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Dander Up

By BILL JENKINS

I suppose that a man can learn to live with anything. Even a concept so foul and unfair as Togetherness.

But one thing we can do without entirely are, from my standpoint, those women editors who turn out pieces purportedly aimed at making life easier but in reality pointing out the inadequacies of the average male.

I have just received one in the regular service in which this woman gives out with a list of ten helpful hints on what to do with the house when the wife has to leave hubby alone for a few days.

She starts off with a mythical story of what a mess one, man left, bad enough that the neighbors had to be called in to help straighten it out. She then goes on to tell us how to keep the house neat though the commanding officer has to visit her mother or make a trip to the hospital.

On food she says: "... leave him snacks ... a great pot of stew in the refrigerator that he can warm up each night ... canned foods such as beans, chili, spaghetti."

In short, the burn can't cook so let him starve to death. I wonder how many men would be willing to live for a week or two on beans and chili?

But this is not enough. This writer goes on to suggest that the wife close off all the rooms except his sleeping quarters and "a room where he can relax." What would that be? The bathroom? To continue: She says to leave garbage containers all over the place, put newspapers down on the kitchen floor, put out paper plates and leave a dishwashing container in the sink full of soap chips.

A huge clothes hamper must be left in the middle of the floor for the poor boob ("If he stumbles into it, he may insert his socks, shorts and bed linen.")

In the next breath she states that "He'll never get around to making the bed so fold up the bedspread and put it away." She also makes a point of insisting that the wife put out the essentials for a man where he can find them. Overshoes, raincoat, sweater (Looking for a sweater may mean tearing up the whole house ... avoid having your closet torn up.)

And finally she suggests that the best idea is to farm him out to relatives if possible. "Then," she says, "you can close up your home and come home to a nice, clean abode."

I resent the whole thing. Just because a man doesn't break his neck offering to do the family wash every week or spend all his time washing dishes doesn't mean that he is a hopeless incompetent when it comes to living alone.

I know quite a few men who can make a bed and who do so when they are living alone.

And most of us eat better than women like to believe. Men can cook and not only out of cans, either.

Nor, I think, will a house get any dirtier with a man living in it alone than it will with the whole family there. And the average chap will see to it that it is all cleaned up against his wife's return.

I, for one, am getting darned well fed up with this feminine attitude of superiority when it comes to the everyday matters. I am of the opinion that a man who is smart enough to earn a living is probably capable of taking care of himself no matter what the occasion.

I suppose there are men who, when left alone in the house, would be content to live on frozen TV dinners and wallow around in a dirty bed for a week at a crack. But that doesn't mean that all men are in that category. Not by a long shot.

There are even some of us who, faced with the situation, would solve it by loading up the old truck with the proper gear and taking off for the hunting camp. Or go fishing.

If this type of claspnet is going to be a major weapon in the feminine arsenal then it is high time that men started fighting back.

The label of helplessness is intolerable.

Much more of this nonsense and I'll feel called upon to turn out a piece of instruction to the women as to their procedure around the place when hubby is away. Such little items as keeping the fish worms fed, making sure that the dogs are adequately cared for, the care and storage of pipes, when to mow the lawn, when not to play bridge and a few others.

When it comes to raking up shortcomings let's just remember that the male side has a two-handed rake of its own.

Close off rooms, indeed!

Bah! Poppycock!

Invitation

By FLORENCE JENKINS

An opportunity to ask questions and find out what Klamath County Child Guidance Clinic is all about and what it actually does is being offered the people of Klamath Falls and its environs in March.

The 1959 annual meeting of the Klamath County Child Guidance Advisory Council will be held on Friday, and Saturday, March 27 and 28, it was decided at a planning committee meeting last week. Instead of a dinner meeting and one guest speaker, this year's event will consist of afternoon and evening sessions on Friday and on Saturday.

Psychiatrists and psychologists connected with the state public health department and at least two experts on family mental health will come to Klamath Falls and take part in panel discussions which are open to the public.

In addition, there will be one two-hour panel discussion on mental health problems with panel members drawn from various walks of life. On the panel will be a minister, a teacher, private physician, juvenile officer, a parent, public health nurse and a police officer. The topic will be "Mental Health Problems As We See Them."

The local Child Guidance Advisory Council is a committee which meets at the Klamath County Public Health Department offices and listens to reports from the county psychiatric social worker and the public health nurse on their work with children which have been referred to the clinic. All reports are anonymous, of course. The council, headed by Mrs. E. A. Geary, claims as its chief function that of being a liaison group between the professional psychiatrists and the layman.

Most of us have been confused by technical terms used by the professionals. Most of us are pretty sure we have ourselves been "emotionally disturbed" from time to time in our own lives and we don't believe it is either sinful wicked or contagious to be disturbed.

If all the people were placid and on an even keel all the time, it would be a pretty dull world. Plus the fact that creative art, inventions and most all progress comes from the very differences in our temperaments and our conflicts.

If the tensions, conflicts and disturbances can be directed into constructive channels, then it is likely that the child will grow into a solid, worthwhile citizen as judged by ordinary standards.

We think it is important that more people know the professional help that is available in Klamath County and we think that this two-day session offers an excellent opportunity for the people to find out.

The Price

Editor's Note — This was the "Voice of America" composition that won state honors for Karen Mode, KUHS Junior.

By KAREN MODE

The thunder clapped and the lightning flashed. The creaking trees bent low over their straining trunks, but the small candle shone in that second-story window, and the rocking chair went slowly back and forth, back and forth. It was quiet save for the roaring storm and the soft sobbing in the corner.

A young woman with an infant in her arms was staring into space with an expression of amazement and disbelief on her pretty face. Clutched tightly in her hand was a crumpled yellow telegram.

The storm cleared, and the sun

shone. Into the little white houses up and down the lane came young men and old men — healthy and halt — all uniformed, happy to be home — home to all save the little house with the candle.

To this house there came a box, a box containing a large flag, a flag of thirteen red stripes — like blood on clean snow — and forty-eight white stars in prim lines on a field of brave blue — like young men marching to their death. And she wept. But her tears were bitersweet, for deep in her heart was a small voice. It spoke, saying:

Do not weep, young woman, do not weep, for that is the price of this land of ours — this land of the free and the brave. That is the price for shocking the world, for proving that man might be free to govern himself, to live, and to die that the future might stand on the solid foundation — the foundation of young men's lives, open doors, and flags flying in the breeze.

I am the voice of Democracy! I am America, a new conception of an age-old belief that all men have the right to live and to worship as their conscience demands. I ask nothing more than that you give me your honor and dignity, love and life; and I shall give much in return — not a dictatorship or Communist Manifesto, but the Bill of Rights and Presidents elected by the vote of free people; not a fear of the crunch of marching feet on pavement but hearts that exult with those who defend our hard-won freedoms.

I will give to you, each and everyone of you, the right to live, to hold your head high and proud among men, and to say, "I am an American! My country is the greatest because she is of God and man, heaven and earth."

I judge no man by his color or creed. It matters not whether he be white, black, yellow, or red. I do not discriminate. I open my doors to all who are hungry and cold, to all who seek peace and the right to live. I am freedom's light, shed by the outstretched arm of the Statue of Liberty, that beckons to the men who cower in fear under the heel of oppression.

I am a land built out of nothing — nothing but a dream, a hope, a prayer. I am each man, woman, and child who left storm-filled lands and sailed rough seas in small vessels that they and their children might live and love and die, free and equal in the sight of man and his God. We have come a long way together, you and I. It has not been easy — this healing rock and building men. I am the men who died that this country might live, died in battles and in fitting the key into the lock of the Unknown, died, but will never be dead in the hearts of the living.

I am Christianity made possible by a Man who died on a cross two thousand years ago that all men might be equal.

I am cities and villages, cottages and mansions.

I am the great eagle who, with outstretched wings, guards the door to the land of the free.

I am a flag and a people and more — oh, so much more. I am the truth, and the truth shall not only make you free but keep you free forever. For as long as men shall have life and breath, I shall survive! I am America! I am Democracy!

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Goethe, Francis Bacon, Guy de Maupassant and Benjamin Franklin.

The pangs of gout are excruciating. But almost as hard for its victim to bear are the ridicule and lack of sympathy he receives from his so-called friends. They are sure his ailment is a penalty sent from heaven to punish him for living too fast and too loose. This big lie is struck down formally in a pamphlet "About Gout."

"It has been common belief for centuries that gout was caused by high living — eating rich foods and drinking too much of alcoholic beverages," says the pamphlet. "We now know that 'high living' does not cause gout."

"Gout is a defect in the body's chemistry which frequently leads to an arthritic condition," says the pamphlet. "Gout is never contagious but probably hereditary."

"This metabolic abnormality causes an increase in the amounts of uric acid in the blood and tissues."

The uric acid excess, accumulating in crystalline deposits in cartilage, usually around bone joints, sets up the painful irritation known as gout.

Gout is perhaps as old as mankind itself, and was known to Hippocrates, the father of medicine, four centuries before Christ.

Gout remains one of the most masculine of ailments. No eunuchs and comparatively few women ever get it.

The fact so many famous men were gout sufferers led one 19th century observer to write that the disease is "peculiarly incidental to men of cultivated mind and intellectual distinction." The pamphlet is less flattering: "There is, unfortunately, no modern medical evidence to support this statement."

Gout remains largely a medical mystery. Obesity seems to make it worse. No one diet seems to control it, but its victims generally are advised to avoid foods such as sweetbreads, anchovies, sardines, liver, kidney, brains and meat extracts.

When a man gets an attack, he may wish he'd die—but he won't.

Auto Production

By DAVID J. WILKIE
DETROIT (AP)—The auto industry is scheduling 1½ million cars for production in this year's first quarter.

The projection is based on an assumption that retail demand will hold up at the current improved rate. A further upsurge will bring increased output, possible as much as 150,000 more units.

So far in the 1959 model year new car sales have been encouragingly brisk. There is no indication of a leveling off with production again at a more nearly normal level. Some industry optimists are predicting a return of the traditional spring sales upsurge.

The seasonal upturn did not appear in 1958 or 1957. Some analysts noted that 1957 sales approximated six million units despite the lack of a spring sales boom. But much of the 1957 volume came at the expense of profits. A lot of price slashing was needed to attain the relatively high unit volume.

To some extent the current higher production rate has been occasioned by the weeks of idleness that marked General Motors' start on the 1959 model year. GM divisions built few cars in October because of labor disputes that followed the new contract agreement. The disputes were not covered in the contract.

Nevertheless, nobody close to the car factories is disputing predictions that 1959 will bring production and sale of approximately 5½ million cars. Some forecasters say this figure would be in addition to more than 400,000 imported-car sales.

The industry's retailers started the new year with approximately 500,000 new cars in inventory. That compares with 632,000 units on hand at the start of 1958. At the present sales rate the inventory represents about four weeks' supply, or about a normal stock.

Sales executives generally expect new car retail deliveries this month to run well above those of the like 1958 month. In January last year 382,000 new units were sold. In February a year ago sales numbered 340,000.

It took nearly four months for the industry to sell 1½ million cars. Industry sales chiefs will be disappointed if that many cars are not sold in this year's initial three months.

Whatever else may be said about the new car market immediately ahead, the industry is favored with more buyer interest, apparently less reluctance to buy and a better over-all inventory situation.

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They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hado



With End Of Rebellion, Castro Faces New Woes

NEW YORK (NEA) — Behind the simple label of rebel victory in Cuba are the nine separate and distinct groups that have united under Fidel Castro and the 26th of July Movement.

Today, after five and a half years of guerrilla warfare, the complete victory over the Batista dictatorship may mean the defeat of resistance unity and the beginning of a scramble for power by the people who have waited for this day.

"We are," said a spokesman in Cuban rebel headquarters in New York, "one of the few peoples in modern times whose volunteer citizen army has defeated the regular army. But have we defeated the law of history: there has never been a revolution without a counter-revolution?"

It is not surprising to hear this kind of talk among Cuban rebels. The revolt itself has been led, shaped and inspired largely by Cuba's middle class: doctors, lawyers, merchants, students.

Fidel Castro himself embodies the spirit of the revolution. He is the son of a Spanish immigrant who worked on a sugar plantation until he had enough money to buy his own land.

At his death, the Castro estate was valued at \$448,000. Fidel's share: about \$80,000. Even by Cuban standards, this kind of bank account places Castro no higher than upper middle class.

And his place in the revolution is a typical. With only a handful of followers, he has lived for most of the past five years in the rugged Sierra Maestra mountains in Cuba's eastmost Oriente province, directing the sniping and delaying tactics used against the Batista government.

It has been a revolution by amateurs — considerably different from army sergeant Batista's revolt which employed professional soldiers. Castro's attacks with home-made bombs often failed. A general strike called for last April never came off. Rebel casualties were usually higher than government losses. Arms shipments were intercepted by Batista. Family disagreements between Fidel and brother Raul, one of the movement's commanders, often erupted.

Only with the help of the middle class did Castro manage to survive with his back to the sea wall.

The Provisional President of the new government in Havana, Dr. Manuel Urrutia, is part and parcel of the same kind of middle class rebellion. He is a graduate of the University of Havana, a lawyer and former judge in an Oriente Province court.

According to the Pact of Caracas, signed last August by all Cuban revolutionary groups, Urrutia was named unanimous choice for Provisional President — a formal step that gave the middle class leadership.

This is something new on the face of this lush island an air hour away from Florida where brutalizing government by chief and army has been the tradition. If the new government can take hold, its adherents say, historians may some day draw parallels between the movement of July 26, 1953, in Santiago de Cuba and July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia.

It was on July 26, 1953, that a poorly armed band of rebels attacked the Fort Moncada in Santiago without any more reason than a desperate weariness of the dictatorship.

And from this futile, bloody attack the revolution took its name. But one spokesman at rebel headquarters in New York explained: "July 26 is only the symbol of resistance against tyranny. It is the fight for freedom. It is not a day of life after the victory."

What worries this leader and others in the movement is the wide spectrum of causes that make up the nine separate rebel groups united by the tyranny of Batista under the banner of Castro.

There are: the Directorio — professional men; the Auténticos — followers of former President Dr. Carlos Prío Socarrás; the students who left the University of Havana last year; the followers of individual leaders like De Varona, Bisbe, Rodon, Carrillo, Villaverde.

And in the background is the Avie Resistance Movement led by Dr. A. M. Santos Bush. This group refused to carry guns or grenades, out dedicated itself to building an

Columbia River Flow Increases

PORTLAND (AP) — Columbia River flow at The Dalles was 27 per cent above normal during December—but western Oregon streams and the Weiser River in Idaho all were below normal, the U.S. Geological Survey reported Friday.

Sections of the Clearwater River in Idaho had more than twice the normal flow, and streams in the Washington Cascades and northern Idaho and Montana were well above average.

SCORE BATISTA REGIME

GENEVA (UPI) — International Red Cross headquarters today criticized Cuba's fallen Batista government for blocking Red Cross aid during the rebellion.

Special envoy M. Thudichum made numerous approaches to the Batista regime but finally had to leave Cuba without fulfilling his mission, a Red Cross report said.

Neither will any agreement with a military junta — the remainder of the army leadership that Batista led — be tolerated.

In addition to gaining unanimous approval for his Provisional President Urrutia, Fidel Castro has made one other step to maintain the unity of the rebels by promising his volunteer army a place as the nucleus and leadership of the new Cuban Army.

Is it enough? With the first flush of victory faded, and with 1,500 miles between them and the enormous happiness at home, the Cuban underground in New York is not too sure.

"We are a nation of wealth which comes from our sugar, our gambling casinos — in short, our ability to deal with others. We are like an important corridor, but a corridor nonetheless. And it is difficult to have a secure family life if you live in a busy corridor."

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Gauge Failure Slows Search

PORTLAND (AP)—A flotilla of small boats, skin divers and helicopters moved up the Columbia River to Stevenson, Wash. Saturday in pursuit of the missing Ken Martin family of Portland.

Friday's search was cut short by the failure of an electronic depth gauge, which draws a graph of the river bottom and could show any large object such as the Martins' car.

New parts have been ordered from Los Angeles, and Multnomah County Sheriff Francis Lambert says the full-scale search will be resumed today.

To aid the search, the Army Engineers have held back the flow of the mighty Columbia River to lower the 40-mile long reservoir behind Bonneville Dam some five feet.

The Martins have been missing since Dec. 7, when they set out from their Portland home to get Christmas greens.

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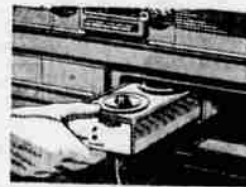
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