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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

Talk around the town hints that the memorial about on the courthouse lawn may get a refurbishing. The idea was started a couple of years ago and fell flat due to a general lack of both interest and money. Now the scheme is in the talking stage again, some materials have already been pledged and it looks as if another eye sore may be brightened up.

It is certainly no addition to the looks of the town right now. As long as we are going to have such a monument we might as well have one that we can be proud of.

Bill Duncan, the contractor chap, tells me that the Newell school project is coming along and that most of the framing is up. Progress has had the best poured to it. Always encouraging to see new building in our neighboring towns.

You can always find a few interesting things in almost any conversation. Shooting the breeze with a bunch of fellows the other day and came across a couple of conversational gems.

HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Many women have married a man because of his bankroll. But did any woman ever marry a fellow solely because of his mustache?

Did she ever crumpling shyly against his manly bosom murmur, "You yourself have an utterly irresistible personality, my dear. But your mustache! Ah, I can fight against it no longer. It has swept me quite off my feet."

A boy, rubbing castor oil on his upper lip to stir the slow growth of the reluctant fuzz thereon, may daydream of such situations.

But I have never heard in real life of a mustache with much romantic influence.

What is the actual social impact of the mustache?

This question arises because it appears that this form of male facial landscaping is getting more popular.

It seems to me I see more and more mustaches around. I would like to believe this is only because there are more people in the world as I like to look at the bright side of things.

I would have to see mustaches become a badge of valor or a measure of achievements, as in a society in which that were true, it would have to become a hermit.

Men grow mustaches for only three general reasons:

1. They have an inferiority complex.
2. To pay an election bet.
3. Curiosity.

The first of these reasons is the most widespread. And the average mustache carrier will admit it, if pressed.

"I grew mine to prove to myself that I could do anything that other guys in my crowd hadn't done," one said. "It helped me overcome a lifelong feeling of inferiority, and gave me an immediate sense of security and personal victory."

The boy or man who rears a mustache out of curiosity or to pay an election bet has lost soon finds the novelty wears thin, and off comes the mustache. The time and trouble it takes are no longer worth the effort.

JAMES MARLOW

By ARTHUR EDSON
(For James Marlow)

WASHINGTON (AP)—The guessing game, begun before the election returns had a chance to be made, will continue until Dwight D. Eisenhower announces his choice.

Who will be in the new cabinet? Already the rumors have piled up enough names to fill the cabinet, with enough left over for a couple of alternate teams.

Among those mentioned: John Foster Dulles, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. of Massachusetts, Sen. Frank Carlson of Kansas, Harold Stassen, John J. McCloy, Patrick J. Hurley, Paul Hoffman, Gov. Dan Thornton of Colorado, Gov. Arthur Langlie of Washington, Gov. Sherman Adams of New Hampshire, Gov. Earl Warren of California and Arthur Summerfield, the Republican national chairman.

In picking his cabinet, a president may consider such things as: Does it satisfy all factions of the party? How about those who originally backed Sen. Robert A. Taft? Taft talked with Eisenhower yesterday, and later said he had made two or three recommendations.

How does it stack up geographically? Are all sections represented? Should a Southerner get a cabinet post? Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, for instance, has been mentioned as a cabinet possibility.

Have I paid off my political debts, rewarding those who ran political risks by supporting me? It could be argued that Lodge might have been able to keep his

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During the heat of the presidential campaign, General Eisenhower's proposal to go to Korea was assailed by the opposition as a "grandstand play" and a "cheap trick to get votes." Even some of his fellow Republicans saw little point in the trip.

When the baiting was over, President Truman could not resist the trip for reasons of time. And he hears again and again of the physical risks involved.

Yet, with all this, the trip idea has won many new converts since the election. One is Assistant Defense Secretary Anna Rosenberg, who herself has just concluded a tour of the Korean battlefield. Reports from Europe indicate that first alarms over possible expansion of the war have given way to sober thoughts that the trip might prove extremely useful, even if not productive of a settlement.

One prime argument for the general's visit is that there is no real substitute for seeing a situation first-hand. Why take written or verbal reports, filtered through other minds, when you can take a look on the spot yourself?

This argument is especially telling in Eisenhower's case, since he is supremely trained observer of the military scene. Who is to say that no new or untried solutions will result when such a commander applies all his expert knowledge to a close-up review of Korea?

A second sound point is that the trip is certain to prove a tremendous morale booster for our troops on the peninsula. For long months, during the stalemate that accompanied the futile peace talks, Korea seemed a forgotten fighting line. But now, if the trip comes off soon, soldiers moving into a bitter winter will know they are again remembered.

The press of home-front business notwithstanding, Eisenhower ought to stick to his resolve to go. In Korea the lives of free men are in daily jeopardy. Concern for them is business that takes precedence over all other.

SAM DAWSON

By WALTER BREEDE JR.
(For Sam Dawson)

NEW YORK (AP)—Who's better off—the white collar employe in the front office or the production worker in the shop?

Business leaders disagree. Some see the white collar bookkeeper, stenographer and filing clerk never had it so good. Others point to the higher pay of the tool and die maker or the man behind the turret lathe.

According to this school of thought the white collar man is industry's poor relation.

People who see hard times ahead for the men in the shop, the non-union office force usually gets a raise, too.

Electronic business machines of amazing complexity and efficiency are making many clerical skills unnecessary, they assert.

A case in point: The Bell Telephone Manufacturing Co. Antwerp, Belgium, has perfected an electronic mail sorter. Making addresses pass before the operators on a pneumatic system and the operators press little levers indicating the distribution route the mail should take.

What it means is this: Four machine operators can do the work formerly accomplished in the same length of time by no more than a dozen.

Similar labor-saving features are provided by new and more efficient dictating, billing, accounting, bookkeeping, check writing, addressing, duplicating and tabulating machines — by pushbutton-operated filing systems that enable a clerk to select one of many hundreds of thousands of cards in a split second, by postage meters, machines and electric typewriters.

C. Wright Mills, associated professor of sociology at Columbia University, recently told an office management conference here that office mechanization has put an end to the prestige, security and favored financial position once enjoyed by the white collar worker.

Before mechanization, he said, the white collar worker made about double the income of hourly rated wage earners but today his income is "only slightly above, and in several important cases lower than, the average income of various wage-working groups."

On the other side of the fence, the American Management Association presents in its monthly magazine, "Personnel," the following results of an employment survey in the Cleveland industrial area:

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New Communist Purge Nets Rudy Slansky

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—The former secretary general of the Czechoslovak Communist party, Rudolf Slansky, was indicted for trial in Prague today with other purged leaders of the Red Czech regime—a mass hearing some diplomats expect will rival the 1936 Moscow trials.

Announcement of the hearing was made earlier today by Prague radio. The broadcast said that Slansky would be tried together with "his group," but it gave no indication of how many defendants would face the court or who the others might be.

The radio also made no mention of the charges but Slansky and others purged with him have been publicly accused of high treason.

The radio said it would broadcast daily reports of the court proceedings. There have been no Western news correspondents in Czechoslovakia since the conviction last year of Associated Press Correspondent William N. Oatis on "spy" charges—a trial denounced throughout the non-Communist world.

Red-haired Slansky, one of the architects of the Red Czech regime, was arrested in Nov., 1951, along with scores of other top government and party officials in a full-scale purge of Communist ranks.

Chinese Praise Russians In Friendship Week Fete

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Chinese Communist radio broadcasts this month have pulled out all the stops in lavish praise of the military, political and economic alliance between Red China and the Soviet Union.

The Red propaganda has been geared to an officially proclaimed "Sino-Soviet Friendship Month." With every facility at its command the Peiping administration has sought to show its appreciation for Russian aid and to popularize it among China's own peoples.

From various Chinese cities have come reports of mass rallies, touring song and dance teams, cultural missions and wealth-laying ceremonies "in honor of Soviet martyrs who heroically sacrificed their lives in the war of liberation of Northeast China (Manchuria)."

During the civil war, the Chinese Communists carefully refrained from acknowledging any direct Russian military help, although it was termed a war of liberation. The reference to liberation of Manchuria apparently was to the closing week of World War II when Marshal Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army swept through the Japanese defenders into Korea.

A flood of Soviet pictures have been released throughout China, in Mukden 16 theaters showed Soviet color pictures exclusively.

One Red radio commentary noted that friendly relations dating back more than 30 years had been bulwarked by the 1950 Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Military Alliance and Mutual Assistance. The treaty is aimed primarily at Japan, Peiping cited the following accomplishments from its binding ties with Moscow:

1. USSR has consistently upheld the right of China to participate in the United Nations and opposed the U. S. "invasion of Korea and 'occupation' of Formosa."
2. China and Russia jointly rejected the peace treaty with Japan.
3. Russia lent China 300 million dollars to restore its economy.
4. Russia handed over to China, without payment, buildings of the former military cantonment in Peiping, property acquired from the Japanese in Manchuria, property in Dairen under lease to the Soviet Union. By the end of this year the Russians are due to transfer all installations and properties of the jointly operated Changchun Railway in Manchuria.
5. At the request of China, Russia agreed to extend joint use of the naval base at Port Arthur to prevent new aggression from U. S.-fostered Japan.

Oregon Gets Seismograph

CORVALLIS (AP)—A concrete and steel building buried in a hillside two miles west of here holds the new Oregon State College seismograph.

The new equipment was lent by the University of California and the new structure was located and built at a site which would not be affected by traffic and other surface jarring.

This is the only completely equipped recording apparatus between the San Francisco Bay Area and the Puget Sound Area, where the two active Pacific Coast faults are located.

New Trial For Army Sleeper

FORT MEADE, Md. (AP)—The Army said today it will start a new trial "in the next few days" for Pfc Warren McConnell, 21-year-old soldier from Alloway, N. J., who was previously sentenced to 10 years at hard labor for going to sleep on his post in Korea.

The previous conviction and sentence was set aside by the Court of Military Appeals in Washington.

McConnell was accused of going to sleep Nov. 14, 1951, at his post on a main line of resistance held by the 7th Division and was tried by a 7th Division general court martial in Korea Dec. 10, 1951.

He also was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge and the forfeiture of all his pay allowances.

McConnell is now under restrictions here and his case is in the hands of Second Army headquarters at Ft. Meade. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. McConnell of Alloway.

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