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Topsy-Turvy

By BILL JENKINS

Just back from a flying visit to the coast where we took our winter look at the Pacific.

It was a good clear look, too. Left here in a dense fog that lasted all the way to Williamson River and then ran through over-cast to Portland. But when we got down the coast, at Talt, the following day we found it clear as a bell and colder than it has been here. Fellow told me that the night before it had dropped to 22. Pretty nippy for the coastal region. Busted water pipes all over the place.

Drove down to Depoe Bay to look at the fishing boats and found none working. But found, out later, that the whales put on a show. Seems that the migration of the grey whales is under way and the big animals were spotted spouting and rolling about by any number of people.

Not us. All I could see was ocean and sand and real estate offices.

The country over thataway is pretty but maybe a lot of that is just the feeling of change. It is pretty damp and drippy for my way of thinking. Nor is there any perceptible sign of prosperity breaking out like a rash.

But it is, as I said, a pleasant change. And certainly geared to the tourist trade. The motels and hotels are mostly all spruced up, the crab pots have a new coat of paint and the roads are in excellent shape. Maybe all this has something to do with the centennial next year. And it stands to reason that the coast region will get the lion's share of any increased tourist travel. So perhaps a cleanup is called for.

I can't help think whenever I get over in that country that this country is certainly well supplied with antiques. Every other building, it seems, houses a curio shop and/or antique store. The manufacturers must be very happy. It is a cinch that there couldn't be that many genuine antiques still extant. Not unless people are still buying them from one shop in order to sell them to another.

Of course, there are some that are the genuine article. I guess, I'm not really much of a judge. The only thing outside food and lodging I ever bought at the coast was a turtle with "Newport" painted on its shell. And it crawled off and got lost the first day.

Gift Problem

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Christmas buying is a pretty serious problem. A man thinks he has a rough time of it, trying to guess what the "little woman" would like to find under his Christmas tree, but he is not alone.

Oh my, no. Less than a fourth of the women in this country know the sizes of their husbands' clothes, according to a survey recently completed by a large clothing manufacturer in the East.

Nobody has ever tried to estimate how many thousands of gals and hours women spend exchanging wrong sizes in masculine gifts. We've never seen a figure, but our guess would be that less than one per cent of the males would take the gifts back to make the exchanges themselves.

Stretch socks have solved one problem for some women shoppers. It solves nothing in choosing gifts for the all-wool-sock-wearer.

Until stretch neckbands are made on shirts, a gal had better be a good guesser or know. Small, medium and large are nice words on the little white tabs the manufacturer sews in. Menswear stores usually have an assortment of sizes of salesmen which helps when you want to pick out a neck "about his size." But it is a little more difficult to select the sleeve length unless you really know in inches. Maybe you know how far his arm reaches around you but you can't go about trying that system out on the salesmen very well.

You have a few choices out of the dilemma. Ask the man what size he wears.

Or you can look at the size tags on his clothes. That doesn't always work, of course, because maybe that particular shirt was always too tight in the neck. You can ask his mother, but remember mothers were included in that survey as well as wives. Maybe you just better buy him a gift certificate, after all.

Wooden Tires

By NELSON REED

Some of us old timers remember when Franklin automobiles had wooden frames, and almost all

cars had wooden spokes in the wheels. Just this year something new in the way of wood has been added. Anyone buying a new car this year will most likely have wood in the tires, wood fiber that is.

International Paper Company which, it is rumored, may someday build a plant on the Williamson River, has perfected a process for dissolving wood cellulose for the manufacture of Tyrex cord, an improved cord for automobile and truck tires. Exhaustive tests of the new Tyrex cord tires have been carried on by leading tire and automotive manufacturers, taxi and truck fleets, and other independent agencies.

These tests have demonstrated extraordinary safety performance for Tyrex cord tires as well as improved tread life and better riding and driving characteristics. Tyrex tires will be used as original equipment on most 1959 American cars and will be available for replacements.

Little by little paper from wood fiber is replacing many articles in our lives. Linen napkins, except on very special occasions, are becoming a rarity. Paper makers tell us that soon we will be wearing wooden underwear and wooden shirts that we will throw away instead of sending to the laundry.

Many of us learned long ago that a few newspapers worn under our outer clothes were warmer than wool, and that a chunk of ice wrapped in many layers of newspaper would keep longer than any expensive insulated ice box.

From our point of view here in Klamath, where we have a world of potential wood fiber, all these things are all to the good. But you can well imagine that to flax growers and cotton producers, the news about Tyrex is all bad.

Defense Spending

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP)—That old Nikita Khrushchev, American taxpayers ought to be good and mad at him. If he'd just act nice, if he'd just quiet down. But no. He keeps acting up and costing us money.

Here was President Eisenhower saying just about a month ago—and very firmly too—that in his last two years in office he'd fight as hard as he could to keep down federal spending.

That was Nov. 5, the day after the elections. Eisenhower wasn't happy about the election returns. But he said the Democrats the voters chose were spenders, and "that is what I say is going to be the real trouble."

As for himself, he said this: "For the next two years, the Lord spare me, I am going to fight this (spending) as hard as I know how, and if we don't, I just say that, well, in the long run, everybody else that is responsible has got to fight it."

Since this year government spending is running around 80 billion dollars, and the Defense Department is spending just about half the 80 billion, what place seemed more likely for real economy than that department?

And maybe Eisenhower and his advisers thought some cuts could be made there. But then old Premier Khrushchev started cutting up again, talking about getting the Allies out of Berlin.

He sounded so mean about it, and so insistent, that the United States can't at this minute know what it's in for, or how rough things will get, but it does know it can't afford to take chances with defense.

Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy visited Eisenhower last week in Georgia. McElroy is a dutiful subordinate. He knows Eisenhower wants economy, and

apparently McElroy had been looking every which way to save a penny.

But when he got all through talking to Eisenhower, McElroy talked to newsmen and he said, first, it would be pretty rough trying to keep defense spending down to this year's level of nearly 41 billion dollars.

And then, second, he indicated that next year his department might have to increase, not decrease, its spending and wind up shoveling out a billion dollars more than this year.

So where is Eisenhower going to practice the economy he pledged himself to? In foreign aid? Probably not. And no wonder.

The Eisenhower administration itself has tentatively put together a foreign aid package calling for \$4,200,000,000 to \$4,300,000,000 for the fiscal year starting next July 1. That, too, would be a billion dollars more than the \$3,300,000,000 Congress voted this year.

It was the Democrats whom Eisenhower labeled the spenders. But even before those Democrats have a chance to take their seats in the new Congress, the Eisenhower administration is talking of spending more money than last year in the two vital areas of defense and foreign aid.

It looks as if not only McElroy but Eisenhower too is going to have a pretty rough time keeping down expenses, although Eisenhower has dedicated his remaining years in office to economy.

Jewelers Optimistic

By SAM DAWSON

AP Business News Analyst
NEW YORK (AP)—The nation's jewelers say they expect to set sales records this Christmas.

The Jewelry Industry Council reports today its members anticipate a 7 per cent sales increase in holiday business, which would pull the year's total to a new high.

The Thanksgiving-to-Christmas period is all important to the retail jeweler. In this period he normally chalks up 28 per cent of his sales for the year. Any letdown in Christmas spirit by consumers could spell disaster as far as the year's profits go.

But this year Albert E. Haase, president of the council, says most of the nation's 24,000 retail jewelers are solidly optimistic.

Business recessions usually spell trouble for the merchants of decoration and tableware. But the most recent one saw scarcely a bubble.

The low point of the Depression, 1933, saw sales slide to 175 million dollars. Since the war they have never fallen below one billion a year, but the postwar low was the recession year of 1949, when they stood at 14 billion.

The council also has figured sales per capita as the nation's population has grown. In 1929 it was \$4.40; last year it was at a peak of \$9.95.

Haase points out other factors. One is the growing pre-marriage market. Teen-agers and those in their early 20s have been urged to dress up with jewelry and to lay in a store of silverware.

The steady growth in the school population has had two effects. Buying of graduation watches and other gifts helped swell jewelers' profits. And the council holds that "the rise of the education level in the country has produced a proportionate rise in the taste level."

The high postwar marriage rate and the spurt in the birth rate has played a big part. And jewelers expect a real marriage boom to start in 1960.

Hopes for this month's increased sales are based on still another factor. Jewelers, along with many other retailers, regard this as a beginning of a new era of elegance.

Mind Scramblers

By DELOS SMITH

UPI Science Editor
NEW YORK (UPI)—Mind-scrambling drugs produced an effect on hopeless, derelict-type alcoholics which nothing known to science had been able to produce—they freed some, more or less, from the chains of drink.

Dr. Colin M. Smith brought this about in 12 such human wrecks. He had total failures in 12 others, but his 50 per cent success rate raised hopes that something extremely useful is in the making.

Alcoholism is a steadily intensifying national problem for which no real solution is in sight. The chemical mind-scramblers are LSD-25 (D-lysergic acid diethylamide) and Mescaline. They produce, in even the sanest people, hallucinations and other mental disturbances which closely resemble those of true insanity. When the body disposes of the drugs in a few hours, sanity returns.

So far they are experimental laboratory drugs because no other use has been found for them. Smith experimented with them in hopeless alcoholics because previous experiments had shown that they frequently make people aware of deeply buried mental conflicts.

His 24 chronic drunks were all hospitalized for the consequences of their drunkenness, which included delirium tremens, "blackouts," and cirrhosis of the liver. He spent two to four weeks getting on intimate and trusting conversational terms with each of them.

Then one by one they were given large doses of one or the other of the mind-scramblers. While each one was under its influence, Smith discussed the man's personal problems with him, especially those having to do with his drinking. Presumably the man was seeing those problems with a clarity with which he had never seen them before.

Smith also made "strong suggestions" to each scrambled mind that now was the time to give up drink. A few days later, the patient was discharged and was thereafter checked on by members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Three of them have now been followed-up for two years and there is no doubt that they either don't drink at all or drink much less.

The other 10 successes have been followed up for from two to 18 months. The 12 total failures were also checked, and they were failures from the very beginning. In fact, two were stealing alcohol and drinking it even before they were discharged from the hospital.

In his technical report to the Yale center for studies on alcohol, Smith emphasized the crudity of his techniques. After all, working with alcoholics is a complicated business and improved techniques will have to be worked out. For instance, Smith now is injecting himself with a mind-scrambler at the same time he injects the patient. It improves his ability to identify himself with the patient's problems.

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Quotes

By United Press International
CHICAGO — Deputy Coroner George Connor, on the stacks of bodies of children who died in the tragic fire in Our Lady of Angels School:

"It will be worse when the parents come to identify these tots."

LONDON—The Daily Herald, on protests by other newspapers over the "baby doll" marriage of 14-year-old Barbara Scruggs, of St. Mary's, Ga., who has joined her sailor husband in Britain:

"Busybodies—shut up!"

HAVANA—The Fidel Castro rebel radio, on alleged U.S. "meddling" in Cuban affairs:

"Enough is enough. We're tired of being branded as Communists by the American State Department."

WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy, saying he doubted a report that Russia was test-flying the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft:

"If it is true, it would be a tremendous jolt to us in this country."

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (UPI)—Kansas University sophomore Lowell Lee Andrews, 18, after slaying his mother, father and sister:

"I was tired of arguing with them about money, so I shot them."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Solon Urges Cabinet Aide To Seek Hike

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy was invited by Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-N.M.) today to put up a fight for a substantial increase in defense funds in the new budget.

Basic decisions on the size of the administration's military budget may be made at meetings of the National Security Council Wednesday and Thursday.

Chavez, who heads the Senate's Defense Appropriations subcommittee, said in an interview he understands McElroy wants more money for the military than President Eisenhower's fiscal advisers are willing to see spent.

"I'm on McElroy's side," Chavez said. "If he will fight for the funds he needs, he will find the majority of Congress behind him."

We're going to vote every penny needed for national security."

In the past, Chavez's subcommittee generally has voted to increase defense spending above the total previously allowed by the House, which acts first on all money bills. In most cases the subcommittee's decisions have been upheld by the full Appropriations Committee, which will be controlled by a 2-1 margin by the Democrats in the new Congress.

McElroy has hinted that next year's military budget request may be a billion dollars higher than the current \$40,000,000,000 level of defense outlays.

Eisenhower has been attempting to hold the total of defense and all other spending down to keep the new budget under an 80-billion dollar ceiling.

Scheduled to arrive here later today from Augusta, Ga., where he has been vacationing, Eisenhower called for a session Wednesday of the National Aeronautics and Space Council.

Press secretary James C. Hagerty said this group will discuss the proposed transfer to the civilian group of the Army's ballistic missile agency. The Army has protested the transfer but there are reports that a satisfactory compromise has been worked out.

In addition to acting on defense spending, the Security Council is expected to review the foreign aid program.

Christmas Business Surge May Reduce Jobless Ranks

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Government economists expect the Christmas season business surge to further reduce the ranks of the nation's unemployed.

But job totals probably will suffer the usual January dip. These prospects were reported Friday night by the Labor Department in its bi-monthly survey of job conditions in 19 major labor market areas. It said the employment rise which began in mid-summer continued through autumn and probably would last until the end of 1958.

There were these highlights in the report: —Factory job gains and a seasonal wave of pre-Christmas hiring have produced "a generally strengthened area employment situation."

—While almost all areas showed some improvement in employment conditions during the autumn, the changes in most instances were not large enough to warrant area reclassifications to categories indicating substantially lower unemployment.

—Most of the nation's principal areas continue to have an overall labor surplus, but employers were having increasing difficulty in getting all the workers they need in certain skilled and professional occupations.

Six major areas were dropped from the department's "substantial labor surplus" list of unemployment centers, reducing the total to its lowest level since March. Areas with 6 per cent or more workers unemployed fell to an eight-month-low total of 83 in mid-November. The six areas dropped from this "substantial" unemployment list were Indianapolis; Minneapolis - St. Paul, Minn.; Fort Worth, Tex.; Dayton, Ohio; Hamilton - Middletown, Ohio, and Columbus, Ga.

The department said these areas were reclassified as "having relatively moderate unemployment."

Atlantic City, N.J., was the only area to move into a higher unemployment bracket, shifting from the 6 to 9 per cent level to 9 to 12 per cent.

The total number of areas in the 9 to 12 per cent bracket dropped from 20 to 17, and the number of areas reporting more than 12 per cent unemployment declined from 15 to 11.

However, the total of 11 areas with more than 12 per cent unemployment this month contrasted with only two a year ago; the 17 areas with 9 to 12 per cent unemployment this month compared with a total of five in November.

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