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## Problem

By BILL JENKINS

For people who like to solve problems the field is growing ever wider. Right now there is a problem in New York City that has the city fathers tearing their hair out in great chunks and no solution in sight.

Seems that the city is suffering the loss of 45,000 shade trees yearly and is blaming the loss on the dogs. The belief is held that 70 or 80 canine visits to a tree is too much for even the hardier varieties.

So what to do about it? It has been suggested that the fireplugs be made more attractive to the dogs, possibly through use of perfume, but no further research has been done on the situation.

If you have any brilliant theories on how to eradicate this problem the National Arborist Association, PO Box 426, Wooster, Ohio, will be happy to hear from you.

Of course if Gotham would merely follow the example of Klamath Falls and certain other Western communities they would have no problem. Nor any trees.

The solution requires only a handful of axes and the necessary men to swing them. By this simple expedient you can wipe out the problem and the trees, in less time than it takes to holler "timber" and in due time you have a beautiful, barren, dusty waste over which you can see for miles and miles and no trouble with blowing leaves, busted pipes or that nasty shade that keeps the beneficent sun from baking the earth.

The Monthly Clip Sheet from the Catholic Digest, which is in turn quoting an article from Ladies Home Journal, says that you can tell what sort of person your friends are by watching how and what they eat.

The Clip Sheet goes on to say that most men would rather marry a good cook than a beautiful woman. It is assumed that a combination would be ideal. Consequently, they say, a man will put up with most anything if his wife turns out tasty goodies on schedule.

Further reading discloses these little facts: If you save the most delectable tidbit on your plate until last it proves that you have a strong sense of security. If you eat it first it shows that you have no sense of security at all and feel much insecurity.

"Anxious eaters" are afraid of certain foods and show a lack of self confidence. The "ritualistic eater" must always dine on time, eats by rote and doesn't enjoy himself much. The "substitutive eater" uses food to replace love and affection and tries to eat his way out of frustration by gorging on sweets and French pastries. The last on the list is the "indifferent eater" who considers eating a chore and gobbles what is put before him without question. This proves that he is lacking in aesthetic senses and is pretty much of a clod.

I don't know that my personal eating habits point out much of anything except that I must have been a hog in some other life or am destined to be one in the next. I consider myself to be a good, consistent trencherman and never complain as long as the food is varied and tasty. I'll eat meat, potatoes and biscuits at any given time. Sufficient variety can easily be added with a meal or two of home made noodles with chicken. Gravy, of course, should be served with all meals, including breakfast.

Of course, being married to a food editor I have more chance than the average man for trying new and different dishes. But I still think that the standby of steak, potatoes, hot biscuits and gravy is pretty hard to beat. For any meal and for any given period of time.

## Budget Studies

By JOHN GUERNSEY

The school boards and budget committees of Klamath Falls and Klamath County schools are now on the brink of undertaking their budget studies to determine school expenditures during the 1958-59 school year.

Each year the boards study the school operations under their directorship and spend long hours trying to give the people the facilities and educational programs they desire at the least possible cost. The county and the city are fortunate in having exceptionally capable and conscientious boards who devote much of their time to doing a thorough job.

Now, the point is this, you can walk into any coffee shop in town and more often than not hear someone complaining that the

building costs of schools are too high, that there are too many unnecessary frills in a school building, that the teachers are paid too much, that school funds are being wasted by the teaching of meaningless courses, or any number of other criticisms associated with the school programs.

The board members and the school administrators are vitally interested in criticisms of this nature and they are interested in correcting any shortcomings associated with the schools. However, they seldom have access to the "coffee shop" complaints. It's a rare instance when anyone other than a person trying to get a raise or sell something appears at the board and budget meetings.

This writer doesn't profess to know whether teachers are paid too much or too little, nor whether school buildings cost too much or whether there are too many unnecessary components in a school building.

However, this writer does attend most of the board and budget meetings, and is at the same time exposed to many of the "coffee shop" confabs pertaining to schools. By virtue of this dual attendance it is well known that some of the coffee cup complaints are completely without foundation or are founded on faulty or exaggerated information. At the same time, some of the off-the-cuff complaints or suggestions seem to have a lot of merit to them.

So . . . if you have a suggestion or criticism pertaining to the multi-million-dollar school operations, you will be doing the boards and yourself a great favor by taking your thoughts to one of the budget or regular board meetings. The chances are good that you may have a suggestion of considerable value. And . . . if the case is such that you are belaboring the school operations on the basis of erroneous or incomplete information you can help yourself and the boards by getting the operational or cost information straight from the horse's mouth.

Information pertaining to scheduled meetings can always be obtained by phoning the clerk of the city districts or the clerk of the county district.

## Movie Audience

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Is the mental age of the average movie fan only 14 years?

This has long been the privately held but rarely spoken view of some members of the motion picture industry.

It isn't shared by David Lean, British director of "The Bridge on the River Kwai," who is an odds-on favorite to win an Oscar this year.

"If we lack a larger adult audience," he remarked quietly, "it merely shows we need to make more adult films."

"When it comes to judging the truth and sincerity of a movie, I have a great respect for the verdict of the audience. That is one of the wonderful things about an audience—it has a mass horse sense."

"If they laugh at the wrong place in a movie, nine times out of ten those who made the movie are wrong—and the audience is right."

"An individual, even an individual who makes a movie, may lack horse sense. But a large group usually has it."

Lean, once acclaimed by fellow director John Huston as "the world's best," is a slender, dark-haired artistic genius with craggy brows and brown eyes that hold

an animal intensity. His quizzical expression and wry way of talking are both reminiscent of the late Mayor Jimmy Walker of New York.

At 19 Lean quit a post in the office of his father, an English accountant, because "I was tired of adding up figures that other people had added before me and still others would add up after me."

He got a job as third assistant director for a film. Then, convinced most pictures are made or lost in the cutting room, he became a cutter for several years. "I still do my own cutting because I feel it's so important," he said. "It's a lot of fun. You're there practically by yourself, along with a pair of scissors cutting out little pictures. Quite pleasant."

Although, at 49, Lean has been 30 years in the industry he has directed only a dozen films. But they include such notable ones as "In Which We Serve," "The Happy Breed," "Blithe Spirit," "Brief Encounters," "Great Expectations," "Oliver Twist" and "Summertime."

All his work bears the stamp of patient craftsmanship and he likes to take his time about it. He spent a full year studying and polishing the script for "Bridge on the River Kwai," another six months shooting and cutting it.

Lean believes Sir Laurence Olivier is the greatest actor alive. But he likes to work with American actors. "They learn their lines, they get to work on time, and they're keen as mustard about anything they're doing," he remarked. "It's a long slog—making a picture, and enthusiasm is a wonderful thing to have around. American actors also don't argue about trying a thing in a new way. They like to experiment."

Lean is an admirer of producers Mike Todd and Sam Goldwyn because he feels they are great gamblers.

"The movie world will die if it doesn't have gamblers," he said. "There are no guarantees in it, and if you want to play life safe, you'd better go into another business."

"The big pictures are always big gambles. If you succeed, everyone says, 'well, how could he miss?' but if you fail, they say, 'after all, what a crazy idea!'"

## Washington Wits

By GEORGE J. MARDER (United Press)

Dixon Lewis of Alabama was one of our most outstanding lawmakers. Outstanding physically, anyway. Lewis weighed 500 pounds.

required a chair reinforced with steel, and during hot weather had two page boys fan him from either side.

Another character was Sam Houston of Texas. He was the only lawmaker who ever brought a knife and some blocks of wood onto the floor of Congress so he could spend his idle hours whittling.

Congressman John Allen of Mississippi has gone down in history as a lawmaker with a fine sense of humor. His maiden speech in 1885 is rated a classic. He was halfway through it when the speaker reminded him his time had expired.

"That's a pity, Mr. President," Allen replied. "But I would at least like permission to print some remarks in the Congressional Record and insert 'laughter and applause' in appropriate places. Now I will retire to the cloakroom to receive congratulations."

It was Allen who once tried to get an appropriation for a fish

hatchery in Tupelo, Mississippi—his home town. His speech on the matter concluded with this argument: "Why sires, thousands of millions of fish are clamoring at this Congress for an opportunity to be hatched at Tupelo."

The House gave in and passed the bill.

House speakers have been among the most colorful of our lawmakers.

One of them was Speaker Thomas Reed of Maine . . . a six-foot-four giant with a face as long as a horse and a biting wit.

It was Reed who told President Theodore Roosevelt: "Teddy, if there's one thing I admire about you, it's your original discovery of the Ten Commandments."

Reed, like all speakers, had his portrait painted. His reaction was typical. He took one look and roared at the trembling painter: "All my enemies are now avenged!"

Another speaker was Uncle Joe Cannon . . . full name John Joseph Gurney Cannon, a tall, cigar-smoking politician who served in the House for nearly 50 years and won a reputation as the most dictatorial speaker in the history of Congress.

In those days, the speaker appointed the powerful rules committee. Cannon handpicked the committee and ran Congress to suit himself. One lawmaker got a request from a constituent for a copy of the House rules.

The lawmaker sent him Cannon's picture.

## Tax And Prices

Ashland (To the Editor)—I read each day with interest your editorial in the Medford Mail Tribune. I think your views of last evening call for some additional information on the subject.

I have analyzed the financial statement of the General Motors Corp. and the story it tells has much to do with the pricing of their product, inasmuch as taxes are just as much a part of the final cost as are wages, materials and capital expenditures. This is what I found, for the year 1956:

Gross sales—\$16,796,442,375.  
There were shareholders 656,076.  
There were wage earners 650,000.  
Taxes \$1,150,000,000.  
Wages \$3,155,000,000.  
Net gain \$847,000,000.  
Each wage earner earned on an average \$5,056.  
The shareholder earned on an average \$1,291.  
The shareholder was paid on an average \$847.

For each of the 656,076 shareholders of General Motors, there was an average of \$1,752 paid in taxes.

It has often been said that about one third of the selling price of a new automobile is taxes, either direct or indirect. As long as the people of the United States are paying part of the taxes of the people of foreign countries, just that long are the customers of our products going to have to pay more taxes, in the form of higher prices.

Someone is going to have to tell the people the simple facts of the effect of taxes upon the costs of things we buy. I am sure, that very few of today's students and perhaps only a few more of their teachers can digest a statement and understand the significance of it.

When the tax collector, takes a larger share of the product of production, than the people that furnish the tools, its time to reconsider, the purpose of the game.

Thanks for your good editorials.  
Roger F. Rath

## Quotes

By UNITED PRESS

NEW YORK—Sir Percy Spender, retiring Australian ambassador to the United States, on anti-American sentiment abroad:

"It is a tragedy that the American people are so little understood in other parts of the world. Americans are basically a religious people. Americans are kindly, generous and friendly."

WASHINGTON—A special advisory committee to the government, on the need for stockpiling food and medicine against the possibility of atomic attack:

"The time has come to take action for human survival, relief and rehabilitation in event of nuclear attack."

DAMASCUS, Syria—President Sukri El Kwatly of Syria on plans for merging Syria and Egypt into one nation:

"I would be glad to hand over my precious trust to Gamal Abdel Nasser—a young man imbued with enthusiasm for the service of the Arab world."

## Jury Foreman Asks Boycott Of Schools With Much Crime

NEW YORK (AP)—The foreman of a special grand jury investigating crime in Brooklyn public schools has suggested that parents have their children boycott schools where crime is prevalent.

Foreman A. George Golden made the suggestion at a jury session yesterday.

At the time, the grand jury had not yet learned that George Goldfarb, 55, principal of violence-tormented John Marshall Junior High School in Brooklyn, had plunged to death from the roof of his home.

The district attorney's office pronounced him a suicide.

County Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz promised to study Golden's proposal, which was made in the form of a question.

"Is there anything in the law that could prevent thousands of mothers and fathers from having their young children boycott the schools until something is done?" Golden asked.

Leibowitz said he will confer with Brooklyn Dist. Atty. Edward S. Silver and report back to the grand jury.

When notified of Goldfarb's death, Golden said the jurors will call in Board of Education officials to find out whether the principal had been under pressure or had been threatened with disciplinary action for reportedly telling the jurors last Thursday that he would like to have a policeman stationed inside his school.

The grand jury and Leibowitz favor stationing a policeman in every school in the city. This suggestion has been turned down by the Board of Education, School Supt. William Jansen and Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy.

It was disclosed that Goldfarb had notified the police he wanted a patrolman stationed inside his school. A later request was mailed Monday night.

When Jansen was told about this, he said the Board of Education "would certainly have approved his request."

Last week a 13-year-old white girl at John Marshall reported she had been raped in the school basement by an unidentified Negro boy.

The rape resulted in Goldfarb's appearance before the grand jury. He was due to appear again yesterday.

Last Thursday, two other incidents involving violence were reported at his school.

Patrolman Thomas Fleming, on duty outside the school, was punched by one of six youths he ordered not to loiter around the building. The school's recreation director was assaulted by a youth in the basement of the school.

The John Marshall student body is 45 per cent Negro and 10 per cent Puerto Rican.

The grand jury also heard testimony that teen-aged hoodlums forced an assistant principal to

quit one Brooklyn school under fear of harm, while another youth gang took control of a Brooklyn elementary school and attacked a woman teacher.

Later, Dr. Joseph C. Noethen, an assistant superintendent of schools, said reports of a youth gang taking over a school were "not true."

"Some high school students got

into the building and the police ejected them. No teacher was touched or assaulted and no damage was done," he said.

Two teen-age white girls were stabbed in the back as they were changing trains on their way home from a Brooklyn parochial high school.

Sharon Gallagher, 15, and Katherine Guilfoyle, 17, were taken to

a hospital with superficial wounds. They were later released.

Police held five Negro boys, 15 to 17, and sought three others for the attack. The boys, police said, had been drinking wine in the neighborhood and were "pretty high."

The girls were attacked when they refused to give the youths money, according to police.

## They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



## Senator Raps Reuther Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Dirksen (R-Ill) today described union leader Walter Reuther's profit-sharing plan as "definitely an effort to invade the management field."

"We're going to have to explore that," Dirksen said as Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers, was called before the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly subcommittee for a second day of testimony.

Reuther testified that control over industry is not "the remotest part" of labor's goal, but Dirksen said the UAW's profit-sharing plan is an attempt "to dictate the apportionment of profits" by car manufacturers.

If Reuther is not interested in dictating policy, Dirksen asked in an interview, "why come up with a plan like that?"

Under the plan, advance by the UAW as its chief goal in contract negotiations this spring, the workers would receive 25 per cent of profits in excess of the first 10

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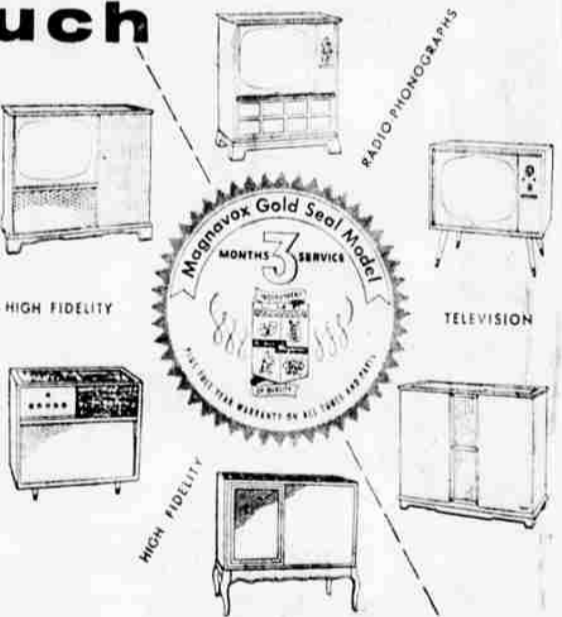
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