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Outlook

By BILL JENKINS
Philosophers and authors of the Pollyanna ilk have been telling us for years that the future will be exactly what we make it. But the gentlemen in the men's clothing business meeting in convention at the National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers in Chicago recently, are apparently determined to have some hand in the future outlook.

The future, according to them, is going to be different. And, brother, look out!
While browsing through an announcement of this meeting, the first piece of information to meet my eye was the description of the evening jacket of the future. This one was constructed of aluminum lame and came with matching cummerbund and tie. It was further fancied up with satin lapels and satin piping on the pockets.

Since the average man wears an evening jacket about as often as he does mukluks, I don't suppose this is going to pose much of a problem.
But, at least from one standpoint of view, it is somewhat disturbing to note that designers of men's clothing are following the feminine trend in dipping into the past.

Feminine designers have at least partially succeeded in forcing women back into clothing that makes them look as if they were wearing a poorly designed flour sack. Now the men are getting into the act by trying to revive the cape, and at the Chicago show there were all kinds of them. Short capes, long capes, medium sized capes, capes in plaids, checks and the old familiar somber black and blue. There was also a flat black evening cap with a flaming red satin lining.
Other of the sartorial savants are predicting fur trimming for men's jackets. Such as Persian lamb, raccoon, pony skin and wombat lapels. Even the all-fur coat is about to stage a comeback. One advertiser recently put out a plea to the male public to "buy yourself a fur jacket to match your wife's."

The Ivy League is on the way out and shoulders will be wider, waists more emphasized (mine is emphasized enough as it is), trousers will come without cuffs and neckties will be even louder than they are now.

The haberdashers don't seem to be much worried about the success of their campaign except in one field. They are pretty shaky in their hopes of bringing back the top hat. The biggest complaint to that silken wonder seems to be that it won't fit into a modern sports car.

Everybody thinks of February as the month of both Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, but it is the birthday of another celebrated object as well. February 21 marks the 10th birthday of the telephone directory.

The world's first directory was on one sheet of paper headed "List of Subscribers New Haven District Telephone Company." The office was open from 6 a.m. until 2 a.m. The complete directory included 50 names after a start of 21 subscribers.

This first directory also had a classified section listing 11 residences, three physicians, two dentists, 20 stores and factories, four meat and fish markets and two hack and boarding stables. There were no numbers in the directory. Central knob everybody anyway.

For some time now people have been coming out with predictions that the United States was headed for vegetarianism. This has been highly depressing. However, there is still hope for those of us who are living in the present age.

Dr. M. R. Clarkson, who is a deputy administrator of the U.S. Agricultural Research Service, recently told a meeting of western states meat packers that one hundred years from now the steaks and chops of today will be only a memory. The reason, he says, is that in that one hundred years the population of the United States will have grown to such a point that there will not be any farm land left. At least, not enough to grow beef on.

So there, if you've been worrying about having to live on vegetables, I guess you're safe for at least another hundred years.

School Financing

By JOHN GUERNEY
The recent presentation of cost estimates for placing an auditorium on the newly completed south wing addition at KUHHS sheds much light on a question voiced by many Klamath Falls residents during recent months. How much are the wing and auditorium going to cost?

The off the cuff estimates have varied from a million or so bucks to 40 million rubles, depending on the individual thinking related to the race for outer space.

Wednesday evening Architect Howard Perrin spoke before the joint school budget boards and advised that his studies indicate that the cost for putting on the auditorium will range between \$900,000 and \$500,000, depending on the size and type of building wanted.

The costs represent the whole ball of wax . . . building costs, architect's fees, and furnishing costs. The \$800,000 and \$700,000 estimates would provide for an auditorium with a 2,200 seating capacity, and the \$600,000 and \$500,000 estimates would provide for a 1,500 seating capacity. There are two figures for each building size, depending on the type of structure wanted.

The south wing addition to which the auditorium would be added is now nearing completion and is expected to be occupied sometime during March. Tabulated costs indicate that the wing will have cost approximately \$750,000 when finished. Again, that cost figure is an approximate total, including building costs, architect's fees and furnishings.

The cost of the overall project, including the south wing addition and the auditorium, will now depend on what the school boards elect to do. If they accept the low auditorium estimate and contract on that basis, the cost of the entire unit would approximate \$1,250,000. If they elect to go first cabin and contract on the maximum auditorium estimate, the cost of the entire project would approximate \$1,550,000.

The boards have not yet indicated what course will be taken. They are also considering a third possibility if the available serial levy funds during the next four years are not sufficient for auditorium construction. With a small balance on hand, the existing serial levy monies approximate half a million dollars.

Should that amount not prove sufficient, and should the boards elect not to raise additional monies for the auditorium construction, there is a possibility that they may divert the upcoming \$480,000 serial levy money into building modifications to create more classrooms, and into the construction of a new field house.

Moon Trip

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—Have you been saving up pennies to finance a vacation to the Moon?

Well, if you have, now is a good time to break open your piggy bank and spend the money on the nearest blonde. You'll have more fun.

Like millions of red-blooded Americans I, too, was eager to make a pioneer voyage to the Moon. I was, that is, until I did a little research on the earth's only original, or pre-Russian Moon.

Although I consulted such standard works as the Encyclopedia Britannica, I found their articles on the Moon a bit too advanced for a mere tourist. After all, who knows what a synodic month is? Or a draconic month? And what does it mean to you to be told that on the Moon the darker parts of Oceanus Procellarum reflect only one eighth as much light as the Crater Aristarchus?

The real blood-curdling facts about the Moon, however, are fully bared in a little volume called "The Young Scientist's Fun-book, for Boys and Girls Age Ten to Fifteen." And from this

lunar Baedeker for the barefoot scholar, I learned:

The Moon is no place for insomniacs. The nights there are two weeks long. So are the days.

The Moon is no place for music lovers. Because it has no atmosphere, you can't hear a sound of any kind. (In one way this is an advantage. You could sit three feet from a rock 'n' roll band—and not even be aware it was playing.)

The Moon is no place for people who like to keep their feet on the ground. Because its gravitational pull is only one sixth that of the earth, you'd have trouble avoiding floating every time you went for a walk.

The Moon is no place for claustrophobes. It has no air, and the sky is black.

The Moon is no place for people who like cold weather. During the day it is so hot that you could fry an egg in your hand. You'd fry, too.

The Moon is no place for people who like hot weather. At night it is so cold your body would freeze solid.

The Moon is no place for people who like to garden. It has no soil — just endless rocks.

The Moon is no place for people who like to drink highballs. It has no water — not even enough for a chaser.

The Moon is no place for romantic people who love to look up at the twinkling stars. Seen from the Moon, the stars don't twinkle—just blub. And the earth looks like a big blob of eerie light.

When you get right down to it, the Moon simply is no place for ordinary people at all.
The next time you get a chance, take a good long look at the man in the Moon. Do you think he's smiling? He isn't. It's an optical illusion.

Actually, his mouth is wide open and he's crying, "Help!"

For Drivers

By JIM KLOCKENKEMPER
United Press Automotive Editor

The scientist who directed development of the first full-size self-guiding car says it's only the beginning.

Dr. Lawrence Hafstad, who heads the technical research center for the nation's biggest auto firm (General Motors), visualizes a future highway system which controls cars and signals drivers.

The present self-guiding car will follow a low-power, low-frequency wire which is buried in the highway. Two coils are fastened to the front bumper and these pick up the magnetic field which the electric wire creates. The signals from these coils go to an electronic computer which figures out the steering moves necessary to keep the car centered over the wire. The computer's orders go through an electric-hydraulic system which actually turns the wheels.

Dr. Hafstad believes this guidance control system could actually be used now on a highway with an "automatic lane" for cars traveling at set speeds. Hafstad and engineering mechanics research chief Joseph Bidwell say it would be a fairly simple matter to control speeds. This could be done either by outside highway devices which would warn drivers, or by speed control devices in the car which would sense approaching vehicles.

Hafstad and Bidwell admit the possibility of completely controlled driving is a long way off. They say that devices which can "sense" factors around the car can be built. They say the power devices

to stop the car, slow it down, speed it up and guide it can also be invented. The trouble is no electronic brain can duplicate a human driver in making decisions.

Hafstad believes road builders should start now by laying wires in the roadway which can be used in the future. He sees these wires being used not only to send up a car control signal for guidance, but a number of warning and information signals to the driver.

Hafstad believes one of the wires could be a broadcasting antenna to the driver's instrument panel. It could set off noise signals which would tell him if he was going too fast. Another signal could tell the driver whether or not he had room to pass the car ahead. The driver could even receive information about the number of cars or amount of traffic he could expect ahead of him.

Another warning device could rouse the driver if he had fallen asleep or if he was holding to a straight course.

Hafstad believes drivers have too difficult a time now reading the road signs, the speedometer and a bunch of vari-colored lights on a strange highway. So, says Dr. Hafstad, the thing to do is bring the signals from the highway inside the car to the driver.

Ezra Benson

By GEORGE J. MARDER
United Press

Ezra Benson is in troubled political water . . . so deep and so hot a lesser man would have been scalded out of the cabinet long since.

This is not the first attempt to get rid of the secretary of agriculture, among the most unpopular cabinet officials with his own party since Henry Wallace.

And even Wallace had a handful of out-spoken, very loyal followers in Congress.

But there are few, if any, even within the Republican membership in Congress, to speak out in strong support of Benson. The drive to oust Benson originates within the GOP, gleefully assisted, of course, by Democrats. But the driving force for the Dump-Benson move now bears an unquestioned Republican label.

Other cabinet officials, in other administrations, also have ranked high in unpopularity contests with Congress. Notable, in recent years, former Secretary of State Dean Acheson and one-time Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan.

But Democrats didn't organize delegations to plot the removal of Acheson or Brannan in the manner that Republicans are now going after Benson.

During last summer, there were reports, apparently well-founded, of a GOP strategy to get rid of Benson. The reports had it that the strategy was worked out by a top Republican in Congress.

The plan was to have Benson offered the presidency of a large university, a post which, it was hoped, would be attractive to the temperament and background of the agriculture secretary. At the same time, the White House would be asked not to put up any barriers if Benson indicated in any way he might accept.

The strategy never got started because Benson called an extraordinary press conference to announce he was staying on, come what may, short of a presidential request to get out.

The Dump-Benson move is now going straight to the White House on the basis that the agriculture secretary is a millstone which will carry the GOP to a political grave in the November elections, and possibly the 1960 presidential elections too.

It is no longer a question of farm policies, pro and con. The issue is Benson as a symbol which arouses farmers to vote against the GOP. The Republican politicians will have plenty of proof from recent elections to support that argument. The latest came from the special election to fill a congressional seat in Minnesota, where the Republican candidate squeaked through in a district which hadn't gone Democratic this century.

There seems to be no question that farmer rebellion against Benson was responsible for the closeness of the race.

The Republican lawmakers put it as diplomatically and politely as possible to Benson to quit for the good of the party. Benson refused, insisting his loyalty is to the farmers, and that's the best kind of politics.

They'll Do It Every Time



The Klamath County Grand Jury will convene Monday morning to study and rule on the following cases:

Brownie Larry Atkinson, 18, of Klamath Falls, who faces three charges of burglary not in a dwelling. The youth is charged in connection with the 1957 burglary of Ganong's variety store, four break-ins at the Town and Country Shopping Center, and burglary at Baggett's General Merchandise store. He was apprehended in New Jersey and returned to the Klamath County Jail January 25. Other persons involved in the burglaries have waived grand jury hearing and are being held in the county jail pending circuit court pleas.

Verlen Bates, 18, of Klamath Falls. The youth is charged with statutory rape and was arrested the latter part of January.

Charles T. VanWycke, 35, of Hagensack, N.J. The defendant is charged with forgery, was arrested at another location, and was returned to Klamath County to face the charge.

Sylvia Mathis, 20, of Los Angeles. The defendant is charged with larceny by embezzlement involving a \$1,800 check reportedly absconded within Klamath Falls. She was arrested in Los Angeles and returned to the Klamath County Jail on December 12, 1957.

Jack Roman, Klamath Falls. The defendant is charged with larceny by bailer involving a 1957 sales contract transaction and is free under bail.

Wilbur Gordon Hixson, 38, of Bly. Hixson is charged with larceny involving the driving of a car not his own and was taken into custody January 7, 1958. He is free on bail.

Charles Raymond Hoffman, 18, of Klamath Falls. The youth is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon as a result of the late December, 1957 beating of Duane Shelley, 21, of Klamath Falls. Shelley required 35 stitches to close the wounds in the left side of his head and face. He was reportedly attacked by Hoffman and another youth in the 100 block of Washington Street as he was walking home after escorting a baby sitter to her nearby home. Police said a beer bottle was found at the scene of the incident.

Donald Gammon, 20, of Klamath Falls. The youth is charged with burglary not in a dwelling involving a break-in at the pro shop of the Reames Golf Course.

Bruce Tupper, 28, of Chiloquin. The defendant is charged with second degree murder involving the January 15 gunshot death of Teresa Hunt, 39, also of Chiloquin. The shooting occurred in the woman's home and is reported to have followed a quarrel involving the couple.

L. D. Mann, 48, of Portland. The defendant is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses and is being held in the county jail.



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