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BILL-BOARD

By BILL JENKINS

Maybe we humans aren't getting along so well these days but at least one member of the canine race has it all figured out.

Reck, a cross between a Scotty and an Australian shepherd (believe it or not), knows just what to do when the material things of life come foremost in his mind.

The other day the underslung pooch wandered into Neil Fife's fountain and decided the idea of food was a good one. He promptly headed for the kitchen and went through his tricks. He rolled over, played dead, sat up and barked and the rest of the repertoire. Neil, being only human, had to break down and feed the pooch a hamburger.

Think it'll become a habit?

The dog, owned by Norm Wilson, reminds one very much of Thorne Smith's creation Blotto. You know, the black and white mutt in Night Life of the Gods who was alternately turned to stone and back to life again by the magic rays of Hunter Hawk's petrifying ring.

Still no marble playing youngsters spotted but maybe that is a thing of the past. Did notice how ever a couple of youngsters in one of the uptown city parks a day or so ago fooling around with a discus. Maybe the upcoming Olympic games have something to do with it.

Congratulations to the city for their work in putting in a boat slide at the Moore Park site on Upper Lake. It was a crying need for fishermen and sport boaters on our great lake and has been done in ample time to give the sportsmen a chance to use it this year. Too ample if the cold weather has anything to do with it.

See that an archery club is in the process of forming. Sherwood forest and all that. The nut brown ale, the pasty pies, the jolly Friar

Tuck and all that.

It seems to be a growing sport as time goes on. And a good one. One of the few anymore that does not require a small fortune to set up. And good exercise plus the competitive angle. We wish them all the success in the world.

One note. Knowing how to use a bow and arrow may come in handy after The Bomb!

Somewhere along the line the other day we were talking about the enforcement of the deer laws in Oregon. The theory that if you live up to the law in the strictest measure you couldn't legally kill a deer of any kind in Oregon. Can't kill one going to or returning from his bed, watering place, salt lick, etc.

It raises an interesting point. Suppose that for just one day every law in the state were enforced to the hilt?

We'd have to import officers from neighboring states to make the arrests and judges from out of the area to pass sentences. Everything from spitting on the sidewalks to making right turns on red lights.

There wouldn't be enough people left outside to feed those behind the walls.

Now that the worst of our air-pollution disaster season is over we've had time to sit back and collect our thoughts. The conclusion comes to this:

We nominate Wally Myers, the Herald and News city editor, as "snowshoe rescuer" of the year.

Wally, who rode more miles through the snow hunting lost planes than he did to and from work and all other activities during the winter season.

And he claims he ain't cut out for that sort of thing.

However, the accolade is his. If you hear of a missing plane please contact Myers either at the office or at his home.

Dr. E. P. Jordan

It is claimed that there are nearly one-quarter of a million persons in the United States who have difficulty with hearing is a real handicap in getting or holding a job.

The scope of the hearing problem is therefore enormous particularly in these days when everyone who can be usefully employed should be making a contribution towards helping this country to meet its problems.

As has been emphasized in this column and in many other places we should strive to prevent deafness whenever possible, but there will always be some who develop difficulty with their hearing and who will need help from hearing aids, speech training, job placement, or in other ways.

Many agencies, both private and public, are helping in these problems, and the outlook for someone who has difficulty with hearing is much better than it used to be, both from the standpoint of personal comfort, and economic well-being.

Employers have become increasingly aware over the years of the fact that they can hire workers with some physical defect, including difficulty with hearing, and that if they are properly placed, these persons make a real contribution to their employes. Of course such employes are economically much more independent than they would otherwise be.

It is important, however, that those who are somewhat deaf really able to carry out the work to which they are assigned, and this sometimes involves special training.

Fortunately, there are agencies now at work which help the hard-of-hearing to fit themselves for jobs within their capabilities and also to find such jobs when they are ready for them.

This is a great contribution to the well-being of the country as well as to the individual involved, and it is particularly encouraging that so many employers in recent years have taken an enlightened view towards the useful occupation of those who are physically handicapped, including those who are handicapped by hearing difficulty.

Third Quarter Taxes Due

Third quarter property taxes on the current year, 1951-52 tax, are due and payable now at the Tax Collectors' office in the Courthouse and will become delinquent May 15.

After that date interest will be charged on payments due.

ROADS TO BE IMPROVED
ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Minnesota counties are going to spend a record \$34,500,000 this year on secondary roads.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

Sam Dawson

NEW YORK (AP)—Absenteeism is plaguing some industries again — mostly those expanding their plants and labor force.

They are hiring green labor, or bringing in workers from other regions, or working men longer hours and extra days, or hiring a greater proportion of women.

All of these things are likely to increase a company's absentee rate, just as they did during war years, the National Industrial Conference Board notes.

That absenteeism should be a factor in some cities and some industries will seem ironic to others troubled by slack times, shortened work weeks or unemployment.

But some companies complain that higher hourly wage rates mean that a worker can cover his essential money needs earlier in the week.

Labor leaders deny this — the high cost of living keeps most factory men eager for overtime. However, laboring markets are tight, men are likely to take a day off to shop around for a job that looks better.

Housing problems are pressing in some defense areas, and workers take time off to look for better homes, the board notes.

Women returning to defense work add to the absentee rate. Sickness within the family, or other domestic problems, keep them at home more.

The average lost time per year for men in manufacturing plants is estimated to average nine days a year. For women the average is 13 lost days.

Manufacturers report lost time is greater among workers on six-day schedules than among those on five-day work weeks.

An eastern metal manufacturer says: "Absenteeism increases as our scheduled work nears 48 hours, and decreases as the scheduled work decreases toward 32 hours, or when layoffs occur resulting from an attempt to stabilize on a five-day work week."

An equipment manufacturer, who ran some departments overtime on defense orders, reports absenteeism grows during periods of overtime work.

Both weather and climate play a big part. Weather is a day-by-day change, while climate is the season-by-season averages over the years.

The climate of the southland calls for few blizzards to keep workers away. But it also means more days when the temptation to go fishing is strong.

Plants along the Canadian border expect their climate to dole out days when some employes will stick close to the home fires.

Weather plays a part because it is capricious. A severe winter, spring floods like those on the Missouri and Mississippi, tornadoes, ice storms that make driving hazardous, all raise the lost day totals higher in one year than another.

Personal matters and duties play a continuing, if varying, role. Jury duty calls workers away. Sickness sometimes sweeps through plants like epidemics. And in that category also could be placed spring fever, no doubt.

The board says absenteeism is likely to be higher among hourly workers than among salaried workers.

But a shortage of secretaries in some cities has boosted the absentee rate firms say. The girls feel fairly sure of retaining jobs even if they take a day off now and then.

And the calendar has a bearing. Some workers find it hard to get to the job on Mondays — or the day after pay day.

Bruce Biossatt

The United Nations acted with a well-despatch to combat the North Korean aggression which started in June, 1950. But everyone expects that the UN will be the victor in that time which made the stirring response possible.

No one had the slightest thought of Russia had remained, that a similar courageous action could be taken against a later aggressor. In consequence, under American leadership, the free countries with all efforts to thwarting its essential purposes. Yet that is what Russia has done.

ALL HANDS

There are some advocates of international organizations who believe the important thing is to have all nations of whatever viewpoint sitting around the table, even if they accomplish absolutely nothing.

The more realistic observers of international life argue in contrast that the vital factor is to have an organization which can work effectively toward the goals of world cooperation and peace. The UN was that sort of agency in the brief span of its existence when Russia was absent. The rest of the time it has not been.

The reliance now placed upon NATO and the Pacific defense groupings is blunt recognition of the good sense that marks this second viewpoint. So long as the UN itself is immobilized by Russia as a real peace agency, the peace-loving nations of the earth will look understandably to other bulwarks of freedom and order.

The UN must stand as the symbol of a universal world collaboration that some day may be realized. But let no one complain that it is being by-passed so long as Russia remains adamant in its refusal to nullifying its fundamental aims.

Hopper Control Meeting Slated

TULELAKE—A grasshopper control meeting is scheduled for Friday, 1 p.m. at the Tulelake Growers' office in Tulelake.

A program of grasshopper control for Siskiyou and Modoc Counties is to be instituted this spring, with the federal government standing much of the cost.

YMCA FIGHTS ILLITERACY

SINGAPORE (AP)—The Singapore YMCA has launched a campaign to combat illiteracy among Chinatown's inhabitants.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Seven years ago this week the guns ceased fire in Europe, and a way of life they never wanted ended for millions of Americans.

It was the way of war.

The news had been expected along the front for days, the link-up of the American and Russian forces along the Libe river had made a German surrender only a formality.

But when word of the final surrender did come it raced through the battle lines like a surf of joy.

Yet in the hour of victory there was a strange lack of wild elation among the combat troops.

They had fought too long and too hard for this moment, and they were overtired.

And in most soldiers' hearts there was this worry:

"Hitler is down, but Hirohito is still to go. Will I have to go to Japan now?"

It is no criticism of the courage of these troops to say that most of them had no enthusiasm for a long journey to the Far East and more fighting there.

They felt that Europe had been their war and they had won it. They had lost many friends along the march from Normandy to the Elbe.

All they wanted was to go back home and pack up the life they had left behind — to be again as they had been before.

It was this feeling — the doubt as to whether they would be ticketed to the U. S. A. or Japan — that accounted for the little general abolition over the rest of the European war.

Some soldiers ward their eyes at the news.

Some fired their carbines into the air — and inadvertently got lawed out for wanting anyone. Some went absent without leave.

Some dug out hidden bottles of French brandy and got roaring. Some went out and sat by themselves and thought of buddies who hadn't made it all the way.

But most of the men just gathered in small groups and talked it over — and there really wasn't too much to say.

I remember that night — the sweetness of secret sleep on the safety of tracer bullets hitting softly up through the darkness — someone growled there's another trigger happy fool celebrating — cigarette butts glowing and owing like fireflies in the box of men stretched flat on their backs thinking long, long thoughts of and strife up at the sky and those ways.

Already this mighty army, its task done, was beginning to disintegrate. The men no longer were thinking of the common goal ahead — a way to be crossed, a ridge mass to be stormed and taken. They were being pulled apart by the tugs of peace, the possibility of going back to their own private lives.

Once its goal is gone, an army to come.

The breakup of the vast American fighting machine began that night of victory seven years ago in Europe.

The army came home, disbanded, and built more homes and families and had more children than any army in history.

"What did you do in the last war, Jaddy?" asks a small son of one of these combat veterans. And today — seven years later — daddy looks at the puzzling picture in Europe, scratches his head, and wonders himself.

"Well, I whipped Hitler," he finally ventures.

"Who's Hitler?" demands his small son.

Talking the Editor

PORT KLAMATH — It is with considerable disgust that we read of the Hindus keeping millions of cows and monkeys around, which destroy thousands of acres of their crops.

As I look out my windows and see countless thousands of wild geese devouring our pastures, knowing that if we accidentally killed one of the pests while shooting to scare them away we would be running the chance of being fined more than if we negligently killed a red low human being in a highway accident, I can't help but wonder if we are acting any more intelligently than the heathen Hindus.

The Hindu worships his sacred cows and monkeys, which destroy his crops, while we protect wild game that destroys our crops, for the benefit of the city sportsman.

I have little doubt that these sportsmen spend more money hunting their game than the meat can possibly be worth, while the loss to farmers runs into thousands of dollars every year. It certainly does not make sense to me.

Mrs. Ray Loosley

PAIR TOUR ON SCOOTERS

MILAN (AP)—Two young Italians have left Milan for a motor-scooter tour of four continents. They will travel in special motor scooters through Europe, Africa, Australia and Southern Asia. They plan to cover some 60,000 miles. The pair, Dante Cesare Vacchi, 26, and Edoardo Marti, 24, expect to complete their tour in seven months.

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