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Here And There

By BILL JENKINS

I seem to notice that the beard craze is wearing off. At least the hirsute adornments are coming off the community chin at a pretty fair clip. No pun intended.

I don't know how many people I've seen lately that looked different and when I stopped to think about it I found that it was because they were clean shaven.

There are two, possibly three, theories on this. Most people blame the hot weather for it. Seems that a beard tends to itch worse in warm weather than in cold. Not that the weather has been what you'd call hot lately.

Another strong theory is that the recent siege of flu and the consequent sniffles has had a good deal to do with the demise of the mustache. A plausible enough theory, too.

A third is that people just got sick and tired of wearing them.

I rather tend toward that theory myself. And I consider it an encouraging sign. At the rate things are going we may have a relatively clean-shaven state by the time the main mass of out-of-state tourists hits. Which would be well. If we expect to garner our fair share of the tourist dollar it would be well to meet the donors looking like friends instead of foes.

As we have pointed out before, this is Conservation Week in Oregon. On a national scale, however, there are a few other items. This is also Goodwill Week and National Home Demonstration Club Week.

Takes a little thinking about, these weeks.

But next week we will be getting into meatier things. Or fishier, at least.

May 15 marks the advent of Let's Go Fishing Week. The week before that, which seems backward, is National Frozen Food Week.

Next Sunday is National Insurance Women's Day.

Tomorrow is my Day Off.

Enclosures

By FLORENCE JENKINS
Mail has always been an interesting part of our workday. There is so much of it, for one thing, and it is so varied.

The last increase in postage rates made a cut in the vast amount of "boxholder" mail and for that one can be duly thankful. It is about the only type of mail we find totally uninteresting. Apparently the government mailing lists are the only ones which have not decreased.

Numerous big companies restyled their financial reports to stockholders, making them smaller in size and therefore less costly to mail. Other companies have decreased the frequency of reporting and have gone back to once or twice a year.

We felt that Klamath Falls was finally being recognized by the telephone company as a full fledged member of its Oregon family when return envelopes were enclosed with the monthly statements.

The telephone people have gone a step farther now and this month's statement was just full of goodies. The return envelope was accompanied by an advertisement for colored telephones for special extensions in the home and a little folder, Telephone News. The latter carried an appropriate notation calling attention to the fact that the federal excise tax still applies to telephone service. There were some news items and even a cartoon.

During the first week of a month now it takes a lot more time to go through the regular bills than it used to. The majority of them contain little tidbits of reading material.

Some of them go even farther. We wondered aloud one day last week who had been in the office wearing an unfamiliar brand of perfume. No one had seen any strangers.

It turned out, of course, that the mail had arrived and the fragrance was being wafted from the May bill from a local drugstore. We smelled good all afternoon.

Stage Manager

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
From the foreign editor's assignment sheet:

Standing in the wings when the East-West foreign ministers conference opens in Geneva next Monday will be a man who ultimately may hold the key to the cold war puzzle — Dag Hammarskjöld. The United Nations chief has conferred in recent weeks with both Khrushchev and Herter. He has said he has found a genuine will to negotiate. So far the West has no "fallback" plan to

turn to if the Russians reject their package on Berlin, Germany and European security. It's anybody's guess what the Russians are up to. Hammarskjöld will not volunteer advice, as is his custom, but if the talks run into a stone wall he might be asked for suggestions. There is no doubt he would respond.

The next step in President Alfredo Stroessner's avowed schedule for returning Paraguay to a democracy is a proclamation of general political amnesty. His still skeptical South American neighbors are watching closely to see how soon this comes about. Last week was not the first time in the last 19 years that the state of seige — a sort of modified martial law — had been lifted in Paraguay, always before it was rapidly reimposed. And so far Stroessner has set no timetable for abolishing censorship and permitting freedom of expression, calling a constituent assembly and adopting a new constitution.

To Western diplomats, Communist China's great clamor of outrage over the Tibetan rebellion has a deeper, more significant meaning. It means something was and is wrong internally and Peiping is trying to divert attention from it. Authoritative diplomatic sources in London report that Red China's "great leap forward" last year caused so much sacrifice and suffering that Peiping had to find some kind of a unifying slogan quickly. Thus the tremendous radio, newspaper and mass meeting propaganda trying to rally the people against "foreign interference" in Tibet. If this doesn't work for Peiping, the Communists can be expected to manufacture a diversion soon.

Whether it is genuine or not, the Russians at the Geneva nuclear conference are giving the appearance of being worried about the Pentagon's attitude on nuclear test explosions. Russian negotiators make much of statements by high U.S. military officials that American defenses would suffer if all nuclear test explosions were banned. The Soviets have been slow in replying to Anglo-American proposals for a first-step halt of explosions in the atmosphere. One theory is that they fear the Pentagon would persuade the U.S. government to drag its feet on extending the ban, once the first step were taken.

Problem Feet
By FRANCIS STILLEY
NEW YORK (AP)—It's a big mystery to me, but for some reason people are always stepping on my toes. Literally, I mean.

My feet seem to have a strange attraction for other people's feet. I can get a shoeshine and in no time at all — crutch — somebody has clumped onto my brogans, leaving a big smudge, if not wounded toes.

Even without a fresh shine, I still get it. But I have found by dint of lengthy investigation and observation that the pedal collisions come faster after a polish sometimes in less than a minute. My foot size has nothing to do with it, because I wear an insignificant 7½ shoe. Anybody ought to be able to miss anything that small. Few do.

Even my good wife is an offender. My feet are not sacred even in my own home. She can be standing 10 feet away and the next thing I know she too has stepped on them.

And my two youngsters have unerring aim.

Still, I get it from all sides. In the office, on the street, just anywhere, I must be jinxed.

The problem is, what to do? I could sit on my feet, but there would be times when this would prove something of an inconvenience.

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So Allyn Cox, a distinguished painter of frescoes and freezes, has been hired for \$12,500 to make sure this doesn't happen and at the same time to clean and touch up the picture.

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I could quit wearing shoes. This, too, would have its drawbacks, and doubtless broken toes. Perhaps equip my shoes with spikes. I'd get sued, sure as anything.

Keep my feet in my pockets? Nice trick. I'd even try that if I could be sure somebody would unravel me afterward.

Well, there you are, and here am I, scuffed shoes, sore toes, and all. Maybe somebody knows the answer. I don't.

I think I know now why those knights of old wore those armor-plated suits — and shoes.

Yahoo Vs. Lady

From The New York News
Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce resigned yesterday as Ambassador to Brazil. For this, credit Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.).

Morse has long hounded, harassed and blackguarded Mrs. Luce from his libel-suit-proof position in the U.S. Senate. Thereby, he has succeeded in losing for his country the services of a woman who, on past performance as Ambassador to Italy, would have turned in a brilliant job of strengthening ties between the United States and the highly important South American republic of Brazil.

We hope the Senator is satisfied. It will be interesting to learn, though, whether Morse's Oregon constituents enjoy seeing a yahoo bully a lady.

What Of Castro

By JOHN S. KNIGHT
In Detroit Free Press

Fidel Castro, who came to Washington without State Department approval, got a warm welcome from the Nation's editors.

He is appealing in appearance, manner and speech.

Few doubted his idealism and evident sincerity.

Many found him unclear at times as he struggled to overcome language difficulties. Some saw his evasions and incoherences as sinister guile, but as Associate Editor A. T. Burch of the Chicago Daily News observed: "They were uttered with an air of fervid innocence that tended to disarm analysis."

For the most part, Senor Castro gave the right answers when you could understand them.

He wants to sell more sugar and show tourists how they can have "a good time" in Cuba.

Still, it is difficult to understand why he believes free elections in Cuba must be delayed for nearly four years.

Or why earlier elections would "open the door to a return of the oligarchy and tyranny the revolution overthrew."

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The Lighter Side

By FRANK ELEAZER

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Members of the House Post Office Committee, in the interest of amending the law, studied pictures of naked ladies and worse the other day. All were properly shocked.

It so happened this private showing at the Post Office Department of mail seized as obscene took place even as our lawmakers prepared to pay out a sizable sum to clean and restore to her original beauty a real nice nude of their own, right under the Capitol dome.

Her name is Aphrodite and in fairness to the members of Congress her location is such that most of them never saw her up close and possibly many didn't even know she was there.

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Quotes

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Sir Winston Churchill on being welcomed to the United States by President Eisenhower:

"I am most happy once again to visit in the United States which is my mother's country and I always figure and feel it is."

MIAMI, Fla. — Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, commander of the Army Ordnance Missile Command, on plans to fire a live animal into space within 60 days:

"We can progress only so far on the basis of theory and laboratory work. Then the issue has to be put to the proof."

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Students at Florida A & M (Negro) University in calling off their classroom strike called to focus world attention on the alleged rape of a Negro coed by four white men:

"We think we have achieved victory. The officials now are saying the guilty will be punished."

HOLLYWOOD — Comedienne Lucille Ball explaining why she refused to perform at a youth rally in Oklahoma City because the crowd was too small:

"I could have performed. Perhaps I should have. I have for less people. But I felt that if they continually ask Hollywood people to do benefits then they should care enough to publicize the event."

WASHINGTON — Former President Truman, advising a 30-minute nap every day, such as he takes:

"When you get to be my age or approaching it you've got to rest the machine. It took me a long time to find that out."

MOSCOW — William Dubois, 91-year-old American Negro author, on being awarded the Lenin Peace Prize by Russia:

"As I told the Lenin Peace Committee, I can't see why they picked out an American for the peace prize. America isn't known as an advocate for peace."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Steel Chiefs Begin Talks As Strike Deadline Nears

NEW YORK (AP)—Steel industry labor negotiations started formally today with only two months to go before a scheduled July 1 strike deadline.

Negotiating teams from U.S. Steel Corp. and the United Steelworkers Union sat down together in the Roosevelt Hotel. Talks also were due to start there today with Bethlehem, Republic and Kaiser steel companies.

Eight other sets of talks begin Wednesday and Thursday with other top industry firms. Present contracts expire June 30.

Neither R. Conrad Cooper, chief U.S. Steel negotiator, nor President David J. McDonald of the union, had any comment.

The industry is standing firm against any new concessions to the union, warning they would be inflationary. On the other hand, the union is demanding a bigger share of industry profits, including a wage boost, shorter hours, pension and other improvements.

The U.S. Steel part of the negotiations found nearly 100 union negotiators pitted across a long bargaining table with nearly as many U.S. Steel representatives.

Both sides have expressed hope the strike can be avoided, and

pledged to work toward that end. McDonald was optimistic over the chances for union gains, even before the talks began.

He has pledged that the 500,000 workers in basic steel, already among the best paid in the nation averaging \$3.03 per hour, will emerge with their best contract in history. McDonald says steel profits warrant worker gains without requiring any steel price increase.

The industry, on the other hand, is resisting any contract changes, arguing that increased labor costs would cause steel price increases and thereby spur inflation.

Roger Blough, chairman of U.S. Steel, told the corporation's annual stockholders meeting at Hoboken, N.J., Monday that the company intends to avoid a price hike if it can.

President Eisenhower has called on both the industry and union to reach an agreement that would avoid any price increase that might disturb the price situation.

Eisenhower said he could not sit idly by if negotiations started pointing to price boosts. But he has never spelled out what he might do in that event.

The contract talks are starting two weeks early at McDonald's suggestion.

McDonald's hand in the negotiations was strengthened Monday with announcement that an opposing faction in the union was supporting him in the drive for a new contract.

Donald C. Rarick, president of Pittsburgh Local 27 and a surprisingly strong opponent to McDonald for the union presidency two years ago, said his rival group stands 100 per cent behind McDonald's leadership in the contract fight.

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Missing Lad Finds Shelter

WICHITA, Kan. (AP)—A missing boy alarm gave Wichita a second emergency during a tornado alert Monday night.

About 500 persons got thoroughly soaked while searching in wind, rain and darkness for David Merritt, 4, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert K. Merritt.

When the tornado alert sounded, Mrs. Merritt headed for a neighbor's storm shelter, carrying a 6-month-old son and leading her other four boys.

David didn't reach the shelter. Hundreds answered radio appeals for searchers.

Two hours later the frantic mother checked a house across the street, where no one was at home.

David was inside, safe and dry.

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