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BILL-BOARD

By BILL JENKINS

While the brave lads and lasses who went as delegates try to solve the problems of the world back in Chicago let's do a little solving here at home. Of course we don't have the heat and the jammed hall to spark thought, but we can possibly go out and hire a couple of men off the street to come in and heckle us while we work if that would get us in the mood.

Anyway, just to start the ball rolling here are a few suggestions for the betterment of the home, city, state and national along with business.

Why not include air conditioning in the building code? We have a lot of things not half as ridiculous now that must be done in order to comply with the rules. Then we wouldn't have the heat problem—so badly.

Why not a federal law granting husbands two nights out a week? We could call it the harmony bill—both from the standpoint of the home and the weird sounds that would issue from neighborhood clubs.

Why not put a penny slot machine on top of every mail box in the nation and pay off the national debt?

Why not divert a few billions from the AEC funds and see if we could do something about whipping the common cold before we worry about a bomb that will flatten Moscow?

Why not work seven days a week, fifty two weeks a year and give everyone a two month holiday per year? Then you wouldn't have the slow down over holidays and the extra-duty shifts that have to be put on during the holiday season.

Why not put a swimming pool in the lawn of every courthouse across the nation?

Why not build houses on stilts to give ventilation—and also let a man pull up his front steps when he wants to be alone?

Why not devise a simple and sensible method of electing presidents by a popular vote? (There must be at least a dozen such proposals currently gathering dust in the library of congress.)

Why not outlaw the use of automobiles within the city limits? That would solve the parking question once and for all. Then we could all ride bikes or motor skooters.

Why not give up our system of currency and go back to the barter system? This would lessen crime, increase the incentive for work, and give us an all-around higher living standard.

Why not stop and think a little about the rosy days when America was an isolationist nation? You know, back before we signed a contract to feed and clothe the world.

Why not install a tinkering room in every business office? Some place where the employes could mend a watch, sew on a button, cut out a pair of book ends, hammer the heel back on their shoe, straighten out the bent fender of junior's tricycle, etc. It might tend to take a little of the pressure off this mile-a-minute world.

And if you don't like these suggestions—why don't you think up a few of your own? After all, it only took thought for Edison to dream up the electric light. Or was it the phonograph?

Dr. E. P. Jordan

In some parts of the world salt—that is the kind that makes up ordinary table salt—is in short supply, and is considered very valuable indeed. This is for the simple reason that salt, or sodium chloride, is necessary to maintain life.

The salt is kept in a constant proportion in the blood and tissues by a wonderful system of balance, and the amount of salt present in food or added in cooking or on the table is usually just about enough to make up for that which is lost.

More sodium chloride is lost from the body than is taken in, when there is heavy perspiration for a prolonged period of time. This occurs in certain industrial occupations, in hot weather and when there is haevy physical exertion.

Salt tablets or the addition of small amounts of sodium chloride to the drinking water may be used to replace an excessive loss of sodium chloride of this type. In some industries workers are encouraged to take a salt tablet with each drink of water, though this should not be done by those who have certain kinds of disease.

In certain diseases the amount of salt taken into the body has to be limited. Too much salt either has a bad effect on the diseased organs or holds an excessive amount of water in the tissues of the body, thus causing the accumulation of fluid in the legs or abdomen.

Under such circumstances, the excess salt is not eliminated normally but stays in the tissues. In order to maintain a constant balance between the sodium chloride and water in the tissues, excess water is also retained.

For this reason, the physician may reduce the salt in the diet of persons with certain kinds of heart disease, kidney disease or diseases of the blood vessels. There are some other conditions, like Addison's disease, in which the use of sodium chloride has to be strictly regulated.

A great deal of table salt now has a little iodine mixed in. This iodized salt has done a great deal to reduce the frequency of goiter, and extensive studies have not revealed any harmful effects. Truly, the importance of salt to human beings cannot be exaggerated.

Hal Boyle

Wilbur Peeble, America's most average citizen, goes to the heart of the GOP problem in the following letter to his wife, Trellis Mae, from the Republican National Convention.

CHICAGO (AP)— Well, honey, it looks like five stars over the White House — according to a waitress who sold me a hot dog at convention hall.

"Ike's in!" she told me happily, and generously passed out free mustard to the crestfallen Taft supporters.

The story now is that General Eisenhower is doing so well that he is offering to deed the Texas delegates to General MacArthur in a package labeled: "Don't open until 1956."

Bob Taft is still in there pitching with both vocal chords, but most of the bystanders now seem to feel that the steam in his steamroller is only going "fiz-z-z-z-z-z." They believe Ike has romanced the elephant and taught him to salute.

Ike's backers are so sure he'll be nominated and elected—that they are already picking his cabinet. I overheard one fellow at a bar say:

"Our problem now is unity—to heal the party's wounds. Ike ought to name Thomas E. Dewey secretary of state, Warren secretary of the interior, Stassen postmaster general, and MacArthur secretary of agriculture. Taft could be vice president."

"In that case we might as well make it a coalition cabinet and appoint Harry S. Truman secretary of the treasury," a bitter Taft man said.

The question then arose about what to do with John Foster Dulles, and a fellow said:

"Why not appoint John Foster Dulles secretary to John Foster Dulles so there'll be no doubt about his policy?"

Well, honey, as you can see from this kind of talk the Republicans are kind of tuckered out. They have had a rough week. They are not used to fighting among themselves like Democrats. A donkey can relax acting like a jackass, but it makes a dignified elephant nervous.

It may be a bit early for the Ike fans to count Senator Taft out. Personally, I know of only one man who has turned in his Taft button and he explained it was only because he was having his suit pressed—and wanted it back right away if Taft is nominated.

The increasing likelihood that Ike will be the Republican nominee is very annoying to some members of the Old Guard GOP who refer to him as "the five-star cinderella from Aboloney, Kansas."

"Drat it, we are always falling for glamor boys," one said. "I would rather run Herb Hoover again—if we can't have Taft. Let's be real Republicans."

Well, Trellis Mae, I am no surgeon. But if I had to sew up the wounds in the Republican party at this moment I wouldn't use thread. I'd call for rope.

However, an old-time observer of conventions told me:

"Son, there is nothing in this world shorter than a politician's memory. The promise of future patronage can cure a lot of present name-calling."

Another veteran Republican had this to say about the convention—and he shook his head as he said it:

"The trouble with us Republicans is that we've got too many leaders, and the Democrats—they've got too many people."

Well, Trellis Mae, more tomorrow from

Your homesick husband
Wilbur

P.S. Rush more money. It costs 20 cents to launder a pair of socks here.

BID AWARDED

SALEM (AP) — A $1,158,818 contract to grade and pave 5.7 miles of the Oakland Junction-Deady section of the Pacific Highway in Douglas County was awarded by the Oregon Highway Commission Wednesday to White Bros., Walla Walla, Wash.

They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Korean Truce Talks Reach Anniversary

By SAM SUMMERLIN

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — One year ago today Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway stood on a dusty helicopter field here and waved goodbye to five men who flew to red-held Kaesong to seek peace for Korea.

Hopes were high that day. Today, one year later, the struggle of war and peace goes on, and no end seems in sight.

The papers that make up the historical record of the truce talks now stand seven feet high.

Delegates have come and gone. None of the original five remains.

Fifteen generals and admirals have sat down at the conference table across from the communists. And Gen. Mark Clark stepped in as United Nations commander when Ridgway moved to Paris.

The delegates have worked nearly 600 hours at the Kaesong and Panmunjom conference tables.

The shortest session was 15 seconds on April 14.

The longest was seven hours and 20 minutes on Nov. 26 when staff officers drew the proposed cease fire line.

The negotiators now have agreed on the complete armistice document—except for one monumental issue. That is how to exchange the prisoners of war.

For some 300 hours, the debaters have tried to figure out how to satisfy each side on this emotion-packed question.

The Reds want their men back—forcibly if necessary. The Allies say they will return only those who want to return.

The easiest item to settle in principle on the truce agenda was the last one.

It took only five hours and 42 minutes to decide to recommend holding a political conference within 90 days after the truce is signed.

The politicians will decide when foreign troops—Allied and Chinese—should get out of Korea, and how to bring permanent peace to Korea.

The shooting stops 12 hours after Gen. Clark and the two Communist field commanders pen their names to the 28 page armistice document.

This dramatic event—if held—will bring Clark and Gen. Kim Il Sung of the North Korean forces and Gen. Peng Teh-Huai of the Chinese to Panmunjom for the first time.

Two other men will sign the document. They are Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison, leader of the Allied truce team, and dapper North Korean Gen. Nam Il, top red delegate.

During the truce, strange teams will keep watch at five cities in the north and five in the south to see what men and supplies flow into Korea.

The teams will be composed of observers from two Iron Curtain countries, Poland and Czechoslovakia, and from Sweden and Switzerland.

Panmunjom will become overnight one of the fastest growing towns on earth when—and if—a truce is signed.

The village of four mud huts will mushroom into headquarters for all organizations overseeing the armistice and will be the exchange point for war prisoners.

Bruce Biossat

A top item in the Communist propaganda primer is the standard assertion that American capitalism cannot prosper without vast arms expenditures or pump-priming foreign aid outlays.

The line is this: the U.S. system is hopelessly out of balance. Production normally far outruns consumption, so to keep the economy going, we have to drum up demand artifically by placing huge war orders and lading goods out to our foreign friends.

It is true that during the great depression of the 1930's production and consumption were out of kilter and the economy was affected by other serious distortions. It is also correct that the depression really ended only with the start of defense and war spending in 1939, and that we have had almost continuously high arms and foreign aid outlays ever since.

But the great flaw in the Red propaganda is that the United State is no longer the same country it was in the thirties.

Our population has increased substantially. To be sure, so has our industrial capacity, and it might be argued that the effective demands of the people are still outmatched by our ability to produce. Yet this ignores many other features of American life which did not exist 20 years ago.

It would be foolhardy to say we could not have another depression. Who can be sure? But it is not silly to say that are safeguards against one are far greater than existed in 1930.

There is compensation for unemployment. Farmers have the assurance of price supports. Bank deposits are protected. The law forbids many of the practices that led to the wild stock-market gyrations of the pre-depression era. The whole level of government support of the economy is many times higher than ever in our history.

This, though, is just the negative side of the picture. The positive aspect is more important.

Not only have we grown, but we are still growing. Experts now look for a population increase of 25 millions in the next generation. These added Americans will all have to be fed, housed, clothed and served in myriad ways.

We need new schools, new hospitals, new roads and countless other facilities to keep up with this growth. The economy will have to go on expanding to fulfill the needs, and the expansion itself will create an outlet for goods.

A good deal of this effort will require the assistance of public funds at the local, state and federal levels. There is really nothing new in this. The only thing different is the scale of operations in a country of 156 millions.

On top of all this, the record shows that the American standard of living does not remain stationary. It has gone up more or less steadily for many decades. The prospect is that it will continue to climb, again with resulting greater demand for the products of American industry.

It is safe also to conclude that all kinds of totally new products will enter the scene and will have a salutary effect upon the economy. And the country's history reveals further that the curve of productivity—measuring industrial efficiency—has gone up steadily and should continue to soar. This means more product for less effort, and contributes to that climbing standard of living.

Finally, the United States has a genuine interest in the improvement of living standards not only in Europe but in the backward lands of Africa and Asia.

We cannot hand these peoples the money to buy our goods with. But we can, as we are under Point Four, extend to them technical and professional help that will guide their economies to higher levels and develop them as vigorous trading partners for us in a free world. As such they will have much need of our materials and products.

The vision of America as a hopelessly unstable nation sustained by artificial expenditures is a tired re-run of an old, flickering film of the depression U.S. The America of today is a vibrant land with a host of features which make its economic life dynamic and self-generating.

BODY FOUND

ROSEBURG (AP) — The body of H. A. Whitson, 65, who drowned Monday while swimming in the South Umpqua River, was recovered Wednesday.

17,000 Due To Be Fired

WASHINGTON (AP) — "You're fired" notices began going out to about half the 17,000 employes of the government's anti-inflation agencies Thursday as result of the heavy axe Congress applied to appropriation requests.

Economic Stabilizer Roger L. Putnam said his program will be hurt but he would "do the best we can with what we've got."

He said Congress "gave us—and the consumer—an awful kick in the teeth" in providing the agencies with only 60 million dollars compared with the 103 million requested.

A spokesman said 30-day dismissal notices would start going out to trim the agency staffs within limits of the budget Congress voted.

Declaring that "our powers for maintaining the value of the dollar have been weakened seriously," Putnam said in a statement:

"More than ever we will need the consumers' help in holding down prices by exercising restraint in purchasing. Prices generally are not down."

Putnam said despite the drastic appropriation cut he wanted to make clear "we are not throwing in the sponge and giving up."

Newsmen Back Steel Strike

PORTLAND (AP) — The American Newspaper Guild, holding its annual convention here, voted Wednesday to return to committee for further study a proposal for setting up a special unit for wire service employes.

The plan is expected to reach the floor again before the convention ends Friday.

In other action Wednesday the Guild:

Voted $25,000 to help CIO Steelworkers in their strike. The resolution explained that Steelworkers have aided the Guild in the past.

Asked Congress to establish a code of fair procedure to permit witnesses at congressional investigations to testify without intimidation.

Referred to the executive board for report next year a proposal to construct a Heywood Broun Memorial building to house the Guild's national offices. Broun was the first president of the Guild.

Langlie In Veep Race

CHICAGO (AP) — Friends of Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington said Wednesday they definitely will nominate him for the vice presidency.

The Seattle Times special correspondent reported Owen Clarke of Yakima, vice chairman of the Washington delegation to the Republican national convention, named a six-member committee to press for Langlie's nomination.

The correspondent, Associate editor Ross Cunningham, expressed the opinion, however, that from the standpoint of cold political bargaining, there doesn't appear to be much chance of success.

He cited as other vice presidential possibilities: Gen. MacArthur, Sens. Knowland and Nixon of California, Gov. Warren of California, Sen. Dirksen of Illinois and Gov. Driscoll of New Jersey.

Cunningham said the Washington group plans to have "Langlie for vice president" banners made for convention use.

The move for Langlie gained momentum after his prominent role for the Eisenhower forces in a first day convention victory over seating of contested delegates.

Named to the Langlie promotion committee were: Mary Mathis, Olympia; Cameron Shedwood, Walla Walla; Donald E. Lawson, Port Angeles; Norma Wilson, Spokane; Ray Moore and Jack Thomas, Seattle.

THE SENATOR IS AMUSED—Senator Robert A. Taft (center) seems greatly amused at something being said to him by the Warren delegate from California at left. The latter declined to give his name, saying it might be embarrassing. At right is Senator William Knowland of California whose delegation to the GOP convention in Chicago was visited by Taft.

LE HARVE WELCOMES NEW QUEEN — Here's a general view in the harbor at Le Harve, France as the new Queen of the Atlantic, the liner United States, makes port at the end of her record breaking maiden voyage. The ship is partially obscured by spray from welcoming tugs shooting streams of water into the air. The waterfront is lined with people watching the historic event.

Work Due On Power Lines

PORTLAND (AP) — Construction will get under way soon on two new major power lines in Northwest Washington, the Bonneville Administration reported Wednesday.

Funds to finance the two lines—230,000-volt grids from Chief Joseph Dam—were included in the Interior Department appropriation bill which the President has signed.

Bonneville Administration will get $73,123,000. Approximately 66⅔ of this will go for construction and the rest for maintenance and operations.

Other projects for which funds will be used: A 115,000-volt line from Forest Grove to the Tillamook County area of Oregon, an intertie line between Albeni Falls Dam and the Columbia River system, a second Lookout Point-Alvey line in Oregon.

Work also will continue on transmission lines already under construction from McNary, Hungry Horse, Lookout Point and Detroit Dams.

The work scheduled on major 230,000-volt lines includes:

Columbia-Olympia line 3 and facilities, Covington substation additions, Snohomish - Kitsap line, Grand Coulee-Snohomish line 2, communications, Chief Joseph-Snohomish lines 3 and 4, McNary-Big Eddy - Troutdale, McNary - Big Eddy-Ross, McNary - Maupin -Detroit, Detroit-Albany, Detroit-Chemawa, Ross-St. Johns conversion, Midway-Big Eddy-Maupin -Detroit, Eugene communications, southwest Oregon loop lines and facilities, Coos Bay area service, McNary-LaGrande service and system reactive facilities.

'Uncle Mont' Death Told

HOOD RIVER (AP) — Montillious Hawthorne, the Uncle Mont of Matha Ferguson McKeown's book, "The Trail Led North," died Wednesday.

Hawthorne, 87, is survived by his widow, Margaret and a son Everett.

He was born Aug. 3, 1865.

Miss McKeown's book recounts her uncle's life in the Pacific Northwest in the 1890s.

MARCHING FOR TAFT—Dr. Raymond Kepner (left) of New Castle, Ind., and Glen Conway of Mooreland, Ind., march along the sidewalk outside Chicago's convention hall to proclaim their support for Sen. Robert A. Taft for the Republican presidential nomination. Kepner, a veterinarian, is dressed as Abraham Lincoln, the party's first candidate. Conway, an auctioneer and famer, is dressed as Uncle Sam.

Tele-fun

by Warren Goodrich

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