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Best Defense

By BILL JENKINS
Now that the weekend season is upon us it has occurred to me that perhaps we are throwing away a lot of needless tax money on defense.

Anyone who has spent a week-end fighting a garden hose over any considerable area is likely to agree that while DEW Line may be okay it is not nearly so effective as a long garden hose.

I propose that we surround our borders with miles of these seemingly innocent tubes and relax in peace of mind.

No invading enemy could possibly pull them apart enough for passage without affording us ample time to mount our defenses.

Don't think so? Think back on how many times you have tried to drag a hose with sprinkler attached from one place to another on your lawn. I'll bet you it caught, just like mine does, on every knob, corner, rock, stick and tree in the place.

I suppose that admitting you use a hose instead of an automatic sprinkler system is confessing to the peon in your soul. Okay, so I'm a peon.

But then after all, a fellow who doesn't have a television set has plenty of time to water his lawn the old fashioned way.

California has one idea that I wish Oregon would adopt. And all other states, for that matter.

I refer to their practice of putting not only the town's population on the signboard at the city limit but also the elevation.

I think that most people are interested in how high up or how low they are at the moment.

On the subject of cars and travel I still think it would be a splendid idea if Detroit would come out of it's horsepower-plus date long enough to install two needed gadgets on the modern automobile.

One would be a parking indicator that could be switched on to indicate that you were going to back into the hole you had just pulled up in front of. This would tend to allow a little more chance of getting in rather than being forced to give up and go home cursing all other drivers.

The other would be a foot operated trunk release so you could come out of a grocery store with a box of grub and be able to open the trunk without putting the box down.

That latter one would be particularly handy in the winter when the snow is on the ground.

This is the second day of summer.

The days will be getting shorter from here on out.

Easter will fall on April 17 next year.

Tomorrow marks St. John's Day in Newfoundland and San Juan Day in Puerto Rico.

June Brides

By FLORENCE JENKINS
Each year, nearly three-quarters of the million and a half engaged couples in the United States announce their intentions with a ring. The overwhelming choice of stones is the diamond—blessed cousin of coal and graphite.

Honoring the century old tradition of diamond-giving rings over several hundred million dollars a year on the jeweler's cash registers.

Ancient Greeks and Romans called the diamond "adamas," a word which meant unconquerable and unchanging.

By the Middle Ages, the diamond was the jewel used for royal betrothals and gradually the custom spread. Also, the cut, polish and mounting of the stones have improved down the years.

The Union of South Africa and South-West Africa produce most of the diamonds used today as gems. Color, freedom from flaws, weight and cutting are the hallmarks. Diamonds can be yellow or black, red, pink, blue, brown, or green, but pure white, which will reflect a shower of hues when properly cut, is the most desirable.

"Flawless," when applied to diamonds, has a very special meaning. If a trained eye using 10-power magnification in normal daylight detects no flaws, cracks, carbon spots or other blemishes, the stone is considered flawless.

In ancient oriental bazaars diamonds were weighed against the seeds of the carob tree. Our modern word for diamond weight, carat, had its origin in these bazaar stalls. It takes about 142 carats to weigh an ounce. The largest cut diamond is the Great Star of Africa which is set in the British Royal Scepter. It weighs 530 carats and is only one of the gems cut from a rough stone which weighed 3,100 carats.

The most popular cut has 58

clearing facets and is the traditional cut for the engagement ring. The delicate process of polishing these 58 facets is called brilliant cutting.

Today most stones are sawed with a phosphor-bronze blade 35-ten-thousandths of an inch thick which has been first impregnated with diamond dust, since only a diamond will actually cut another diamond.

After the cutting and polishing the diamond is boiled in acid and then rinsed. Once in its setting, the diamond is cleaned and polished again, this time with live steam.

Diamonds turn up in very odd places, but the most popular is still the third finger of a girl's left hand.

Nicaragua

By NELSON REED
A friend of ours who knew we had been in Nicaragua two years ago sent us this account of what currently passes for a revolution in that pitifully poverty stricken and unbelievably dirty country, where even the Turkey Buzzards that are the local sanitary department look half starved. He says:

"Depending on whom is doing the whispering, Nicaragua is having a revolution, an invasion, or just a little flareup. There are only whispers in the tense capital city of Managua. There is very little open talk. Businessmen generally are staying home. A strike has closed down more than half of the business of the city. In the sprawling Grand Hotel in Managua the woman who runs the gift shop has hidden her jewelry stock.

"I won't soon forget the training of about 700 military recruits on an open plain below the hilltop home of President Somoza. The boys were hurriedly given red hats instead of uniforms. They were getting their basic training in one day. They looked to be about 16 years of age, at the oldest. Armed soldiers on every street corner keep Managua in tight order.

"The armed forces' biggest problem came from about 100 angry wives of husbands who had been jailed for one reason or another. The wives, dressed in mourning black, tried to parade in protest against their husbands' jailing. The wives were rounded up and held in a church for awhile. But, as their story swept the city and indignation arose, they were released and scattered to their homes."

"From what little we have seen of these poorer Central American countries, where the average native can read or write but very little, hardly ever has enough to eat during his lifetime, and is seldom regularly employed, there is no cure for these so-called 'revolutions.' When life itself seems hardly worth the struggle and the existing government offers little encouragement to lead you to believe that things will be any different, people are apt to listen to anyone who promises a change, no matter how hollow those promises are.

The administration that follows the so-called revolution is rarely any different than the one which preceded it.

The strong man or president grabs everything he can get his hands on as fast as he can and sells it away against the day when he will "take it on the lumm."

The 16-year-olds with their red hats will get killed without ever knowing what it's all about or having accomplished anything. That has been the history of most Latin American countries and sad as it may seem it apparently will continue to be for some time to come.

Friendly Dog

Malin (To the Editor)—I read in today's paper the story of the dog's friendship for a postman. Some years ago, when I was postmaster at Malin, my son, David, and I had a dog named Pal. He was a

very friendly creature, and everyone about town knew him—children and men, especially.

Some days, he would sit outside the open door and let everyone in but his special men friends. To them he raised his paw and, before he let them in, they must shake paws with him.

A cruel ending came when two young men crossed the road and ran over him. One of his special friends, Dr. Trout, did all he could, but it proved fatal. The small boys carried their pet in a little wagon to a nearby hill, where they buried him. A solemn procession of devoted lads, with grief-stricken faces, followed him to his last rest.

All the friends grieved for the friendly dog and missed his little act of friendship when they came for their mail.

Teresa H. McComb

Parting

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—It was Emily Dickinson who wrote that parting is all we know of heaven, and all we need of hell.

Certainly parting from a child for the first time is all the hell parents could ever want. But the reunion sometimes almost makes it worthwhile. You learn a lot from the experience.

Recently Frances and I had the opportunity to make a four-week vacation trip to Europe. But no children were to be included.

This posed a real problem. Since adopting our daughter, Tracy Ann, shortly after her birth nearly six years before, Frances and I had never been away from her more than a weekend.

How could we leave her for a whole month? We considered abandoning the trip, even though we felt we might not have such an opportunity again in our lifetime.

"You're crazy," friends counseled. "The separation will be good for both you and Tracy. Try it and see."

We finally decided to put the whole decision up to Tracy herself.

We explained that it was a kind of business trip on which there would be no other children. We told her she could stay at the suburban home of our close friends, George and Helen Palmer, and sleep with the three Palmer daughters—Nina, Zona and Leila Jim—who are her goddaughters.

"You can go," said Tracy gravely. "If you don't stay away too long—and you promise to be good."

We promised—and she promised—and we sailed away.

The second morning out I awoke in our cabin to find my wife weeping.

"Now what have I done wrong?" I asked, figuring I must have talked in my sleep and said something incriminating.

"Who cares what you do?" said Frances. "I miss my baby."

Having got that maternal line out of her system, she dried her eyes and ate a breakfast that would have felled Diamond Jim Brady. Have you ever noticed how, after a good cry, a woman is always hungry?

After that we tacitly quit mentioning Tracy, and missed her silently and separately together.

Once in Paris, Frances saw a group of children run out of a school, hopping like little loud birds, and tears suddenly sprang into her eyes. But she didn't say anything.

A visit to the top of the Eiffel Tower brought me my worst moment. The view of Paris from there is one of the world's tremendous sights. I thought how much it would please my small daughter, and felt all at once drained and empty.

Would Tracy have missed us much really? How would she greet us?

"She'll just say hello, and run off and play," I ventured.

"No, she won't," said Frances positively.

We got off the ship, and took a train to the suburbs. A freckle-faced tornado rushed up and grabbed Frances fiercely around the legs.

"Mommy! Mommy! Mommy!" cried Tracy, and broke into uncontrollable sobs. I lifted her up, and she clung to me and wept for five full minutes. Then the storm was over, and a rain-smile came out and dried the tears.

Later in the day Tracy took Frances aside and whispered to her. "Every day when I was alone I said to myself that when you came back I'd never be mean to you again."

In the week since then Tracy has kept the pledge she made to herself. She has been almost too angelic. She has only pulled the cat's tail twice, and the cat can't figure that out either.

Buying Spree

By SAM DAWSON
AP Business News Analyst
NEW YORK (AP)—There's nothing like good times to get Americans further into debt.

On-the-cuff buying is climbing faster than ever before. Mortgage totals are rising. Credit cards multiply despite some grumbling from restaurant owners.

More Americans plan to take their vacations first and pay later. Banks are offering their own versions of consumer credit. Stores promote new credit plans as well as the old charge accounts.

About an eighth of every dollar left over after taxes now goes for time payments.

The reason for the big spurt in borrowing to buy?

Credit and sales executives say it's because more people are working and making more money and are confident of holding their jobs. With times good they are willing to go in debt to have the things they want now.

Inflation psychology—fear that the dollar you save today may not buy so much next year—is also making consumers willing to buy on time, hoping to pay off later with a cheaper dollar.

To some the big boom in consumer credit is reminiscent of 1933 when Americans went on their last big buying spree.

As in 1933 the big gainer this year has been installment credit for auto purchases. But there is increased on-the-cuff buying of appliances, clothing, home furnishings and repairs, and of such newcomers as boats, trailers and travel.

Latest Federal Reserve Board figures show that April set a record for any month in the amount of new installment debt—just short of four billion dollars. This brought the total to 34½ billion dollars and total consumer credit to 45 billion dollars, or 2½ billion more than a year ago.

Consumer finance companies report nearly 3½ billion dollars of personal cash installment loans outstanding at the end of April. Credit unions' total outstanding loans rose 34 million dollars during March.

The Federal Home Loan Bank Board reports that nonfarm mortgage recordings of \$20,000 or less in the first four months of 1959 were 35 per cent higher than in the same period last year. At the end of 1958 the mortgage total was put at 118 billion dollars, a gain of 9.7 per cent for the year.

The Almanac

Today is Tuesday, June 23, the 174th day of the year, with 191 more days to follow in 1959.

The moon is approaching its last quarter.

The morning star is Saturn.

The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Mars and Jupiter.

On this date in history:

In 1663, William Penn signed a treaty of peace with the Indians at Shackamaxon, on the Delaware River.

In 1826, the federal government apportioned among the states a surplus of more than 28-million dollars.

In 1943, the Congress of Texas agreed to annexation by the United States.

In 1868, Christopher Sholes, a Wisconsin journalist and politician received a patent for a typewriter.

In 1894, David Saxe—Coburg, later King Edward VIII of Britain and now the Duke of Windsor, was born.

In 1947, the House overrode President Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, thereby making it law.

Thought for today: The American philosopher William James said, "be not afraid of life. Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



H. A. PEDERSEN, dean of instruction at Oregon Technical Institute, gets fitted for a "Bing Crosby Tuxedo" by Bob Smith, one of the sponsors of the OTI-hosted National Intercollegiate Rodeo to be staged at the Klamath County Fairgrounds July 3, 4 and 5. Legend has it Crosby, at a northern show, popped fans' eyes with his blue denim tux.

Press Chief Said Better

WASHINGTON (AP)—White House press secretary James C. Hagerty is reported to be recovering satisfactorily after surgery for removal of an acutely inflamed appendix.

Hagerty, 30, was operated on Monday afternoon at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

Anne Wheaton, associate press secretary, said she had been advised by the doctors that Hagerty was in good condition and that there was no indication of any complications.

The doctors were said to believe Hagerty probably will be discharged from the hospital late this week.

The hospital said Hagerty will be charged a fee of \$21 a day during his stay there. Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker authorized his admission.

Swim Classes To Start Monday

Swimming classes, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, are due to start Monday, June 29, and Ella Redkey, instructor, says quotas are filling fast.

Those wishing to register should do so immediately at the pool. Some classes are complete. Still to be filled are a children's class from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., men's swimming at 7 a.m., ladies' swimming at 8 a.m., parent-child classes from noon to 1 p.m., synchronized swimming classes from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., and junior and senior lifesaving classes starting at 9 a.m.

TRAINING COMPLETED

Clarence W. Yancy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver L. Yancy, 2326 Wantland Avenue, and Richard L. Foote, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Foote of 3237 Maryland Avenue, completed recruit training June 10 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego.

Girls Attend Science Meet

Sandra Benson, 3512 Crest Street, and Pamela Jo LaGrande, 1842 Lexington Avenue, are among 119 high school girls attending the second annual Junior Engineers and Scientists Summer Institute at Linfield College, McMinnville. The institute ends June 26.

In order to qualify for the program of orientation to careers, opportunities, and course requirements in science and engineering, girls must have high scholastic standing and be highly recommended by their principals and teachers.

Girls from Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada and Colorado are attending.

Courses in chemistry, physiology, zoology, bacteriology, genetics, engineering, glass blowing, physics, astronomy, statistics, botany, ecology, embryology, foreign languages, home economics, food technology, mathematics, geology, library science and psychology are offered.

Hebrew University in Jerusalem now occupies what was once a rocky wilderness.

Man Saves Child; Sees Other Die

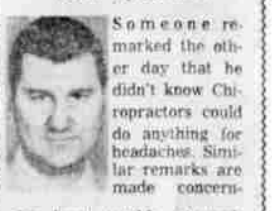
NYSSA, Ore. (AP)—Angel Martinez had to make a choice when his stepdaughters sank while wading in the treacherous Snake river. He saved one and the other drowned. So did a deaf-mute brother who tried to save her.

The victims were Magdalena Ribera, 11, and her brother, Reyes, 13. Martinez managed to save Guadalupe Ribera, 3. He said he grabbed one of the girls but had to let go to save the other.

Martin Ribera, 15, also a deaf-mute, ran for help. He used gestures to alert a farmer working in a field nearby.

The United States, India and China are the world's three largest producers of cotton.

THIS MAY ANSWER YOUR QUESTION



Someone remarked the other day that he didn't know Chiropractors could do anything for headaches. Similar remarks are made concerning heart trouble, stomach trouble, hay fever, colitis, rheumatism, and a host of other conditions. Even patients upon recovery from one ailment through Chiropractic are sometimes unaware that adjustments can also correct the cause of many other ailments. The point is that Chiropractic is not limited to correcting backache but is an all-around health service.

Chiropractors realize fully that there are conditions necessitating medication or surgery, and will not hesitate to recommend these services when they deem it necessary. Bear in mind, however, that most cases that come to the Chiropractor have tried everything and have turned to Chiropractic as a last resort.

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