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## CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

**By DEB ADDISON**

(This all happened about a year ago, but it could be rehashed ahead of time so Addison could celebrate N. A. 110 in a Newspaper Week on the far away rim rocks.)

What happens when there are no newspapers?

This is a National Newspaper Week and a good time to think about just that.

To really find out you'd have to visit a country where newspapers are either non-existent or censored. But most of these nations, by a no-so-strange coincidence, are also run by dictators who would probably refuse to let you in.

There's an easier way. Talk to someone from New York City, which was "blacked out" by a newspaper strike about a year ago.

Television's Dorothy Kilgallen summed it up pretty well:

"Nothing could quite take the place of the newspaper, nothing could do all the things — the routine things, the odd things, the amusing things — that the newspaper does in its many different ways for its readers. While one woman said, 'Even if the news is bad, I guess I want to know it, another — a girl at a cigarette counter — said, 'Wouldn't you hate to get married now? you can't even get your name in the paper, and I don't know how else I'll ever do it.'"

The strike lasted only 11 days, not long enough for unscrupulous politicians to take advantage of public ignorance. Since it was peacetime there was no enemy to stir up panic through uncontroled rumor and falsehood; there was no forthcoming election to perhaps go the wrong way because there were no newspapers to cover the political activity.

But just the same, 11 days was long enough to make everyone

mightily uncomfortable.

Unhappiest of all, perhaps, were the merchants — caught with no newspaper ads to bring customers to their stores. One merchant's sales "ready to go" and chant put it quite neatly: "If I can't advertise, I'm dead."

Men without work learned how much the "help wanted" ads could mean. Bevo Francis, the sensational basketball player, found himself playing before a surprisingly small crowd in Madison Square Garden in his New York debut — no newspaper stories ahead of time. Radio and TV, without newspaper "logs," depended on hunt-and-fish audiences.

One newspaper reported many husbands and wives, with no papers to read, getting into fights out of sheer boredom.

And so on down the line. Nearly everyone in the vast metropolis discovered things he had forgotten about how much the newspaper meant to him. The entire city began to feel as if the carrier boy had thrown the paper on top the roof — and at the neighbor's too, so there was none to borrow.

Radio and television did their best to "fill in" for the absent newspapers. But news-hungry listeners found themselves getting just the highlights of a few big stories over and over, when they wanted all the details. Time was the big bugaboo. Radio and TV couldn't reach all listeners at once, and had to keep repeating themselves for those who just tuned in.

Too, a 15-minute newscast was woefully short. One analysis showed it would take an announcer nearly five hours to read all the news from one daily newspaper. Only in the newspaper can the reader do his own selecting of what interests him and what doesn't.

## TELLING THE EDITOR

**WHY IS A COLUMNIST?**

My attention has been called to the Jenkins column in your Sunday edition for October 3, in which the writer tells of the parakeet-sparrow incident at Mt. Cloud, Minn. This is to report that you have a similar incident much nearer home. For two-three weeks during September, an escaped white parakeet (perhaps an albino?) associated with a flock of sparrows in the backyard of Mrs. Freda Platt's home at 472 Morgan St. in Ashland, Oregon, coming in several times daily to feed on chick-scratch. Sparrows are noted for this friendly acceptance of other species. The parakeet was right at home with and adopted the ways and habits of his wild friends. (Details on request.)

As for the Jenkins comparison of this incident with the robins - cherries, wild canaries - grapes episode in his neighborhood, one cannot help comment that it reveals the amazing stupidity of most writers (and most other people as well) when it comes to interpreting a natural phenomena. Someone should tell Mr. J. the elementary facts of life. Even a schoolboy should know that were it not for robins and wild canaries (the probably means gold finches?) and all the other birds, which maintain a year-round attack on insect life, he and his neighbors might be unable to raise any kind of crop; that in this constant search for insects, the birds do far more good to plant life than all your sprays and such; and that the birds more than earn their way in life, and such minor rewards as a few grapes and cherries. Birds take their food where they find it, so when you spread it out for them why condemn them for accepting the invitation?

If Mr. J. will send his address, I shall be glad to apprise him how people who know about these things welcome birds to their premises; people who are intelligent enough also wangle protective devices for their fruits and whatnot.

And the poor dumb guy doesn't even realize that such crap as he writes is a direct invitation to fur-

ther persecution and wanton destruction of wildlife. Are we not afflicted with enough adolescent air - rifling, .22 rifling, shotgunning, target - shooting nitwits and morons around this district without such carelessness encouragement?

As an ecologist, I might suggest to Mr. J. that he make a study of the inter-relationships between plants and animals and their environments, except that it might be above his mental capacity? After all, why is a columnist? A useless species — interested only in filling a certain amount of space, let the chips fall where they may.

But when it comes to the question of which are of more value to the world and to society — the columnist and his kind or the birds which he condemns — the answer is quite simple. I'll take the birds.

**Jim Fuller,**  
Ashland, Oregon

**THANKS**

KLAMATH FALLS — We would like to publicly thank the people who helped so faithfully the night our house burned. If we hadn't had that help, we would not have saved as much as we did.

Would also like to thank Car-Ad-Co Company personnel and employees for helping move and store the furniture, also the Trinity Baptist Mission for the kitchen shower and Adair's Furniture and the Big Y Market and the Red Cross, also the many individuals who have helped in so many ways to start us over again.

Again a million thanks.

**Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Blanton**  
2826 Berkeley Street

**REFUGE**

I have to report that I have seen deer tracks between my house and Bill's Tavern here in the north-western part of town. Deer are coming in to town for self-protection, I guess.

**Frank Force**  
2118 Ohio Street

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## They'll Do It Every Time



## HAL BOYLE

**NEW YORK (AP) —** Is Manhattan the dirtiest and noisiest metropolitan area in the world?

If it is, you can't blame the natives. It's the outsiders who are giving us a bad name.

Let's look at the record: Last year author Edna Ferber and Mrs. Wendell Wilkie agreed New York City was the dirtiest city in the world, and Miss Ferber even described it as "a scab on the face of our country."

This week Herbert Morrison, former British foreign secretary, told our mayor that New York City was "probably the noisiest city in the world." He complained particularly about the horn-booting outside his hotel on Fifth Avenue, and remarked that Paris had curbed its taxi horns, so had London, and implied we might do well to follow suit.

All these critics, while directing their barbs at New York City, actually were commenting on the situation on the island of Manhattan, which is the smallest of New York's five boroughs.

Admittedly, Manhattan is often noisy and sometimes gets pretty dirty. But why?

My theory is that it is largely the work of visitors who come here and fall to treat Manhattan with the same consideration they show their own communities. Isn't it human for a guy to blow off more steam away from his own home than in it?

Manhattan has about two million residents. But each work day some three to four million other people come here to earn a living, attend a convention, or go on a spree.

It is a known fact that the two million residential Manhattanites are peaceful, culture-loving, law-abiding citizens who spend most of their spare time going to art galleries or tramping on bird-watching jaunts through Central Park.

But how can they keep their 200-year-old community neat and clean when three or four million savage suburbanites and hinterland barbarians swarm into town every day, littering the streets and pavements with chewing gum, cigar butts, cigarette stubs and torn bus transfers?

Maybe what Manhattan needs

But we make a game try. Some 4,500,000 tons of refuse are picked up each year (in the entire city) by the department of sanitation's 14,000 eager beaver collectors at a cost of 68 million dollars. Or while wings are convinced some people drive into the city just to throw their garbage on the streets.

Now about all that noise. What causes it? It stands to reason that when it comes to daytime noise or subdued, orderly two million residents can't equal in volume the sounds created by those three or four million outsiders.

As a matter of fact most of our local people just like to stand around and listen to the odd sounds the visitors make in their quest of fun.

We do plead guilty to quite a bit of industrial cacophony. Manhattan is a city that has never quit growing. It can't spread out, so it climbs toward the sun.

You have to make a lot of noise when you tear down the buildings of the past and erect steel and stone business temples of the future. But this is again done to please the outsiders. Most of the towering new office buildings and air-conditioned apartment houses will be inhabited by folks who never drew their first breath in Manhattan. Many say they don't like to live here—but where else can they earn so much lovely money?

Most of the night clamor of Manhattan is caused by our visitors, too, particularly:

1. The well-lit out-of-towner who drops into a quiet bar and announces, "I can whip everybody in the place."

2. The anguished roars from the butter-and-egg man from Maryland who picks up a night club check and linds he can't paint the town red with a 55 bill.

For 10 years I lived in Greenwich Village, which tourists still think of as a wild Bohemian area, and found it one of the quietest and most restful places on earth. Manhattan is full of these onuses of quiet, and you can find them anywhere except amid the glitter zones where the out-of-towners come to try to revive the smoke-and-gin dim of the 1920's.

Maybe what Manhattan needs

## Vet's Mailbag

Builders who desire to sell a house on a GI loan now are required to give veteran - purchasers a one-year warranty that their homes have been constructed in "substantial conformity" with Veterans Administration approved plans and specifications.

The one-year warranty is required on all houses on which VA issued a certificate of reasonable value on or after October 1, 1954, and is made mandatory under the Housing Act of 1954, adopted by the 83rd Congress. This law stipulates that all new housing purchased with the aid of VA or Federal Housing Administration guaranteed or insured loans must carry the warranty.

The warranty does not apply to existing homes which have been occupied for more than a year.

Builders or sellers of new housing will be required to give each veteran-purchaser a warranty, and a copy of the warranty on which the veteran has acknowledged receipt, must be forwarded to VA by the lender before VA will guarantee or insure the loan.

Notice of any "substantial non-conformance with plans and specifications" must be given by the purchaser of the house to the warrantor within one year from the date the veteran takes title, or the house is initially occupied, whichever is earlier.

VA said the terms of the warranty will run to successors or transferees in event the property changes hands prior to the expiration of the warranty.

VA emphasized that the one-year warranty is in addition to any other rights and privileges a purchaser or owner may have under any other law or instrument. It will be up to the purchaser, VA said, to enforce his rights under the warranty.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Is it post signs at all entrances saying: "Sh-h-h! Quiet. City at work."

## THE DOCTOR SAYS

**By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.**

A "working woman" says she wants to know something about skin cancer because she has a rash with a terrible itch on her body and is greatly worried that this may be cancer. By way of reassurance it can be said that this is almost certainly not cancer though that is no reason why the trouble should be neglected.

Cancer of the skin, however, and some of the signs which precede it should be generally known, since early identification and appropriate treatment can certainly save a great deal of trouble.

Any sore on the skin or around the mucous membranes of the lips, near the eyes, or anywhere else which does not heal as quickly as one thinks it should, ought to be watched with suspicion. If the skin has a lump or ulcer by all means let the doctor look at it. Some such sores or lumps will be cancer; they are so easy to treat while they are small and may be so hard after they have grown a while that there is no sense in delay.

There are also some skin conditions which may lead eventually to cancer and therefore should be watched even if not treated so often such sores or lumps will be cancer; they are so easy to treat while they are small and may be so hard after they have grown a while that there is no sense in delay.

Keratosis are not cancerous when they start though they so often develop in that direction that it is sometimes — but not always — a good idea to remove them.

There are two things which always seem wise, however. One is to watch them because if they grow it may be a danger signal; the other is that persons who show a tendency to develop these patches should try to protect their skin as much as possible from exposure to the sun.

Indeed they are more likely to develop in the first place in people like sailors and farmers who spend a lot of time in bright sunshine.

It is possible to get a loan on a GI term insurance policy? A. No. A GI term insurance policy has no loan value. A GI permanent plan, on the other hand, does have loan value after it has been in effect for one year.

The taking of reasonable precautions can save a lot of grief. The patches of keratosis can be cut out or treated by X-rays or the electric needle, if necessary. The choice of method depending on size, location, and most of all on the judgment of the physician.

The actual skin cancer, too, can be treated by surgery, X-ray, or radium or combinations of these. If the patient has not been careless about letting some warning sign run on too long the results from skin cancer are not to be greatly feared.

**FIRE**

EL DORADO, Ark. (AP) — A roaring fire destroyed 62,000 gallons of gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel and tractor distillate at a Lion Oil Co. bulk station here yesterday. Five storage tanks and two buildings were also wiped out.

**Service Station Gives Full Service**

ALBANY, Ore. (AP) — Persistent reports that the Bureau of Mines regional office and laboratories would be moved from here were denied here by Interior Secretary Douglas McKay Wednesday night.

He said that actually, his department is widening the Albany office's jurisdiction to include Alaska. He explained the move is being made to save money and to strengthen Alaska's ties with Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, which now are covered by the office.

Stephen M. Shelton will continue as regional director here, McKay said.

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**Place: Merrill Community Hall**  
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