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Outer Space

By BILL JENKINS
Outer space and the potentialities therein are still looming large in the world picture today despite the sullen silence of Sputnik and the grainless wall of silence muffling US progress in the interstellar field.

Most of this interest hinges on the gloomier aspects of speculation ranging all the way from fears that the Russian missile may suddenly rain fiery death down on our heads to the slightly more optimistic hopes that there may be fertile soil somewhere out where the stars lie.

But whatever the attitude there is much interest. It is beginning to look more and more as if the day of the pioneer was almost upon us again. These modern day pioneers will differ from the classic picture only in that they will dress in plastic space suits and wear (presumably) glass bubbles over their heads instead of turning out in greasy buckskins and sporting a coonskin cap or woolen hat. The initiative will be the same, that of finding new ground.

I suppose there will be one other small change, too. It is highly likely that the government hoodluggers and bureaucrats will be in on the ground floor of this new discovery era with greater alacrity than was possible in the days of covered wagons and ox teams.

But there are cheerful aspects to consider if we will but give them a fleeting thought. Perhaps we can find some close-in planet with enough dry storage space to put our ever growing reserves of grain, butter and eggs. The gold of Fort Knox, worthless since Uncle Sam cornered the market and buried it, can possibly be used to letter spaceway markers and the grounds turned into a housing unit.

An even brighter prospect would be the discovery of a planet free from ragweed and other flora which causes so much misery to the hay fever sufferers. Relief from this miserable affliction would, I am firmly convinced, induce hordes of victims to migrate. We might even stumble across some blob of earth and stone floating around out there in the vastness of space where the common cold was unknown.

If such a thing happened I suppose it would mean setting up rigid quarantine regulations when it came to peopling the area in order to protect this germ-free status. But it would at least be a step in the right direction.

But, best of all, space exploration holds the only hope of salvation of mankind and the world as we know it today, because sooner or later, either through the agency of the wartime cobalt bomb or the bombing mistakes of some middle-headed scientist, we are going to blow the earth to smith.

In view of this rather obvious fact I have come around to thinking that it might be well to give serious consideration to staking out a claim on some far away star as a future hideout from this cataclysmic upheaval and as from the ever growing tensions of a push button world.

After all, judging from the numbers of stars one can see on any reasonably clear night it appears quite certain that there will be room enough for all in this big new real estate development. One for Russia, one for us and so on.

Nope, I guess the whole thing is all right. Besides, if enough people speed off to new worlds there may be enough room left on this one—granting that it is still here—to afford parking space and better quality hunting.

So let's go ahead and pioneer space. In fact, you go. I'm frank to admit that I'll feel much safer staying here rather than trusting my fate to any rocket-to-the-moon expedition. Besides which, I'm not a good traveler.

Fire Insurance

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
Klamath Falls missed "by a whisker" having its fire insurance rates boosted substantially, recently.

At the present time, Klamath Falls is listed as being in Class 5 by the State Insurance Rating Board. Each classification carries with it special rate adjustments.

Klamath has been a member of Class 5 for many years, but recently, there had been indications that conditions were such that the city might be moved back into Class 6 with an attendant rise in insurance rates.

A special meeting was held in Portland on Wednesday of last week with the Rating Bureau. This meeting was attended by the mayor, four of the councilmen, and members of the insurance committee, as well as the fire chief and Glenn Bowen of Oregon Water Corporation.

How they arrive at whether or not a city belongs in Class 5 or 6 for insurance purposes is a long detailed study.

points away from being in Class 6. The point demerits were assigned in this manner: Water—672, fire—628, alarm system—334, police—15, fire prevention—97, building department—68, structural condition of buildings—363, and miscellaneous—110.

Water service showed a 27 point improvement from the last survey, due to additional hydrants and improvements in pumping capacity.

Fire department showed an improvement of nine points. They added points with the improvement of procedures and training, and radio in fire vehicles, but lost points on the condition of an old ladder truck.

Fire alarm system improved some 30 points on the strength of a new switchboard panel, and the improvement in the maintenance of records.

The police department showed an eight point improvement on the strength of their personnel now reporting any new construction going on in the city.

Fire prevention section showed a six point improvement on the strength of better records and inspection systems, but the officials pointed out the city should have an electrical inspector, and tighter requirements for selling and storing of white gas.

The building department marked up a 30 point increase because of better enforcement of the building code.

Only department showing a point decline was that of structural condition of buildings, and this section showed a decline of four points.

At present, the city council is embarking on a program to get the city of Klamath Falls well down within the Class 5 category, and perhaps eventually work toward the Class 4 division which is 2,001 points or less.

Rating each department as to category it would fit, the rating officials listed them as: Water 3.9, fire 5.3, alarm system 6.1, police 3.2, fire prevention 3.2, building department 3.4, and structural condition as 5.18.

These may sound like dry statistics, but these figures are the basis used to determine just how much you have to pay for your fire insurance, and the recent survey showing the city as still in Class 5 meant a savings of a number of thousands of dollars in additional insurance cost.

Fourteen points is "razor-thin" as points go, and certainly the city must work energetically in the future to improve its fire prevention departments to avoid any class change in the future.

Big Question

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—The question a New Yorker asked most often is, "why, in Heaven's name, do you want to live here?"

Since most New Yorkers seem to come from out of town, they sometimes ask themselves the same question.

They have to agree that most of the stock criticisms made by visitors are true:

"It's just too crowded, noisy and dirty. Everybody is in a hurry to get nowhere. It makes me tired just to watch the pace at which people go here. They don't even have time to be polite."

Yet few visitors, if truthful, can deny they have a wonderful time while they are here. A British visitor, Patrick M'Roberts summed up the city generously in 1775:

"The inhabitants are in general brisk and lively, kind to strangers, dress very gay; the fair sex are in general handsome, and said to be very obliging."

Other critics have been less kind.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, down on a slumming trip from cultured New England, described New York crisply as "a sucked orange." Thomas Jefferson in 1823 wrote that "New York, like London, seems to be a cloacina (or sewer) of all the depravities of human nature."

In 1872 the English novelist Anthony Trollope wrote, "speaking of New York as a traveler, I have two faults to find with it. In the first place, there is nothing to see; and, in the second place, there is no mode of getting about to see anything."

It is still true that traffic in Manhattan is so bad it is impossible to get anywhere in a hurry unless you call an ambulance. But it is no longer true there is nothing to see here.

There is everything to see here now. In the mid-twentieth century New York City reigns as the earth's greatest metropolis, a cultural and financial mecca for all the world. If you have a talent of any kind, a product of almost any kind, here is your greatest show window and market place.

The reason most people come to live in New York is in the hope of making a bigger buck. And they generally do make a bigger buck here. Even the smallest talent is rewarded higher here than in most other cities. This is a big-spending town, and it attracts free-wheelers.

But there are other things that make New York attractive. It is a city where people will let you alone, and the neighbors aren't nosy. You can live as you want to in peace, that is, if you can afford to.

There is a pulse to life here you don't find elsewhere—an excitement that comes with living in a city of constant change, where an old building is always coming down and a new skyscraper going up.

Whatever you want to eat you can find here, whatever you want to see is here. Like a perpetual circus there is always something going on. As Christopher Morley said, this is "the nation's thyroid gland."

Chicago, the nation's second city, is notoriously jealous of New York. But a New Yorker doesn't feel that way about Chicago. He just doesn't think of any other city being in the same league. To him, as Bugs Baer so aptly put it, any other place "is Bridgeport."

Meat Eaters

By SHERI GILES
United Press
Americans are suffering from the greatest calorie complex the country has ever known.

But they just don't know how to go about the "battle of the bulge."

Food faddists spend 500 million dollars a year on foods and products not recognized as essential for good nutrition.

Self-styled nutritionists consume whopping amounts of dried seaweed, blackstrap molasses, yogurt, corn oil, and sugar solutions. And they sadly misjudged the one food that is necessary for good nutrition and successful dieting—meat.

Dr. Rita Campbell—director of nutrition for the National Livestock and Meat Board—has some news about meat that may be good food for thought.

For instance—today's meat has more protein than it gets credit for—fewer calories—and less fat.

Thirty years ago, says Dr. Campbell, meat was not considered one of our best foods. In fact, people thought that eating meat accounted for such ailments as kidney disease and arthritis. Nutrition textbooks of that day termed meat a poor source of vitamins.

Today authorities recognize meat as an essential part of the daily diet, especially—says the doctor—since Americans use up less calories than they used to, but still require as much nourishment.

Today meat is being produced in record amounts—she says. Farmers are breeding meat animals which yield more lean meat per animal. Processors and meat packers have also trimmed meat down more than ever.

According to a recent study made by Dr. Ruth Leverton of Oklahoma State University—rib lamp chops were found to have the highest calorie count.

Next in line are loin chops...

then porterhouse steak... rump steak... round steak... cured ham... sirloin steak... and finally—leg of lamb.

As for protein content—round steak leads the pack... followed by loin chops... rump steak... leg of lamb... sirloin steak... and rib chops.

Rib chops have the highest fat content... porterhouse steak is next... and cured ham is third.

Make it your business to know meat—advises Dr. Campbell—and you can have confidence in its value.

You can also experiment with imaginative ways of cooking it.

Here's one example that's a new look in hot dog fashions: Press the hot dogs in batter consisting of two cups of pancake mix... one-fourth cup of corn meal... one and a half cups of cold water... and pinches of onion salt, dry mustard, and garlic powder.

Field Mice

Henley (To the Editor)—At the last two meetings of the Mt. Laki Garden Club the subject of damage from mice has been discussed extensively and the club decided that much more educational work needs to be done as to nature's means of eradicating this pest.

Appreciation was expressed for the efforts of Mr. O'Donohue and his friends of the Wildlife Service, the Klamath Falls Herald and News and TV; however, it was felt that a great majority of people still do not recognize all the beneficiary predatory birds and much more work should be done on this phase of the work.

The club also voted to back any movement that would make it unlawful to shoot any predatory birds until this mouse crisis is over. If town people do not think this is a crisis they should attend a few meetings of farmers or country garden clubs.

One of our members and her son killed one hundred and four mice last week while turning a few bales of straw cutting hay that had been rained on. One old rule said that for every mouse or rat you see there are a hundred around you, and I believe it, so you see that would make quite a few mice in one field.

It is no wonder that when a farmer finds a dead hawk in his field left by some careless or bored hunter he hesitates to let the next hunter on his ground, especially when he knows that the hawk not only helps to eat but hunts just for the best of it when his needs are supplied.

One suggestion was made that pictures of beneficial birds might be posted in much the same manner as the "This is a Swan" pictures. These might be posted in territories where the upland birds are hunted, as we have noted that the pheasant hunter is the worst offender, we think they get tired of waiting for a pheasant to show so they pop away at the hawk or sea gull who is always on the job and always seems to find his prey.

The Mt. Laki Garden Club
By Ruby A. White

Quotes

By UNITED PRESS
LONDON—Prof. Anatoli A. Blagorodov, Soviet scientist who attended the recent conference on rockets and satellites in Washington:

"In rocket techniques the U.S.A. is not doing badly but it is far behind the U.S.S.R."

WASHINGTON—Walter Reuther, United Auto Workers president, in saying the American labor movement must root out its corrupt union officials:

"We are demanding decency and morality because without our movement will degenerate and die."

MAEBASHI, Japan—Deputy prosecutor Kakuichi Sugimoto, in charging that Army Specialist William S. Girard deliberately committed violence in the firing range death of Mrs. Naka Sakai:

They'll Do It Every Time



U.S., Poland Open Aid Talk

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States and Poland start new economic talks today aimed at providing further American assistance to the Communist regime of Premier Wladyslaw Gomulka.

The negotiation at the State Department is an extension of an agreement signed last June 7 providing 98 million dollars in U. S. economic aid to Poland.

This arrangement came after President Eisenhower offered help in getting the Gomulka regime started on its policy of greater independence from Moscow domination.

Under the June agreement, Poland got surplus farm goods and mining machinery.

The 98 million dollar total included a 30 million dollar Export-Import Bank loan and 65 million dollars in a grant swapping surplus farm foods for Polish currency.

In addition, an agreement was made to try to unfreeze two million dollars in Polish assets in America as well as to satisfy American property claims in Poland.

Los Angeles (AP)—Now about that "whattnik" with the Russian lettering:

It's a fakenik, comrade—a good old American practical joke.

The wattnik, three feet long with fins and a spinner, was found Monday alongside a mountain highway by a motorist. He turned the gadget over to authorities.

Lettering on the wattnik's side was translated as Russian words for "Russian government." However, the Air Force checked the object and reported yesterday that the wattnik's parts were American as the corner war surplus store. In fact, that's where most of them probably came from, a spokesman said.

He added that the wattnik apparently was planted by a practical joker who had read too many space satellite stories.

AF Says 'Whattnik' Is A Big 'Fakenik'

SCENTED CULPRIT
CHICAGO (UP)—Suburban police were on the wrong scent when they set up a trap to corral wild dogs. The tenth animal to walk into the trap was a skunk which promptly won its freedom.

GI Turncoat To Be Pastor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Edward Dickenson, Korean War turncoat who is scheduled for release Nov. 23 from the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., plans to enter the Ministry.

The Rev. W. S. Mooneyham of Nashville, executive secretary of the National Assn. of Free Will Baptists, said last night Dickenson plans to apply for admission to the Free Will Baptist Bible College here.

Patrolman Has Good Answer

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Tucson patrolman William Anderson started to write a ticket for overtime parking when he spotted a note on the car's windshield. It said: "I am in court."

Anderson finished writing the ticket and attached it to the windshield, along with a note of his own, which read: "I am in the court."

Freedom of the Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UP)—Gov. C. William O'Neill Wednesday called on all of the state's publicity writers, whose annual salaries total \$139,000, to tell them how they could improve their work and relations with the press. The meeting was closed to the press.

Burglars Make 'Clean' Getaway

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Burglars made a clean getaway from Mrs. Thomas Stone's basement last night.

Mrs. Stone told police she went to the basement to load her automatic washer. Later, she found the washer gone, clothes and all.

Eureka

PITTSBURGH (UP)—In a "treasure hunt" type episode Wednesday, thieves broke into a safe at Sauer Inc., and found the combination for a second safe which yielded a \$17,000 payroll.

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