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## Exchange

By BILL JENKINS  
Progress is being made!  
After years and years of work the United States and Russia have agreed, in principle, to speed up the exchange of persons, movies and radio and television programs.

After using up the better part of 4,500 words in a brief explaining the situation the government goes ahead to do a little cautious back-watering with the statement that those broadcasts dealing with "international political problems" had been agreed on "in principle only and final agreement shall be made at the working level."

This, when interpreted, means that if the boss thinks he can release a program without endangering his job he will do so. Otherwise the whole shebang will end up on the scrap heap along with Wilson's peace plan, the UN and the peace pact between Sitting Bull and Custer.

In a "letter of understanding" from the VIP on our side it was pointed out that either side could veto a program, which would be viewed in advance, if such broadcast "did not contribute to the betterment of relations."

With that final little eight word statement the planners pretty well nullified any progress that might have been made in the preceding 4,492 words.

From what I have seen of television in this country it is impossible to get two people to agree that a program was any good, much less bettering relationships, not to mention two nations as far apart in viewpoints as the U.S. and Russia.

In fact, after some of the programs that have been inflicted on the audience such an exchange might be a greater threat to global war than the guided missile.

I suppose that there isn't really much we can do about it since the captive audience to which TV caters is captive through choice and once a sheep always a sheep. But it does seem that we could find some other and more reasonable approach to the situation, like a big stick.

Even if we are to assume that such exchange programs would be limited to the higher level of politics and such I can't see that we are going to win scores of friends on the Steppes and in Outer Siberia by giving them a blow by blow description of the time of the big wind, such as the political conventions in 1956. It takes a pretty strong American to sit through such an inane display of mass idiocy as a Republican or Democratic convention. Think what it might do to the untrained Russian mind.

thing. You have to start cutting the budget somewhere, and the knife almost always falls on the items classified as luxuries rather than necessities.

We cut out the items that are nice to have, but are not necessary to our continued existence. We're in that position, now, in almost all phases of our government.

Federally, we have a national debt that is on the threshold of 250 billion dollars, and the total value of all the things we possess in the United States is just over that figure.

We must begin to slice the luxury out of all our tax budgets. When you begin to do that, you begin to touch home for many people. When you cut staffs and commissions, it leaves people out of work. When you eliminate some of the services that governments do, you eliminate some of the services you yourself may be enjoying.

The only alternative when that cut-down comes, as it must now, is to decide what departments and services are really necessary and dispense with those you can classify as luxuries.

That reasoning can apply to federal, state, county and city governments, but that, in itself, is not enough.

A large share of the tax dollars go to schools and education. On the state level, that figure is close to 70 per cent, and on the county level it is almost 67 per cent.

Here, too, there must be a re-evaluation of what is necessary, and what is luxury.

A sound basic education in the subjects that a student can utilize to make his way in life when he leaves school, this is what I would classify as necessary.

Many other phases of our present educational structure are designed altogether for social existence. Certainly such things as music, athletics, driver training, shop work, dramatics and the like are important, but I question in my mind whether they can be labeled necessities.

do-it-all-by-herself stage. Ten times a day she utters her clamorous declaration of independence: "I don't need any help. I can do it myself."

Her statement applies to everything from going to the bathroom to buttoning her snowsuit, from blowing her nose to standing on tiptoe to push the elevator button.

Looking around her littered room the other day, I remarked: "If you can do so much, why can't you manage to pick up your clothes and keep your room neat?"

"Well, after all, I'm just a little girl," she said calmly. "I can't learn everything at once."

Her sturdy self-confidence reached a peak when, after weeks of terrible struggle, she finally learned to fumble a ribbon into a bowknot, all alone. Now Tracy spends about an hour daily practicing this womanly art.

Each success she brings to me for approval. The other night she suddenly pressed her cheek against mine and exclaimed in a kind of ecstasy: "Oh, Daddy, isn't it fun to tie bows?"

My wife, Frances, thinks Tracy is remarkably advanced because she has also learned to tie a bowknot behind her back.

"What's the point in that?" I asked. "Why not teach her to tie a bow standing on her head?"

"Listen Rover," said Frances, "don't you realize that from the time a girl puts on her first kitchen apron she has to tie a bow behind her back every day of her life?"

Well, isn't that just like a woman—ask her a silly question and she gives you a serious answer? Tracy's other passion at the moment is learning to write her ABC's, for she can't stand the thought she is unable to read. As a matter of fact—the little hypocrite—she won't even admit she can't. And she is gaining; when she pretends to be reading, she now holds the book right side up.

Although she still has trouble with the letters "U," "G," "A" and "X," Tracy isn't satisfied with the hundreds of thousands of words already available in English. She bends the alphabet to her own small needs to make new words.

## Capital Report

By JAMES D. OLSON  
The State Highway Department is embarking on the largest program in its history, involving estimated expenditures totaling the huge sum of \$87 million during 1958, according to W. C. Williams, State Highway Commissioner.

In this program the State Highway Commission has approved an anticipated expenditure of \$25 million on interstate projects which in Oregon includes Interstate Highways 99 and 30 and for which the federal government pays 92 per cent of construction and right of way acquisition costs.

A total of \$15 million will be expended on non-interstate projects, in which the federal government pays a portion of the cost, mostly on repair of bridges and other similar jobs.

This compares with construction contracts awarded in 1957 amounting to \$39,900,000.

In connection with the present year's program, the State Highway Commission has decided to build two stretches of concrete roadway, marking the first major concrete constructed roads laid in Oregon since 1956.

The entire North Jefferson junction-Albany road on U.S. 99 in Marion and Linn counties will be of concrete and the entire extension of the Baldock Freeway from its present northern terminus into the city of Portland will be built of concrete. Bids on both these jobs have been called for the February meeting of the commission.

While the initial cost of construction of concrete roads is higher than that of blacktop pavement, State Highway Engineer Williams explained that under the federal highway program the government will pay 92 per cent of the cost of construction. Where the highway department expects to gain is in maintenance costs which must be borne entirely by the state.

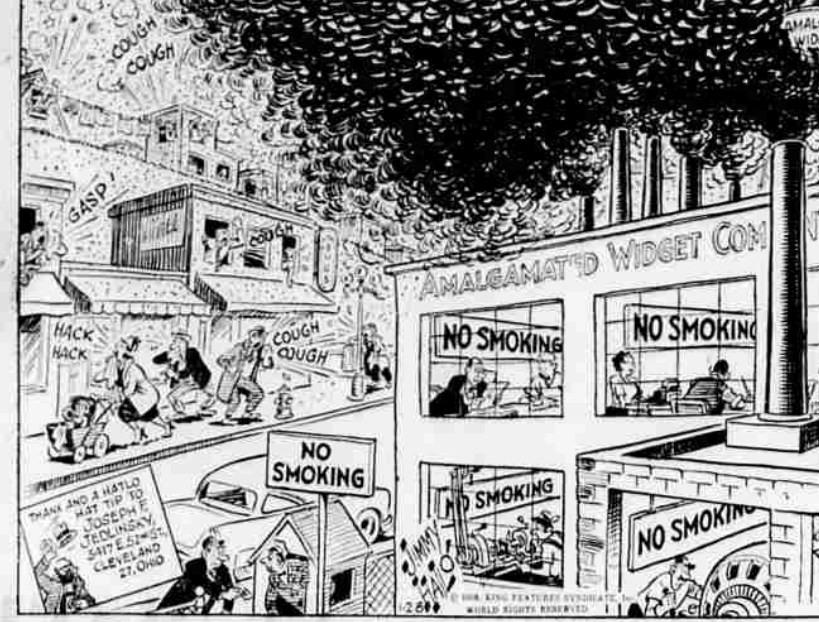
Such costs on concrete highways are lower, Williams said, and therefore the state will be ahead of the game.

During 1958 work will begin on the completion of the four-lane divided highway between Salem and Albany and the program will see work initiated on extending this section to Eugene. Two projects are included in the program, one calling for expenditure of \$1,740,000 for grade-crossing structures and grading in Linn County and another \$2 million project, also calling for erection of overhead grade crossing the grading from the Linn County line to Judkins Point in Lane County.

The Salem By-Pass route is being converted into a four lane divided highway with the grading virtually completed and the various structures well under way. The present year's program calls for expenditure of \$1 million for the paving of the two additional lanes on the by-pass which is expected to be ready for use in the late fall.

Additional work on U.S. Highway 99 includes paving of the Myrtle Creek-Fords Bridge section in Douglas County at an estimated cost of \$1,057,000 and grading and paving; building overhead structures on the Shady-Roberts Creek section, also in Douglas County at a cost of around \$440,000, and grading and paving and structures on the North Grants Pass interchange section at a cost of \$330,000.

## They'll Do It Every Time



## Weather Table

By UNITED PRESS  
Temperatures and rainfall for 24 hours ending at 4 a.m.

	High	Low	Rain
Albuquerque	42	31	—
Atlanta	47	32	—
Bakersfield	69	47	—
Boise	58	36	—
Boston	43	33	.51
Brownsville	74	62	.97
Chicago	35	28	.06
Denver	38	17	.07
Detroit	34	32	—
El Centro	74	50	—
Fairbanks	2	-15	—
Fort Worth	60	42	—
Helena	43	21	—
Kansas City	33	27	—
Los Angeles	68	52	—
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Minneapolis	26	19	.01
New Orleans	58	41	—
New York	42	37	—
Oakland	57	51	—
Oklahoma City	48	33	—
Phoenix	67	36	.12
Pittsburgh	51	48	—
Red Bluff	44	39	—
Reno	44	30	—
Salt Lake City	37	30	.14
Sacramento	55	48	—
San Diego	67	52	—
San Francisco	58	47	—
Seattle	49	44	.35
Spokane	37	34	.23
Stockton	57	46	—
Tucson	62	38	—
Washington	51	37	—

## Young Couple Finally Wed

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — Tessa Kennedy and Dominic Elwes, the young British couple who were foiled by her father in efforts to marry in Britain, finally were wed here last night, a Cuban notary public said.

Notary Oscar Rangel said he secretly married the 19-year-old runaway heiress and the 26-year-old son of a society painter at his downtown office. He refused to give any details.

Other source said the young lovers planned to remain in Cuba for some time. They flew from Curacao Sunday night and remained in seclusion.

How the two got around a required two-week marriage waiting period was not immediately explained. Some persons speculated they had posted official notice of intention in advance of their arrival here.

Tessa's father, a sugar magnate, obtained court writs two months ago preventing their marriage in England or Scotland without his consent. After hiding in Scotland, they flew to the Caribbean last week.

Elwes' father Simon Elwes is now in New York.

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## OBJECT: MATRIMONY

OSAKA, Japan (UP) — The Osaka Housing Corp. shows foresight in its planning. Concerned over the large number of single women in this industrial city, it opened today a new housing unit for bachelor girls—right next to four apartment houses built exclusively for unmarried men.

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## Queen Moher Leaves On Trip

LONDON (AP) — Queen Mother Elizabeth, blowing kisses to her beaming family, flew off to Montreal today on the flat leg of a trip to Australia and New Zealand.

She will return to London March 10, the first member of the royal family to have flown around the world.

At the airport to see her off were her daughters Queen Elizabeth II and Princess Margaret and her son-in-law Prince Philip.

## Occupational Hazard

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (UP) — Newspaper deliveryman Rainey Lemmons, 24, complained to police Monday he sighted what looked like a wildcat in the street and had to fire a pistol at it before it would get out of his way.

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## Young Pilgrim

By HAL BOYLE  
NEW YORK (AP) — A little Pilgrim on the royal road to learning lives in our house.

Nothing makes you more aware of the passage of time than having a child in your home. On one day you have to do everything for it, and it seems almost the very next day it won't let you do anything for it at all.

Our daughter, Tracy Ann, now 4½ years old, has reached this

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## "School Frills"

By FLOYD L. WYNNE  
Running a government, a business or a household are much the same in some respects.

If you spend more than you take in, you run yourself in debt, and when you have spent more than you can afford and have yourself in debt, you find yourself staring bankruptcy in the eye.