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Caught in the Round

By DER ADDISON
Wish I'd said that first department...
"We haven't quite given up hope of making sense out of the developments in the tax scandals, but admittedly the situation is becoming rather difficult."
"As we understand it, this is the way it stands:
"President Truman has vowed never to turn his back on Secretary of State Acheson. Secretary Acheson vowed never to turn his back on Alger Hiss. Thomas F. Murphy of New York City—then prosecutor, now a federal judge—turned his back on Hiss and got him sent to prison."
"Now it appears that President Truman is about to appoint to the national cleanup job the man who brought about the conviction of the traitor whom the secretary of state would not turn his back, upon whom the president will not turn his back."
"This sounds complicated to us, but probably such matters can be worked out in the peacefulness of Key West and on the Potomac."
—The Oregonian.
If it ever happened that I were president of a company—and the stockholders got to hollering that some of my officers had sticky fingers and some were selling out to the opposition—then I'd sure be happy if they'd let me appoint a man to clean house, who was responsible only to me.
It's reported that Mike DeSalle has ordered his priceless stabiliza-

tion people to accept no Christmas presents which they cannot eat or drink inside of 24 hours. Presumably that applies to gifts from representatives of firms over whose prices OPS has jurisdiction.
In general, this sounds like a fairly sensible compromise between acceptance of mink coats and free airplane rides and luxury hotel suites, and rejection of a lunch, a cigar or an ice cream soda.
But DeSalle's edict does place upon his employees a frightening responsibility of self-appraisal. The Socratic injunction, "Know thyself!" will have to be heeded in refined interpretation: "Know thy capacity!"
If a two-ounce-a-day drinker accepts a fifth of bourbon, will he have to consume it in 24 hours even though he knows he is going to float through the ceiling and thus discredit the whole campaign to hold the lid on inflation?
DeSalle's got a good idea here but it looks like his boys have a job in applying it.
Now that the Shop Early rush is over, stores are available for us leisurely last-minute buyers. You see, the early worm gets the bird...
Those burning cigaret lighters make fine gifts, but don't—unless you want to break him give one to a pipe smoker. He'd have to buy a new cartridge every week. Besides, the Diamond Match company wouldn't like it.
Worldwide Bible reading for tonight: Galatians 6.

James Marlow

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Nothing sensational about three men sacked in 45 years for crookedness.
Not a drop in the bucket compared with more than 50 fired in a year from the internal revenue bureau.
Three chiselers sacked in almost half a century can't compete for interest with cut-rate mink, home freezers, free Florida plane trips, from the scandals, now exploding, it's easy to get the impression all government employes carry bushel baskets, waiting for hand-outs.
The impression isn't any more true than it is generally by saying all people are good or all people are bad.
And the opposite side of the picture comes from Charles W. Crawford, head of the food and drug administration.
SMALL
As government agencies go, it's small. It doesn't make headlines often.
It has about 1000 employes scattered among 16 field offices around the country and the main office in Washington.
All came from the government's civil service rolls. None is a political appointee.
The agency's job is to enforce laws requiring foods, drugs and cosmetics to be pure, safe and honestly labeled.
In the past year it has started more than 360 criminal actions against offenders and seized more than 1400 items of bad goods.
The following story comes from Crawford who didn't just step up with it, saying "what a good little boy am I." He asked for it.
Since the agency was founded in 1906 only three men had to be fired for crookedness.
From the beginning the agency has had a tradition that none of its employes could accept gifts or favors of any kind from any person or organization in the drug-food-cosmetic field.
Further, lest it should create an embarrassing situation, the employes are not to accept lunch from anyone in that field.
Each new employe is told what's expected of him. And on being hired by the agency, everyone has to get rid of any interest he may have in the food-drug-cosmetic field.
For example: If he has stock in a can company in which food is distributed, he must sell his stock.
Crawford, who joined the agency in 1917, said he thinks this policy, which he inherited from his predecessors, has paid off.
"The people in the industry respect us," he said.
This restriction against any gift or money tie-ups with the industry with which it deals doesn't mean the employes can't have other outside interests.

They'll Do It Every Time



Hal Boyle

NEW YORK, (AP)—What can the average guy say about 1951 as it fades into history?
Should he cry into his beer over it, or break into a cheer? Is he any better off? Has the human race inched onward or upward any since 1950?
On the one hand... yes. On the other hand... question mark. It has been a mixed and indecisive year. For example—
True, we avoided a world war in 1951. But we had avoided it in 1950. Are we really further or closer to one now?
True, truce talks began in Korea this year but hope for real peace there flickers on and off, like a bad phone connection. When will it come and can we trust it when it does come? The ground war has become colder, but the air war is hotter than ever.
BOMBS
True, an atom bomb didn't go off in anger this year. We tested some. And the Russians tested some, too. We're building a hydrogen bomb plant. And they're reported building 1000 new submarines and maybe a hydrogen bomb also.
True, the atom has gone to work to cure disease, but when will the hope it gives outweigh the dread it brings? It wasn't safe in 1951 to remove the identification tags from the wrists of our children. Nor will it in 1952.
How about the domestic situation? The statisticians tell us that total personal income has gone up, savings have increased, debts have dropped. Tell that to your neighbor, however, and he is likely to answer, "you can prove anything with statistics." The things he is sure have gone up are prices and taxes.
Scandal had a heyday. It began to look like the only unsubsidized amateur athletes left in America were the checker players in the parks and the old people who play shuffleboard in sunny Florida.
The government cracked down on bookies. Then the government began to set up machinery to crack down on its own "vermindoers." Congress initiated more than 100 inquiries of one kind or another. It investigated everything except why the corn crop was lower, and it might have done that except you can't get votes by convicting the weather.
Boy what a confusing year. The five-star generals quarreled about how to conduct the Korean police action, and nobody could tease "Ike" Eisenhower into saying publicly whether he was a Democrat or a Republican.
The traffic problem became worse in the cities where that was still possible. Television reception improved but the quality of the shows was such that many owners liked the commercials better than the programs.
LONG LIFE
Scientists said longevity was increasing, although the average man complained he was just getting baldier, grayer, or fatter.
But Americans, all in all, had better medical care, were better clad, owned more of their own homes, and ate higher on the hog than ever before in their history. No other large country in the world fared so well in the realm of man's physical needs—food, clothing and shelter.
For all its troubles, if the United States meets no worse than it survived in 1951, it will keep its flag flying for a long, long time.
It was a year when the average man still had more to be thankful for than to complain about.

Sam Dawson

NEW YORK, (AP)—Seldom before has there been so much money around. And yet it's going to cost you more to get loans from your bank.
Interest rates are rising, bankers say, because "money is tight."
This paradox may seem doubly strange to the layman at this time. The national income is at a peak. Money in circulation is at a seasonal pre-Christmas high. Almost everything that is expressed in terms of money is at a record high: sales totals of business, wages and salaries, dividend payments, bank deposits, and tax collections.
How then can money be scarce? Bankers say that money isn't scarce, but that money for lending purposes is.
The pace of business has a lot to do with it, bankers explain. They point to the fact that their loans to business are now at all-time highs. And the demands of business for still more money to finance its record expansion of plant and equipment are making it hard for banks to find the money to lend.
The defense program also calls for more money to be lent by the banks—to finance factories tooling up, to take care of the purchase of raw materials, to carry payrolls for growing defense employment, to help business meet over-head costs while it waits for months to produce the arms and collect for them from the U. S. treasury.
The treasury itself is seeking money. In less than six months it has spent eight billion dollars more than it has taken in. To keep its cash box operating, the treasury has been selling notes to banks and selling tax-anticipation notes to corporations—all of this mopping up part of the money supply and making it scarce.
Money is particularly tight just now. Seasonally it should ease next

Poll Tax for Street Work Provided in Old Ordinance

By HALE SCARBROUGH
We wouldn't want the civil rights people to get wind of this, but Klamath Falls has a poll tax law just the same as some of the unenlightened Southern states.
An ordinance imposing a \$3 per year tax on every male inhabitant between the ages of 21 and 50 was adopted October 19, 1908. So far as we know, it has never been repealed. Neither, in the memory of present City Hall employes, has it been enforced.
The ordinance was dug out by Mrs. Gladys Cox, City Hall clerk who is making a stab at recodifying the several thousand ordinances Klamath Falls has been governed by at one time or another.
The poll tax ordinance differs from the tax law of certain Southern states in that the residents of those particular states who don't pay it don't get to vote. The old Klamath Falls ordinance assessed the tax against able-bodied male citizens to raise money for street and sewer work. They could pay the \$3, or they would work it out on the streets at \$1.50 a day. Or they could lay it out in jail, also at \$1.50 a day.
In May of 1905 an ordinance was passed providing for a corporate seal to be placed on official documents, the seal to make an impression one and 2/32nds inches in diameter, and to bear the words: "City of Klamath Falls, Oregon, May 18, 1905. It is still in use."
Mrs. Cox hasn't come across an ordinance yet making it unlawful for citizens to kick the heads of snakes as they popped up between boardwalk planks. That's probably a myth.
But she's run across some just as interesting.
One (Ordinance No. 24) adopted October 5, 1891, established a fine of from \$5 to \$50 to be assessed against anyone caught piling manure in any street or alley of the Town of Linkville.
Ordinance No. 57, adopted June 2, 1913, made a lot of things illegal, it being book length. Among the misdeeds it sets forth are operating a slaughterhouse within the city limits; keeping swine in a stable so that "same becomes filthy, nauseous or offensive to the senses"; spitting or throwing cigar or cigaret butts on the street or sidewalk; and throwing advertising dogtags on the sidewalk or street.
Ordinance No. 902, adopted May 23, 1922, makes it unlawful for a citizen to maintain a kennel where more than two dogs over three months old are kept.
Ordinance No. 2001, adopted June 2, 1929, forbids the housing of more than two doe rabbits and one buck, plus 20 little ones over 10 weeks old.
Klamath Falls City Councilmen are paid \$24 a month for their ef-

Problems of cancer are always with us.

V. B. writes, "Is it possible to acquire cancer from a cancer sufferer by contact; 1. such as living in the same household with a cancer sufferer, using the same dishes (linen, etc.), and 2. a husband acquiring it from his wife who has cancer, or vice-versa?"
The answer to both these questions is no, since cancer is not contagious and cannot be acquired by contact.
M. H. asks another question about cancer: "Is it possible for a woman 23 years old to have cancer of the breast?" To this question the answer is yes, since cancer may develop at practically any age though it is more frequent in the middle years of life.
A question was asked you recently concerning iron in well water. Is there enough iron in well water to cause one's teeth to become discolored?
—Mrs. L. S.
A—It is entirely possible for well water to contain so much iron that teeth will be stained.
Q—Does the constant use of hair tonics on hair cause baldness? My husband uses hair tonic all the time and I noticed the hair is thinning, but he does not agree that the tonic is the cause.
A—It is possible for someone to get an unfavorable reaction of hair tonic from some kinds of hair tonic which might speed the loss of hair. In all probability, however, your husband's baldness is neither hastened nor delayed by his use of hair tonic.
Q—For the past three months my husband has been complaining of a severe pain in the back of his left shoulder, under his arm and above his head. About 15 years ago he had a slight heart attack but has made a good recovery until now. Please advise.
—Mrs. E. R.
A—The symptoms sound as though angina pectoris has returned. In any event, your husband should consult his physician and have a complete examination, including electrocardiogram.
Q—My heart seems to beat normally for a few beats, and then misses a beat or two entirely before returning to its normal rate. The number of normal beats in between the skip is inconsistent. What do you think this could be?
—R. G. E.
A—There are conditions of the heart which result in skipping beats but probably the most common is that which is known as extra systoles or extra beats which are followed by a longer-than-usual pause. The latter is not usually by a heart disease, but anyone who notices irregularity in the heart beat should be examined by the family physician or a heart specialist.
Q—Please tell me if a woman is pregnant and drinks, will it harm the baby?
—B. S. M.
A—Alcoholic drinks are certainly not recommended for a pregnant woman. However, it would appear that most obstetricians and pediatricians feel that an occasional drink will not cause any harm to the unborn child.
Q—Does having an ovary and tube removed bring on symptoms of change early in life? I have the symptoms but people say I am too young.
—Mrs. S. J.
A—As long as the other ovary is functioning there will be no such signs.

Rancher Gets Jail Term

A Sprague River rancher, 45-year-old Sylvester Smith, got a double county jail job yesterday.
From Wood River Justice court Smith was sentenced to 60 days on conviction of disorderly conduct, the complaint reportedly brought by his wife.
On arrival at the county jail to start serving the 60 days, Smith was arrested on a misdemeanor complaint of writing a non-sufficient funds check. On pleading guilty to that charge he was given six months.
He was accused of writing a \$25 non-funds check on Junior Anderson of Sprague River. Smith, according to the court, has a past OSP record for writing bad checks.

Fever Declines On Warfront

TOKYO, (AP)—Hemorrhagic fever cases among U.N. troops in Korea are decreasing both in number and severity. Allied medical authorities said today.
Army spokesmen said the fatality rate has been approximately eight percent, much lower than earlier reports indicated. They did not disclose the number of cases treated.
The mysterious malady broke out last summer. Army doctors said it is the same as that which hit Japanese troops in Manchuria prior to world war two.

A NEW WONDER DRESS IN A NEW WONDER FABRIC CALLED BUBBLON.

- SHEER PUCKERED NYLON
- WASHES LIKE MAGIC
- DRIES IN A WHISK
- SHUNS AN IRON
- THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL
- THEY ARE PRACTICAL
- THEY COME IN GAY COLORS
- THEY COME IN REGULAR AND HALF SIZES
- THEY ARE SPECIALLY PRICED

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ANNUAL EAGLES Christmas Party

Friday, Dec. 21
7:30 P.M.
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