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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS
Back in the days when the Court of King Arthur was a going concern and the round table meant more than the back room at Joe's, the nobility all engaged a court jester to help them pass the time. This jester was a chap who made his living by telling funny stories, by proposing riddles, running errands for the master's wife and other little household services.

On a rainy Sunday afternoon like this I'm wondering if some enterprising young chap could make a good thing out of going into the jester business. A sort of a super catering service and yet removed from the escort or baby-sitting racket.

This fellow could form a group, perhaps starting in a small way with only a West Coast branch and later expanding his business to the mid west and eventually to the east. Hire a capable staff of jesters, college graduates who could tell a tale well, talk politics with the man of the house, entertain the woman of the manor while she washed Saturday night's dishes and run down to the basement and get all the things that his employers had forgotten.

There will be a few who will say the radio and television have taken the place of the court jester. That these high paid jokesters have filled the gap.

I say that they haven't. No matter how good the program on the radio or on TV the comedian can't run errands, and, worst of all, he can't be answered back except through the Hooper ratings.

There is none of the lordly feeling of command that you get with a personal appearance. And it is much more satisfying to throw a punster out of the house than merely wiping him out by turning the dial to the off position.

Yep, I think a Sunday afternoon family jester would be just the thing for winter afternoons. And in summer they could switch over to helping husbands explain why they were three hours late in getting home, could make up lies for fishermen and otherwise occupy themselves during the slack season.

Speaking of fishermen I'm called upon to remark that they are indeed a hearty and husky breed. After this morning there have been three boats up the lake, all

with fishing poles trailing. Of course perhaps some of them are merely fishing while on their way to a duck blind up the lake somewhere.

Sportsmen in general are a pretty rugged breed when you come right down to it. Who else would get out of bed long before dawn so that he could drive thirty miles through the dark in order to sit in a wet blind and freeze by inches? All to get a few pounds of meat which will require a good deal of care before it is ready for the oven.

And yet you can see a solid string of cars any morning you want to get up before breakfast and look. This is indeed the home of the brave.

Someday I'm going to sit down and write a book on the care of dogs and cats. Not one of the usual books that tells you how to worm them and cut their claws and groom 'em and feed 'em and all that. I mean a book on how to take care of a dog and a cat in the same family. How to keep them from fighting all the time, how to keep the dog from dragging the cat out into the rain to play with it, how to keep the cat from stealing the dog's bed and his meal, etc.

To the best of my knowledge there isn't a book of this type on the market today, so the sale should be good.

All I need to do before I start writing is to find out myself how to prevent these things.

I'll also have to find out how to round them up when you want to put them in the run before you go to work, explain how it is that animals know when you are going on a trip and they are to be taken to the vet and how to keep a wet dog off the furniture.

Perhaps it would be easier in the long run to invent something and make my million that way. And I've got just the right idea.

Some sort of a gadget that will heat water evenly all the way through so you can spread it on your bread or biscuit.

The way it is now the butter gets as hard as a rock, but when you try to soften it down a little all you do is melt the outside off and leave the inside all hard.

I better get to work on that right away.

At least it's something to do on a rainy Sunday afternoon.

SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans are heating up their war for world trade. Both industry and government are in on it, as competition gets sharper.

Many Americans complain bitterly that a resurgence of Europe, built up with the aid of U.S. loans and grants, is pushing American businessmen out of some world markets.

Businessmen are seeking, and getting, government-backed underwriting of part of the risks of collecting payment for goods sold abroad. This is to meet European competition. Some other nations insure their businessmen's overseas trading.

Private banks here also are discussing a plan to join with federal agencies in providing credit to finance exports of capital goods.

More than 2,000 businessmen interested in importing, exporting, shipping or financing world trade are here today for a three-day meeting sponsored by the National Foreign Trade Council. They're discussing these and other problems facing Americans trying to do business abroad.

Other developments elsewhere: The U.S. government once more

at the Geneva conference on the general agreement on tariffs and trade — is urging other nations to lower the barriers against American goods. It wants this done before lowering U.S. tariffs further.

Washington is also backing a plan for international financial corporation to underwrite part of the risks of private investment in underdeveloped countries.

A week from now Americans will go to Rio de Janeiro for a 21-nation economic conference to discuss the currency and trade barriers that businessmen battle in the Western Hemisphere.

And in about seven weeks a new Congress will meet. Early in the session the President's plan for liberalization of American foreign trade probably will be laid before it and seems sure to touch off a big fight.

The rebound of European industry, while it has stiffened competition in world markets, also has produced prosperity among European consumers. And many American makers of consumer goods have been selling their products there this year, thus moderating the effects of the recession here.

TELLING THE EDITOR

TOO GOOD?
I would like to say to the people of the suburban district while you are thinking it easy and talking over the pros and cons of the last election, have you thought of the special election called to take you into the city — if you haven't you better start now.

At the beginning why did you move in the suburbs in the first place? Was it to get out of high taxes or to get out where you had a little freedom, where you could kind of do what you liked. You started a house, got a little more and built on as you could? Maybe you got a cow, a pig, a few chickens to help you get along or was it just to get out of town?

Well anyway are you going to trade in for sidewalks, street lamps, a bigger police force, more equipment to take care of them and the streets, or did you stop and think how much this is going to cost and who is going to pay for

it. Besides you will have a city ordinance to tell you what you can build and if a building don't look good to them they will tear it down as it's a fire trap. Will you voters have a choice this time to either get out and vote or sit home and get moved into the city?

If there wasn't somebody going to make something out of it why would they be working so hard to get us all in there?

Before we go too far we better take a check with some of the tax payers in town. I've looked a little and for one lot \$40,000 feet a house and garage a friend of mine pays

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ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN McLEOD

While we happen to be on the subject of Farmer — Sportsmen relations I might be well to pursue the problem a little further and see how some of the other boys among the Outdoor Writing fraternity have treated the subject. Any example I may quote will come from east of the Rocky Mountains for it demonstrates exactly the same steps through which the sportsmen of the land west of the Rockies must follow as population pressures increase within our land.

We have seen how Nash Buckingham of Tennessee considers the present line of wildlife propaganda, "wildlife is a crop," as being just a gigantic and preposterous conservationist hoax which if followed will only bring us to the point of no return — to the hunter's bag — that is.

Of course there are a lot of us so-and-so's in the Gun Goon's lexicon who have no sympathy with the idea that "wildlife is a crop," and sportsmen — just a bunch of harvest hands, even though, there are a few who live up to that conception. If you should read very much in outdoor literature the chances are that you will find the vast majority of the material is pointed toward glorifying the kill and very little is devoted to wildlife in appreciation for wildlife for itself.

Werner O. Nagel, another of our Outdoor Writers of the Missouri Conservation Commission is a child of the clan in the following: "Outdoor writing is living in and building up a dream world. Perhaps it is suffering from an overdose of weak-kneed philosophy of giving the readers what they want, instead of giving them reality and simply what there actually is. So many of the outdoor sport stories are so far removed from reality that I am forced to believe the writers either wrote them from the knowledge gained from reading other stories, or they are deliberately getting into the huckstering game of 'giving the people what they want.'"

"What the people want," continues Nagel, "evidently, is to feel that as hunters and fishermen they are rugged, daring pioneers. . . . To my mind, the average brand of literature served up in the magazines and columns is about as unreal as science fiction. But it does have a powerful sales appeal, coupled as it is with some of the most skilled and effective writing in the world — advertising. Together, the watered-down blend of fiction and fact pull more and more people, each year, to rival for the stocks of fish and game, and by their numbers and actions to pretty well spoil the outdoors for those who really know and love it."

"There's an argument against that kind of disparagement, too," it runs — "You mean to say you want to hog it all for yourself, and keep us fellows from getting our share? Well, being normally selfish, and having suffered severely from the agony that pseudo-sportsmen can bring to lake and woodland, I might well want to exclude them, but I realize I have no right to even want that. I'm not Christian. All I really want is for everyone to get the true enjoyment there is to be gotten from hunting and fishing. And that is 'Not' just game and fish. You can't

\$108 tax on it, two or three others are about the same.

Well anyway if you can't live on Main Street just set home on the twenty third of November and they will sure move it closer to you. Anyway you'll be in the city limits so think it over, you tax payers.

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pointed that idea into some people's heads with an axe, but I maintain that that's what we ought to be trying to do, instead of selling game and fish.

"The next question, too, is obvious: 'If we don't give the readers what they want, they won't buy our stuff.' I'll grant that human nature is such that most people will shell out for what they want, rather than what they ought to have." Werner Nagel strikes pretty close to home on this Farmer — Sportsman subject even though he has not spoken directly of the problem. We are not going to have less publicity to keep the Goons away and leave the outdoors for only the true "lovers of Nature," and the true "sportsman." We are going to have more and more of this selling of fish and game — because a lot of people are beginning to discover that there is money in it. Those who cater to the wants of the outdoor fraternity and would be outdoorsmen would most certainly object strenuously to anything detrimental which might limit the flow of recreational dollars into their communities. This in turn directly influences the farmers of the region because the increasing publicity is making more so-called sportsmen — not less.

The Farmer — Sportsman controversy becomes an increasing difficult subject to master; is no specific movement at present in the field to work out a solution to this most serious problem. Here and there across the Nation there are small groups of local sportsmen who have worked out their conflicting problems with local farmers but these are isolated examples which set no pattern for action on a broad scale that is actually necessary to meet the demands of increasing population pressure.

US Allocates Aid To Viet Nam

SAIGON, Viet Nam, (AP) — The United States has allocated 40 million dollars to aid 500,000 refugees from Communist North Viet Nam, U.S. officials announced Saturday.

Leland Barrows, local director of the program, said the figure includes an emergency allocation of 10 million dollars made by the Foreign Operations Administration last August.

About 28 million dollars will be used to finance the import of tractors, machines and other goods to assist the South Viet Nam economy. Twelve million was for relief supplies and transportation of the anti-reds from the north.

Rayburn, Ike To Hold Conference

BONHAM, Tex., (AP) — Rep. Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) says he will go to Washington tomorrow to talk with President Eisenhower about U. S. foreign policy.

The veteran Democrat, expected to be House speaker in the new Congress, said, "The President wants us to tell him how to get along in foreign affairs, and I'll have to admit that the President needs some help."

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James Marlow

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even if Senate Republicans work out a compromise to save Sen. McCarthy from censure — and that may not be possible — he will probably continue raking the Eisenhower administration for Communists.

He has already spent four profitable years, from the standpoint of his personal eminence, digging into and at officials and employees of the executive branch of the government.

He did it for two years while the Democrats ran that branch. Without losing stride, he continued it the next two years while President Eisenhower controlled it. And Eisenhower will boss it another two years.

McCarthy has said, win or lose on censure, he will go on with his anti-Communist campaign. So, judging from the direction his attentions took in the past, the Eisenhower administration seems his logical hunting ground.

Besides, the executive branch of the government has an immensely greater number of employees than either the legislative or judicial branches and therefore offers a wider field.

Yet, no Republican senator who votes to censure McCarthy can ignore the political implications. Censure would be an outgrowth of a series of events put in motion earlier this year when the Eisenhower administration took a stand against the investigation — or the kind of investigation — McCarthy was making of the Army.

Since the Republicans lost the last election, they may need both party harmony and every vote they can get in the next voting in 1956, a presidential election year.

McCarthy might not feel obligated at all but, rather, consider it an admission of weakness if, for the sake of party harmony, Republican senators were inclined to spare him censure and found a way to do it.

He might, indeed, look upon escape from censure as proof of his necessity to the party and an addition to his power within it.

He did not show any great concern for harmony last year when he tore into the Eisenhower administration's handling of Communists and communism. There's no reason to believe he'd show any more concern in the future, censure or no censure.

His position has always been that he doesn't play politics in looking for Communists.

Nevertheless, he has a large following — how large and how effective is not known. It did not appear decisive in two states — Illinois and New Jersey — where he most obviously tried to make his influence felt in the last election.

In a tight 1956 election, the McCarthy following, if angered by the treatment given him during the Eisenhower administration, could conceivably mean the difference between victory and defeat for the Republican party.

But how? That's not an easy one. McCarthy's admirers could hardly vote Democratic since he has made the Democrats his main target, calling them the "party of treason." If they stayed home from the polls, they'd be helping the Democrats.

They could form a third party, but no one is seriously suggesting that now. McCarthy and his friends, provided he was still a force and had a following, could probably make their weight felt

Hal Boyle

By REELMAN MORIN
(For Hal Boyle)
NEW YORK (AP) — I see by the papers where a British scientist has been making comparative studies of men and women, and now has arrived at a conclusion. He finds the ladies superior most ways.

They live longer, he says, and have more vitality. They are less sensitive to cold. They have more courage and a greater emotional range. Linked with this latter point, the professor said, women are more dangerous than men when aroused, and more prone to mayhem, battery and assault.

Well, it is good to have all these facts certified by science itself, although they are not exactly new. Most of us suspected the situation.

However, I was unable to find any comparative data on the strength, intelligence, ingenuity, imagination or creative ability. If the professor's research covered these items, he seems not to have written any findings — possibly for reasons of personal safety.

Could it be that women are deficient in these fields? For example, there is no great woman composer of music. Officially I can't recall a single name in that art.

Same with painting. Unless you like cows and horses, and therefore are a fan for Rosa Bonheur, the feminine batting average in this field is pretty low.

As for literature, there are some fair — to — middling women writers, but none who can play in the same league with Ernest Hemingway, or any of the other top-flight male writers. In fact, lady authors seldom produce "creative" literature. What they tend to produce is simply idealized reporting.

That is, they write about themselves, their families, themselves, babies, themselves, the other woman, themselves, etc. . . . Nor have they done much in the theater, compared with the great dramatists. This is surprising too, when you think of it, because the average woman has a fine talent for histrionics and high drama when she wants a new kitchen or a trip to Honolulu.

We will brush over the field of original thought, and simply say there are no great feminine philosophers. Presumably, the ladies should finish one-two-three in the cooking and culinary departments. But the fact is that the great chefs are all men, and the truly noble sauces and receipts were created by men. Seems to indicate, again that women have no creativeness and are not good at original thinking.

Moreover, getting back to the professor, it is not so surprising that women live longer. The answer may lie in the fact that the average housewife doesn't have to over-exert herself in the pursuit of her daily chores. She will make it sound like a man-killing job, but this is largely sales-talk. The soap operas, I'm told are still getting along fine and the "vacuum cleaner audience" runs into the millions.

Of course, afternoon bridges can be very wearing sometimes. But when a woman sighs, "What a day, I've had," it is usually designed to soften up Papa for cold cuts and canned beans.

Yes, sir, professor, it's a wonder women don't live forever.

most at the Republican National Convention in 1956 if Eisenhower didn't run again.

Eisenhower's withdrawal would leave a party vacuum into which the McCarthy team could move as a force, if not the dominant force, in picking the party candidate and shaping the party platform.

Instead of being on the defensive when the Senate censure debate began, McCarthy went on the attack and stayed there. To suggestions he might get off the hook by apologizing for his conduct, he said he would apologize for nothing.

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What appeal is there for you to live on a world so very, very distant from the sun that the light and heat reaching it is only a dreary 1-1600 of that which makes our earth such a genial habitation? Such a place is the planet Pluto, at the far away borders of our known solar system.

An eighth-grade girl recently wrote for data on this planet to use in a class report. We repeat some of this here for the general reader.

Before 1930 Pluto was not known visually nor photographically. It is true that since then it has been shown that this planet appeared on photographs taken in 1914, 1919, 1921, and 1927, but no attention had been given it, or, if noticed at all, the dot was taken for a star.

After the discovery of Neptune in 1846, some slight disturbance seemed to exist in its motion. The disturbing element was suspected of being a still more distant planet. During the early part of the present century, Dr. Percival Lowell at the Flagstaff observatory in Arizona spent 10 years of difficult mathematical calculation trying to determine where the new planet might be. Dr. Lowell died in 1916, long before the discovery was made.

In 1929 a new photographic tel-

escope, especially fitted for detecting faint objects, was installed at the Lowell observatory and put in charge of Clyde Tombaugh, a young and recently employed assistant. After weeks of work, success came. On a picture taken January 23, 1930, a very faint dot was found which later photographs showed was moving. Excitement reigned at the observatory, but no public announcement was made until seven weeks had passed and many observations had been made.

Then on March 13, the 75th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Lowell, and also the date in 1781 of the discovery of Uranus, the news was flashed to the world that a more distant planet than ever known before had been spotted.

Various designations were for a time given the newly-found planet. Finally an English astronomer telegraphed that 11-year old Venetia Burney of Oxford had suggested the name Pluto, from the mythological god of the underworld. The name was at once adopted.

For many years, great uncertainty existed as to the size of Pluto. On March 20, 1950, Dr. Gerold Kuiper, using the new 200-inch telescope on a night when the air was especially steady and the "seeing" excellent, obtained results which seemed very reliable. The diameter of this planet was found to be 0.46 that of the earth's, or 3600 miles, midway between that of Mercury and Mars. The mass of Pluto seems to be about one-tenth that of the earth.

The average distance of Pluto from the sun is 39.5 times greater than the earth's 93,000,000 miles. Pluto requires 248.4 years to make a complete trip around old Sol.

British Plan New Buildings

LONDON (AP) — A construction program, spurred by recent lifting of government restrictions, promises to fill the bombed-out gaps which still mar the heart of London.

Fine modern buildings, including a few baby skyscrapers, will go up in the empty spaces. About one third of the City of London, a square-mile financial center, was devastated by German bombs. The city planning office estimates that one fifth to one fourth of the area, including buildings and streets, has been returned to normal use. This leaves a number of stark "bomb site" areas.

After the war, building materials were funneled into housing and into factories and other construction which directly aided Britain's economic recovery. Only recently, after prodding by business interests and newspapers, the Churchill government scrapped its building licensing controls and put the matter back into hands of local planning authorities.

Plans for London's tallest office block, with 27 stories, were recently announced.

Typhoon Moves On Philippines

MANILA (AP) — A new typhoon with 130 mile an hour winds bore down Saturday on the Philippines, still digging out from tropical twister that hit the islands earlier this week.

The new storm, dubbed Sally, was last reported 460 miles east of Legaspi City on the Southeastern tip of Luzon Island.

The weather bureau said the storm was moving westward at about 18 miles an hour.

QUICKIES

By Ken Reynolds



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