your mother, uncles and aunts who are the mainstay of the family—well, all of a sudden they seem to belong to a strange but familiar tribe. The dances they go in for are out of the familiar past, but most of them aren't the kind of up-to-date bunny hugs that your daughters go in for. That is, if you have daughters.

Unhappy Link

So there you are. A kind of unhappy link between two generations. You know as the drinks and turkey sandwiches go round that you are sort of midway between the generation that ruled the roost and the one that is about to take over. You kind of belong to both and don't quite belong to either. The old folks think you are too young to be one of them, and the young folks think you are just a bit too sedate to belong to their crowd.

At least that is the way I felt the other day when I came home to a family reunion after some years. The old folks hadn't changed much—I have in self-defense to put myself with them—but the young folks, well! That was a different tribe.

Of course, the difference didn't show up all at once. We had the usual big food-stuffing interlude. This time it was a thirty-pound bar-

becued turkey supplied by brother Eddie.

But when we were kids someone always tossed us a dollar and said for us to go to the nickel movies. This time the kids stayed—and eventually took over the family show.

Old Stories

Mom and Uncle Mike and Martin, Aunt Abbie and Leora, told the old family stories, and then my sister-in-law Monica gave the kids their chance. She played the piano and Cousin Danny's boy sang "Adeste Fideles," and all of a sudden we realized that after three generations in America—spent in digging coal, selling groceries and practicing the law—the Boyle tribe had finally come up with a genuine tenor voice.

We thought that was something new, but then Uncle Mike struck up "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and brother Johnny, who got his hand shot loose from a machine gun in Okinawa, bounced up with the lead. Then we weren't quite sure whether we had something new in the family or not.

The trouble with our family is that they generally all have a lot of kids, and each dad or favorite uncle likes to think he's got a boy or girl spotted who has more on the ball than anyone else has ever brought to bear for America. In our slow Irish way we're a helluva patriotic family, like an old Danish friend of mine who just patted me on the back—"Red" Ulricksen—and told me that Rex, his 23-year-old son, has made the college basketball team. The fact Rex flew a navy

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Somebody Better

Somebody a little enthusiastic for his years said, "Well, each generation we're in this country we turn out somebody a little better than his dad."

I thought that was pretty good—and so did the rest of us third-generation Americans in the family—until Uncle Martin Boyle, my father's youngest brother, turned to us and said:

"Your dad had four boys and you rule the roost now. But that's because your dad is gone. Which one of you actually thinks he's as good as your dad?"

And all the idea of progress went out of us, and all we could think of was the dead man who once gave us life and was better than all of us put together in a week of country Sundays. We all have a hunk of him—but he had us all beat, take us one at a time or together. That's what our sister says, and a girl's the best judge. Mom won't get in the argument.

GRAIN FIRE

THE DALLES, May 27 (AP)—Cause of a fire which destroyed the Maupin grain elevator and warehouse, burning 2500 bushels of wheat, was still undetermined today.

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Police Search Lynch Mob

RALEIGH, N. C., May 27 (AP)—Federal and state officers today sought to ferret out a masked, white mob which was thwarted in the pre-dawn hours Friday when its prey—a young six-foot negro—made a daring dash to safety.

The negro, 24-year-old Godwin "Buddy" Bush, was brought to the North Carolina central prison here after surrendering to the FBI late Sunday. He is charged with attempting to rape a pretty, blonde stenographer Thursday night.

Bush was seized by the mob and carried from the Northampton county jail. He broke away after being loaded into a motor car, remained hidden in the thick pine woods near Jackson for two days without food, and surrendered into

the protective custody of the FBI through the intervention of his father and the pastor of an African Methodist church.

Bush denied knowledge of the attempted rape.

Meanwhile, three other negroes also are held for safekeeping in central prison here in connection with recent rape charges.

In South Carolina, a 20-year-old negro is held in the state penitentiary for safekeeping after being charged with raping a 67-year-old white woman near Darlington, S. C., Sunday.

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Bureau of Reclamation spoke to the club, explaining the functions of the USBR in the West, and telling of some of its activities.

VANPORT

VANPORT, May 27 (AP)—Vanport college started on its second year

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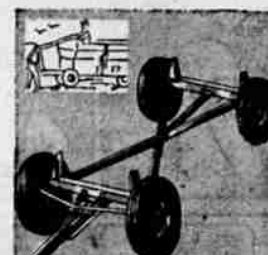
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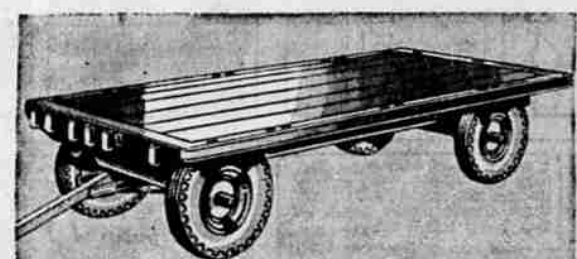
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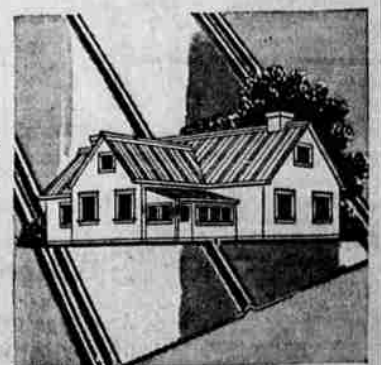
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