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Puzzling

By BILL JENKINS

Feeling around in my basement the other day I was struck again by the fact that household life must be pretty baffling to the family pets. Gosh knows it is baffling enough for us humans not to mention the dogs and cats.

But the thing that really started this pattern of thought was the obvious puzzlement on the face of my pup when he was watching me fill his water bucket at the laundry tub. I had noticed in the past that he had a little look of bafflement when I did this but put it down to his being thirsty. But today he was carrying out the charade a bit further. He would peek over the edge of the tub and watch the water run out of the faucet, then duck down and look under the tub to see where it went.

No water. So up and make sure it was running. Then down and peek under the tub. I tell you, you could almost hear his brain ticking over as he asked himself where it was all going.

And, man, was he glad to see his bucket full when I lifted it out and set it down for him. I think he had the idea he might never get another drink the way that water kept gushing out of the tap and then disappearing.

Of course the pup and the older dog, too, are baffled by a lot of things besides running water. They can't understand why a man who has the keys to the dog-wagon should want to stay home instead of going for a ride. They fail to see why dinner shouldn't be served four times a day—and why it can't be on time if it is only served twice. They fail to understand the niceties of living room rugs and furniture. (They have their own couch in the basement—upholstered with plywood.) Cats, other dogs, horses, motorcycles, quail, small children, bicycles, cars, seagulls, squirrels, floating feathers, garbage trucks and almost all other objects are for chasing and they fail to see why they are confined to the run. Oh, there are lots of things they don't understand.

But there are a lot of things they do understand, however, and that about makes up for the spells of not understanding.

Take the pup, for instance. He was born with nice instincts except for his bullying tactics (he outweighs the older dog by nearly a hundred pounds) around the food pan. And like all dogs with nice instincts he was born with the idea that all the outdoors is his personal bathroom but the master would appreciate it if he would use the neighbor's lot. The neighbors wouldn't, but the master would. So mine carefully uses the vacant lot next door.

He even retires modestly behind a screen of plumbbrush. I doubt if anything with as much fur as he's got could blush, but I'm sure he tries whenever I am rude enough to invade his privacy.

Of course the whole thing is instinct, because I haven't told him yet that I own that vacant lot. But then, why spoil a good habit? After all, I may move some day.

Then there is the matter of helplessness. Couple of weeks ago or so I started taking the pup, a Saint Bernard, to Pat Montgomery's obedience school. He gets the idea real fast and really wants to help. So much so, in fact, that when I called the two dogs to come in the other night and the older dog, a boxer, didn't respond quickly enough to suit Sunny he romped over and ran the slow poke into the basement, nipping him on the flank at every jump.

I wish he would be as attentive to duty when he is in school instead of wanting to meet every other dog. This is a practice which causes him to veer sharply in front of me when I am trying to make him heel, thus causing me to fall heavily several times during each session. At home he works just fine. The stinker.

Not that I would have you believe the bigger, if younger, dog wins all the time. Far from it. The boxer, North, is older and smarter. He can beg more effectively, and because he is smaller, can sneak upstairs once in a while and grab a snooze in front of the fireplace.

Also, the dog-wagon is his. He was there first. He grabs the front window and stays there and if Sunny tries to dispute the issue he ends up at the back of the truck nursing a split ear and badly lacerated feelings.

And then, of course North can jump in the truck all by himself. Sunny hasn't learned to leave the rear end of his vast bulk up that high yet so I have to stand by and do Redcap duty by placing a small

wooden box on the ground for him to use as a stepping block.

And to this day I haven't gotten so much as a nickel tip. But that's all right. Sunny hasn't figured out where all that water goes, either.

Police Chief

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

After almost 14 years, Klamath Falls is to have a new chief of police.

The resignation of Orville Hamilton, handed to the city council last night, is to take effect immediately.

The new chief is Sgt. Charles A. Howard, who has been with the Klamath Falls police force almost as long as Hamilton has been chief.

Personally, there appeared to be plenty of justifiable reasons for the change.

However, it is pertinent that it be pointed out that Hamilton did not resign because of any wrongdoing. He has served the citizens of the city for many years in a capable, conscientious manner.

The city of Klamath Falls is growing up, and the need for a police chief who was more administrator than lawman has become apparent.

Hamilton's resignation came on the heels of the police department evaluation conducted by Inspector Richard Young of Berkeley, California. Young made a factual, critical survey of the department, its procedures, policies, and needs.

He has given the city of Klamath Falls a blueprint outline of what reorganization the department needs to bring its police force up to the standards necessary to cope with the needs of a rapidly expanding city.

There will be those who will criticize the selection of a man from the ranks as acting chief. However, Inspector Young indicated in his report to the council that Howard was one of the few men in the department who was capable of taking over the chief's post.

The appointment will be for a two or three month period, during which time it will be possible to better evaluate the effort being made by Sergeant Howard to handle the duties of chief.

The city council requested the Berkeley Police Department to give Inspector Young another two month leave of absence that he might return to Klamath Falls and assist in putting his recommendations into effect.

However, the chief of the Berkeley department stated this could not be arranged. But, he will be providing the council with another officer from the Berkeley department to put the plan into effect, and oversee the new chief as he puts the plan into operation.

It's not known yet just how soon a man will be available, or who he might be. However, the Berkeley chief has indicated that whoever is selected for the job, he will be thoroughly briefed on the report by Inspector Young, and will be a man who will have the complete approval of that department.

Sergeant Howard who takes over the office as chief on an acting appointment has been with the department since his initial appointment as a special officer on April 8, 1943.

This action has again been the result of studied consideration on the part of the city council. It not only refused to be stampeded by the stinging indictments of the Klamath County Grand Jury, but was determined to proceed along its own course of investigation and arrive at a series of conclusions that could be supported in fact, something not evident in the grand jury report.

However, in all fairness, also, the grand jury report was good. It pointed up the need for some investigation in the matter, and brought it to the point where action became necessary.

When the job is done, it should

result in the people of the city of Klamath Falls having complete faith and confidence as well as respect in all members of the police department.

That has been and will continue to be the aim and the goal of the council in this entire controversy.

An Honor Earned

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Editor's Note: Roseburg News-Review

Selection of John P. Amacher of Roseburg for the Community Service Award, presented annually by the Portland City Club, must delight John's many friends everywhere.

It has been my personal privilege to spend many pleasant hours in the company with John Amacher. Because we belong to several conservation organizations, we have had occasion to travel together to various conventions and other meetings. Some of these trips have taken us on journeys where, as men will do when traveling a long distance in an automobile, we have talked at great length on a wide variety of topics, some of which were intimate in character.

In those talks I have learned to know and understand the inspirational character of the man selected for state honors by the Portland City Club and I can say sincerely that no man, in my opinion, is more deserving.

Being a modest man, John may not appreciate my exposing some of the motivation behind his dedicated service to the public, but I hope he'll pardon me.

Amacher is a naturalized citizen. He came to the United States from Switzerland. His first experience in this country was not pleasant, as it involved the sudden and unexpected death of a brother he had planned to join on the West Coast.

Despite his personal tragedy, John fell in love with the United States at first sight. He was ridiculed by some of his countrymen when he announced, while still unable to speak the English language, that he had decided to become a citizen. He was told that the thing to do was to amass a few thousand American dollars, which would enable him to live out a life of ease in his native Switzerland.

John's reply was that the United States, with its great opportunity for freedom of independent action and thought, was to be his future home; that a man enjoying the advantages and privileges of such a country should, at least, be a citizen and exercise every responsibility of citizenship.

(What a country this could be if all native-born Americans had the philosophy of this adopted son!)

As I have talked with John, hour after hour, while we "let our hair down," riding together in an automobile from one side or one end of the state to another, I have had opportunity to see John's dedication to citizenship in action.

He knows a great deal more about American history, political science and political structure than does the average native-born citizen. He has made an exhaustive study of government, that he may better discharge the citizenship responsibilities that weigh so heavily upon him.

Elected to public office, he is one man I know of who did not look upon his election as a personal honor but, rather, was extremely humble and grateful that he was permitted to be of service.

In Switzerland one of the first lessons learned by a child, John has told me time and again, is

that scenery and resources must be protected. Switzerland is limited in its natural resources. The nation's economy is geared in large part to its tourist income. Scenery and recreational resources and facilities are commodities to be sold to the tourists. Children learn that they must never mar or disturb scenery; that a tree must be planted before a tree may be cut.

John, was, and is, appalled by the waste and careless destruction of natural resources observed in the United States. Since learning the English language he has raised his voice persistently as an evangelist for conservation. He has worked devotedly with conservation groups. It is his long devotion to conservation and the hard work in which he has participated as an individual and public servant that has attracted statewide notice and public recognition.

Wherever Amacher has lived he has been a vigorous civic worker. He has never ceased preaching the importance of conservation and of developing resource facilities for recreation.

Those of us who know and love John Amacher are extremely happy for the recognition he has received. We feel he richly deserves the honor conferred upon him, and we add our votes of appreciation for the service he has given to our community, state and nation.

Mail Bag

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't read his mail:

That Lord Byron, a poet who was as odd as his rhymes invented his own special diet to lose weight. . . It consisted of cold boiled potatoes and wine.

That men outnumber women 25 to 1 in "Who's Who in America" . . . and the youngest of 50,643 celebrities listed is actress Margaret O'Brien, 21.

That if you are a normal, red-blooded American, you will eat 62 hot dogs in 1958.

That this remark was overheard at the Hotel Manhattan bar: "She made a millionaire out of him. . . when she married him he was a multi-millionaire."

That a possum at birth is about the size of the eraser on an ordinary lead pencil.

That migrating geese fly up to 60 miles an hour and hold the altitude record for high-flying feathered folk. . . 29,000 feet.

That the original "Siamese Twins," joined together from birth, married sisters and had a total of 22 children. . . Among their descendants were an Air Force general and a railroad president.

That the more feminine beauty fashions change the more they are the same. . . Women of ancient Pompeii, which was destroyed by volcanic eruption in 79 A.D., painted their cheeks and wore their hair bound in a manner pretty much like the present day "pony tail."

That it was never safer to be mother. . . Fewer than one woman out of 2,000 now dies in childbirth.

That in certain parts of Egypt a father or brother who kills his erring daughter or sister is regarded as an "honor criminal" . . . and usually gets only six months in jail.

That Sultan Ismail "The Great" of Morocco once built a 350-mile wall from Meknes to Marrakech so that blind beggars making the journey could feel their way along it and avoid coming to harm.

That a baby camel in Morocco costs \$50, but a fully grown cream-colored desert speedster is priced up to \$350.

That one seventh of the world's population now is Moslem. . . This youngest of the major faiths prohibits its members from drinking intoxicating beverages or eating pork.

That if your . . . she is suffering from . . . anesthesia, don't brood about . . . This is just a scientific term meaning she isn't ticklish.

That the saying "Do not do to others what you do not wish done to you" did not originate in the Bible. . . It was uttered by the Chinese philosopher Confucius in 478 B.C.

That in Sweden girls believe they can get their marriage off to a good start if they bake a loaf of bread and give it to a poor stranger.

Quotes

By UNITED PRESS

DALLAS—Designer Pocket Morton, on the latest thing in ladies' pants:

"Capri pants come as tight as possible and still let you sit down. We do make pants which are looser, but these are strictly for gardening and aren't stylish."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

ASK ANY OF THE VISITING FRIENDS—SEDIMENT IS THE IDEAL FATHER, HUSBAND AND HOMEBOY...

BUT WHEN NO OUTSIDERS ARE AROUND—WHAT KIND OF A DOTTING PARENT AND HUSBAND IS HE? BUT YES.



Huge Polar Bear Reported

POINT BARROW, Alaska, (UP)—A monstrous polar bear, described as "at least 30 feet" in length, is roaming the ice shelf along the coast of the Arctic Sea near here, three hunters said today.

Raymond Kalayauk, an Eskimo seal hunter, said he saw the giant animal twice while hunting along an ice lead about five miles west of Point Barrow last month. But when he came home with the story, no one would believe him.

Then a week ago, Nathaniel Neakok and Raymond Ipaloook returned from a seal hunting expedition and said they also saw the monster bear twice while they were camping about 12 miles northeast of Point Barrow.

Kalayauk said he first saw the head of the bear from a distance of 200 yards. He said he fell flat on his stomach and watched the huge creature for five minutes before it submerged in the frigid sea. Then it emerged again and he was positive of what he had seen.

"The head could easily reach five to six feet in length," Kalayauk said. "It was breathing

heavily and the hide was dark." (Not all polar bears are white.)

Kalayauk said he had his .270 rifle ready in case the bear got too close for comfort.

Neakok and Ipaloook said they both saw the bear emerge from the sea twice and, like Kalayauk, they watched it until it submerged.

The whole body had not been visible, they said, but judging from the size of the head, they estimated the oversized animal was "at least 30 feet."

When other hunters asked Neakok and Ipaloook why they didn't shoot, they replied, "Are you crazy?"

In the spring of 1956, Paul Tazur reported seeing a polar bear similar in size to the one the other three hunters said they had seen.

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Sorrow Greet Immigrants

NEW YORK —Mrs. Carmella Pasut crossed an ocean to sorrow yesterday, but no one had the heart to tell her.

Throughout an eight-day passage from Genoa, the 29-year-old immigrant told her children — Alessandro, 9, and Lilliana, 7 — that they would soon be in a new home in Canada with their father.

Mrs. Pasut recognized no one in the crowd waiting on a pier when the American Export liner Constitution docked. She scanned faces, expecting her husband to meet her, but he wasn't there.

Luigi Pasut, 43, died a week ago today in Oakville, Ont.

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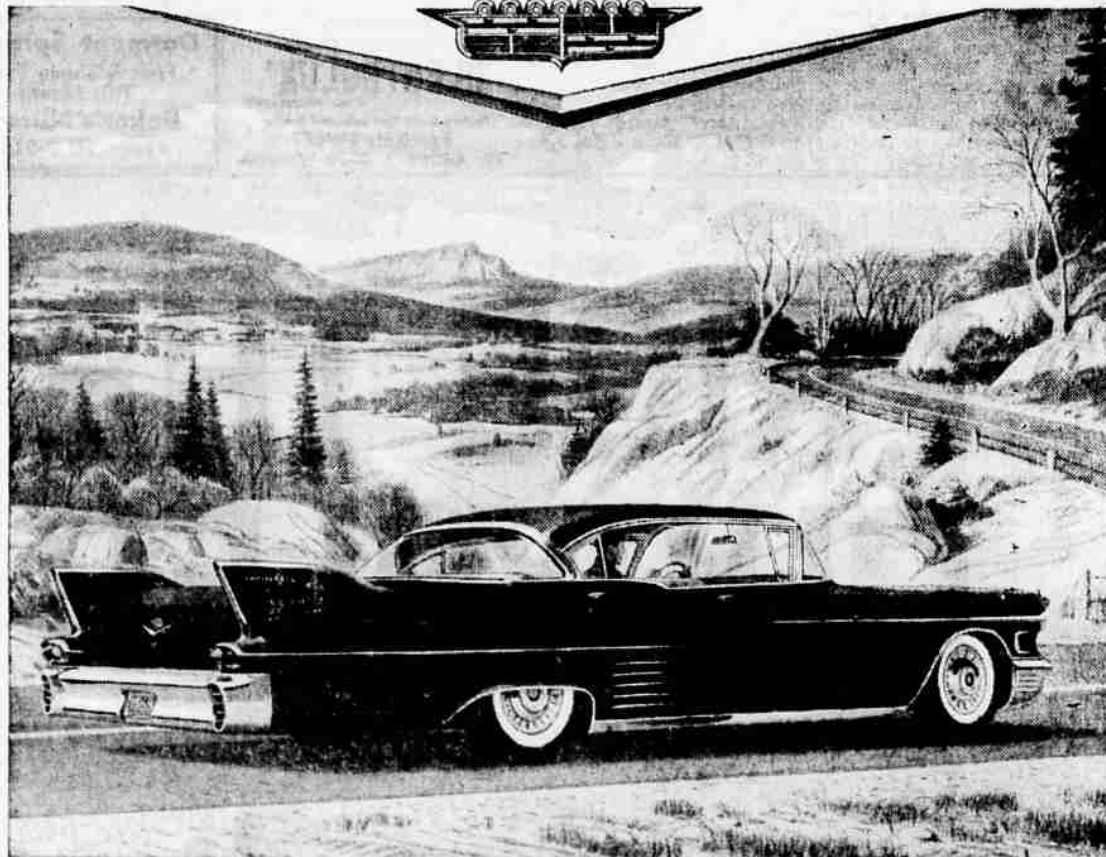
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