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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

It's about this time of year that we always think that the greatest thing in the world might happen here. (I mean what with slick streets, ice forming every time one turns around, shushy snow and the inevitable accidents it might pay off. You could have a set of shiny metal fenders for summer driving and then replace 'em with rubber ones for the winter season. Then, when you bashed in the front or rear one by running into another car, a post or something, all that would happen would be a soggy thud, a pause in your travels and maybe a little wheel spinning. Let's think it over.

(Eds. Note: The way Mr. Jenkins drives he would be better off to leave the rubber ones on the year 'round.)

The local clay pigeon experts got started again Sunday, but only managed to get halfway through their day's shooting with anything like the usual decorum that accompanies anything so truly sporting and so magnificently spectacular as trap or skeet shooting.

HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — The cartoonists always picture the New Year as a husky intruder in a diaper, cheerily shouldering the Old Year off the stage of time.

It is an inaccurate portrait, and it is even more inaccurate than usual this year.

For 1953 arrives as no bubbling babe. He is better portrayed as a middle-aged man with money jingling in his pockets, but with his thoughtful brow furrowed by the cares that wrinkle and bend his father before him.

Individuals try to wipe the slate of their lives clean with the New Year. In America they make resolutions to do better. In China — old China anyway — they pay off their debts by year's end.

(Editor's note: We could do that, too, if we were allowed to pay ours with old Chinese paper dollars.)

Around the world it is traditional to attempt to shrug off past woes and look forward to a fairer personal life.

Nations would like to do that, too, but unfortunately it isn't as easy for them.

For governments march by a continuity of policy rarely broken or changed merely by the death of one year or the birth of another.

Their obligations endure.

The American nation at this period of changing calendars stands on a peculiar shelf of history. It is like a mountain climber pausing momentarily on a ledge for breath. On one side is a steep climb to the heights and wider view he seeks; on the other lies a gulf.

It is a sobering time. There is much for the average American to celebrate and be humbly grateful for.

SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP) — Big businessmen are moving into Washington — so some folk say.

And critics ask: Will a cabinet full of big businessmen be able to deliver the goods in the big big big faces — or are people expecting more than business-trained officials can produce right away?

Business has been gratified at seeing leading executives of big corporations, big banks, and big corporation law firms — many with personal incomes running into six figures a year — getting top places in the new administration.

A wave of confidence has swept the industrial and financial worlds since the election, with much talk about the favorable atmosphere for business expected henceforth.

Businessmen contend they can do a better job of running big government than can the professors, the economists, the planners, the idealists — the men whom business criticized as wading too much in Washington the last 20 years.

The change-over gives business the opportunity to run things closer to the pattern it approves.

Some warn, however, that this carries with it a responsibility to produce popular results.

And the task the big business cabinet faces is tough. The challenge to business is clear cut. The voters will be watching, counselors warn, and reaction to any failure or to a business slump would come fast.

While the President and his businessmen cabinet may propose how the country should be run, much will depend upon how Congress disposes of these proposals. Strong farm, labor and other blocs can act as brakes.

But with the Conservative coalition in Congress stronger now than before the election, most businessmen believe business will be given the green light.

Look at the roster of big businessmen moving to Washington: Charles E. Wilson, General Motors president, will head up the biggest business of all — defense — aided by:

Roger M. Kyes, GM vice president, as big deputy.

Robert Ten Broeck Stevens, head of the big textile firm of J. P. Stevens & Co., as Army Secretary.

Robert Bernard Anderson, Texas cattle, oil and banking leader, as Navy Secretary.

And Harold E. Talbot, investment banker and Chrysler director, as Air Force secretary.

George M. Humphrey, iron, steel and coal industrialist, with chemi-

BRITISH TO MOVE

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia asked Britain today to vacate its embassy building within three months and move to another elsewhere in the capital. Soviet authorities offered another building.

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THE DOCTOR SAYS

By E. P. JORDAN, M.D.

Today's first question is one which the men don't have to worry about.

Q—A group of us high school girls have been debating about shaving our legs. We have been told that would make the hair grow faster and coarser. Is this right?

A—Shaving the legs will perhaps not make the hair grow faster, but it will make it come in thicker and coarser. This conception to vanity should be postponed as long as possible.

Q—Please tell me what thiamine hydrochloride is generally prescribed for? Would taking 100 milligrams daily be harmful to a woman of 43?

A—Thiamine is a complicated chemical compound, also known as vitamin B-1. Its absence from the diet causes a vitamin-deficiency disease known as beri-beri. It is given for various kinds of neuritis and a great many other things in which the doctor suspects a deficiency of this vitamin in the natural diet. It would not be likely to harm a woman of 43.

Q—Some time ago I read an article which said that a woman's breasts from her own breast which is inside the mother's womb. Is this true?

A—It is not true. The nourishment of an unborn baby is obtained from the mother's blood stream.

Q—Is it true that a person with high blood pressure cannot be fit-

BRUCE BLOSSAT

When President Truman took office in 1945 upon the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, he was perhaps one of the most reluctant chief executives of all time. He did not want the job, and he was frankly frightened of its responsibilities.

Slowly, however, his fears lessened and his confidence mounted as he became accustomed to his new role. He began to enjoy his position. Nevertheless, in his first term he was much criticized and he must have felt keenly the barbs of his attackers.

His surprise election in 1948 swept away the last vestiges of doubt and humility in Mr. Truman. That election should have been no surprise. It was one of the most poorly analyzed in American history. But since it was unforeseen, the President took—and was given—a full personal credit for producing the upset.

Thereafter the President was extremely self-assured. He felt vindicated by his popular triumph, felt he had proved his superior talents as a politician.

Mr. Truman generally was pretty happy during his second term. But like virtually all his predecessors, he became concerned with what his popular triumph felt like to his political enemies.

Thus the scandals in RFC, the Internal Revenue Bureau and elsewhere must have hit him hard. Yet oddly he could not bring himself to deal with these matters with the vigor and courage that actually might have enhanced his stature in history.

JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. McCarthy's—whose pursuit of Communists brought him jeers, cheers and reelection—is now in position to operate on a bigger scale than ever before, and seems to intend to.

In the new Republican-controlled Congress McCarthy will be chairman of a powerful Senate committee which has a staff of lawyers and investigators whom McCarthy can use in his Red hunt.

Until now—from the time he began his sensational charges of Communists in government almost three years ago—the Wisconsin Republican had to do business pretty much on his own and, more or less, with his own staff.

It is not known how President-elect Eisenhower feels about the prospect of stepped-up and even broader explorations by McCarthy. And there is no indication from what he has said recently that McCarthy intends asking.

If for any reason the new President sought to throw roadblocks in the senator's way, he might find, as have others who attempted to interfere with McCarthy, that he had a tiger by the tail.

In a copyrighted interview with reporters of the weekly magazine U. S. News and World Report, McCarthy outlined some of the avenues which he considers worth attention:

A continuing search for Communists in the government, particularly in the State Department; a hunt for Communists or "Communist thinking" in the colleges; and an investigation of corruption in government.

Eisenhower would certainly follow with interest a McCarthy examination of the minds of college professors since Eisenhower himself is giving up the presidency of Columbia University to be president of the United States.

And when Eisenhower is in the White House he can expect to see McCarthy's sleuths prowling around the government looking for corruption, not only corruption which might have occurred during the Truman regime but which both up in Eisenhower's own administration.

As for the search for Communists in the government, McCarthy made it pretty clear he considers anything that happened in the past only preliminary to a "real housecleaning."

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Atom Scientists May Now be Working On Practical Application of H-Blast

(Editor's Note: What blew up with an unprecedented bang at Eniwetok Proving Grounds a few weeks ago? Was it a hydrogen bomb? What effect will it have on military planning, strategy and tactics? These and other questions are explored below, in the second of four articles on atomic energy.)

By ELTON C. FAY
AP Military Affairs Reporter

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nuclear scientists and ordnance designers presumably are trying now to fashion an actual and practical weapon out of a hydrogen explosive device.

What blew up with an unprecedented bang at Eniwetok Proving Grounds a few weeks ago may have been the world's first big blast from the fusion process of atomic science. But there are reasons to believe it wasn't any transportable and handily packaged gadget that could be loaded into and dropped through an airplane bomb bay.

There is, in the lexicon of atomic weapons, a distinct difference between a device (the tool of experimenters) and a bomb (the finished product for use by an armed force).

The interval between the first experimental burst from a gadget mounted on top of a steel tower and production of an ordnance-perfected bomb may be substantially longer this time than in the instance of the original atomic bomb.

On July 16, 1945, the scientists and military men of the then-secret Manhattan Project produced the first atomic explosion from the top of a tower at Alamogordo, N. M. in less than a month—on Aug. 6—

Rubenstein Faces Ouster

NEW YORK (AP) — Draft-dodging financier Serge M. Rubenstein, former "boy wonder of Wall Street" who first was exposed to finances at the czar's court in old Russia, must surrender today for deportation from the United States.

If he fails to show up by 4 p. m. Eastern Standard Time, he stands to forfeit the \$1,000 bond in which he is now free.

The deadline was set yesterday in Washington by Atty. Gen. James P. McGranery, who ordered the A-bomb development project, custody on a deportation order issued last February. It is based on a 1947 conviction of draft dodging.

Rubenstein could not be located by newsmen as McGranery acted. A suitor at the Russian-born financier's Fifth Avenue home here said last night he was not home, and not expected and that other members of the family were not available for comment.

In Hollywood, Milton Golden, an attorney for Rubenstein, said his client had been in nearby Beverly Hills until last Friday but should be back in New York by now.

Golden also asserted that Rubenstein would appeal McGranery's order to the Supreme Court "if necessary." Rubenstein has "done no more than many others," the attorney said, and he "has paid his debt to society and conducted himself as a good citizen."

Rubenstein has been fighting deportation from the United States for nearly 10 years. A 1943 deportation order on charges that he entered the U. S. on a Portuguese passport obtained through fraud, was reversed by the Board of Immigration Appeals.

On the current deportation order, he has exhausted all his appeals within the immigration service and Justice Department. He still can go to the courts, however.

He has served a 2½-year federal sentence for draft dodging, imposed in 1947. A few years ago he was tried and acquitted in Federal Court in New York on charges of violating the Securities and Exchange Act.

Cox Death Ruled Accident

SWEETWATER, Tex. (AP) — The death of Ollie William Cox, young rancher who told friends he was going to fly his plane into the ground—and then did it—has been ruled officially as an accident.

A complete report on the crash and death of the wealthy 23-year-old rancher will be made later by Civil Aeronautics Board's Bureau of Safety Investigations.

Justice of the Peace M. G. Manroe, yesterday returned a verdict of accidental plane crash as the cause of death.

The youth's father agreed, "The boy didn't intend to kill himself," Port Stockton, Tex., rancher Ollie Cox said. "He was just kidding his friends and lost control of the plane."

Manroe said, "how do we know that the man didn't change his mind 10 seconds before he hit the ground? how do we know he didn't black out?"

After friends had pleaded with him for three hours Sunday morning, Cox picked out a gravel pit on a ranch here as a target and dived from an altitude of 6,800 feet.

"I'll meet you at the gravel pit," he told the friends by radio.

Minutes before his five-place plane plowed into meadow-studded terrain he had said, "if you don't know what I did, what would you do? You wouldn't land." At intervals he could be heard sobbing.

U of O Athlete Said Blaster

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP) — University of Oregon basketball player Ed Halberk and other young Port Angeles men are charged in warrants filed in Superior Court here with "committing a public nuisance."

The warrants, filed Dec. 23 in connection with a series of dynamite blasts, were disclosed Monday night by Prosecutor Nathan Richardson and Sheriff James Morse.

Morse said six of the seven men, including Halberk, are out of town and the warrants won't be served until their return.

The seventh, identified as 23-year-old Hans Hofrichter, has been arraigned and released on \$100 bail.

Halberk, his brother Bob, 20, Dennis Lanoye, 19, and Hofrichter are the only four identified by Morse.

Halberk is with the Oregon basketball team en route to Eugene from the Midwest, and his brother and Lanoye are in the Army in California.

The sheriff described the dynamite explosions reported here in the last six months as "latency" blasts, named as the work of "pranksters." One or two were in vacant lots, Morse said, and others in a sawmill log pond, at the Civic Athletic Field, at the Elks Memorial Field and at the Junior high school playground. The blasts cracked a few windows but caused no other damage.

Highway Work Delays Travel

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Highway Commission issued the following construction warnings Monday:

Corvallis-Newport Highway—5.2 miles of construction on Newport- Toledo section, slight delays.

Ochoco—Grading for 19 miles delay.

Columbia River — Construction Cascade Locks to Hood River, traffic controlled by flagmen.

Pacific — Construction on Medford-Ashtland section, watch for flagmen.

Coast — Grading for 7.25 miles on Reedsport, slight delay.

John Day-Burns — Construction for 8 miles on Silvis section, slight delay.

Enterprise-Lewiston — Grading and surfacing Enterprise-Flora section, rough.

Umpqua — Grading 2.15 miles on Reedsport-Dean Creek section, some delays.

Heppner — Construction for 21 miles on Lena-Nye section, rough, possible delay.

Beaverton-Aurora — Tualatin River bridge closed, detours.

Man Found Dead in Room

George James, 60, a roomer at the Crater Hotel, was found dead in his bed early last night.

He may have been dead for a day or two, Deputy Coroner Clarence Ward determined that death was due to natural causes.

James is believed to be a retired railroad man, with no known relatives here. His body was taken to Ward's Funeral Home.

Cop Candidate Held in Jail

Melvin George (Tex) Bonham, 39, who last May was an unsuccessful candidate for Sheriff, is held in the County Jail now on a charge of non-support.

He was arrested yesterday afternoon at Weyerhaeuser Camp 4 where he is employed, by Deputy Sheriff Dax Fennell.

A warrant charging non-support was issued from Bonham at Eugene, and bail was set at \$500.

Pelton Dam Ban Upheld

SALEM (AP) — The State Hydroelectric Commission's refusal to grant the Portland General Electric Company a permit to build Pelton Dam on the Deschutes River was upheld Monday by Circuit Judge George R. Duncan.

Judge Duncan ruled that there is no right of appeal from the commission's decision.

The power company appealed from the commission's order, arguing that the commission hadn't held a proper hearing.

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