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## Here And There

**By BILL JENKINS**

It looks like Christmas will come early this year. Forecasts in the trade magazines seem to indicate that the big Yuletide push will start about the 15th of November. With boom times in the United States today, it looks like a bang-up Christmas promotion.

But it should come as no surprise. We've had indications of it for the past month in the form of the many "wish books" being sent through the mail. I think I must be on every sucker list in the country. Never before have I gotten so many catalogs offering so many varied items as I have this year. From A to Z, you can take your choice.

It will also be interesting this year to see if the fad for sending food, particularly cheeses, continues. I think last year everyone who couldn't think of anything else to give sent a package of cheese. I just got another catalog the other day which offers not only domestic and imported cheeses, but the same things with various wines mixed in with them, another assortment that comes in an insulated bag which can be saved for future use, and a really dolled-up box which goes for the retail price of \$49.75 that has everything from stuffed dates to smoked oysters to chocolate truffles. This one, incidentally, weighs 43 pounds, so I wouldn't recommend sending it to a good friend in Alaska. Postage might be a little bit steep.

Great news for the office gals. According to a recent news release, the messy job of changing a typewriter ribbon may be a thing of the past. There is on the market today a new ribbon which can be changed without being touched. All you do, according to the release, is slip two plastic containers into the proper slots and the ribbon is all set to go. This will be good news to all besides secretaries and stenographers. People like me, for instance.

Despite the fact that I have made my living for a good many years with a typewriter, I still am unable to change a ribbon. I shall investigate this new possibility immediately.

Our first complaint about winter was received last Wednesday when Fred Pope blew into town for a visit from his Fort Klamath ranch. The snow and ice have already come to the Wood River Valley, according to him, and a minor blizzard lashed up his front lawn before he had a chance to get the leaves raked.

I can sympathize. I put off raking the pine needles off my lawn until after the rains came, and now they're so wet and soggy that there isn't a chance. I am quite sure, however, that Fred and myself have lots of company.

Speaking of rain, perhaps the theory that has been voiced for a good many years—that the northern half of the continent is growing warmer—may have some soap on it. At least the past few winters have been warmer than normal, and this rain, coming at a time when we could ordinarily expect snow if anything, would seem to bear out the theory. I don't know whether I'm entirely in favor of it or not.

Having to make a choice between rain or snow leaves a man on the horns of a very sharp dilemma.

The most cheerful news note of the week: only one more week of politicking and then it will all be over for another four years. I am quite sure it will be a welcome relief to all concerned when men once more speak the truth for the truth's sake rather than for the vote's sake. Or, to put it more bluntly, it will be refreshing indeed when people get down to telling the truth again. Period.

## Saracene World

**By KEN McLEOD**

We have written of the early Christian concept of the nature of the world, perhaps it may be just as well to look at the Mohammedan of the same era. According to the Koran, the earth is a square plane, edged with vast mountains, which serve the double purpose of balancing it in its seat, and of sustaining the dome of the sky. The faithful held "Our devout admiration of the power and wisdom of God should be excited by the spectacle of this vast crystalline brittle expanse, which has been swiftly set in its position without so much as a crack or any other injury." Above the sky, and resting on it is heaven, built in seven stories, the uppermost being the habitation of God, who, under the form of a gigantic man, sits on a throne, having on either side winged bulls, like those in the pylons of old Assyrian kings.

These ideas, which indeed were not peculiar to Mohammedanism alone, but were held by men in a certain stage of intellectual development. The dogma was presented as religious revelation to the faithful however, the more advanced thinkers very quickly exchanged this picture for others scientifically correct. Yet, as has been the case in Christian countries, the advance-

ment was not made without resistance on the part of defenders of revealed truth.

When Al-Mamun, having become acquainted with the idea of the globular form of the earth, gave orders to his mathematicians and astronomers to measure a degree of great circle upon it, Takyyuddin, one of the most celebrated doctors of divinity of that time, denounced the wicked khalif, declaring that God would assuredly punish him for presumptuously interrupting the devotions of the faithful by encouraging and diffusing a false and atheistical philosophy among them. Al-Mamun, however, persisted.

On the shores of the Red Sea, in the plains of Shinar, by the aid of an astrolabe, the elevation of the pole star above the horizon was determined at two stations on the same meridian, exactly one degree apart. The distance between the two stations was then measured, and found to be 200,000 Hashemite cubits; this gave for the entire circumference of the earth about 24,000 of our miles, a determination not far from the truth. But since the spherical form could not be positively asserted from one such measurement, the khalif caused another to be made near Cufa in Mesopotamia. His astronomers divided themselves into two parties, and, starting from one given point, each party measured an arc of one degree, the one northward, the other southward. Their result is given in cubits. If the cubit employed was that known as the "royal" cubit, the length of a degree was ascertained within one-third of a mile of its true value. From these measures the khalif concluded that the globular form of the earth was established.

The khalifate of Al-Mamun (A.D. 813-832) is spoken of as the Augustan age of Asiatic learning. He made Bagdad the center of science, collected great libraries, and surrounded himself with learned men. He is reported to have brought into Bagdad hundreds of camel-loads of manuscripts for the extension of the public libraries. In a treaty made with the Greek emperor, Michael III, he stipulated that one of the Constantinople libraries should be given to him. Among the treasures he thus acquired was the treatise of Ptolemy on the mathematical construction of the heavens. He had it immediately translated into Arabic, under the title of "Almagest."

Schools were established everywhere and the superintendence to them was committed with noble liberality sometimes to Nestorians, sometimes to Jews. It mattered not in what country a man was born, nor what were his religious opinions; his attainment in learning was the only thing to be considered. Al-Mamun had declared that "they are the elect of God, his best and most useful servants, whose lives are devoted to the improvement of their rational faculties; that the teachers of wisdom are the true luminaries and legislators of this world, which, without their aid, would again sink into ignorance and barbarism."

What a change this attitude was as compared with the Saracene conquest of Alexandria (A.D. 640) when there was no interest in science as expressed two centuries later. When Amrou, the lieutenant of the Khalif Omar, conquered Egypt, and annexed it to the Saracene Empire, he found in Alexandria a Greek grammarian, John, surnamed Philoponus, or the "Labor-lover." Presuming on the friendship that had risen between them, the Greek solicited as a gift the remnant of the great library. Amrou therefore, sent to the khalif to ascertain his pleasure. "It," replied the khalif, "the books agree with the Koran, the Word of God, they are useless, and need not be preserved; if they disagree with it, they are pernicious. Let them be destroyed." Accordingly, they were distributed among the baths of Alexandria, it is said that six months were barely sufficient to consume them. Science writers take this story with a grain of salt but agree that there is little doubt that the destruction was ordered as being useless or because of its irreligious tendency.

## Just Listen

**By HAL BOYLE**

**NEW YORK**—Some things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail for listen to election speeches:

That America's white collar class is getting bigger. Despite the spread of automation in business, the number of office workers has risen from 1.7 million in 1910 to about 9 million in 1956.

That the country's parakeet population has increased even faster. These feathered pets have multiplied from a mere 1.3 million five years ago to more than 14 million.

That U. S. business and government officials, who seem to have a passion for marking everybody in on their correspondence, use 2 1/2 million pounds of carbon paper a month.

That the average paper clip, when opened, is about 4 1/2 inches long. (Don't just take my word for this. Unwind a paper clip yourself and measure it. But do it on company time.)

That probably a million Americans have diabetes but don't yet know it.

That Dr. Clyde Crobaugh, University of Tennessee business pro-

essor, has compiled a book listing 1,156 "dirty name - calling words for nice people who want to cuss in a hurry." Might make a wonderful Christmas present for your boss!

That some doctors (and probably all ranchers) believe you'd get fewer colds if you ate beef three times a day. . . . By golly, come to think of it, you don't hear a cow sneeze every day, do you?

That Paul McCobb, noted interior designer, says living rooms cluttered with too much furniture often lead to marital claustrophobia.

That we clean-minded Americans use an average of 24.5 pounds of soap a person each year.

That songbird Gogi Grant who made a hit recording of "The Wayward Wind" doesn't read music, never sang in a choir, didn't want to get into show business—and her name isn't really Gogi. (It's Audrey.)

That only 70 years ago the public was awed when a lady horse named Miss Woodford became the first American Thoroughbred to rack up lifetime earnings of \$100,000. (Now there are more than 25 races a year in which a horse can win that much in a single afternoon.)

That Gen. Douglas MacArthur once said he enjoyed doing crossword puzzles because they "take my mind off politics, the Far East, and sex."

That Michael Capasz of Worcester, Mass., who is only 2 1/2, can tell any modern make of automobile on sight. He also speaks German.

That a \$100 gold and diamond ball point pen is now on the market. . . . and its fully guaranteed to write as well as the \$1.95 model.

That animals, as well as people, suffer from gout. (But no scientist yet has proved that flat feet are an occupational disease with police dogs.)

That France, in a new drive for U. S. tourist trade, is now building roadside motels—with restaurants that stock catsup as well as cognac.

That it was actor Paul Coates who observed: "The human race has been able to improve everything but people."

## Crying

**By SAM DAWSON**

**NEW YORK**—Small business is crying louder in these days of tighter money and rougher competition. Its plaint gets more attention in this final pre-election week. And the American public, traditionally chary of big business sees a flood of profit reports today which underline just how big some businesses are.

Is big business squeezing the little firm? Is tight money pushing the small fellow to the wall? How can Uncle Sam lend a bolstering hand? Where is the dividing line across which small business becomes big business?

Big business denies it hurts small business. It insists, on the contrary, that it needs, supplies and buys from small business—that each is mutually helpful.

Banks deny that the small businessman can't find loans. The banking fraternity stresses that most banks are small, too, and that their loan department customers are mostly small business firms. The American Bankers Assn. says that the total volume of business loans under \$100,000 is now 14 per cent higher than a year ago.

Troubles which small businessmen consider peculiarly theirs are:

1. Financial. They find it harder than the big firms to get credit; higher interest rates hurt them more since the big boys have more resources to tide them over any squeeze; it's harder for the small fellow to tap the investment market for capital.

2. Operational. Engineers and skilled laborers are attracted to big concerns; today's competition calls constantly for more research emphasis, and only the big ones can afford it; and the research the big company means new products and better techniques, giving it a further edge in the future.

3. Governmental. Taxes eat up earnings once saved for expansion; and government contracts go to big companies equipped to make complex and expensive items that government increasingly demands.

But big business points out these advantages smaller firms have:

1. Labor relations frequently are better because of a closer family feeling and company loyalty.

2. The smaller firm can make quicker decisions because the shorter the executive channels the less the corporate red tape; and being in closer touch with, and often nearer to, their customers, the small ones often grab the business.

3. While big firms thrive in fields requiring heavy investment in development and production plant, small ones excel in processing, converting and distributing the products of big business.

Plans for aiding small business mostly stress tax relief, government contracts, or more borrowing opportunities.

**Open Letter**

Klamath Falls, (To the Editor)—There are many of us who attended the meeting of the Senate-

Interior and Insular Affairs Committee here in Klamath Falls, October 18, 1956 on the Federal Termination of the Klamath Indian Reservation who are confused as to why the Hearing was called at this particular time. You were eager to state for the benefit of the record, not once, but several times, that the reason was not political, but for the sole benefit of interested persons who could not make the trip to Washington, D.C. to testify before the committee. On the surface that is commendable and we believe that you would not call a Hearing at considerable expense to the taxpayer for purely political reasons.

After all, Senator, you were elected by a majority of the people of the State of Oregon to give them sound and fair representation in the Senate of the United States—Democrats, Independents and Republicans alike.

Senator Murray, Democrat of Montana, who presided as Chairman stated that all talks would necessarily be limited to 15 minutes in order that everyone interested might be able to testify. It would seem that 15 minutes would scarcely be sufficient, but if that was the only solution—fair enough. We won't argue that. Mr. William Berg, Assistant to Senator Wayne Morse was permitted to read a letter from Senator Morse into the record. Senator Morse was entitled to 15 minutes, but not 30 minutes. Further, the letter was almost entirely made up of excerpts from a report made by the Management Specialists by the Stanford Research Committee with which the Senator concurred and with which the Indians are surely familiar. It obviously was not of great importance to you as you left the room during part of the reading. You will remember that two of the Tribal Leaders, namely: Mr. Wade Crawford and Mr. Boyd Jackson were cut off in ruthless fashion by Senator Murray at the end of the allotted 15 minutes as was Mr. Sheldon Kirk, President of the General Council of the Klamath Tribe who was treated in disgusting fashion. Was this rebash of the Stanford Research Report of more value to the committee than oral testimony of the people affected by this termination?

Do you recall Senator, that Dr. DeWitt Safford, a representative of the Oregon Council of Churches testified his group because they had introduced the "human" element into the problem? Dr. Safford asked that ten additional minutes be given to Mr. Jackson to finish his testimony as Dr. Safford felt it would be of interest and value to his group to hear the remainder of Mr. Jackson's testimony? You assured Dr. Safford that Mr. Jackson would be granted additional time. Mr. Jackson was not recalled although the Hearing adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

To summarize, Senator Neuberger—Senator Murray left the Hearing at approximately 2:30—to not return. A one man show from there on. Senator Morse spokesman was granted fifty minutes although other persons were limited to fifteen minutes. Mr. Jackson was not recalled and the Hearing adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Since the Indians and other interested groups did not have sufficient time to fully testify, and since as you state, the Hearing was not political, what purpose did it serve and why was it held?

Frances Watkins

## Protest

Klamath Falls, (To the Editor)—One would think from the sneering attitude shown to those who oppose fluoridation, that they were truly enemies of society, trying to deprive little children of their chance to have good teeth.

Won't people please give this so-called "minority group" credit for knowing that fluorine can be given in tablet form or in solution at small cost to anyone who desires it, and in this way can be controlled as carefully as one would take care of any other prescription.

It cannot be controlled carefully through the public water supply, as is shown from a few remarks made by Dr. Kenneth Oakley, M.D., B.S. in a speech which he made before the Kiwanis Club in Bend. He said: "Children who drink a great deal of milk do not drink as much water. Families who eat much stew meat and soups will ingest as much as twice the fluorine as a family who eats fried food."

Isn't this scheme of putting fluorine in the public water supply most ridiculous, when one really takes time to do a little thinking about it?

E. A. Green  
Lakeview Hwy.

## Quotes

**By UNITED PRESS**

**WASHINGTON**—President Eisenhower on his medical checkup: "At least I feel physically fine. Now if they could just get those other worries off my mind."

**VIENNA**—Hungarian Premier Imre Nagy beseeching his country's rebels to stop fighting: "Please, please stop. You have won. Your demands will be fulfilled. Just stop the killing."



## Oregon Man To Go East

**WASHINGTON**—Clifton W. Enfield, chief counsel for the Oregon Highway Department, is to become solicitor for the Public Roads Bureau as soon as he can arrange to come East, Secretary of Commerce Weeks announced Sunday.

He said Enfield would be appointed as soon as he could arrange personal and business affairs and could leave Oregon.

In the new job he will handle legal matters connected with the new 13-year, 40-billion-dollar government highway program.

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Enfield, born in Watertown, N.Y., Nov. 26, 1918, was graduated from North Carolina State College in 1938 and received a law degree from the University of Virginia in 1948. Married and the father of two children, he served in the Army in World War II. He is a major in the Army Reserve Corps.

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