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Along NATURE'S TRAIL with Ken McLeod

In yesterday's column I started to sketch the application of scientific thought through industrial research to a common problem to show that there is very little magic in the methods used by scientists in their search for the reproducible experiment. The problem was the "knock" in the automobile motor that was treated to a systematic process of investigation by trial and error. The basic fundamentals, the field of thermodynamics and the laws used, their mathematical computations were items that had been discovered a hundred years or more before there was any such thing as an automobile.

Time and again we have heard stories of wonderful gas engines that would produce tremendous power on lesser amounts of fuel but the story then went on that the oil trust had a conspiracy against any such type of engine since it would mean that they would have less sale for gasoline if such an engine came upon the market. In this conspiracy, the oil trust had bought up the patent rights on the average American, telling us that such a conspiracy was a fact.

The phenomenal rise in the automotive industry and its tremendous demand for oil has created many worries over the problem of conservation of the fuel supply. One does not have to dream up any fancy ideas over what utter chaos would reign in our industrial economy should our supply of oil suddenly cease — it's too fearful a thought for even the politicians to play with so they content themselves with playing with lesser power problems such as the power of electricity.

It is impossible to answer the original broad question of conservation of gasoline, for instance, until we limit the problem in some way. From the automobile industry's point of view, the answer would be in an engine of improved efficiency. Such a wonderful engine the gossip said was suppressed by the oil trust. Improved efficiency, however, could be attained by raising the pressure in the cylinder, for instance. But if we had tried to do that in the early 1920's, we would have found that engine knock traceable to the fuel, set a low upper limit on the improvement in efficiency we could expect by this pressure on the automotive engineers had to stop raising the pressure in their engine designs until they could learn what

HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Death gets to be less of a stranger as you grow older.

As he harvests more and more of your friends and enemies, your glowing sense of survival becomes smaller. You are suddenly aware that more than 50 per cent of the people you've met in your lifetime are no longer with you.

I have the uncomfortable feeling some days that I have at least reached the 40 per cent figure, though I do my heart's best to create fresh loyalties as I move along.

Some days this is hard to do. Old loyalties have a way of creeping back into your mind.

There are some memories a man can't afford. It is too perilous a self-indulgence. Some remembrances will crack the average middle-aged person's mind unless he turns his thoughts away.

But the past always churns in every brain, and I think at times of "Shorb" Schulz.

How that little man does come back, and I don't know why!

Back in 1928 I was a green copy boy and one of my duties was to carry late Saturday night copy from The Associated Press office in the Kansas City Star building to the AP office in the Journal-Post.

Shorb, to whom I delivered the copy, was one of my boyhood heroes. He was a telegrapher. He was about 5 feet tall and 5 feet around the middle.

Schulz left nothing to chance. He was a bachelor. He made money playing the grain market on the side. His girl friend sold magazine subscriptions, so he got his reading matter free.

Food was an obsession with him. He always brought his own lunch and dinner. His endless sandwiches and pieces of fruit were separately wrapped, and he unwrapped each small tidbit as if he were unveiling the Taj Mahal. After each meal he took a big swig from a bottle of mineral oil he had

They'll Do It Every Time



SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP) — Electric power output is heading for its brightest Christmas. Utility profits grow warmly too — even though prevented by governmental rate regulations from making the spectacular gains showing up today in some other industries.

New standards of living of the American public are pulling steady stream of electricity 18 per cent above the year ago figures and flashing the warning light to the utilities to get set for another spurt of expansion of power production capacity.

Right now they are spending more for distribution lines than for new generator installations. They are trying to keep up with the building boom in homes, offices, factories and suburban shopping centers.

America's steadily rising standard of living has helped the utilities keep their profits fairly steady uphill climb in postwar years.

This year the consumer's demand for electricity has gone along at a steadily increasing pace. But industry is booming, too, and using more power. One of the expanding industries is aluminum, which uses a great deal of power. Another big user is the atomic installation. The Atomic Energy Commission this year is calling for 47 billion kilowatt hours of electricity. Next year it may use 56 billion.

Of the 27 utility companies so far reporting their first nine months of this year, six out of seven are

Bruce Biossat

With the Geneva Foreign Ministers' conference under way at last, the task is truly at hand for the Soviet Union.

After a long series of discredited "peace" overtures, the Russians in 1955, under new management, finally put some substance into their "peace" talk.

They agreed to the long-delayed Austrian peace treaty. They lifted the Iron Curtain part way. They stopped shouting epithets at America and turned on the smiles.

At the summertime conference at the summit in Geneva, they exhibited a conciliatory spirit which seemed to promise real gains to world peace. They appeared to have concluded that nuclear warfare was unthinkable, and that reasonable negotiation with the West was the only alternative.

But, as has been said again and again since that meeting, what the Russians offered there was only a promise. That it carried more weight than earlier pledges was due to the fact of their token gestures of sincerity, like the Austrian treaty.

Nevertheless, the real work of negotiation was put off. It begins now, with hard-headed discussion of issues like disarmament, European security and G-4 unity. If no progress is made on any of these vital fronts, then we shall be forced to conclude that the Russians, for all their meaty 1955 gestures, are still determined upon their objectives of world conquest. We shall have to dismiss the "new look" as merely the most convincing of their frauds upon free peoples yearning intensely for genuine peace.

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THE DOCTOR SAYS

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

Mrs. Y., asks for a discussion of rupture and whether this and hernia meant the same thing. Also, she wants to know whether or not there are any ways of treating this besides surgery.

Mrs. Y., is correct; Hernia and rupture do mean the same thing. A hernia results from a weakening of the structures which are supposed to hold the organs in place, the most common location for such rupture being through some part of the abdominal wall. In men particularly, this occurs most frequently in the groin.

It is generally believed that the

Police Probe Temple Dynamiting

HOLLYWOOD (UP) — Police sought an anti-Semitic dynamiter today following the third attack upon Temple Israel of Hollywood and an adjoining Jewish religious school.

The temple was jolted yesterday by an explosion resulting in damage estimated at \$200. No one was injured but the family of a caretaker was reported to be "severely shaken."

The blast occurred near the door of a subterranean passageway leading to classrooms and garages. Part of a dynamite stick and a fuse was found near the door. Police said the major force of the blast was dissipated on solid concrete walls.

The temple was rocked last December by a powder bomb and a minor fire was set there some months later, police said.

Jury Debates On Murder Charge

MINNEAPOLIS (UP)—A jury was expected to start deliberating today whether Dr. Arnold Axilrod seduced a pretty dental patient and strangled her when she threatened to expose him as the father of her unborn baby.

Defense attorneys in the sensational murder trial planned to ask for a directed verdict of acquittal when court opened. But District Judge Lester Anderson has already turned down a similar plea.

If Anderson made the same decision, the opposing lawyers were scheduled to go into their final arguments immediately. Judge Anderson's final instructions to the jury were to follow.

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Los Angeles Film Producer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Film producer Dore Schary's daughter, Jill, 19, and Navy Lt. Jon Zimmer, 38, plan to marry, probably Jan. 8.

They obtained a marriage license Saturday. The wedding must await Zimmer's return from a cruise aboard a seaplane tender. They met on a blind date four months ago.

Boy's Body Found After Year's Hunt

POWERS LAKE, N.D. (UP)—The discovery of a four-year-old boy's body one year after he had vanished from his ranch home raised strong suspicions today that he had been murdered.

An examination of young LaVern Engel's body was scheduled and authorities planned to drain off the slough where the discovery was Oct. 17, 1954, to meet his father, Sheriff Martin S. Ryan said it was "inconceivable" that LaVern's body had been overlooked in a "shoulder-to-shoulder search by thousands of men last October.

Ryan also couldn't figure out how the little boy could have got so far out into the pond, located about a mile from his parents' ranch home.

He said "I still haven't given up the possibility of foul play" and indicated someone may have placed LaVern's body in the slough after bad weather halted the search last year.

"If the pathologist's report reveals anything, I want to check on some hunters who were in the area," the sheriff said.

LaVern wandered into the fields on Oct. 17, 1954, to meet his father and disappeared into the North Dakota dusk.

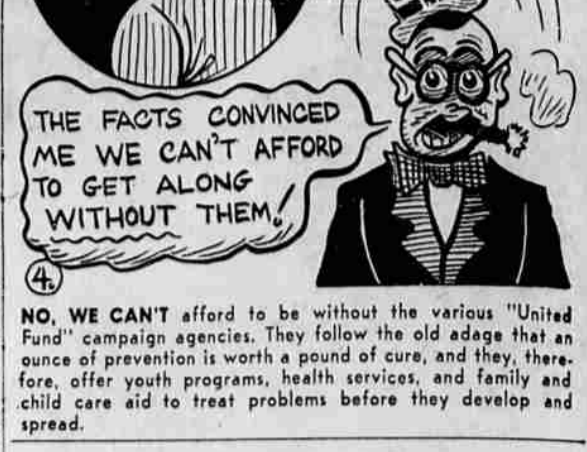
"Thousands of men camped around Powers Lake to aid in the biggest hunt in North Dakota's history. They joined hands and held a mile-long human chain across the rugged country. Airplanes and helicopters and bloodhounds were called in to help.

In all, the search covered 100 square miles. But no trace of LaVern was found.

When last week, Williston, N.D., newspaper Dan Halligan organized a "final" search to "ease" the last doubts" in the minds of the parents.

About 75 men gathered in Powers Lake and pushed into the muddy sloughs. They burned away the tall, tough grass and began draining away the water. LaVern's badly decomposed body was found lying in about a foot of water.

O.K., SO "UNITED FUND" AGENCIES ARE NICE TO HAVE! BUT CAN WE AFFORD THEM?



Cracow Citizens Still Observe Traditional Days In Face Of Red Rulers

By TOM REEDY

Cracow, Poland (AP)—It's noon in Cracow and from the tower of the Cathedral of St. Mary a trumpet blares a weird series of notes.

The trumpeter repeats the performance from each of the four apertures.

For 700 years this has been going on, commemorating the heroic trumpeter who warned the people that the Tartars were approaching.

That's the atmosphere in which Cracow still lives, despite occupation by the Nazis, war and now domination by a Communist government. The Reds call the "City of a Thousand Churches" a reactionary town. They grumble about "reactionary bars" where old-fashioned Poles sit around and speak French in an odd kind of resistance.

Cracow is Poland's shrine city and the Communists wisely make no effort to change it. Here in the Wawel Castle are buried all the Polish kings except the first two, Mieszko and Boleslaw, who are entombed in Posen. Hans Frank, the Nazi butcher of Poland, lived in the castle to show his power.

But Frank pleaded guilty at Nurnberg and said his crimes would stain Germany for a thousand years. He was converted to Catholicism and the Poles of today will tell you it was Wawel that did it.

Above the altar in the golden chapel of the castle is the silver casket containing the bones of St. Stanislaus, murdered on the altar by a Polish king.

In the catacombs, a place of honor is given the tomb of Thaddeus Kesciuski, aid to Washington in the American Revolution and leader of the Polish fight for independence against the Russians and the Germans in 1794.

Directly in front of the altar is the resting place of Cardinal Sapieha who won lasting fame among the Poles for his conduct during the Nazi occupation. The cardinal invited Frank to dinner and served him the miserable black bread and porridge ration the Nazis were giving the suppressed Polish population. Frank was enraged but helpless. He had to eat it.

The city miraculously escaped damage in World War II. The Poles credit their top Communist, Boleslaw Bierut, for this. They say he interceded with Stalin, asking that the Red army avoid storming the shrine city. Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky flanked the city from the west and trapped the German garrison which surrendered without a fight. Rokossovsky, born a Pole, is now the nation's defense minister.

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