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Year of Dog

By BILL JENKINS

If my calculations have not gone too far awry February 25th marked the beginning of year 4656 on the Chinese lunar calendar, the Year of the Dog.

Since this is so it would seem only fitting that we, in our erring human manner, do all in our feeble powers to make it a grand and glorious year for our betters.

Recently there have been all too many stories which handed the human element the short odds when it comes to benificence and left man's best friend the indisputable champ in the fields of humanity, understanding, cooperation and likeability.

Almost every day, it seems, we see stories of mans' inhumanity to dogs. The innocent animals are left homeless and alone, they are tormented, one even had acid thrown in his eyes.

In view of the very probable fact that us humans are going to be judged by a canine jury of our peers one of these days when we step over the great divide it seems only a matter of common sense to get in a few good licks while we are here and able

Since there are too many laws as it is it looks as if the only plausible solution is going to lie in the field of human understanding. Everyone, including the dogs, would be happy if they were afforded half the little gratuities of life they are expected to provide for the amusement of their masters. Plus at least a look-in on the legal side of things.

As it stands now the dogs are getting the short end of the stick socially, legally and almost every other way. Most of this stems from the unshakable conviction on the part of most people that they are smarter than dogs, better equipped to handle the problems of the day.

Well, since this is the case doesn't it seem logical that these same people should assume some of the responsibility? I can't help thinking it does.

So, if that is the case, let's make a few changes in the existing laws and bolster our general relations with the canine tribe in the hopes of bringing about better rapport on both sides.

First, if humans want to assume all this weighty responsibility of being the master race let's see to it that they live up to their word. Let's make it a punishable crime to abandon a dog, to keep a dog chained in unsuitable quarters, to short him come dinner bell time, to haul him out in the country and turn him loose to fend for himself.

Let's draw up a canine bill of rights that will give the dogs the same "rights" as humans enjoy. Man has voted himself a lot of self-assigned privileges, apparently for the sole purpose of fracturing them. He has burdened himself with a book of laws which he gleefully spends a lot of time bending out of shape to suit his own convenience.

So why not the same civilized luxury for dogs?

If this were done I'll be willing to bet that the dogs would live up to their constitution and by-laws a lot more faithfully than mankind ever has with his.

I don't propose that dogs be given the same treatment as humans. That would be an unspeakable cruelty to perpetrate on a helpless dog. But I do suggest that dogs be afforded not only their rights but the understanding of the human race. If that race is capable of understanding anything except personal gain

In short, let's make this Year of the Dog a white spot in canine history. Let's go ahead and let the world go to the dogs. It might be an improvement.

Forest Pressures

By CHARLES V. STANTON
Editor, Roseburg News-Review

At least two people in Douglas County are worried, I know, about pressures for increased timber salse. One of those persons is Vondis Miller, the supervisor of Umpqua National Forest. I'm the other.

Many others doubtless join our apprehension. At least most people should, we feel. But, on the other hand, the pressure to break down the sustained yield harvest policy on national forests and public domain timber lands will get increasingly heavy as the private supply of logs diminishes.

The danger has been mentioned on numerous occasions in this column. It will, I believe, bear repeating frequently while the pressures continue.

Introducing his 1957 report on management of the Umpqua National Forest, Supervisor Miller says:

New wood-using industries continue to be built in the area in an effort to round out manufacturing facilities and make plants economically competitive. With the mill capacity already far exceeding the timber supply this can only mean that some time in the near future those mills that cannot fully utilize the logs will be forced out in the bidding for timber.

As the struggle for existence grows more grim, there will be pressures exerted to break down the sustained yield principle on the national forests. To do so could only lead to greater reductions later, and increased loss to the community.

The Umpqua National Forest contains about one million acres and has an inventory of around 32 billion board feet of timber. Present inventory data indicates an allowable annual cut of approximately 303 million board feet. During 1957 sales amounted to 231 million board feet, or 72 million less than the allowable quota.

Because modern techniques give greater utilization of timber, it is possible to raise inventories. A few years ago a cruise would show a limited volume of merchantable timber on an acre, because only straight-grained, disease-free logs could be sold. Today's practices, however, permit usage of crooked-grain logs as well as those containing some rot or disease. Thus it becomes possible to up the annual harvest in proportion to improved usage.

But there is a great danger in this situation. Operators of log-hungry mills insist that the inventories be stretched again. They keep adding to the pressure for larger allowable cuts. As more mills become dependent upon federal timber, more operators join the chorus.

Until late years there were no brakes on the wood industry It cut its way across the continent, leaving denuded hillsides and ghost communities.

The policy of sustained yield is comparatively new. Roughly described, it provides that timber from public lands shall be harvested only as rapidly as it grows.

Operators are cutting timber from private forests much faster than a sustained yield policy would justify. Many areas already have virtually exhausted private timber and are dependent upon sales from public domain. Obviously competition is keen in those areas where mills must buy federal timber in order to survive. As other supplies grow less, the operators of the hungry mills keep using every possible pressure to get a larger volume of federal sales.

If, however the sustained yield policy ever is broken, we too will join the denuded landscape and the ghost towns.

Because of the great need for every available log to feed our industrial production, the allowable harvest should be kept as high as a sustained yield policy will permit.

The Umpqua National Forest, however, can't be kept up to its full allowable cut without access roads. The access road program is progressing far too slowly.

The Umpqua Forest last year had total receipts of $7,267,934, not including power licenses collected by the Federal Power Commission. Operating expenditures were $1,026,365. This left a net profit of $6,241,569 for the year.

It would seem that an operation returning $5 in profit for every $1 expended would be worth some capital investment. Yet we've been getting very unrealistic sums for the construction of roads needed to provide maximum efficiency in the management of this critically important "business."

Unless the Department of the Budget and-or Congress awaken to the responsibility of trusteeship, we will have a difficult time in maintaining either an allowable cut or a sustained yield policy.

Boss Back on Top

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—The boss is the boss again.

The down turn in jobs has made this forgotten figurehead of business a person of importance once more.

It always happens that way.

When there are more jobs than people, nobody pays much attention to the boss. He tiptoes around the place talking to himself—for fear that if he says something out loud he'll hurt somebody's feelings, and the guy'll quit and go to work for a competitor.

But when there are more people than jobs — such as right now — the boss again becomes industry's "father image." The problem of the wise worker then becomes one of how to please his paycheck pappy.

So it is time to revive again a forgotten American art — the art of apple polishing.

Your older hired hands, who've survived bad times before, know how to do this instinctively, just as an old boxer never quite forgets his footwork or how to protect himself in the clinches. It's the young employes, who've never known a recession, who are likely through pure ignorance to get gored by a rampant boss now.

They need help. So here are a few tips on how to butter up a boss:

First, find out who the boss is. If there is a fellow in your office who used to sneak out to play golf at 2 p.m. but now goes around picking paper clips off the floor to cut down expenses, look no farther.

Keep your feet off your desk while he is in view. If he speaks to you, rise to your feet and address him as "sir," a polite term used in ancient times to one's superiors. It is not necessary, however, to salute him. (Not unless times get really bad.)

Maintain a serious mien at all times except if the boss tells a joke. In this case laugh first and longest — but don't overdo it. It isn't wise to let the boss know how scared you really are.

Never interrupt his old joke to tell a new one of your own. The boss no longer wants you to be amusing on company time. The only reason he is telling you a joke is to keep his own spirits up.

When going to the water cooler, stride up quickly and self-confidently (as if you had really earned the right to a drink), gulp a fast one, and return to your desk. Do not linger around the water cooler to ambush the giggling stenographers. Those days are over—for the duration.

Around noon go into the boss's office, ask him if you can borrow some salt and pepper, then explain, "A little personal thrift doesn't hurt anyone, chief. I'm bringing my lunch to the office now."

Be more helpful in small ways. If you know your boss and his wife are going out for the evening, ask him if you and your wife can't baby-sit for them—for fun. This, of course, is downright toadyism, but it will please your wife to visit the boss's home—and see that his wife is an even lousier housekeeper than she is.

Anybody who follows these simple rules will weather practically any office economy drive and probably be the first to get a raise when the boom resumes.

That is, if the boss doesn't lose his own job.

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Women Only

By UNITED PRESS

The nation's favorite Dumb Dora has finally agreed to keep quiet — in public, that is.

Gracie Allen quit the team of Burns and Allen to become strictly a Beverly Hills housewife this spring. Gracie says it has been her life-long ambition. But she can reflect on a show business tradition going back to 1924, when she first walked on stage to play "straight man" for George Burns.

They got $5 for the performance . . . and the audience laughed at Gracie instead of George. George, who says he is too old to retire, will not have a new partner. "There will never be another Gracie," he says.

As for Gracie, she gives the credit to her husband. "George always puts the funny lines in my mouth," she says, "now he will have a chance to get all the laughs himself."

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Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, has submitted her resignation as a member of the Republican senatorial campaign committee. The Republican senator would not explain her withdrawal.

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The tiny principality of Monaco is getting ready to welcome what it hopes will be a male heir to the throne.

The practical country also hopes that the event will bring a large number of tourists in the off-season month of March.

Princess Grace and Prince Rainier were quoted by their news attache as saying that "We would just as soon have another girl baby as a boy, since a girl would be a good companion for the 13-month-old Princess Caroline."

The child is expected about March 15.

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But the Monagesque people clearly are hoping for a boy.

The birth of a male heir would be announced by a 101-gun volley from Monaco's two cannons. A male heir would also take precedence over Caroline as heir to the throne.

Grace is in excellent condition and physically active even though her baby is due within less than a month. Her daily routine at the palace is unchanged, but she has reduced her social appearances on the outside.

There will be somewhat less public fuss for the birth of the second child, although elaborate preparations are taking place.

The layette is being provided by the grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Kelly of Philadelphia, who is having it made in several colors including white, blue, green and pink.

The palace refused comment on the report that the princess might be expecting twins. As for the name of a boy or girl to be born, the palace refused to say anything.

Unknown?

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—A letter to the editor last week from a Mr. E. J. Anderson, Route 1, Box 741, contained some statements which the casual reader might accept as a serious indictment of our school administration. Attempts to reach "Mr. E. J. Anderson" by telephone and by other means have failed; in fact, we find that the address "Route 1, Box 741" does not exist.

Harold Ashley,
2443 Hope Street

Quotes

By UNITED PRESS

WASHINGTON— Comedian Bob Hope, on his trip to Russia:

"I'm a cultural exchange, but they haven't decided what to exchange me for yet."

ST. LOUIS — Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell on the nation's unemployment:

"February figures to be released next week will probably show about five million unemployed, but the March figures, available next month, will show a downturn."

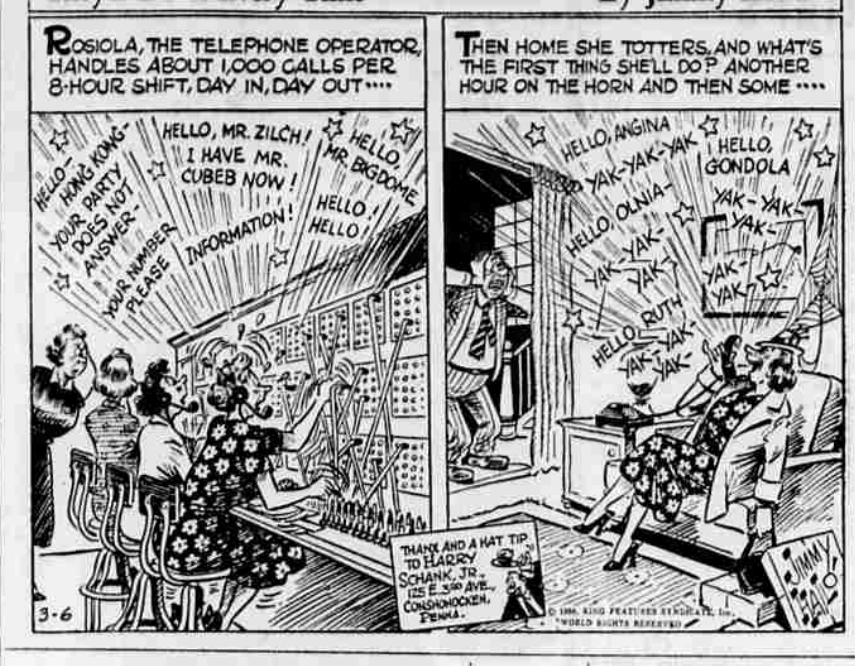
PASADENA, Calif.—Dr. William H. Pickering, director of the California Institute of Technology Jet Propulsion Laboratory, on the whereabouts of the second Explorer satellite:

"There is a great probability that it is not in orbit. . .It could even be down in one of the oceans."

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Actress Marie (The Body) McDonald, on her off-again-on-again husband's most recent request for a divorce:

"Oh, fiddle-dee-dee. I love Harry and Harry loves me. The children and I will be waiting until Harry gets over this latest bit of foolishness."

They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo



California Weather

By UNITED PRESS

San Francisco Bay Region: Clear today and tonight; increasing cloudiness Friday with rain likely late in day; cooler today and tonight; high today 55; low tonight 45 in downtown San Francisco and Oakland and 35-40 elsewhere; northwest winds 25-30 m.p.h. today and 10-20 m.p.h. tonight and Friday; rain probability 50 per cent Friday.

Northern California: Snow flurries in mountain areas and showers Monterey and Fresno southward today, otherwise mostly fair today and tonight; increasing cloudiness northern portion Friday with rain likely late in day; mostly fair central area Friday; coastal winds northwest 20-30 m.p.h. with locally stronger gusts today, decreasing to 10-20 m.p.h. tonight; west or northwest winds 15-25 m.p.h. Friday.

Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou area: Fair and cold today and tonight; increasing cloudiness Friday with snow likely by afternoon.

Sacramento Valley: A few scattered showers southern portion this morning, otherwise fair today and tonight; increasing cloudiness Friday with rain likely late in day; continued cold with freezing temperatures tonight; high both days 50-56; low tonight 26-34; northwesterly winds 15-30 m.p.h. today decreasing tonight.

Northwestern California: Mostly fair today and tonight; increasing cloudiness Friday with rain likely by afternoon or evening; colder with freezing temperatures inland tonight; high today and low tonight Napa 55-28, Ukiah 53-26, Santa Rosa 56-27; coastal winds northwesterly 20-30 m.p.h. decreasing tonight.

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Thomas R. Chipman, vagrancy, judgment deferred and bail set at $100.
Rex Hutchinson, drunk, $25 or 12½ days.
Leroy G. Kirk, drunk, $25 forfeited.
Martin Kenneth Ford, drunk, $25 forfeited.
Dock Mack, disorderly conduct, $25 forfeited.

On The Record

ALTURAS BIRTHS

BATH—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bath, Adin, February 24, in Alturas a son, Jerry Milton, weighing 7 lbs., 6 ozs.

McHUGH — Born to Mr. and Mrs. James McHugh, Alturas, February 26, a son, weighing 6 lbs.

MOUNT SHASTA BIRTHS

TOMS—Born to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Toms, McCloud, in Mount Shasta Hospital, February 16, a daughter.

LODEN—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver E. Loden, Weed, in Mount Shasta Hospital, February 17, a son.

WILM—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Wilm, Dunsmuir, in Mount Shasta Hospital, February 26, a son.

GILLIAM—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry G. Gilliam, Mount Shasta, in Mount Shasta Hospital, February 27, a son.

McDANIEL—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren D. McDaniel, Mount Shasta, in Mount Shasta Hospital, February 27, a son.

BELCASTRO—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Belcastro, Weed, in Mount Shasta Hospital, February 28, a son.

DEALS SATISFACTORY

BUENOS AIRES (UP) — Raul Ondarts, head of an Argentine trade mission which visited several countries in Eastern Europe, said today the deals concluded during the tour were very satisfactory. The mission returned from behind the Iron Curtain Wednesday.

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