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## BILLBOARD

**By BILL JENKINS**

Driving around town the other day I spotted on the current collection of patched fenders and wheezing valves I'm driving now.

It always brings a pang of pain when this happens. Track back in your memory and see how many people you can remember who have told you about selling or trading a car. Very few, if any, will tell you the bus was a lemon and they were glad to get rid of it. It is always a top drawer type car, one of Detroit's noblemen and the finest piece of mechanism since the time of the Roman car.

And when you see 'em you always curse the present owners for letting it go to pot so badly. By now, that wouldn't be that way if you still owned it, you say. Forgetting, of course, the fact that the years have gone on steadily, while your memory stopped at the time you let the car go.

Oh well, that's life.

Speaking of cars, why does one always end up with a jockey box full of old receipts for things? Go through the average glove compartment and you'll find canceled parking stubs, old gas stubs, a bill from the butcher, the baker and the lumberyard retailer, a July 13th shopping list, a formulae for making gold out of baser metals and the letter to Aunt Ernie's forgot to mail three months ago.

The printed word seems to exert a strong influence over mankind. We find it hard to throw away anything of that type.

A third duck has joined the pitiful ranks in the hangman's pile over Link river. Seems they can't see the danger in the dark and a few are bound to fly between the narrow wires and break their necks. Nothing we can do about it, if.

## HAL BOYLE

**HOMETOWN, U. S. A. —**

"Twas the day after Thanksgiving and all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even the mouse named Wilbur. It was a very quiet morning, and America's most average citizen was in a bad way. Wilbur had celebrated his birthday about 30 many things the day before, and this morning he felt ungrateful about everything.

A sharp pang seared through his stomach. He grimaced, then opened his eyes cautiously. "You never get anything for nothing in this world," he said aloud. "Yesterday I never felt better, and today I never felt worse. And all I had in between was a lard can."

His wife, Trellis Mae, sat up in her twin bed and looked over at him with hollow, accusing eyes. "Well, my fine feathered philosopher," she said. "You kept me awake all night, and you want to keep me awake all morning. How did I keep you awake all night?" demanded Wilbur.

"With your snoring. At first I thought it must be the radiator knocking. I simply couldn't believe sounds like that could come out of a human nose."

"People don't snore through their noses," objected Wilbur.

"They snore through their mouths," she retorted.

"Maybe ordinary mortals do. But you were snoring through your nose, your ears and wherever I could find a hole in your head. You didn't stop until I pushed you out of bed."

"I wondered how I woke up on the floor in the middle of the night," complained Wilbur. "You shouldn't have done that. I could have caught cold. I guess I ate too much turkey."

"Were you only eating?" demanded Trellis Mae. "I thought I saw you yawning once or twice."

"That must have been your two-headed brother."

"I beg your pardon?"

"Well, he must have two heads," said Wilbur. "Let's be reasonable about it. No man could eat two turkey drumsticks at one time with only one mouth, and that's what he did."

"And when he finished, he kept both mouths open bragging. I distinctly remember that. If he made all that money he claimed he did this year, why doesn't he buy himself a square meal sometime?"

"I'll discuss your brother now," inquired Trellis Mae. "The one that borrowed carfare home from me the day of our wedding?"

"I give up," said Wilbur. "I'm a sick man. How do you like that? The boss gives me the day off, and I'm too sick to enjoy it. That's life for you. Why do I have to get all this money he claimed he did this year, why doesn't he buy himself a square meal sometime?"

"Please don't mention that fossil all day," groaned Wilbur. "Just soak me a couple of aspirin tablets in some sodium bicarbonate. I can burp my way back to health."

"She fixed him this brew, and after drinking it Wilbur sat up and said: 'I think I'll live.'"

"Then he noticed Trellis Mae was staring intently at a newspaper."

"What's the news?" he asked.

"Well, the paper is full of fur coat ads — and it's only 28 days until Christmas," replied Trellis Mae.

"I don't want to live," said Wilbur, falling back on the bed. "It's cheaper to die."

## THE DOCTOR SAYS

**By DR. E. F. JORDAN, M.D.**

A letter received some weeks ago serves as such an excellent introduction to the subject of virus pneumonia that it shall be quoted at some length.

"When I came down with virus pneumonia," writes Mrs. T. "I had been over the worst part of my cold for two weeks; then I started with a gradually rising temperature, and after a few hours I began to break out all around my lips with fever blisters. The same night my temperature went very high, and then I broke out into severe sweating and chills."

"The next few days were the same. At the time we were broke and I didn't have money for a doctor, and not knowing what was wrong I let it go for four days. But after I started coughing up blood I made up my mind that money or no money, I better find out what was wrong with me. Now, after several months, I still have to be careful and not strain too much, and I feel tired all the time. The letter quoted brings up several important things about virus, or atypical pneumonia. This disease, like most colds and influenza, is caused by a virus, which is a tiny living organism too small to see under the microscope. As in Mrs. O's case, it often starts like an ordinary cold with cough, running eyes and nose, and perhaps some fever which may not be noticed at first.

Neglect is a dangerous thing, and Mrs. T. is lucky that the effects were not even worse. Certainly strict bed rest from the beginning is most desirable, and this is particularly true since treatment with drugs is of somewhat questionable value, though one of the relatives of penicillin — aureomycin — has been claimed by some to be useful.

One of the most annoying things about virus pneumonia is the fact that complete recovery takes so long. It is true that very few victims of the disease die from it, but an X-ray film of the lungs taken weeks after the end of the acute illness will often show some change still present.

## They'll Do It Every Time



## Missiles, Carriers Draw Air Force Ire

**By VERN HAUGLAND**  
AP Aviation Reporter

WASHINGTON — President Arthur F. Kelly of the Air Force Association charged today the Navy pulled off the "publicity stunt of the year" last September in reporting the combat use of guided missiles.

Writing in Air Force Magazine, an unofficial publication, Kelly cited news stories he said depicted as "the first take-off of a guided missile in actual combat" the bombing of North Korean targets by unmanned, electronically controlled lighter-than-air planes.

Kelly called this a "cruel hoax to play on the American family" and said it raised false hopes that the age of pushbutton warfare had arrived.

He said the Air Force used unguided German-controlled bombers against German targets during World War II and flew them twice as far with nine times the bombload as the Navy did in its launch Sept. 5 from the U. S. carrier Boxer.

Kelly said the Navy conveyed the original news report, delayed until Sept. 17, the designation of the aircraft used, an outmoded Grumman Hellcat, and substituted the term "guided missile."

Air Force Magazine's Managing Editor John P. Lonsbrock, writing in the same issue, said "Exercise Mainbrace" last September cast grave doubts on the effectiveness of aircraft carriers.

Lonsbrock said the maneuver, conducted off Scandinavia by ships of the North Atlantic Treaty organization, was designed partly to show carriers could adequately defend NATO's northern flank. Instead, he said:

"Mainbrace exposed a serious flaw in our whole philosophy of naval warfare, flaws which will be very difficult to explain away."

The operation, Lonsbrock wrote, demonstrated carriers' vulnerability to mechanical failures, submarines and air attack and bad weather. Other drawbacks, he said, were excessive cost, the need for frequent refueling and questionable ability to perform effectively in "the windswept, shallow and enclosed North Sea."

As if in reply, meanwhile the official "Naval Aviation News" declared the aircraft carrier is essential to control of the sea, although both land and carrier based planes are needed to wage war successfully.

The Navy magazine said land bases are large fixed targets while carriers are smaller and elusive. It added that carriers can concentrate more planes over any naval targets than can be mustered from scattered shore bases.

Kelly said Lonsbrock's analysis strongly suggests the need for "re-evaluation of the carrier task force as a full-fledged weapons system."

Kelly, a vice president of Western Air Lines, Los Angeles, said in his article that the Boxer's launching of pilotless planes "proved nothing that hasn't been proved before. He added:

"They were public relations missions pure and simple—and expensive ones, at that."

A Navy spokesman said Sept. 18 that the Hellcat robots were only experimental and makeshift guided missiles. He said better ones were being developed.

## JAMES MARLOW

**WASHINGTON —** The confessions of the 14 former Czechoslovak Communist leaders on trial in Prague revive an old question first brought up during the Moscow trials of the old Bolsheviks in the 1930s.

Why do people on trial in Communist countries trot in like sheep and announce themselves in open court with confessions they must know will send them to prison or to death?

This habit, so common among people brought to trial in Communist countries, has never been generally practiced by Communists this side of the curtain.

When the leaders of the American Communist party, for example, were tried in New York a couple of years ago they not only confessed nothing but seemingly denied the charges against them.

Karl Radek, old Bolshevik and journalist, provided the classic example of the absurdity of these confessions during his Moscow trial in 1937. He made an extraordinary admission, unadmitted with tongue in cheek, since he was said to be sardonic.

"Radek said he pleaded guilty not only to all the crimes of which he stood accused but to all those of which he might be accused. He was reported to have been let off with a 10-year prison term. Some of his co-confessors were shot."

In the Prague trial the Communists in power tipped their hands wide open on a question which has long been debated but never had such supporting evidence.

The trial was outright anti-Jewish. Eleven of the 14 accused men were Jews. They were accused of conspiring with Jews in Israel and the United States. Perhaps the accused men were persuaded to confess against all Jews in Czechoslovakia.

If that was the reason the sacrifices—three to life imprisonment—seem to have been in vain. A wave of Jewish suicides was reported as the trial beared its end and a reliable source said anti-Jewish attacks had begun.

There is an interesting question which can't be answered: Do these trials chill the enthusiasm of American Communists? They earnestly thought was ruining communism, he would publicly condemn himself for the sake of the party and his hope that maybe it could win out in the end.

There are probably other less idealistic but more practical explanations for the trial confessions.

## Ancient Israeli Skull Found

**By T. R. LURIE**

**JERUSALEM —** A human skull about 8,500 years old and the remains of a necklace made of small seashells have been found at Sha'ar Hagolan in the Jordan Valley by Israel Exploration Society excavators under the direction of Dr. Moshe Stekels of the Hebrew University.

Sha'ar Hagolan is a collective settlement (kibbutz) on the banks of the Yarmuk River near the point where Syria and Jordan meet on Israel's eastern frontier. It was here two years ago that Dr. Stekels uncovered the remains of a stone age culture which he named the Yarmukian civilization. The skull was found early last month near an open hearth. The remains of a fire used by this Neolithic man were still visible.

Each of the seashells that made up the Yarmukian necklace had a tiny hole bored in its apex for stringing. The shells are identical with those found on the shore of the Mediterranean today.

Dr. Stekels is completing a short excavation season in which he has determined the stratification of this site as divided between the Early and Middle Bronze Ages and the Neolithic period. At the upper level he found a courtyard surrounded by chambers with a good deal of pottery typical of the Early and Middle Bronze Ages. The Neolithic fireplace was found five feet deeper, surrounded by the bones of gazelle-like animals.

Several hundred small sharp-pointed flints were found in one spot, with large concentrations of tools, which were either arrowheads or small boring instruments, indicate a specialization of skills. One family would have used only a few flint spears, arrows and other such tools.

The new finds will considerably enrich Sha'ar Hagolan's prehistoric museum which already contains, in what originally was a bomb shelter, one of the largest collections of stone age tools, flints and primitive stone carvings in any museum anywhere.

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**NEW YORK (AP)—** President-elect Eisenhower has chosen James C. Hagerty as press secretary and retired Maj. Gen. Wilton B. Persons as special assistant.

Selection of the two executive aides was announced yesterday by Eisenhower's headquarters while he rested at his home preparing for what promises to be a heavy week end schedule.

Included in the round of appointments today were meetings with India's top United Nations delegate and CIO chiefs.

The 43-year-old Hagerty was at his home in Albany, N. Y., with his wife and two sons when informed of his appointment.

Hagerty, who served as press secretary to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey until becoming Eisenhower's press aide after the general's nomination, said:

"I am happy and honored to serve in President Eisenhower's administration. It is a privilege to work for him."

Hagerty added that Eisenhower plans to meet visitors both tomorrow and Sunday, a departure from his previous custom of keeping those days clear for rest. The press secretary-designate also said more appointments to office will be made over the week end.

Persons, 56, served on the general's NATO staff in Europe and recently served as assistant to the chairman of the Republican National Committee. His legislative experience includes liaison work with Congress on behalf of the Army and Defense Departments. He also served as superintendent of the Station (Va.) Military Academy.

Persons, a native and resident of Montgomery, Ala., is a brother of Democratic Gov. Gordon Persons of Alabama who strongly supported Gov. Adlai Stevenson in the election campaign. The new special assistant was graduated from Alabama Polytechnical Institute and acquired a Masters Degree in the School of Business Administration at Harvard University.

Gov. Sherman Adams of New Hampshire, designated by Eisenhower last week as assistant to the president, said Persons will work with Adams on overall coordination and will deal mainly with legislative matters.

Hagerty, a former staff member of the New York Times, was that newspaper's legislative correspondent in Albany until he became Dewey's executive assistant in 1943 and later his press aide. He was on leave of absence from Dewey's office to serve with Eisenhower throughout the campaign.

Hagerty was born in Plattsburg, N. Y. He attended Blair Academy, Blairstown, N. J., and was graduated from Columbia University.

Eisenhower's first meeting today was with Madame Vijayalakshmi Pandit, leader of India's U. N. delegation. An Indian proposal for ending the Korean War now is before the U. N. General Assembly and may be voted upon today.

Another important conference was with eight top CIO officials, including Allan Haywood, CIO executive vice president, and Walter P. Reuther, president of the CIO United Automobile Workers.

Eisenhower and Haywood have formed the two chief contenders for leadership of the CIO to succeed the late Philip Murray.

All but two Cabinet offices — secretaries of commerce and labor — have been filled. Some sources attributed significance to the meeting today with CIO officials. Eisenhower met last week with George Meany, newly elected president of the AFL. Meany succeeded the late William Phillips.

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