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## Question in the Round

By DEB ADDISON

Question and answer programs, panel discussions, are in our minds and ears often these days. And what pleasure it is to find a participant who can give an answer with a twinkle.

George Alder, the minister, added that spark to the Build the Basin program Monday night.

It's been our lot, many times in the past, to have been at work in the ad department here of an evening when a Town Meeting program was coming over the loud speaker in an adjoining room.

Concentrating on a job at hand, the program still drummed on our consciousness. The words were different, but the music was always the same.

This was the pattern: A challenging question; an earnest, serious answer in weighty, declamatory voice. Can't remember ever having heard a spontaneous rise of laughter to cause us to pause and listen.

"We're all allergic to being lectured to; we all love the person who knows what he's talking about and still can recognize the humor in human relationships, who is not carried away by the all-importance of his own point of view.

Let's give an example. Last Newspaper Week (which generally generates the dullest spawning of self-earnestness) a newspaperman, Chuck Shelton, interviewed himself, question and answer style. The answer, Calif., Herald and Pomotonic.

Here's his interview:

Q. There's lots of talk about a free press. Are the papers of this country free?

A. Ours isn't. Our subscription rate is \$2.50 in the county, and \$3.50 outside the county, except to servicemen.

Q. Will television replace the newspapers of this land?

A. I doubt it. Television may oust radio, the gramophone, and the stereophonic, but it can't kill the newspapers. Here are some things you can do with newspapers that you can't do with a television set: swap files, line dresser drawers, wrap garbage, help the Boy Scouts put on a show, and splash windows. Did you know that a wadded up news-

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We're on the TV stage. A reading lamp is now plugged into the current to the video box. We are aware, however, that we're suffering hangover symptoms and, once recovered, we propose to resume cautiously our television killing spree. The TV set will be the watchword, and TV will be the servant in the situation, not the master.

There are an estimated 15 million sets in the nation and heaven knows how many television viewers. All of the set-owners—adults, that is—of my acquaintance seem to have run through a series of reactions similar to ours, although few have actually reached the saturation point yet.

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**SEE EVERYTHING**

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paper makes the best glass-polisher there is?

Q. Does the newspaper profession offer a hard-working young man any future?

A. Definitely yes. There's always plenty of hard work, lots of offers and all of them in the future. In this respect, the Fourth estate is similar to other lines of work.

Q. Are newspaper employees well paid?

A. There are two schools of thought on the subject. Most of our publishers think they are handsomely remunerated, and the employee has some honest doubts about it. I don't imagine they'll ever come to complete agreement on the matter.

Q. Why are most newspapers in America pro-Republican in their sentiments?

A. Newspapers traditionally favor the underdog. Most of our presidents in the past 20 years have been Democrats. The press is only trying to offset this "trend."

Q. Newspaper editors are usually stubborn individualists who dislike red-tape bureaucracy and governmental meddling. Most newspapers will become Democrat-minded if the GOP ever gets back into office. Is that true?

A. We'll still try to come out on Thursday as usual.

Q. If you ever change your way, Mr. Editor, what would you lay out as the ideal newspaper?

A. One that had at least four front pages, and was made up of 50 percent pictures, 50 percent news stories, and 40 percent ads.

Now, having been over-serious and long-winded on the non-serious side of a serious thing, we'll pass along a quote that's going the rounds — and then quietly steal away.

"Do you know that Lincoln's Gettysburg address contained 266 words; the Ten Commandments 297 words; the Declaration of Independence 300 words, and that OPS's order to reduce the price of cabbage contains 26,911 words?"

Listen to Build the Basin next Monday, and maybe you'll learn some new words about OPS's order to reduce the price of spuds.

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## They'll Do It Every Time



## Hal Boyle

By SAUL PETT (For Hal Boyle)

NEW YORK (AP) — Signs of the times and portents of the future listed in the Manhattan phone book "We will not campaign for a woman President this year," said a spokesman for the Women for President and Other Public Offices, Inc. "We're just now surveying public reaction to the idea."

The demand for flagpoles has dropped because of government restrictions on buildings, according to the American Flagpole Equipment Co., which is now making ship booms.

The Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks assures us the mountains are in good shape, camps and hotels are being held to a minimum and the association has a "powerful voice in Albany."

Interest in metaphysics has dropped since the second world war as indicated by the lower student registration figures of the American Foundation for Metaphysical Arts and Sciences, Inc.

"Business is plainly lousy," said a man at the Association of Adjustable Shoulder Strap Manufacturers, which has changed its name to the Undergarment Accessories Association.

Relations between our two countries are excellent. This was the reassuring word of Dr. Frank Stuern executive secretary of the American Society for Friendship with Switzerland, Inc.

The trend toward the country is toward greater use of governors on revolving doors, according to the Revolving Door Division of the International Steel Co. Fifteen revolutions per minute is about tops with the regulators. Hotels and banks set their governors at 12 rpm, busy department stores and terminals at 14 or 15.

About 1,000 dentists around the country now practice hypnosis on patients so afraid of pain they can't even take the anesthesia needle, said the American Society for the Advancement of Hypnotics.

Sixty per cent of the rabbits imported to this country are now used in making felt hats. Beavers are slipping in this market. "And didn't you know that cone is the British word for rabbit and Coney Island was so named because it was once infested with rabbits?" asked an astonished spokesman for the American Rabbit and Coney Dealers Association, Inc.

Sea teen-agers are getting acne, said the American Institute of Dermatology, Inc.

The demand is up for coal chutes,

grub hooks and crowbars, according to the Diamond Calk Horsehoe Co., which hasn't made anything for a horse in 40 years.

"The year 1952 should be a year for political landslides," predicted the Foundation for the Study of Cycles. They couldn't say which land would slide for whom. The foundation studies all kinds of cycles—business cycles, weather cycles, cosmic cycles.

Business is good, said American Fork Lift Rentals, Inc., which buys and sells used materials handling equipment.

Robert G. Morris of Brooklyn said the American Committee for the Defense of British Homes has been defunct since the war and why doesn't the phone company forget it?

Membership is up at the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., a social organization. Things are being done at the Societal and Exportators Rioplatense, the American Society for the Preservation of Sacred, Patriotic and Operatic Music, and the Association of Ladaemans, and the Societe Francaise de Berets Basques, Inc.

Plush, suffered a badly injured foot Monday afternoon when a 30-30 rifle he was cleaning accidentally discharged.

The bullet went through his foot and came out his ankle. Fitzgerald, a 70-mile trip took almost two hours. He was taken plasma on his arrival and two blood transfusions during the night. He was described as "resting" this morning. A doctor said his foot would be permanently injured.

Fitzgerald was to leave today for Portland to enter the armed service. He has two children.

SEATTLE (AP) — The Weather Bureau raised storm warnings early Wednesday in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and from Tatoosh, Wash., to Cape Blanco, Ore.

The forecast: Easterly winds 30 to 40 miles an hour, with 50-mile gusts, in the Strait, and southeast winds 25-35 miles an hour, increasing to 40-50 m.p.h. by afternoon, on coast.

## Telling the Editor

GREAT REASON

KLAMATH FALLS — Your program on "How Can We Better Build Tomorrow's Citizens" (KPLW) is surely very commendable. It would seem that one of the greatest reasons for so much juvenile delinquency is the lack and opportunity for youngsters everywhere.

Young minds are sensitive and lack mature understanding, and in many cases these youngsters, who go to work, are forced to take such a psychological beating that they lose confidence in themselves, take a "what's the use" attitude, be ore reaching maturity.

I have often wondered why communities do not establish elementary trade schools where boys and girls would be taught to repair automobiles, farm machinery, painting, woodworking, metal work taking care of babies, sewing, housework, landscape gardening, etc., and let them do the things they would choose themselves.

A school of this type could be for vacation and spare time. The general idea would be to keep them from having too much spare time. Although some trades are taught in our high school, this extra school could be conducted more along the lines of a factory, where they would be treated more like employees than students.

This would adapt them to later employment.

Another idea which might be worked out to the mutual advantage of a community to provide more employment and divide it equally between the larger and smaller communities would be for merchants to buy the finished parts for the assembly of automobiles, machinery, furniture, appliances, etc., instead of the finished product, and have assembly plants where the people of their own community would benefit from the additional employment.

A Reader

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman's budget message is a reminder not to get careless with words like "free enterprise" and "individualism" in a country where the government is a real uncle to a lot of businesses and a lot of people.

The message is loaded with special help of one kind or another for various businesses and groups. And it provides as usual for the long-established government agencies which regulate business: Interstate Commerce Commission, Federal Communications Commission, and the rest.

There's nothing new about it. For years Congress has been voting for the help and the agencies. Now, of course, there are added the emergency controls on prices, wages and materials and special benefits for defense industries.

The message, like others before it for generations, merely illustrates again that American business has never been completely free of government regulation or special help. The Constitution itself gives the government the right to regulate commerce.

And from the earliest Congress which passed the tariff acts, business has received protection from foreign competition. Through the years the help and regulations have taken many forms. For most of our history the help was mostly for special help. The Constitution, as God appeared on the mountain, he spoke a complete law which covers all the activities of man. No wrong can be created to God or man but is a violation of that law.

Let us notice the Eighth Commandment first:

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

This precept covers all kinds of

—It is doubtful that either would help anyway, one should not worry about the size of a four-year-old since the rate of growth is irregular and one cannot tell at this age how large the child will be in a few years.

Q—Please distinguish between poison ivy and poison oak.

A—They are related botanically and cause identical symptoms in sensitive people. Poison ivy is Rhus toxicodendron and poison oak Rhus diversiloba.

Q—What is the difference between liver extract and vitamin B12 in the treatment of pernicious anemia?

A—Both are useful methods of treating pernicious anemia. Vitamin B12 is probably the stronger and likely contains the antipernicious anemia factor in more concentration than liver extract. However, the choice of which preparation to use, (and both are good), should rest with the physician in charge.

Q—Would vitamin B6 or B12 help in the growth of a very short child of four years old? Mrs. N.L.

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