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## Progress?

By BILL JENKINS  
Those drivers on the freeway are maniacs.  
"They never slowed up behind me. I just had to keep going. They were unmerciful."  
Those were the anguished words of Charles Abboud, an Omaha, Nebraska resident, after seven hours of wandering around lost on the San Bernardino freeway in the Los Angeles area.  
Seems that Abboud, a 58-year-old mailman on vacation to visit his son, had become lost while trying to follow said son home from downtown Los Angeles.  
He finally staggered into a police station where they called his son to come and get him. This pair of them vanished into the smog and haven't been heard from since so it is assumed that they made it home.

The point of the whole thing is that with all our modern inventions—if you can call a freeway an invention—we are in danger of becoming permanently lost. All of us. A whole nation of exasperated people wandering around all alone and lost in the midst of the most hectic confusion since the Cherokee land rush.

I can sympathize with Mr. Abboud. Several years ago my wife and I were returning from a short junket into Old Mexico. As we approached San Diego from the east we started looking for a particular motel that we liked. It sits right next to the El Cortez Hotel, high up on a hill. You can see it for a long way on the freeway.

Well, we saw it, all right. Lots of times. But we couldn't find the turnoff.  
If my memory serves me correctly we passed the same Sears store thirteen times in trying to circle back and find that elusive street that would lead us to peace and heaven.

Every time we turned around it meant driving all the way back to La Mesa before I could find a way to get back on the west-bound freeway.  
Wonder I didn't run out of gas. Finally made it by driving all the way around San Diego on a by pass and then finding my way into the downtown section and up the hill.

As far as I'm concerned the freeway is a pretty concrete sign (no pun intended) that mankind has finally popped its cork and that the end is only a matter of a comparatively short time.  
Civic booster organizations have spent three decades and more ballyhooing the joys of more population. Now those same men, a little more gray, a little more weary, are trying desperately to find some way out of the mess. Trying to find some way to handle all that two-car-family traffic that has made life on the metropolitan streets a living horror.

And so far there just is no answer.  
Apoplexy, here we come.  
Which reminds me that in thumbing through the pages of a current magazine lately I came across an ad for a life-saving gimmick. Or so it said.  
This is a little plastic gadget that you fit in your ear. When you are driving on a super highway or a turnpike—or a freeway—and start to go to sleep and your head goes on tilt the thing rings a buzzer which is supposed to wake you up.  
Wake you up in time for what?  
In time to see the fatal crash?

The back roads in Mexico may be rough and dusty and the language barrier may be sort of tough. But, at that, it's a whole lot easier to get from here to there in that country than it is on our modern system of freeways.  
At least you can drive slow enough to read the signs.

**The Legislature**  
By FLOYD L. WYNNE  
Political analysts have tabbed this current session of the Oregon Legislature as a peculiar one.  
The Oregon Voter of April 4 has labeled the session as "strange," and says, "Veterans of many sessions and old time career men in state service call the 1959 session of the Legislature, the 'strangest' in their recollection."  
In this we agree.  
In looking back over the nearly 100 days of the session, there are a number of observations which come to the fore.  
A cold war raged between the Democratic leaders of the Legislature and the Republican governor.  
Senator Walter Pearson, who was highly regarded by both sides of the political fence at the beginning of the session, lost much of the regard on the Republican side with his attacks on Governor Hatfield. However, there is no question but

what Pearson ran the affairs of the Senate in high-handed fashion, aided with a Democratic caucus system.  
The House was not as dictatorially run, however, and this may have accounted for the semblance of a feud that also existed between the Senate and the House.  
When I visited the Legislature, about midway in the session, the word was prevalent all through the corridors that the Legislature would adjourn inside the 100 days, and would make every effort to hold the budget under 300 million, even to the possible extent of asking every state department to slash five per cent of its budget.  
The moves of both houses of the Legislature have been directed toward this end.  
Indications are that they should close up shop with a budget somewhere between 300 and 305 million dollars. This is a good move, and one that I can applaud.

It's time we had economy at all levels of our government, and if the current Legislature can adequately take care of the most urgent needs of the state, and still hold the budget to 300 million or below, they deserve commendation.  
Pressures have been on the session from all sides to boost spending. Strong lobby groups have attempted to sway added expenditures into their particular field.  
The educational lobby wanted another boost in per census child payments, and an institutional building program that could have added anywhere from 20 to 50 million to the budget.  
Senator Pearson led the group that countered this pressure with a suggestion that a three per cent sales tax be enacted for education with property and income tax offset. This quieted the educational lobby.  
The Legislature added another cent to the gasoline tax. This was a move to place the tax on those who benefited, namely those who use the roads, streets and highways. If it had to be done, this was proper.  
They eliminated the personal property tax on inventories for merchants effective in 1961, but set up a committee to replace this with a possible two and one-half per cent net profits tax.  
There were many other moves made on the taxation scene that will have a profound effect on your future life and mine.  
The crosswinds blowing across the legislative chambers were many.  
The discipline, party wise, was strongly exerted.  
However, from first hand knowledge, it is apparent that our Klamath County group of legislators, for the most part, exercised their own independent thinking.  
I noticed in one instance, the law to make the secretary of state first in line to succeed the governor, that Representative John Kerbow was the only Democrat to vote for the bill, which was defeated.  
The work of all three, Kerbow, Senator Boivin and Carl Yancey were very effective. Most of their work was done in committee meetings and hearings, but showed up in resulting legislation.  
Only time can be the judge of the effectiveness of the current session.

If the session effectively cared for the state's needs and held the budget around 300 million, they are to be lauded.  
If, however, they held the budget around 300 million only by the expedient of pushing off necessary programs that will come back to haunt the 1961 session, they should not be congratulated.  
Time will tell.

**Another Day**  
By FLORENCE JENKINS  
Members of the Legislature have to take a little time out for fun.

**SHORT RIBS**  
By Frank O'Neal

what with taxes and such being such grim subjects.  
So the proposed observance of an annual Grandmother Day has produced a little humor in the current session.  
Here at home there is some opposition which might be put down to sheer envy. The grandfathers are feeling sadly neglected, it seems, because their position is being overlooked.  
On the other hand, great aunts, who take their title nearly as seriously as do grandmothers, want to be included. "Grandmother and Great Aunt Day" is a little lengthy for the printed legend on special day cards.  
Until they get that settled, however, from Hollywood comes word that Mother-in-Law Day will be celebrated on April 19. The national committee will announce the 1959 Mother-in-Law of the year on that date. The honor was held by Mrs. John Doud, mother-in-law of the President, in 1958.  
This year is the second annual mother-in-law observance and we think it is a good thing, even if it does give mothers a little edge on their husbands who have only one day a year. The Cow Belles have helped out the situation a little as they name a Cow Belle Father of the Year each year now. The Oregon Cow Belle Father of the Year in the first event held went on to win the national honor.  
Of course, that gives mothers a day in April and a day in May which should result in two gifts while the fathers have to take their "days" both in June, plus the fact that one is on a competitive basis.  
Rather belatedly, but to make sure we keep up on special days and weeks for the remainder of 1959, we are sending to the Apple Tree Press at Flint, Michigan, for the complete compilation for this year.

**What Is Enough?**  
Malin (To the Editor) — How much is enough? Enough for what, we ask, whom are we talking about? Are we thinking of ourselves, our families or are we thinking world-wide?  
What is enough for a decent standard of living for any family? What is our own standard of living? Does the rest of the world have enough? These are just some of the concerns which May Fellowship Day lifts before us. There are as many others that confront us as purchasers, as world citizens, as Christian families.  
A Chinese legend tells us of a very old sage who could answer any question, yet a young man set himself to fool the wise one.  
Catching a small bird the lad planned to hold it closely in his hand asking the question, "Is the bird alive or is it dead?" If the sage answered "dead," his fingers would open and the bird would fly away. Should the sage reply "alive" the lad would quickly crush it.  
Then the young one appeared before the "man of years" ready to give out his testing question. A knowing smile drifted across the aged features as he replied thoughtfully, "It is as you want it to be, my son."  
And so it is with us to this very day. Is our concern for others dead or is it kept alive in our every word and deed? Does the tiny bird of mutual understanding, social responsibility, friendliness and love quiver in our hands? The answer must remain the same. "It is as we want it to be."  
Shall we think for a moment on these things?  
1. What should Christian women know if they are to exercise stewardship and a sense of social responsibility in their jobs as the chief spenders of the family dollar?  
2. How can the home and the church help young people in right

attitudes toward the income they will earn from their daily work?  
3. In what way does the competitive element, both in advertising and in "keeping up with the Joneses" affect the kinds of decisions which women make in spending the family income?  
4. How should we as citizens take responsibility for sharing our abundance at home and abroad?  
5. If job opportunities are not open to all persons in your community and there is not covering legislation to make this possible for some groups, what can church women do?  
Church women across the nation will come together on May Fellowship Day, Friday, May 1, 1959, to consider economic questions and how these relate to Christian values in the home, in the community, and in the world. The problems of spending involved in our day-by-day living are real to each person and every family. The Christian woman recognizes that she is steward of her income and of her expenditures, and of the natural resources of her country and the world.  
It is an art to handle this stewardship wisely and this should be every woman's concern.  
We do not know how safe a thing freedom is. Man "can't be human alone" nor can freedom be assured until our "enough becomes enough for all."  
Edith Browning  
Women's Association  
Malin Presbyterian Church

**The Fox**  
Sacramento (To the Editor)—At dawn a vixen was carrying a quail she had just caught. She took it to her five puppies in the fox den which was their home. Most Californians know little about our mammals because most of them now are nocturnal. It is suspected those who foraged in broad daylight have been gradually eliminated by what Darwin called "Natural Selection."  
The word "fox" occurs in many languages. Even in the small area of England we find in the Midlands "Fox" as a human surname. In the North, it is "Todd." Sacramento has one family, the Todhunters. In the South of England, from Devonshire across to Kent, the name is "Reynolds." This is a corruption of the French word "reynard."  
Students of French in our schools are familiar with the poem, "Monsieur Corbeau." The crow in this fable in verse is about to enjoy a morsel of cheese. Then the foxy fox starts to flatter him as to his iridescent plumage. Monsieur Reynard says he further suspects that the crow has a grand-voix voice. He asks for a sample of his vocal ability. Under this flattery, the vain crow starts to sing, drops the cheese. The fox makes off with it.  
Interest in birds is ever increasing. Of late years, leaders in nature study for children are also emphasizing the mammals.  
C. M. Goethe

**Pelicans Thanks**  
Klamath Falls (To the Editor) — Many thanks to the people of the Klamath area for their fine support of Pelicana 1959. On behalf of the administration, the Script and Microphone Guild, and the telecommunications class of Klamath Union High School, I wish to express deepest appreciation to all those who had a part in making this year's Pelicana such an outstanding event.  
Represented at Mills auditorium April 10 were fine talent and a splendid spirit of sharing to bring to the people not only high-class entertainment but also an outstanding demonstration of responsibility and conscientious effort of young people—a striking example of what young people can do and are doing.  
An event like this depends on the support of local merchants and to them go an expression of gratitude. Also, the guiding hand of the Exchange Club, the generous news and picture coverage of the Herald and News, and the cooperation of the radio and television stations deserve high commendation. For all these courtesies we feel that Pelicana is truly a treasured community enterprise.  
Charles Woodhouse

**Quotes**  
United Press International  
AUGUSTA, Ga. — President Eisenhower, in announcing the resignation of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles:  
"I personally believe he had filled his office with greater distinction and greater ability than any other man our country has known — a man of tremendous character and courage, intelligence and wisdom."

**Arthritis May Be Factor In Determining Successor**  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Christian State Department trouble shooter, and retired Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, now president of the American Red Cross.  
Dulles was reported to be in good spirits despite the cancer which forced him to resign. A State Department spokesman said he was up and about his hospital suite. No change was reported in his physical condition.  
A lump in a breast may or may not mean cancer, but it should mean immediate examination by a doctor, according to the American Cancer Society.  
Herter suffers from arthritis of the hips. It causes him to bend his 6-foot-5 frame forward when he walks.  
It's a disease he has put up with for the past 10 to 15 years. Dr. Bayles said the condition was "progressed very little" in the past eight years.  
"He doesn't have a crippling kind of arthritis," the doctor reported in an interview. "Mr. Herter suffers some discomfort when he walks or stands for any length of time."  
"But he has absolutely no discomfort when sitting at a conference table, for example, or resting in bed at night."  
Ever since he became undersecretary of state two years ago, Herter has relied on light-weight metal arm crutches to move about. They relieve the pressure on his hip joints.  
Herter's name has led all the rest in the guessing game that got under way after Eisenhower announced Dulles' resignation Wednesday.  
Others still mentioned in speculation, however, included Undersecretary C. Douglas Dillon; Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen W. Dulles, the secretary's brother; John J. McCloy, New York investment banker and a former high commissioner to Germany; U.N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge; former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York; Robert D. Murphy, a career diplomat and

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