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BILL-BOARD

By BILL JENKINS

I wonder if the world is making as much progress as we seem to think? Sure, we've made big strides in medicine and bombs and printing and television and greaseless soaps. But in a few of the modern fields we're slipping backward instead of moving ahead.

The most noticeable of these is in the field of automotive engineering.

For a long time we developed longer, lower, sleeker, more powerful cars. The idea was to streamline the cars to a point where they looked good, offered a comfortable ride and a snazzy interior that was comfortable to sit in and on. Then came world war two and all our modern ideas went out the window. The latest theory seems to be to duplicate the one horse shay.

We streamlined cars down to the point where we're away with a sunshade jutting out over the windshield. Then we put it back on a sleek looking racer—at an additional handful of dollars, of course.

The designers did away with the ugly old radiator that hung out in the open on the old cars and hid it successfully behind a fancy grill. Then they plunged into a contest to see who could hang the most chrome on the front end. The top ten have succeeded so well that now we have to hang an ugly bus screen over the front end to keep the bugs from squashing all over the pretty chrome work. It looks just about like the old fashioned radiator used to look.

Not content with this contest the engineers then started competing

with each other in a game of mechanical hide and seek. They hide the equipment on your car and let you and the corner mechanic seek it. They hid the battery. They hid the oil stick. They tucked the spare tire away in an impossible place in the trunk where it was (1) hard to get at, (2) collected all the baggage on top of it, and (3) used up storage space in the trunk. Now they are starting at extra cost, of course, to hang it back on the outside of the car where it always belonged.

They took the instruments off the old fashioned panel and grouped them together in one solid, hard to see group and then hid that group under the steering wheel. They tucked the ash trays under the dash at an awkward angle and cut the size down until two butts leave it overflowing.

Then they took the old frames, cut 'em down, built the bodies out from the front and rear ends until you can't park without bashing up your fenders, made the seats a little more than a foot high, and a foot or so to the overall height of the car, sprung the chassis so softly you can't take a curve at over thirty miles per hour and put on balloon tires that roar and whine on the curves until you can hear a car coming two miles off.

And then, as a final insult, they started an advertising campaign to convince the American public that you're a little more than a foot off the seat covers.

Please, Mr. Ford, what happened to the Model A?

CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

By DEB ADDISON

Observations, from a distance, on the differences in point of view of the two parties as indicated from the Chicago conventions.

The Democrats' theme, "Don't Let Them Take It Away", joyously points with pride to high wages, high employment, support for farmers, social security for everybody.

At the same time the theme tacitly admits the opposition charge of feeding at the public trough and taking the defensive position of pleading for a rally to keep from getting thrown out.

The Republican theme views

with alarm the encroachment of socialism, the inflation and the disturbing strikes because of it, the waste and corruption of entrenched power.

It's the has-nots' view of trying to get in and clean these things up in order to get, in fact, a better standard of living and a real condition of security and opportunity.

See the announcement in the paper of Oregon Tech's course in practical nursing for the fall term.

It's our understanding that the doctors here are helping underwrite the tuition for this course, as a step toward helping out the situation on lack of nurses.

There's a shortage of nurses, of all kinds, all over the country. Klamath Falls is no exception. It also is our understanding that our hospitals are operating at less than full capacity, simply from a lack of enough nurses to do the job.

With as many women in the "career girl" classification as there are nowadays, we wonder why more of them haven't followed the glorious vocation of Florence Nightingale.

The Oregon Tech course will not have made registered nurses of its graduates, but the role of practical nurse has an important part to play in easing human suffering, and the practical nurse's services are in great demand.

Here's a chance for you girls who "don't know" to find a niche for yourselves and to fill a great need in your community.

Say, if Adlai just plain "bonanza" doesn't want the job, let that's easy-to-accommodate the man and vote for Ike.

Morse Sees South Split

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dwight Eisenhower and Richard M. Nixon, the GOP ticket in the November presidential election, probably will carry four Southern states, Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore) predicts.

Morse, told a group of Boys' Nation delegates here that Republicans might carry Texas, Florida, North Carolina and Virginia this fall.

Morse criticized the farm plank in this year's GOP platform as being "not sufficiently liberal." He said it was written while the forces backing Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio were in control of the Republican convention. It therefore represents the views of the "ultra-conservative" wing of the party—not the Eisenhower faction, he said.

The Boys' Nation meeting, sponsored by the American Legion, was told earlier in a speech by Morse that a "fair and workable universal military training law is necessary protection for the individual and the nation."

Eastvold In Debate

SEATTLE (AP)—State Senator Don Eastvold of Tacoma, who played a prominent part in the recent Republican National Convention, flew to Los Angeles Tuesday for a debate with James Roosevelt on the relative merits of Presidential Candidates Adlai Stevenson and Dwight Eisenhower.

He was scheduled to fly to New York Wednesday for a similar debate there with Democratic Sen. Blair Moody of Michigan. Elmo Roper will be moderator.

Korean War Casualties Up

WASHINGTON (AP)—Announced U.S. battle casualties in Korea reached 113,888 Wednesday, an increase of 305 since last week.

The Defense Department's weekly summary based on notification to families through last Friday reported these new totals:

Killed in action 17,915
Wounded 83,177
Missing 12,576

Casualties by services:
Army 91,523
Navy 1,436
Air Force 1,238
Marine Corps 19,371.

Sitter Sleeps Amid Confusion

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—As a flapper sitter slept peacefully on her perch 55 feet above, thieves sledged away at a safe in the office building, sitting as a promotion stunt, later shouted down to police that she hadn't heard the yeggs who hammered the safe open and escaped with \$2,872.

"I didn't hear a thing," she said. "I need my sleep, you know."

Fireman Has Unhappy Plight

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Suburban fireman put out a barn fire Tuesday night, but it was a struggle.

The first truck set out overturned during a thunderstorm. Firemen Claborn Ross and Curtis Hill, both 21, were unhurt.

Ross hastened to a nearby house to call the department. The woman who lived there refused to let him in to telephone because he was too wet.

On his departure, the woman's dog bit him.

Priestley Divorced

EXETER, England (AP)—Novelist J. B. Priestley was divorced Tuesday by his wife. She accused him of misconduct. The Priestleys were married in 1926 and have two grown children.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Frank Tripp Sage Sideglances

Suppose you all attended the conventions, one or another, and came away either happy or downhearted; something like when we amble out of the ball park with a handful of reasons why the home team is peaches or lousy, according to the score.

Whether pleased or disappointed by the political score, ain't it grand to live in a country where men can say their minds about each other, and their fellowmen can cheer or disagree, and speak their own minds too.

Only a madman or a knave would overlook this blessed heritage which is ours; only a fool neglects that our precious privilege to speak, fight and vote American.

Still there were people—and you heard them—who slurred the Chicago extravaganza as wasteful tommyrot; disgusting antics by grown men and women who might better be about more serious business.

It is well, I think, that in some fashion modern politics perpetuates the village torchlight parades and wild and squawking bonfires, a bo who which beaver hats and crinoline skirts assembled to enthuse over their candidates.

I think if moderns unglued themselves from their radios and got out more to cheer together at the local level, that better than 57 per cent of them would take the trouble to vote. Enthusiasm is infectious.

In my book the monkeyshines at the Chicago storerooms conveyed more genuine patriotism to the folks who need it than all the arm waving spindlers put together.

The last few weeks have brought letters which express wonder that this column has ignored the boiling political pot.

Most disturbed is the critic who accused me of "fiddling while Rome burns." It is flattering to have even a single reader who believes one's pen sufficiently effective that it should not be "wasted on trivialities in such serious times"—as he put it.

The occasions have been rare when this column went political, and such.

The choice of the experts were tales of things that could happen to anybody. Those epistles over which I fretted, as over a thesis, were ignored; and when I did a job for Reader's Digest they slanted out most of the profound grist that I had dug deep to get.

So maybe, in these serious times, a little fiddling while Rome burns brings sweet music to bewildered ears, sweet memories to troubled minds.

Yet, we aim to please: so for those who feel that they must have a political column from this chronicler, here goes:

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Are you one of the millions of Americans who feel themselves in a rut?

Has life given you everything you yearned for: A wife, children, a job, a home in the suburbs, even a place to park your motor car, and you still feel dissatisfied?

Then you are suffering from civilization's most widespread disease—to get what you want. There is only one cure, and that is to want something you don't have, and go after it.

You have made habit of following a routine. What you need now is to make change a habit, and turn your dull life topsy turvy in a satisfying way.

To do this you don't have to run off with your stenographer, disinherit your children, bait your boss, set fire to your car or become a cop fighter.

You can break the pattern of sameness in your life in small ways as well as big ways.

Here are a few suggestions on how to find fresh windows to adventure.

1. If you invariably start the day with a glass of orange juice, have a piece of watermelon for a change.

2. Comb your hair differently if you have any. Everyone will remark, "what's happened to you—you look younger."

3. If you have been giving your wife a goodbye peck on the cheek each morning, kiss her full on the mouth.

4. If she doesn't die of surprise, there will be a new sparkle in her eyes when you come home.

4. Tell your boy, "gee, son, kids have it a lot tougher today than they did when I was your age." This will give him a new respect for your judgement. He may even go out and cut the lawn.

5. If you have been riding on the left side of the bus every day, switch over to the right side. That will give you some fresh bus cards to read and ponder over.

6. Lunch at a new restaurant each noon. A man's stomach gets as weary of a rut as a man's mind. And you will get to admire more pretty waitresses.

7. Whenever you feel overborne at your melancholy lot, go visit the nearest church, cemetery, or slum section. Each will give you a

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Adlai E. Stevenson

By Roger F. Lane

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another series on the life of Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic nominee for president, covers his years as governor of Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)—The striking fact about Adlai Stevenson's election as governor in 1952 was that he polled 529,000 more Illinois votes than President Truman.

The President carried the state by only 33,612 of 4,073,000 votes cast.

Stevenson outdistanced popular Paul H. Douglas, an easy Senate winner, by 165,000 votes.

Little less astonishing were two other aspects of the landslide victory: That such success crowned his maiden political campaign and that the office he sought was his second choice.

Stevenson had an eye on a U. S. Senate seat when his name was proposed by a small group of ardent admirers to Jacob M. Arvey and other Chicago Democratic leaders.

But Arvey already was sold on a man for that spot—Douglas, then a University of Chicago economics professor.

Stevenson thought his experience in the State Department and with the U. N. better fitted him for the Senate.

Nevertheless, he was persuaded to run for governor against Dwight H. Green, Republican incumbent seeking a third term.

"If it's true that politics is the art of compromise," he once said, "I've had a good start. My mother was a Republican and a Unitarian, my father was a Democrat and Presbyterian. I ended up in his party and her church."

He campaigned fiercely against Green, denouncing what he called his "scandalous and thrifless administration, broken promises and cynical sale of privilege."

After the election, he remarked that he would have no say in shaping federal policies—"but I can improve the probity, the efficiency and morality of state government, or break my heart and my head in the attempt."

An early move toward this objective was to tighten law enforcement by legislation taking the state police out of the political patronage realm and putting them under a merit system.

The state police bill provided for 350 cops on the solidly Republican, 600-man force hold their jobs.

Tradition called for sweeping all out to make room for faithful of his own party.

This was hard to stomach for legislators who owed their seats to the efficiency of the Chicago Democratic machine. Said one, "this governor must have been born in

General Says Truce Distant

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Gen. James A. Van Fleet said Wednesday there is less chance for an armistice in Korea than ever before.

The U. S. Eighth Army commander told a news conference the prospect for an armistice is in direct proportion to the amount of military pressure put on the Communists and that the Communists believe the United Nations forces will not attack to force a truce.

He said the Reds "must agree the capability of striking at any point with considerable surprise."

But he added they have been "thinning out their front line strength quite a bit over a period of many weeks" to the point where it "thins" than ever before.

He said their reasons for doing so were:

1. Floods.
2. U. N. close air support of infantry attacks.
3. Pressure on the ground by the Eighth Army.
4. Lack of supplies in the Communist forward areas.
5. Threat of a U. N. amphibious offensive.
6. A Communist decision that the U. N. forces will not attack and that there will not be an armistice.

Armistice talks at Panmunjon are in recess until Sunday.

Van Fleet told newsmen that the Communists were "in a position of readiness to wait out a war."

"Whether this is connected with an armistice or not is anybody's guess," he said.

Van Fleet said although the Reds had "thinned out" their frontlines, they still had almost a million men in North Korea. He continued:

"The Reds 'needed and wanted' a recent truce to indicate less of a chance for an armistice than ever before," Van Fleet asserted.

Successor To Culhane Named

General Motors Corporation has announced in Detroit, Mich., appointment of a successor to the late C. F. Culhane as general sales manager of United Motors Service, a GM subsidiary.

Culhane and A.M. Jones, manager of United's Berkeley branch, were murdered by some unknown person or persons in Crater Lake National Park July 19.

W. A. Hager has been promoted from central regional manager to Culhane's post.

GASOLINE USE UP

SALEM (AP)—Some 261,206,150 gallons of gasoline were purchased in Oregon during the first six months of this year.

That is 2.7 per cent more than in the same period last year.

Dr. E. P. Jordan

Mr. L. M. writes that she has read articles about overactive thyroid glands, but never about sluggish ones.

This is, indeed, an interesting subject and this column will therefore be devoted to a few remarks concerning the conditions which are produced when the thyroid gland fails to produce sufficient hormones for the needs of the body.

First it should be said that the hormone produced by the thyroid affect the general health, the rate of growth and the speed of the heart and several other functions of the body.

When the thyroid fails entirely to manufacture its hormone in infancy and early childhood, the result is a tragic condition known as cretinism. A cretin does not grow normally, and is seriously underdeveloped. The brain of a cretin also fails to develop normally.

If the diagnosis of this condition can be made early enough, thyroid extract obtained from the glands of animals can be given as a substitute for the normal hormone, and this will bring about good results.

A complete absence of the formation of the thyroid hormone in grown-ups results in a condition known as myxedema which is also not common.

In myxedema the hair becomes thin, coarse, and loses its sheen. The skin also gets thick and dry. The pulse is slow and there is a peculiar appearance as though there were fluid underneath the skin.

More difficult to diagnose and to treat than cretinism and myxedema are those patients who appear to have an incomplete loss of the secretion of the thyroid hormone. In these the symptoms may be vague, sometimes including unexplained fatigue, or perhaps a slight anemia.

The level of the basal metabolism is often of doubtful meaning. For example, a metabolism which is not lower than minus 15 is usually considered normal.

Indeed, a person who has metabolism of minus 25 may not have a true decrease in thyroid function, and may not benefit much from thyroid tablets.

In such a case the doctor is hard put to decide whether thyroid tablets should be given or not. It may be necessary to try them in various doses, and to observe the effects, before any decision can be reached.

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