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Wrong Tree

By BILL JENKINS

If I have been reading the public prints correctly it would appear as if Uncle Sam is facing a problem where space flight is concerned. A matter of logistics. Namely, how to cram enough stuff into a small space to make it worthwhile.

I am told that young men are being trained in special schools for this duty. Young men who are specially picked for their skills and aptitudes. And educated at great expense and time.

I think the government is barking up the wrong tree.

There is already an enormous pool of well trained men. Older men, to be sure, but still men with a multitude of experience behind them when it comes to packing a lot of stuff into a small space.

I am speaking of homeowners who possess basements. Admittedly an ever shrinking corps since the basement has become passe. But there are still a lot of them. And there is another group, the attic owners, who will fit the bill equally well. Of course, attics are becoming passe, too.

These men, I'm a basement man myself, have been trained in a hard school. Years and years of experience and many mashed thumbs have gone into the process.

But what you have is a fellow who can cram twelve cubic feet of material into a hole that contains only ten cubic feet.

And, what's more, he can delve into that jammed pile and come up with any given request. Such as the lamp shade that was tucked back in the corner six years ago.

I should think this sort of training would be invaluable to the rocket people who are already dithering about storing enough food, water, playing cards, poker chips, oxygen tanks and other necessities aboard a smallish nose cone.

Nor is it just a matter of packing ability that qualifies these men for the job. They can arise to emergency. Show me the basement owner or the possessor of an attic who hasn't at one time or another decided to add a hobby room to his already cramped quarters. Why, right now I'm squeezing in a darkroom in a basement that was already so full you had to make the dogs sleep in rotation.

This is fairly easy, however, when you consider that I have a bathroom so small that you have to decide whether you are going to shower or brush your teeth before you go in. Once in you can't turn around. So I have lots of training.

I think the government boys had better look a little deeper into this space business and take some of the emphasis off youth.

After all, no use overlooking a scientific potential such as these basement hobbyists. Maybe they can't work a slide rule and a great many of them, me included, can't use a ruler and make the measurements come out straight. But with a hammer, a sack of assorted nails, a dull saw and rugged determination they can surmount almost any difficulty.

I think a second look is in order.

Not in my direction, however. I'm sorry. Like to help and all that, but I'm busy in my basement for the next several years and will be unable to make any trips to Mars or the moon.

Sorry, but that's the way it is.

Dow-Jones

By FLORENCE JENKINS

A change in the 30 New York Stock Exchange stock listings, which are used to make up the Dow-Jones industrial average, has been announced out of New York.

On Monday, the industrial average had four new stocks, taking the place of four which are no longer used. This is the first change since 1956 when International Paper got into the list as a substitution for Loew's, Inc.

The current change was effected in order to get more industries listed.

The four new stocks are Anaconda Copper, Swift and Company, Aluminum Company of America and Owens-Illinois Glass Corporation.

They replace American Smelting and Refining, Corn Products Company, National Steel Company and National Distillers and Chemical Corporation.

For persons who like to file this sort of information, here is the full list of 30 stocks:

Allied Chemical, Aluminum Company, American Can, American Telephone and Telegraph Company, American Tobacco, Anaconda Copper, Bethlehem Steel, Chrysler, DuPont, Eastman Kodak, General Electric, General Foods, General Motors, Goodyear Tire and

Pelican Theater

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—I should like to discuss the possibility of acquiring the Pelican Theater as a civic auditorium on the face of it, a project so rare and fortunate that it would seem public support awaits only the publication of information about it. There are others who can furnish more detailed facts and information than I, but here are some general arguments in its favor.

First, the Pelican Theater, by common consent, has few equals and no superiors on the Pacific Coast for acoustical qualities. Barbershop quartets from all over the West have for years held their annual concerts here because of this fact.

Second, the theater was planned with great care and constructed extremely well. No expense was spared, and the cost of building an auditorium like it would be prohibitive.

Third, since it was so solidly constructed, the expense of remodeling it for any other use than that of an auditorium will be so great that no purchaser can afford to pay more than a fraction of its present value, and this should make it available to the city also at a comparatively low cost.

Finally, Klamath Falls badly needs a good civic auditorium. Klamath Auditorium, or the old armory, has proved impractical for programs other than dances and sports events. The Community Concert Association, for example, has been reduced to presenting its programs in the inadequate auditorium at Mills School, which has only one half the seating capacity of the Pelican. The Pelican is centrally located downtown, an ideal location. Public ownership, which would make it available at all times, would encourage cultural programs of varied types and would also attract many conventions which under present circumstances will choose to meet in other cities.

Let us have facts and figures concerning this possibility made public, so that everyone can be informed, hear arguments pro and con, and judge the proposal on its merits. If it is feasible, we should initiate appropriate action before the building is sold and the opportunity slips away.

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Honest Taxpayers

By FRANK ELEAZER
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Dana Latham, the Internal Revenue commissioner, says our federal income tax system is voluntary, and that we volunteers are usually honest.

Well, Latham's 51,000 assistants, employed to encourage us in our annual tax offerings, have had their first look at the 60 million individual returns we elected to file on or before April 15.

I believe the way they prefer to put it is that this year we were as honest as usual.

It is amazing though how many errors we made. One woman claimed a cat as a dependent. Her return was bounced back, of course, for proper proof he was a blood relative.

Another homemaker, who felt moved to contribute \$20.64, sent it in the form of a \$20 bill and

SHORT RIBS

By Frank O'Neal

ARE YA GONNA HIDE BEHIND THAT BADGE?

DRAW! OR HIDE BEHIND THAT BADGE?

SHERIFF: HECK, NO! YOU WAIT RIGHT THERE!

SHERIFF: I'M WAITING, SHERIFF!

OKAY, DRAW! SHERIFF: DRAW!

Rubber, International Harvester International Nickel, International Paper, Johns Manville Corporation, Owens-Illinois Glass Corporation, Procter and Gamble.

Sears, Roebuck & Company, Standard Oil of California, Standard Oil of New Jersey, Swift and Company, Texaco, Union Carbide, United Aircraft, U.S. Steel, Westinghouse Electric and Woolworth.

eight trading stamps. She has been allowed to trade the stamps for two quarters, a dime and four pennies.

Fortunately for everybody concerned, including the Federal Bureau of Prisons which already has an over-population problem, more and more tax volunteers now find it possible to use simplified forms allowing a standard 10 per cent deduction for such items as interest paid and contributions to churches.

However it looks like maybe 20 million of us again this year insisted on using the long form. Although aware we are honest, as the boss says, the tax men tend to look closest at this group of submissions.

And they say this year's offerings appear to have run true to form.

A druggist claimed a "loss" of \$1,500. An agent inquired, loss of what? Ice cream, the man said. His nickel scoop broke, and the soda jerk neglected to tell him. Just used the 10 cent scoop all year.

Another sacrifice placed in the mail for the taxman listed unusually high medical costs. This vol. unenter explained, when asked, that his doctor said not to worry. So he didn't. He drank a fifth of chisley each 24 hours.

The tax men won't have a final verdict on our latest presentations for almost a year. Last year's count is just recently in and here's what it shows: Of 2,336,000 returns pulled out and subjected to audit, 1,442,000, or 62 per cent, turned up with what the tax men like to call "deficiencies." This means they were short, and by an average of \$478.

These taxpayers now have been permitted to press additional sums on the tax collector, totaling \$688,500,000.

I see now what Latham meant when he asked Congress recently for additional helpers. Our volunteer tax system is the kind that works best when somebody looks over our shoulder.

Louisiana Longs

By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP)—Those two Louisiana brothers, Gov. Earl K. Long and onetime Sen. Huey P. Long, had some things in common besides a thirst for power and the persuasiveness to get the people of the state to give it to them.

In a sense they were political primitives with passionate bursts of fury, unbelievable energy, roughness, toughness, profanity.

They turned name-calling into a kind of art form.

The front page stories of Gov. Long's violent and vituperative screaming and shouting for more than an hour in the state Legislature last week may have shocked those with no schooling in Louisiana politics.

But the people of the state, particularly those friends and critics who urged him to seek medical care after his performance, were probably more disturbed by the length of what he did than by the nature of it.

They were used to it, but not to this degree. This time Long outdid himself. He seemed to know it for he went to a psychiatric hospital and is under observation there now.

If this is the end of his career, it is quieter than his brother's. Huey was assassinated in 1935. These brothers could win elections overwhelmingly. But both had big blocs of enemies. Many people hated Huey. Those familiar with the inside of recent Louisiana politics say many hate Earl.

This writer, who worked in Louisiana 14 years, knew both brothers and, although I met them years apart, the first meeting

Quotes

United Press International

NEW YORK — AFL-CIO President George Meany on "unfriendly actions" by the federal government against labor:

"You should think that we had come to a day of sanity, when there would be cooperation between Americans, if you please, Americans in overalls and Americans behind a desk. Well, that doesn't seem to be in the cards. A declaration of war seems to be the answer, and if that's it I guess we will have to take it."

GALVESTON, Tex.—Sen. Russell Long (D-La.), on his uncle, Gov. Earl K. Long of Louisiana, undergoing psychiatric treatment:

"I think most of the people are now in sympathy with the governor. He became sick fighting for the common man."

LOS ANGELES — Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), on whether he would accept the Democratic nomination for president in 1960:

"Of course I would! Politics is my business, and the presidency is the highest honor the people can bestow."

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower, on receiving the credentials of Thailand's new ambassador:

"The historic friendship which has developed between Thailand and the United States forms a lasting foundation for our common endeavors to preserve freedom and security in Southeast Asia and the world at large."

MDs Say Governor Long Not Under Medication

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The governor, 63, has given no hint a physical breakdown might force him to resign, a nephew, Sen. Russell Long (D-La.), said Monday night.

He is responding in some ways but he is somewhat resistant to more thorough examinations," Dr. John B. Truslow said in the latest of several guarded statements about the Louisiana chief executive.

In reply to questions, Dr. Truslow told newsmen Gov. Long was not violent and had not been confined in a straitjacket.

The governor, a brother of the late U.S. Sen. and Gov. Huey P. Long, flew here Saturday and entered a private psychiatric clinic at John Sealy Hospital. Dr. Truslow is director of the University of Texas medical branch here which operates the hospital.

Gov. Long had "an extremely easy" day, slept two or three hours and saw several members of his family Monday, Dr. Truslow said.

Specialists examining the governor will require another day or two to arrive at a definite diagnosis and start treatment, the physician said. A hospital bulletin said a mild bronchial congestion was clearing up.

Sen. Long arrived here late Monday by chartered plane.

"I wanted to talk to his doctors," he said of his uncle, "and satisfy myself that he was being provided every possible comfort."

The senator told Louisiana legislators Sunday night in Baton Rouge that overwork and nervous strain were to blame for a shouting storm of abuse Gov. Long unloaded on the lawmakers last week.

Sen. Long said he assumes the governor will be able to take up official duties again before his term of office expires in about a year.

Neither the senator nor Dr. Truslow commented directly on whether Gov. Long might seek to leave the clinic.

Under Texas law, a hospital may hold a patient up to 96 hours against his will. After that, it is necessary to obtain a court order committing a patient for either a 90-day observation period or for treatment.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

LET'S RAFFLE OFF A JUGGERNAUT—FIFTY BUCKS A CHANCE—BUT ONLY A HUNDRED CHANCES—THAT'S OUR FITCH—ONLY A HUNDRED CHANCES—

YEAH—PEOPLE WILL FEEL THEY GOT A REAL GOOD CHANCE TO WIN WITH ONLY A HUNDRED CHANCES—

RIGHT! VERY SELECT!

WHEN THIS GIMMICK WAS NEW THE BIG PRICE WAS BALANCED BY THE SMALL NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING RAFFLE DUCATS—

BUT IT SEEMS SUCCESS IS GOING TO THE CLUB MEMBERS' HEAD BONES—THE SKY'S THE LIMIT FROM HERE ON—

LET'S MAKE IT A HUNNERT BUCKS A CHANCE AND MAKE IT THREE HUNNERT CHANCES—

I SET WE COULD SELL FIVE HUNDRED TICKETS! WHY NOT \$50 A CHANCE?

THE TYPE OF PEOPLE WHO'D PAY \$150 WOULD GO \$200—LET'S PUT OUT A THOUSAND TICKETS—

Irate British Leader Probes Rumor

LONDON (AP)—British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan today was reported planning a personal investigation to track down the source of a British newspaper report that he will move Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd to another Cabinet post after the next general election.

The angry prime minister fired off a cable to Lloyd at the Geneva Big Four conference assuring him there was no foundation for the report in the usually authoritative London Times.

Macmillan acted swiftly to counter any idea the sensational report might have raised that Britain's spokesman at the Geneva talks did not have the government's full confidence. The Times report suggested a new man and a new policy might be needed at the Foreign Office after the summit conference, expected in the summer.

The British government also was understood to have assured the Western allies that the 54-year-old Lloyd would be speaking for Britain for some considerable time to come.

Along with their anger, government officials were considerably puzzled. It was believed the respected London Times would not have carried such a story unless it got the information from an apparently reliable source.

An official of the Times said the paper couldn't reveal its source but still felt the report was true.

Ex-GI Eyes Law Career

BURLINGTON, N.C. (AP)—When M. Sgt. Edgar Murray retired from the Marine Corps in 1950 after 22 years of service, he decided to better his seventh-grade education.

By working days and attending classes at night, he was graduated from Williams High School in 1953.

He then enrolled at Elon College here, going to class in the day and working nights. He received his B.A. degree in 1956.

Murray promptly entered the University of North Carolina Law School at nearby Chapel Hill, the same year his wife died. He continued his job at night and commuted daily.

Murray, 47, who has two children and has remarried, received his law degree Monday. He hopes to pass the state bar exam and establish a law office here.

FORGOTTEN PATIENT

GREELEY, Colo. (AP)—A patient, forgotten in an examination room, needed police help to get out of a doctor's office after closing time Monday.

The doctor and his nurse each thought the other had dismissed the patient, who called police from inside the locked office.

Patrolmen summoned the nurse who opened the door.

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