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Postal Notes

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP) — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:
That the average person eats his weight in salt every 17 years.
One reason Japanese food tastes so bland may be because of an old Japanese superstition that if you abstain from pepper you'll attain wealth.

Auction sales, now enjoying a spreading popularity across America, originated with the Romans who found them a quick way to turn loot into cash.
Beef in 1953 for the first time replaced pork as the top U.S. meat dish, and has stayed the favorite every year since.

The average clothing costs of a grammar school child now come to \$150 a year. Anybody in the house remember back in 1890 when home-delivered milk was seven cents a quart?

Actor Walter Slezak, who weighs 280, is certain fat men are more honest than thin men. "They have to be," he says, "because they can't run as fast."

Credit Belgian chanteuse Monique Van Vooren with this definition: "Concept is a form of 'I strain that doctor's can't cure'."

For the first half a mile a motorcycle has a quicker pickup speed than a jet plane. But from a standing start nothing can beat a New York City pedestrian.

Among things women borrowed from inventive man is the petticoat. The petty coat once was a small coat worn by knights under their coat-of-mail. Woman's big contribution to the petticoat was the change in geography.

Robert Q. Lewis tells of the Texan who was so wealthy his son in the Army had an unlisted serial number.

Perhaps the longest prison sentence on record was imposed on a man in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1903. He was sentenced to 1,000 years for criminal assault, plus 25 years for burglary. He died in prison in 1915.

Will humans ever live to 150 years? It was Jonathan Swift who observed: "Every man desires to live long, but no man wants to be old."

Comments By Ike

By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower—in his first news conference after the Republicans' smashing defeat Tuesday—gave no indication he knows how to revitalize the party or even that he will be active in trying to.

He not only appeared puzzled as to why the Democrats won by a landslide but at times in his meeting with newsmen Wednesday seemed to contradict his own thinking on how to plan to win in the 1960 elections.

Asked what he thought caused the Democratic victory, he said the people apparently didn't pay any attention to his warning about the "spender wing" of the Democratic party. He renewed his pledge to fight unnecessary federal spending.

But it was Eisenhower himself who in 1957 and again in 1958 asked the Democratic-run Congress to approve record peace-time spending budgets.
Although he hammered repeatedly on his determination to reduce spending—and was repeatedly asked where he'd make the cuts—he didn't name a single area that would feel the ax.

He said frankly he didn't know when asked what factors he thought caused the Republican defeat.
But he said he agreed with Vice President Nixon that the Republicans "are prone to campaign very hard the last week or two weeks, or two months of an election, and they don't fight between elections."

Then he added he agrees with Republican Chairman Meade Alcorn that: "If the Republicans don't start fighting this morning, this very day for the next election, they're going to be in a bad way, and I believe this is true throughout the country."
Right here is where he showed contradictions.

The very fault he found with the Republicans—that they fight only the last few weeks before an election and not between elections—is the same course he has followed himself.

Between elections he has taken a position above the political strife, trying to get along with Democrats and Republicans alike, and to avoid partisan political bickering.

Then, just before each election, he gets very active and goes out to campaign.

A few minutes after saying the Republicans ought to start right now fighting to win the 1960 election, he was asked what he

thought his role in the 1960 campaign would be. He said: "I am not even thinking about that election at this time."

And he said further: "My role for the next two years is to do exactly my very best to carry on the responsibilities and duties of the presidency."

While agreeing Republicans should start fighting at once, he indicated he hopes to get along well with the Democrats running Congress.

This is the opposite of the way former President Truman performed: he played politics between elections by hanging away at the Republicans and then looking forward eagerly to coast-to-coast campaigning before elections. He's still doing that.

Eisenhower explained he will try to get along with the Democrats for the good of the country.

He told the newsmen he doesn't see in the election returns anything that indicates the people of the country want his administration to do anything differently.

He added: "If I'm wrong, I'd like to know what it is."

Liquor Industry

By SAM DAWSON
AP Business News Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — America's changing drinking habits are giving the distillers some concern today.

For one thing, the total consumption is running behind last year's, which in turn was off from 1956, and well below the peak year of 1946.

For another, a smaller percentage of adult Americans touch the stuff today (55 per cent) than at the end of World War II (67 per cent). Temperance groups may be pleased that the biggest drop has been in the younger age groups.

Those who do imbibe have changed their tastes, posing sales problems for the nation's 90 registered distillers, 1,500 wholesale and 200,000 retail outlets.

And the locale has changed, too. Before the war 70 per cent of sales was to bars and restaurants. Now 70 per cent is to package stores, presumably for home consumption.

The industry is hoping for a pickup in sales during the approaching holiday season, the period when the greatest volume is traditionally sold. It will lure customers again with an array of gift decanters and fancy cackaging. And this year it will have some advertising outlets open to it for the first time. It also counts on the business recovery putting consumers in a festive mood.

The big switch in tastes during the 1950's has been toward straight and bonded whisky at the expense of blends, and the rapid rise in vodka sales, which this year will take about eight per cent of the market.

Benjamin W. Corrado, director of market research for the National Distillers Products Co., says that for the first time since 1943 there will be a 50-50 split in whisky sales between blends and straight or bonded whisky.

Straights are 80 to 110 proof and must be aged at least two years. Bonded whisky must be aged a minimum of four years and bottled at 100 proof. Blends are a mixture of whisky and distilled spirits. During the war no whisky was produced and stocks on hand were pieced out by blending with distilled spirits.

Prewar consumption totaled 150 million gallons; in 1946 it was 238 million and now about 195 million. Despite the drop, Americans drink about 80 per cent of the world's whisky production.

The distribution now is domestic whisky 63 per cent, gin 11 per cent, vodka 8 per cent, Scotch 7 per cent, Canadian 5 per cent, brandy and cordials 5 per cent, and rum 1 per cent.

Fireman Greeter

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
NEW YORK (AP)—Four or five times a month, Capt. Ronald L. Olsen takes his fire engine out into New York harbor to embrace some very important visitor with

a warm and wet welcoming kiss. As skipper of the fireboat John D. McKeen, otherwise known as engine No. 37, Olsen functions as a sort of Grover Whalen greeter with barnacles and without carnation. His job is to wave the official municipal hello with nozzles.

Since a good many dignitaries of various rank and renown go flitting in and out of New York in any given month, Olsen has to gauge the gush of his greeting to the importance of the celebrity.

Someone like Winston Churchill, who has sampled Olsen's spume, would rate the maximum cascade of cordiality. That is eight boats in the fire department fleet gathered round in a ring and each pumping up 10,000 gallons of seawater a minute in sprays 100 feet high.

It's a sight that the visitor is apt to remember all his life, particularly if a stiff breeze fans a few hundred gallons across his brow.

"When the atomic submarine Nautilus got back from the North Pole, we even broke out two or three rail hoses on each side of the boat, in addition to the five big monitor guns on deck," Olsen recalled. "It was raining very hard, but that was a very special occasion so it called for more water."

The extra rail pipes put the Nautilus on a social level with the Queen of England.

But lesser nobility or events, say the arrival of a new U.N. delegation or the opening of a new pier, might rate only two or three boats, depending on their standing in aquatic protocol.

"It's like deciding whether someone should get an 11- or a 21-gun salute," Olsen explained. "Fortunately, we don't have to make the decision. The fire commissioner, sometimes even the State Department, decides how many boats will go and what they'll do."

Sometimes, if a waterfront fire should break out at the same time, an eight-boat big shot is liable to find himself without a trickle of welcome.

"When the alarm sounds," said Olsen, "we turn right around and head for the fire, no matter how small it is or how big the visitor is. That's our primary job."

High Blood Pressure

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.
Sometimes a person can have two apparently unrelated disorders at the same time.

Q—I am suffering from high blood pressure of around 200 and have a heartbeat of 32 a minute. This has been as slow as 40 beats a minute. Would you please discuss this and say whether there is any relationship?—Mrs. E. F.

A—There are several possibilities for the high blood pressure. In a good many instances the cause cannot be identified. A slow heart, such as that described, is quite likely the result of what is known as a heart block. This means that the electrical impulses passing through the heart are in some cases stopped by failure of the conduction system.

It is possible that both the high blood pressure and the slow heart could be the result of some similar hardening process, but it is also possible that they are unrelated. It is true, too, that some people normally have a slow heartbeat without apparent relation to disease. A good many athletes show a slower than normal heartbeat.

Without knowing all of the circumstances and making technical studies, one could not say what should be done, either for the high blood pressure or the slow heartbeat.

Q—Would you please say something about water on the knee?—Mrs. J.

A—This presumably refers to the accumulation of what is known as synovial fluid in the knee joint itself or in the bursa which lies close to it. The latter is a form of bursitis, probably the result of injury. It sometimes goes under the name of "housemaid's knee." The former—that is, fluid on the knee joint itself—could be the re-

sult of injury or any one of several kinds of arthritis. It sometimes appears in a form of allergy known as giant hives. The treatment may involve removal of the fluid through a needle, often followed by bandaging. Other treatments are sometimes needed, depending on the degree and apparent cause of the difficulty.

Q—Please give an explanation for a clicking sound in the ear.—K.M.

A—It is said that there are three such sounds:

An abnormal amount of sticky mucus in the eustachian tube, and nearby areas; a rhythmic spasm of certain muscles lying internally; and last, as a result of injury to the eardrum or its nerve supply.

Q—I have been told that my uterus is double and I should have an operation. It was supposed to have been almost impossible for me to become pregnant, but I am. What are my chances for carrying this baby for nine months?—B.

A—This is an unusual situation. I should not want to hazard a guess as to the chances of carrying the infant to full term, but certainly hope that it will occur. The double uterus is what is known as a congenital anomaly and, of course, will not disappear of itself.

Q—Have the hormones ACTH and cortisone been used with success for multiple sclerosis?—H.

A—Not so far as I know, and I should doubt that they would have any favorable effect.

Q—Please say more about the change of life in men. I have seen many men literally fall apart during these years. My husband lost his best customer, whom he had served for 30 years. All of a sudden, although known as a mild man who got along well with everyone, he started to argue, became irritable and even screamed and yelled at me. If more people understood this as a temporary illness in men, they would be more considerate and treat such outbursts as though the man had had an operation or a heart attack.—Confused wife.

A—Many men go through life without any such change in personality. Furthermore, there is little evidence that a male change of life is alone responsible for such a striking difference in behavior. People become irritable and argumentative for a variety of reasons. In this instance, if it still persists, it would seem wise to obtain the advice of a psychiatrist.

Q—Please say something about joint pain and what can be done for them.—Mrs. E. T.

A—These are loose bodies often found in the knee, elbow and shoulder joints. They may be the result of disease or injury. Their long-time presence generally causes a chronic inflammation inside the joint which is accompanied by an increase in the amount of joint fluid.

Sometime movement results in sudden intense pain if one of the loose bodies becomes wedged between the joint surfaces. If they are producing severe enough symptoms they should be removed surgically.

Q—Please say something about the Guillain-Barre syndrome. My husband has this disease and we should like to know more about it.—Mrs. J.

A—This is a group of symptoms sometimes associated with encephalitis, or brain fever, of virus origin. The principal symptom is weakness in some of the muscles with increase in the amount of protein in the spinal fluid.

There is no specific treatment for it. Recovery may begin within two to four weeks and progress rapidly, or the patient may regain muscle function only slowly over a period of many months.

Q—Please explain why one should not have a drink of water within one hour of having a caesarean operation.—Reader.

A—It is inadvisable to have food or water immediately before an operation, particularly if the operation involves a general anesthetic. This is because there is danger of vomiting while asleep and this vomitus can in turn be inhaled into the lungs. After the stomach has emptied of food or drink there is obviously much less danger.

Quotes

United Press International
NEW YORK—Oscar Levant, on a TV show discussing the difference between Republicans and Democrats:
"The Democrats give the poor a chance to become corrupt."

BOSTON—James Michael Curley, oldtime political boss, on being informed of the Democratic sweep after undergoing serious surgery:
"What do you know? That's great."

They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Hatlo

Democrats Seem Assured Of California Control

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Democrats needed to capture only three doubtful state offices today to ensure across-the-board political control of California for the first time this century.

Results from Tuesday's general election gave the Democrats the posts of governor, U.S. senator, attorney general, state treasurer, control of the state Legislature and a tie or better in the state's congressional delegation.

The only statewide offices still undecided were those for lieutenant governor, secretary of state and controller. With many precincts still uncounted, the outcome of the three races could not be foretold.

With about 80 per cent of the state's 26,896 precincts reported, Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan was the only Republican leading in the undecided contests.

Democrat Glenn M. Anderson held a slim lead over incumbent Republican Harold J. Powers in the race for lieutenant governor; Democrat Alan D. Cranston led Robert C. Kirkwood for state controller; and Jordan led Henry Lopez for secretary of state.

But Atty. Gen. Edmund G. Brown pulled into nearly a million-vote lead over Sen. William F. Knowland in the contest for governor. Rep. Clair Engle held more than a half-million vote lead over Gov. Goodwin J. Knight in the race for U. S. senator.

Superior Judge Stanley Mosk rolled up a million-vote lead over Rep. Patrick J. Hillings, a protégé of Vice President Richard M. Nixon, in the race for attorney general.

A newcomer to politics, Bert A. Betts, a 35-year-old San Diego accountant, defeated Republican incumbent Treasurer A. Ronald Button.

Democrats were assured of 15 seats in the 30-man congressional delegation. Three seats were undecided and Republicans held 12 others. At the last session, the Republican edge was 17-13.

Democrats held an edge in the state Senate of 26 to 12, with two races undecided, and in the state Assembly of 45-26, with nine races in doubt. At the last session, both parties were tied 20-20 in the upper house, and Republicans held a 43-37 edge in the Assembly.

It was the first time since 1889 that the Democrats had captured numerical control of the state Senate.

What was the reason for the Democratic sweep?

One was the fact that party designations have been on the ballot for only four years. Many newcomers to California come from areas — particularly the Democratic South — where they customarily voted a straight party ticket. They are obviously continuing to do so in their new home.

Knight gave another reason. Knight, who reluctantly gave up efforts to seek reelection for governor after Knowland entered the race, said he believed he and Knowland could have been reelected easily if they had not switched contests.

Knight ran for the Senate seat Knowland vacated to run for governor. "We had such a collision it ended in political disaster," he said.

New Generator Now Operating

CLACKAMAS (AP)—The Portland General Electric Co. began operating a sixth generator Wednesday at the Faraday Powerhouse on the Clackamas River. The company said the installation increased the plant capacity to 44,000 kilowatts.

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Gunman Kills Bank Manager

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—The British manager of Barclays' Bank at Limassol was shot and killed by gunman today as he arrived for work. The killer escaped.
The victim, J. M. Brander, about 40, was the 20th Briton and the eighth British civilian killed since October 1, when EOKA, the Greek Cypriot underground, revived its campaign of violence.

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