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Christmas Carols

By FLORENCE JENKINS
Richfield Oil Company's Christmas gift to Klamath Falls has arrived.
The first thousand copies of the petroleum company's annual Christmas Carol Book, printed in full color and containing words and music to seven well known carols, have been distributed to the local Richfield dealers by Tom O'Hara, local manager.
Last year, requests were received from local churches and other groups for large numbers of the Christmas Carol Book and a total of six thousand was distributed locally.
Another four thousand copies are on order this year so there will be a sufficient number to fill requests.
The public acceptance of the Christmas Carol Book is more immediate and widespread than Richfield's packets of wild flower seeds. Availability of the seed packets, of course, depends on the size of the annual seed crop. Last year's crop of wild flower seed was rather limited so the supply was exhausted long before the demand.
Manager O'Hara tells an interesting local story about Richfield wild flower seeds.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frei took some packets of the seeds to Switzerland on a trip some four years ago. On their trip back there within the last year, they made pictures in color of the terrace at the home of their Swiss friends which had been planted with wild flower seeds. The wild flowers had reseeded and the profuse blooming was spectacular, and a beautiful living token of friendship between peoples.
The carol booklet does not depend on nature's bounty for supply. Free copies became available to the public today as Richfield Oil Company's contribution to a more joyous Christmas.

Columnist's Mail

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP) — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:
That the web of a spider, strand for strand, is stronger than if it were woven of filaments of steel of the same weight.
A survey among 2,500 men showed that 42.5 per cent preferred a cultural gift for Christmas, and 40 per cent wanted a bottle of liquor.
Looking for something to hate? Why not hate the hell weevil? It causes 300 million dollars a year damage to the cotton crop.
Ever wonder how much you'll eat in your lifetime? Nutritionist Carlton Fredericks puts the figure for the average man at 150,000 pounds.
One hundred million Americans now own life insurance.
It's a real wonder more people haven't broken the bank at Monte Carlo. Monaco has an army of only 65 men.
Robert Q. Lewis says a bikini is something that makes a girl look cooler — and a man look longer.
Most psychoanalysts now avoid leather couches—they're too slippery for nervous patients. Incidentally, prices for analyst's couches now run from \$85 to \$350 or more for deluxe hydraulically operated models.
Anthropologists found an odd custom among some tribes in African Somalia. Wives had to be faithful to their husbands only from Monday to Thursday.
Nothing shows the romantic nature of Americans more than the drawings they put on the back of envelopes. The most common one: A heart punctured by a shivering arrow.
Is there a connection between pets and mental health? The ancient Greeks believed that a person always accompanied by a dog would never suffer from insanity.
Charles I. was so selfishly fond of ice cream he wanted the delicacy restricted to royalty, so he paid his French chef, Jacques, 500 pounds a year to keep the recipe secret.
Everyone has his own idea of what a highbrow is, but it's hard to beat Edgar Wallace's crisp definition: "A highbrow is a man who has found something more interesting than women."
It was Christopher Morley who observed: "The first proof of old age is when you think that other people aren't having the fun you had."

Wall Street

By ELMER C. WALKER
UPI Financial Editor
NEW YORK (UPI) — No one can lose his shirt in Wall Street provided he has enough money and inside information.
So states Mrs. Morton Seidel of Beverly Hills, Calif., who has made a study of the women's problems in the world of finance

under the tutelage of her husband an investment banker.

She is perturbed over the stock buying by women who make their stock selections on rumors of splits or stock dividends, increases in dividends, new products, new orders, and so on.
She realizes that investigation of big businesses is a difficult task for the average woman. But the woman investor can ask questions of the right people and get the right answers, she avers.
An investment adviser or investment banker can answer the questions on management of big companies. The woman's own bank can tell her of the character of the men who run small businesses in which she might want to invest.

"Having determined this objective," Mrs. Seidel says, "a woman's next problem would be to compare the company with the industry as a whole. Although this seems simple, there are so many complex studies that it is almost impossible for a woman to make a decision on what stocks she should purchase without the aid of an expert on finance, she holds."

"However, in knowing how to ask questions, investing will be made interesting and exciting and will increase the woman's education and know-how."

Then comes the problem of knowing whether to invest or to speculate. If a woman is going to speculate, asks Mrs. Seidel, "Or is she willing to take losses as gracefully as she takes profits?"

"An investment is a purchase that is made primarily for continuity of income and stability of price. In other words, for a reasonable return on money invested as well as continued income."

"A woman who thinks she is investing properly because the market is going up does not realize she is speculating, and could very easily lose money."

"She speaks of gains, but rarely of losses. She thinks that the price will be higher but not that the price could go lower. Every woman wants to make money. But can she afford to lose?"

"What is worse, she knows that the market will be going up. She expects it. Then she waits because the market takes a dip, and she cannot afford to lose. Too late. She brushes aside the idea that a purchase of stock could be a speculation. She doesn't want to lose any money, but she will take the advice of a layman instead of listening and learning from the trained investment counselor or investment banker whose business is to know or to investigate."

Mrs. Seidel related the case of a wealthy woman who takes \$10,000 for her and her granddaughter to speculate. If she loses the entire amount, it makes no difference.

"She plays the market with money she has set aside for that purpose in the same way she plays a game of bridge," Mrs. Seidel explains. "That is fun for her and good for her broker. She cannot be hurt financially and fun is had by all."

"If a woman wishes to gamble in the market, and if she is sufficiently astute, and courageous, she can purchase when business is bad and sell when business is good. If she can do that, she should go ahead."

Thankless Job

By THOMAS P. WHITNEY
AP Foreign News Analyst
The removal of army Gen. Ivan Serov as chief of Soviet security—or the secret police—is a reminder that this powerful position is one of the most dangerous and thankless in the world.

SHORT RIBS

By Frank O'Neal
THINK HELL ORBIT?
A cartoon strip showing a man looking at a rib and thinking about it.

Most men who have held it have come to a bad end.

Felix Dzerzhinsky was the first Soviet security and secret police head. He took office Dec. 29, 1917.
Dzerzhinsky died of a heart attack July 20, 1926, after delivering a violent attack on enemies of Joseph Stalin.
Vyacheslav Menzhinsky held the security job eight years. The official record says that Menzhinsky was poisoned in 1934 "by the Trotskyite-Bukharinite enemies of the people."

Henry Yagoda lasted from February 1934 to September 1936. He was tried in the most famous "treason trial" of Stalin, convicted of poisoning Menzhinsky and others, and shot March 15, 1938.

Nikolai Yezhov, Yagoda's successor, was the bloodiest of the lot. He gave his name to the worst massacre of intellectuals the Communists carried out—Stalin's purge of 1937-38, known as the "Yezhovshchina." He lasted until Dec. 8, 1938, and shortly after disappeared into his own execution chambers.

Next came Lavrenty Beria, who was in and out of control of the secret police for nearly 15 years. Beria was arrested June 25, 1953, and executed as a traitor.

Victor S. Abakumov lasted from 1946 to late 1951 when he was arrested. Abakumov was shot in 1954 on charges of framing the Leningrad trial as a result of which many prominent Soviet Communists were executed.

More recent Soviet police chiefs include Semyon Ignatiev, appointed in 1952 and fired in March 1953 and subsequently blamed for participation in the so-called "doctors' plot" which was exposed as a frameup organized by Joseph Stalin.

Sergei Kruglov was made minister of internal affairs as successor to the arrested Beria in June 1953. He was dismissed without explanation in February 1956.

The most recent security authority — called the KGB, pronounced "kay-gay-bay" standing for committee on state security — was formed to take over intelligence, counterintelligence and key security matters generally. Gen. Serov was named chairman when it was set up in early 1954.

Negro Goal

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press International
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The immediate goal of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is stated to be the election in 1960 of

Three Negro congressmen from Mississippi.
—One each from North Carolina and South Carolina.

Authority for that political projection is Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.) who wrote for the Christmas gift issue of the magazine "Esquire" an article on racial integration in its broadest phase.
Javits speculated, on what he regards as the likely possibility, that a Negro will be appointed to a top cabinet position or be elected president or vice president of the United States by the year 2000 — 42 years hence.

The senator hopes and believes these events will transpire, explaining that he applies very practical considerations to the matter of Negroes and U. S. politics, as follows:

"Once the (civil rights) fight has won for Negroes in the South their constitutional right to vote," Javits wrote, "and once they learn to take the full responsibility of voting, this country may well witness a ballot box revolution in many Southern states."
Another NAACP immediate objective is to increase several times over the registration of Southern Negroes. The second session of the

106th U. S. Congress will convene in January, 2000. Javits believes between 30 and 40 Negroes will be elected to the House in that year. Negro leaders have told him that it will be possible to nominate a Negro to the Supreme Court in about 10 years and that there may be a Negro U. S. senator by then — 1968.

In fewer than 50 years, Javits expects a Negro to be elected mayor in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia or Los Angeles. By 1965, Javits expects school integration to be completed throughout the South.

The senator's practical political considerations likely are based on expectation of a great and steady increase in the Negro vote for local and federal office. Political factor No. 1, of course, is the protection now provided for Southern Negroes who desire to vote in federal elections. This was provided by last year's compromise civil rights bill.

Another factor is the population shift of Negroes to the great cities outside the South. The end result of such shifting can be seen in New York City where the borough of Manhattan elected in 1953 and reelected last year a Negro to be borough president. His name is Hulan Jack, Jack, in effect, is mayor of Manhattan Island, the one the Indians sold.

There is a great concentration of Negroes in New York City and on the record of performance, so far, it will become greater over the years.

"It is perfectly possible," Javits wrote for Esquire, "that by the year 2000, one out of every four New Yorkers (city) will be Negro. In Chicago, the ratio could be one out of every three, and in Los Angeles half the voters might be Negroes."

Javits has not overestimated the power-house possibilities of the Negro vote.

Gall Bladder

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.
Many thousands of people are faced each year with the problem of whether or not their gall bladders should be removed by surgery.

Frequently this is because of the presence of stones. When stones are involved, operation may or may not be advisable, depending on individual circumstances such as the symptoms produced, the location of the stones and the age of the patient.

However, there are also many people who have gall bladder trouble and may never need surgery, but who do not have stones inside this organ. Such people have inflammation of the wall of the gall bladder, the cause of which is still not too well understood, and for which there is as yet no good preventive measure.

The gall bladder is a small, pear-shaped hollow organ lying just under the liver and ribs on the right side. Its function is to store bile and to empty it gradually down a small passageway into the intestines. The bile is manufactured in the liver; when it reaches the intestines it helps in the digesting of fats.

In about two-thirds of all cases, the bile itself is sterile. That is, germs cannot be found in it. Chemical agents—apparently even the bile itself—as well as bacteria, can produce either acute or chronic gall bladder inflammation.

In acute inflammation, severe but not constant pain is usually the first sign of difficulty. This is generally on the right side of the abdomen. Often pain from the gall bladder is felt in the back under the right shoulder.

Nausea, vomiting, slight fever and swelling of the entire abdomen may come after a short time. The area around the inflamed gall bladder is almost always tender.

The question of whether to operate at the time when the inflammation is acute or to wait until it has subsided has been debated for a long time.

Some authorities feel that the removal of the acutely inflamed gall bladder can be done best right away. Others, equally competent, favor delay, and operation, if necessary, only during the time when the inflammation is not severe.

In the chronic form, the symptoms may be much the same as the acute form but not as severe. Many of those with chronic inflammation complain of "gas on the stomach," a feeling of fullness after eating, and similar vague symptoms. Sometimes jaundice (yellowness of the skin) and mucous membranes are present.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo
ALL LAST SPRING AND SUMMER, SNEAKERS GOT INDOOR JOBS...
YES—ALL THE CEILINGS AND THE WOODWORK AND THE CLOSETS—AND DO THE BATHROOM...
UH—I'LL DO IT AS SOON AS I CAN—GOT A LOT OF WORK AHEAD—HOW ABOUT NEXT MONTH?...
OH, YOUNG MAN—TELL YOUR BOSS I WANT TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT PAINTING MY KITCHEN...
IT'S YOUR WIFE—SHE SAYS TO TELL YOU BIGDOME CO. CALLED AND SAID YOU PROMISED TO PAINT THEIR SMOKESTACK BEFORE IT SNOWS—JUST MAKE SURE YOU FINISH MY JOB FIRST...
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This Man Isn't Superstitious

PARIS, Ky. (AP) — A more superstitious man would leave home.
Charles Johnson had 13 minor fires in his home in three days. Johnson, his wife, a daughter-in-law, nine children and a grandchild live there. Total: 13.
None of the fires was extensive. But the family says it's out of bed covers and the children don't have enough clothing left to go to school.
After the first few fires, one member of the family stayed awake at all times to watch, but it didn't stop the blazes. County Fire Chief Walter Ishmael started an investigation after the 13th.

Rip Van Winkle Couldn't Sleep with Nagging Backache

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Expert Back With Endurance Formula

McMURDO SOUND, Antarctica (AP) — After a year at the South Pole, Palle Mogensen has returned with a formula for endurance.
The 50-year-old expert in polar transportation arrived here with nine scientists and eight Navy men.
"It's amazing what the human being can get used to," he said. "But it takes strong character, a big heart, lots of common sense, flexibility and faith in God."
"Down there, the line between survival and death is that slim," he snapped his fingers.
Mogensen, outgoing leader of the Amundsen-Scott Scientific Station at the pole, went on: "Safety, of course, was one of the predominant factors at the pole station. In the real dark winter night, without a moon, it was hazardous just to go outside."
Mogensen said that on two occasions, June 18 and Sept. 19, the temperature fell to 101.7 below zero.
"I went outside just like this (with no coat) on the 19th of September," he said, "and I threw a cup of water into the air as hard as I could. By the time it came down it was all ice crystals. It made a kind of whooshing sound."
It hasn't been determined what permanent effect, if any, such temperatures have on the human system.
Dr. Vernon Houk, a Navy lieutenant from Firebaugh, Calif., went out and deliberately worked hard for 20 minutes when it was about minus 80. He froze lung membranes and that hurt him for eight days, Mogensen said.
Mogensen's party had only one real medical emergency. That was when a man came down with appendicitis. Dr. Houk relieved the condition enough with antibiotics to make an operation unnecessary.
Mogensen had some trouble adjusting physically to the 9,200-foot elevation at the pole, but the return to sea level didn't bother him at all.
"I feel fine," he said, "but there is definitely another kind of adjustment you have to make. You see 18 men for a year and then you come down here and you see 400 different faces. And you've got something to look at besides white."

Ill, Jobless Man Returns Purse

DALLAS (AP) — Jack McDonald, ill and out of work, found a purse. It contained \$41, two wrist watches, eight bus tokens and its owner's address.
McDonald borrowed some money to pay the fare and rode the bus to the owner's house to return the purse and its contents intact.
He received \$10 as a reward.

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