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Late Shopper

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
Christmas giving poses a tremendous problem for me.
Each year I always vow that I will begin my shopping early for my wife.
Each year I wind up in a frantic race for a last minute gift idea, and generally wind up with something which I see on Christmas Day and then somehow never see again. Leading to unconfirmed suspicions that something new has been added, but not what I had added, if you know what I mean.
I keep consoling myself each year with the thought that by the time I get around to gift buying, which is generally at 4 p.m. on December 24, there is very little to select from and it's so difficult to make up one's mind.
Also, the tight-wad part of me says, well, maybe at that late moment, they'll give you a better price because they want to move the merchandise.
But, always the day after Christmas these excuses sound extremely flimsy and I resolve to do better next year.
Here I am again in almost the same boat.
I like to pride myself on being the average husband.
I go into a store and look at some beautiful gown or pajama set of skirt or sweater and the clerk says, "What size?"
Well . . . hmmm . . . she's about like this . . . and I'm not sure if it's a 36 or a 38, or is it 32 or 34?
How about compact . . . that should be a much thought.
"Is she light complexioned or dark?"
Well . . . hmmm . . . let's see . . . gee, I don't know. She's well, she's not blonde . . . not brunette, either . . . she's . . . Well, what else do you have?
And so I wander from idea to idea and wind up with nothing.
But this year things are going to be different. I'm going out and do my shopping early, and I'm going to select just the right gift.
I'm giving the gift problem some careful analytical thought this year, and am carefully culling through my mind and sorting out the suggestions of the past year. I'm certain I'll come up with something.
Besides, I still have plenty of time to think about it, there's still 11 shopping days until Christmas.

Nose Counting

By FLORENCE JENKINS

It is just over a year until an official census count will be made again. In the meantime, the Oregon State Board of Census is confounding a lot of people with population figures released this winter.
There is shown, for example, a population loss for the state in this year's estimate. The state's total population as of July 1, 1958, was estimated at 1,726,630 compared with 1,737,470 on July 1, 1957, still better than a 200,000 gain over the official census in 1950.
Newspaper circulation for the state has increased over last year, by actual count, more than 4,000—in the face of the estimated loss of population of more than 10,000 in a year.
Newspaper circulation is tallied at least once a year by the Audit Bureau of Circulations which guarantees its audit of each newspaper.

Oregon's circulation figures during the last five-year period show an overall loss of circulation on the part of the two metropolitan dailies in Portland of more than 4,000. One Salem daily lost while the other gained and the dailies at Astoria and Baker both lost ground. Outside of Portland and Salem, Eugene's daily showed the biggest gain, 3,864, with Klamath Falls placing second, with a slightly higher percentage of gain than Eugene.

Klamath Falls is steadily gaining in population, also, and the county court's action met with widespread approval when it officially protested the last estimate submitted by the state bureau for this area.
An increase in residential construction permits of more than 300 per cent in October over the same month two years ago is one good indication that new families are moving into Klamath County.

Childhood Scenes

By NELSON REED

My old home town, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is having a 200th anniversary. Friends of mine sent me some pictures of the doings and urged me to come back on a visit. I shan't. I did once.
A fellow should never return after 50 years to the town where he was born, especially if it is a town like Pittsburgh. It shatters too many illusions and makes you wonder if all the fun you had as

a kid was just a pleasant dream. Those steep hills that once only the big kids were allowed to coast down seem almost flat as you ease up them in a car. The pond where you learned to play pretty good hockey has entirely disappeared, covered with row on row of dull houses. That wonderful windy hill where all the neighborhood kids flew kites in the spring is plastered with apartment houses. And that high stone wall that you dared each other to jump over on your barrel slat skis—it seems to have settled four feet.

Even the once terrifyingly fierce stone panthers on Panther Hollow bridge seem to droop dejectedly now. Gone is the "Big Woods," that twenty acres of wonderful old oak and maple trees where you dared the city cops, to hunt for a rare cottontail or gray squirrel. One never to be forgotten day you killed a big owl up there, at least it seemed big to you when you were nine.

And that lovely little creek that ran nearby, where if you were quick you could catch crawfish or salamanders—where is it now? Just a sewer underneath a highway.

What do you care for all the huge new buildings, the vast schools, hospitals and super highways? Everything you loved about the place where you were born is gone. You are glad to leave and you never want to go back.

Odd Ambition

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Mary Simpson, known as the Elsa Maxwell of the pet world, has an odd professional ambition. She wants to throw a beach party for horses.

"A beach is an ideal place for such a party," she explained. "Horses love the surf, but most of them rarely get to visit a beach."

Throwing parties for animals is now a career for this pretty, blue-eyed blonde.

Miss Simpson, an employee of the Hess Bros. department store in Allentown, Pa., is the world's only pet party consultant—at least as far as she knows.

But Mary, a college graduate who majored in Far Eastern history, doesn't think of her job as odd. She has loved animals all her life, enjoys catering to them.

"People have been throwing parties for their pets for some time," she said, "but it has been on a rather haphazard basis."

Miss Simpson likes to go over the animal guest list in advance—just as a professional Washington social hostess might.

"Animals don't differ much from human beings at a party," she observed. "They catch the air of excitement. They have their showoffs and their wallflowers. You have to be sure the guests will get along."

"So far I haven't supervised a party where we mixed canaries, parakeets and cats and dogs. But we've had a number of cat and dog mixed parties that come off very well."

"The fact a dog chases a cat outside the home has no bearing on how they will get along at a party. After they get to know each other, they behave very well. Cats and monkeys also get along well at parties," she said.

Jealousy arises only when the guest pet of honor gets all the presents—or when two dogs want to show off at the same time.

"As at a children's party," cautioned Miss Simpson, "it is important that all the guests receive a favor. And it is better if the favors are identical. This keeps down envy."

Pets like to play games at parties just like people. Their favor-

ite games, Mary said, are "bone scramble" and "hide the meatball."

What should you give a pet as a birthday present?

"The best present for a bird is another bird," said Miss Simpson. "The best way to surprise a cat or dog is to get it another toy like the very first one it ever had. It will remember—and be pleased."

"You can also get it a copy of some object it likes around the house but has been forbidden to play with—such as a slipper, lady's hat, rubber, or braided rug. But it is essential that you first use the object yourself, so that the pet will associate it with you. Otherwise he won't care for it."

Federal Budget

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—The struggle to mold a new federal budget in the shape of economy looks as frustrating to many in Wall Street today as it looks difficult to the fiscal experts in Washington.

Economy is a fine goal but the odds are stacked against it, many believe.

And this discouragement, or cynicism, makes them feel that the current letup in inflationary pressures will last only a few more months at best.

The bulls in Wall Street seem sure of it. Consumer surveys indicate that the public expects another rise in prices, too.

Treasury deficits are only one of the inflationary pressures that from time to time send the cost of living higher. Among others are the wage-price spiral that pushes the cost of production higher; or credit inflation that comes when the rate of new investment exceeds the rate of capital formation through savings; or too little capacity to produce goods when demand is high.

The last two aren't operating just now. But the first two are. And many see continuing danger from them after the conditions now putting a brake on the rise in living costs lose their force.

Serious as this fiscal year's prospective treasury deficit of 12 billion dollars is, bankers feel that the money managers so far are tackling the problem of containing its inflationary aspects with considerable success.

But the real misgivings—according to the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York in its December survey today—arise from the fact that this deficit is symptomatic of a rising tide of expenditure over which no one seems to have any real control.

What basically causes distrust of the dollar, the bank holds, "is the growing fear of deficit financing as a way of life."

There are those who contend that government spending also can have anti-inflationary aspects.

This theory is that such spending stimulates the economy, causes incomes and profits to rise and thus helps the treasury pare deficits. Inspires businessmen themselves to spend more, thus increasing productivity and holding down prices, and boosts consumer spirits so that they buy more and thus create jobs.

White House Notes

By MERRIMAN SMITH

UPI White House Reporter
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Backstairs at the White House:

Assuming that Sherman Adams goes ahead with the announced plans to publish his memoirs, several interesting questions are buzzing around the White House.

Naturally the prime inquiry is "How much will he tell?"

More properly, the question

should be "How much can he tell?"

If the memoirs are well along in preparation, it would seem likely that he would begin publication sometime next fall. The Eisenhower administration will have roughly another year and a half in office.

Therefore, one theory is that the former assistant to the President will not make any disclosures that would be embarrassing to the present occupants of the White House.

There is some belief in administration inner circles, however, that since Adams was anything but pleased about his departure from the White House last September, he might let fly with a few literary brickbats—not at President Eisenhower, himself, but rather close to him.

The picture of the former governor of New Hampshire writing an "inside" book is quite a switch on his performance as the No. 2 man in the administration. When Adams was in the White House, his relationship with outlets of information was not uncooperative—it didn't exist.

Even though he occupied an uniquely powerful position in government, he thought his business was no matter for public consumption. He defended this by pointing out that virtually everything he did involved a confidential relationship with the President.

Now out of public life and obviously interested in earning what he can, Adams apparently has had a change of heart about the confidential aspects of his role as the assistant to the President.

There is nothing new about such a change of viewpoint in former federal servants, but it just seems that way in the case of Adams because he was so loathe to discuss his affairs when he was on the public payroll.

As Adams pulls his memoirs together in the frigid country of his New England home, apparently he is not checking from time to time with his former boss about what to include and what to leave out.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty says that as of this week, Adams had not been in touch with Eisenhower since the presidential assistant left his job in October. This seems somewhat unusual since Adams for nearly six years was widely represented as being closer to the President than any other official of the administration.

When Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) visited the President this week to report on his eight-hour Kremlin conversation with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, the senator arrived at the White House in a tiny Volkswagen. When Humphrey left, however, he departed in the somewhat larger splendor of a White House Mercedes with chauffeur while his assistant, Bill Connell, drove out in the smaller German car.

Quotes

United Press International
CHATHAM, Calif.—Under Sheriff Volney Cummins, on the dynamite plot by two former cult members which resulted in the death of at least nine persons at sect headquarters:

"The two men were unhappy with the master and said they had tried through authorities to bring him to justice. Unable to do so, they would take care of the master themselves."

ATLANTA, Ga.—Ralph Castleberry, jury foreman at the trial of one of the men indicted for dynamiting a Jewish temple, on the reason the jury members did not convict the defendant:

"The consensus was that the bombing was at a time and manner that whoever did it had no intention of taking any lives. Most of the men could not vote for the death penalty."

RENO, Nev.—Harry Bridges, as he paid \$5 for a license to marry a Nisei secretary after having to obtain a court ruling overturning Nevada's law barring interracial marriages:

"Is that the regular price or does it include the extras?"

WASHINGTON—President Eisenhower, denying former President Truman's assertion that he had been mad at Truman since the 1952 campaign:

"I think that most of you have found that I have had a little bit too much sense to waste my time getting mad at anybody."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Charges Will Stand, Says Attorney

ABERDEEN, Wash. (AP)—Monroe Stephens, Grays Harbor County prosecutor, said Wednesday he has no intention of dropping a murder charge filed last Thursday against Guido Grassi.

Grassi, 76, has now served 35 years in the State Penitentiary at Walla Walla for the death of Joe Tolomei, one of three men slain in Aberdeen in 1923. The new charge names John Ricci, one of the other men slain.

Wednesday, relatives of Tolomei, who had originally asked Stephens to file the new charge, requested that the charge be dismissed.

"We feel like we'd like to let him (Grassi) get home for Christmas," said Lee Tolomei, 45, a son of the murdered man. "We bear no grudge and feel no hatred toward Grassi."

Tolomei made the statement at a press conference in Seattle which was also attended by his brother, Joe; Tolomei's widow, now Mrs. Carlo Pelligrini, and Pelligrini, who was shot and wounded by Grassi in the 1923 murder spree.

"We want to get this Grassi business over with now—we are tired of all the publicity," said Lee Tolomei. "We have suggested to the prosecutor that he drop the charge."

Stephens said the charge will stand so long as he is prosecutor. Stephens is the county's interim prosecutor, who will fill the post only until the newly elected prosecutor takes office Jan. 12.

Stephens filed the charge about

24 hours after Gov. Albert D. Rosellini had commuted Grassi's death sentence to life imprisonment. The governor at the same time left the door open for a pardon and for Grassi's eventual return to his homeland, Italy. The elderly prisoner has said he wants to go back to Italy to live out his remaining days.

The new charge blocked almost any chance Grassi had of obtaining a pardon.

"I want to wash my hands of this thing," Mrs. Pelligrini said. "I want nothing to do with this Grassi man anymore."

Lee Tolomei offered much the same sentiments.

"We've suffered enough. We want to try to forget about it," he said.

SCOUT NEWS

LAKEVIEW—Cub Pack 13 held its November meeting in the Arthur D. Hay Auditorium.

Dick Wyatt, scout executive for Lake and Modoc counties, was present to perform the induction ceremony for the following boys:

Douglas Clause, Douglas Anderson, David Neal, Lane Simpson, Jarol McCann, Ronald Collier, Edward DeWitt, Tony Darst, Richard Cosgrove, Gary Moss, Keith Castel, Roger Hannagan, David Foster, Kenneth Beeson and Michael Fesler.

Dewey Meredith, scout commissioner for Lake County, assisted with the advancement awards. Wolf badges were earned by Ronnie Carter, Sterling Harris, and Lane Shaw. A bear badge was received by David Schaefer and lion badges by Jimmie McDonald and Con Fitzgerald.

First year service pins were presented to James Wiseman, David Schaefer, Mike Griffin, John Lindsey and Ronnie Estep. Second year service pins were awarded to Jimmy Blair, Charlie Bodenhamer, Willie Decker, Ernie Festch, Con Fitzgerald, Robbie Giese, Richard Goodnough and Wes Pardue.

Den 5 conducted the opening and closing sections of the meeting and Den 4 entertained with a Thanksgiving skit. Den 1 honored Wyatt and Meredith with the "grand howl." Dens 1 and 3 provided displays for the evening.

At the conclusion of the evening's activities, the commissioner awarded the newly-acquired honor flag to Den 1.



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