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Tomorrow

By FLORENCE JENKINS

The wonders of yesterday are the commonplaces of today.

General David Sarnoff, who braved the scorn of skeptics when he predicted — back in 1916 — that radio sets would be common household equipment in the near future, has made a new prediction. He is the same prognostica- tor who said the same of television in 1923, even before radio had universal acceptance.

The good General says that someday all of us will have electronic dashboards. These will hold a set of meters, tapes and dials which will measure the state of our health and warn us when we ought to see a doctor.

What mother could fail to welcome a device which would show her whether pathetic son, age 7, really is a case of walking pneumonia at 8:30 of a school morning, or whether, if kept home, he will be in a tree in the back yard by 9:15 a.m.?

Dr. Sarnoff's disease detector could conceivably do more for school attendance than a brigade of truant officers. It might, on the other hand, eliminate the danger of epidemics of the common cold and measles, for example.

On another front, the Army is experimenting with paper clothing. Clean shorts and undershirts would be available to troops in the field without trucking along whole laundries into the combat zones.

The Forest Service has been using paper sleeping bags for its smoke-jumpers on the Rogue River National Forest for some little time. We saw them in the Lake of the Woods area two or three years ago.

But paper clothes offer another potentiality and we are not referring to costume parties where the belle of the ball comes dressed in comic section pages.

With paper clothing, no woman would have to wear the same dress to two parties or even downtown. It would create a greater demand for paper mills, no doubt, and make for increased employment. Chips or waste lumber would probably be used until that ran out and then the inventors would find another raw product.

It might eventually turn into another use for our cull potatoes.

Only trouble is, the potato process would probably smell just as bad as a pulp mill.

Lighter Side

By FRANK ELEAZER

WASHINGTON (UPI) — New Year's Eve, as you may recall, comes Dec. 31. I don't believe anyone has yet designated Jan. 1 as national aspirin day. However, silent record week arrives with the new year, and its sponsors expect us to dedicate the period to a stereophonic quiet.

With this helpful start we open what looks like the longest year in history. In 1960 we've got 61 special months to celebrate, plus 150 weeks and no telling how many days.

Six months will be devoted to bread eating alone. We are asked to spend 30 days downing white, wheat, rye, raisin, protein and buttermilk loaves, respectively. Somehow we are expected also to observe weight watchers' week Feb. 15-21.

National Mute - Your - Muffler Month comes twice next year, in June and September. Mufflers just don't last like they used to, I guess. National Noise Abate-Week is April 3-9.

Jan. 3-9 is Save-The-Pun Week. By save, I assume they mean put it away for a while. The professional gag writers who seem to be sponsoring this one also are backing National Laugh Week, April 1-9; National Humor Week, June 21-28; and National Pass-The-Laugh Week, Oct. 16-22. There is some feeling that these boys need all the help we can give them.

May, which is National Tavern Month, we will devote to the proposition that "the tavern is the friendliest place in town." Wine Week is Oct. 8-15. Temperance Days for the year fall on Feb. 14, June 12, Aug 21, and Nov. 27.

Chases' Calendar, which keeps track of such things, has just published its 1960 listing of special days, weeks and months, and it's pretty near twice as thick as the 1959 version.

January has been designated Break-A-Cold Month. This no doubt is in tribute to some of the amazing new drugs, with which the old seven-day respiratory ailment can sometimes be cured in a month, if there aren't any complications like boils.

Large Economy Size Week starts Jan. 4, and as might have been expected runs through Jan. 16.

November is a big month next year with 14 special weeks we've got to observe. National Indigestion Week for instance follows Thanksgiving Day, which comes on Nov. 24.

In addition to old favorites like Mother's and Father's Days, we will be expected to observe Mother-In-Law Day (April 24); Father-In-Law Day (Oct. 16); Old Maids' Day (June 4); Teen-Ager's Day (March 21); Lady Day (March 25); Old Lady Day (April 6); and Grandmother's Day (Oct. 9). Forefathers' Day is Dec. 21.

Baby Week begins April 30. By 1961 no doubt some appropriate period will have been set aside for the baby-sitter.

Oct. 15 is Sweetest Day. Its sponsors call this "a reminder that a thoughtful word or deed enriches life and gives it meaning; an occasion for the opening of the fall merchandising season." I say it's a sticky day, and they're stuck with it.

Congress this year did its best to block the trend toward longer years. There are 90 weeks in 1959, and the House Judiciary Committee held this was enough. It pigeonholed every bill to set aside additional weeks, days or months in honor of somebody or something.

But private enterprise isn't letting big government get in its way. Chases' Calendar in fact invites you to name your own special occasion; just tell them when, what and why.

I hope to get in with my National Nothing and Nobody Week. With the way the calendar is crowded, I'll leave it to Chases' to set the most suitable date.

Sick Birds

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

It isn't man alone who is heart-sickened by civilization. A study of autopsies at the Philadelphia Zoological Gardens over a 40-year period showed a 20-fold increase in arteriosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries, among both birds and mammals.

Sole support: In the 12th century some Russian tribesmen wore shoes with iron soles. They were so durable they were handed down from generation to generation.

Odd legislation: In New Hampshire there once was a law compelling every churchgoer to carry a gun.

The fuzz is familiar: Emperor Charlemagne ordered his soldiers to wear their beards outside their armor, so friends could better recognize each other from foes.

The world influenza epidemic of 1918-19 was one of the greatest plagues in history. It took 21 million lives. But in less than half a century after 1333, the black death killed an estimated 75 million persons in Europe and Asia.

The life expectancy of the average U. S. dollar bill is now about nine months.

Our quotable notables: "Show me a thoroughly satisfied man," said Thomas A. Edison, "and I will show you a failure."

The price of nonvegetarianism: Some 130 million food animals are slaughtered annually in the United States, but only 20 per cent are killed by methods approved by the American Humane Association.

Americans may be deeply disturbed about their own educational institutions, but they are admired by many abroad. This year more than 47,000 foreign students from 131 countries are attending U. S. colleges.

A California jeweler sends out this diplomatic note with statements on overdue bills: "A man who squeezes a dollar never squeezes his wife. In looking over your account, we get the idea your wife is not getting the attention she deserves."

Japan is one place where men still prefer to be followed rather than led by the fair sex. The scenic beauty of golf links in that country is enhanced by more than 37,000 pretty girl caddies.

This is the time of year when the common cold is really common. From now until next April an average of 30 million Americans every day will suffer from sore throats.

Compromise

By LYLE C. WILSON

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The compromise candidates most discussed as available to break a deadlock in next year's Democratic national convention are Adlai E. Stevenson and Missouri's Sen. Stuart Symington.

This compromise, if any, would hold the top spot for the left wing of the Democratic Party. Compromise talk among responsible Democrats rarely goes so far as to suggest an accommodation between the party's southern conservatives and northern radicals.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas would be a likely choice in any deal between the basically opposed elements of the Democratic Party. Northern Democrats generally do not consider Johnson even remotely eligible for their presidential nomination. They do not hesitate to say as much. Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.) ruled Johnson out a few days ago on charges that he was tied to the gas and oil industries and voted like a southerner on civil rights.

Gov. Edmund D. (Pat) Brown slugged Johnson with a public statement that the senator could not carry California because of his position on civil rights and oil. Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) faulted Johnson for being a southerner, for being illiberal and on the grounds that the Negro vote would be against him in the North.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt downrates the senator. Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) say that Johnson won't do. The foregoing are samples of the current machine-gunning of Lyndon Johnson. Speaker Sam Rayburn, also a Texan, is booming Johnson back home for the presidential nomination. Mr. Sam is a practical politician. Other practical politicians suspect that the speaker has objectives in addition to obtaining the nomination of Johnson.

One of these objectives might be to whomp up enough Johnson enthusiasm in Texas to obtain a tightly organized Texas delegation to the Democratic national convention. Texas Democrats are angrily divided but might be pulled together with a Johnson-for-president movement as a rally point. So, if Mr. Sam were unable to nominate his man, he still might turn up at the convention with a big and tightly controlled delegation — controlled by Mr. Sam, that is. There would be certain advantages in that.

ADA scored senators in the last session of Congress on the basis of 13 significant votes. Johnson voted against ADA on five of them. Those votes and Johnson's policies as Senate Democratic Leader killed him with the left wingers.

Two of these votes were to protect the privilege of minority groups to filibuster in the Senate, one minority right or privilege which the left wing denounces as evil. Johnson voted to reduce spending tax money for urban housing. He opposed reducing tax allowances to the oil and gas industries. He voted to continue the requirement that students obtaining federal funds for education must swear to their loyalty as U.S. citizens.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) and Symington voted with ADA on all 13 issues, thereby becoming solid with the left wing. Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) was with the ADA on 12 votes but was not recorded on the oil and gas bill.

If Humphrey and Kennedy should deadlock the convention on early ballots, ADA would have Symington in reserve, or Stevenson.

Big Brain

By SAM DAWSON

AP Business News Analyst

NEW YORK (AP)—Some of the glamor has rubbed off the mechanical brain. But business is fast learning how to make it a practical tool.

The early romantic notion that electronic computers would produce the automatic office, settling all problems in a jiffy, and even making decisions for executives, hasn't panned out quite that way.

But by the trial and error method the big companies who use the giant machines have learned how to tame them and turn them into highly useful servants.

And a new class of clerical labor has developed—because the mechanical brain doesn't operate without prodding by men and women, who still have to do much of its thinking for it, both before and after use.

A study of the experience of 17 large companies who use the computers has been made for the Controllers Institute Research Foundation.

It shows the giant brains can be headaches as well as helpers. And it lists the pitfalls of performance and costs awaiting the unwary, but also the real gains when too much isn't expected and when the expense is justified.

The report prepared by Price Waterhouse, a management advisory service, makes these chief points:

The electrical data processing system requires a large and relatively constant flow of incoming data.

A fairly large clerical force must check the validity and accuracy of source documents and convert data into forms the machine can use. The dream of an automatic office with few clerks seems far off.

Companies find there is a definite point when it is uneconomical to turn some programs over to the machine. This is particularly true when there are many exceptions to the general routines. In that case manual handling is cheaper.

Decisions which the mechanical brains make are usually of the simple, semiclerical variety. Company executives report the major and most minor decisions must still be made by management.

The report also warns against too ambitious an approach in turning over all problems to machines. It says this can lead to many operational difficulties and much higher initial operating costs.

The 17 companies studied include firms in the manufacturing, utility, railroad, shipping, insurance, hospital and stock brokerage fields.

The Almanac

United Press International

Today is Monday, Nov. 16, the 320th day of the year, with 45 more days in 1959.

The moon is approaching its last quarter.

The morning star is Venus.

The evening stars are Mercury and Saturn.

On this date in history:

In 1800, the Boston Navy Yard was opened.

In 1864, General William Sherman and his Union Army started their celebrated "march to the sea."

In 1907, Oklahoma entered the Union as the 46th state.

In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

In 1953, former President Harry Truman replied to the charges he appointed an alleged Communist spy, Harry Dexter White, to a high government office.

A thought for today: former President James Monroe said: "national honor is national property of the highest value."

Quotes

United Press International

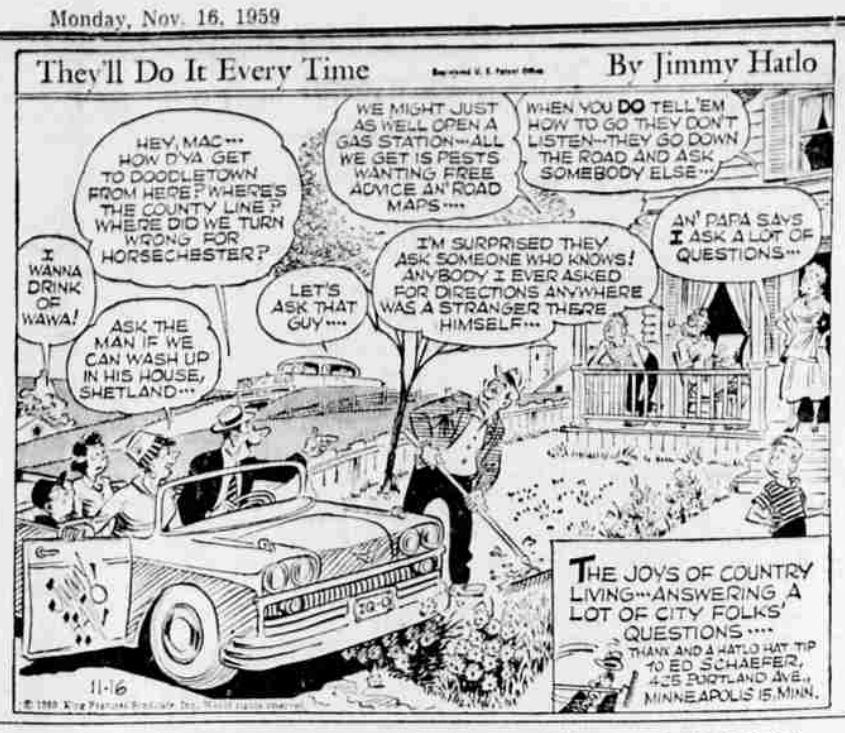
ST. LOUIS — Former British Prime Minister Clement Attlee, after being asked whether he thought the United States should recognize Communist China:

"It's no good ignoring it. Recognition does not mean approval."

HOUSTON, Tex. — Dr. Russell Wolfe, discussing his patient, old Confederate Walter G. Williams, at Williams' 117th birthday party:

"He doesn't need peace and quiet. He needs a party to help him get well."

SHORT RIBS By Frank O'Neal



Grange Picks New Officers

MALIN—Election of officers was held at the meeting of the Malin Grange No. 707 on November 10, with Master Ernest Gray presiding. The newly elected master for the coming year is A. G. (Bun) Scott.

Other officers elected were Ray Drake, overseer; Mayvelle Ingram, lecturer; Sanders Oliver, steward; Don Macken, assistant steward; Aletha Macken, lady assistant steward; David P. Reid, chaplain; Anna Weatherby, treasurer; Clara Scott, secretary; Dennis Ingram, gate keeper; Mary McAuliffe, Ceres; Ina Oliver, Pomona; Anne Paygr, Flora; and Ernest Gray, executive committee member.

Pro tem officers for the meeting were Alex Cammock of Midland Grange, steward; Bill Novotny of Lost River Grange, assistant steward; Ada Barleen of Shasta View Grange, Ceres; Pauline Flowers of Midland Grange, Pomona; Kathryn Smith of Midland Grange, Flora; and Lillian Thomas of Merrill Grange, musician.

This meeting was also the state visitation night for the Malin Grange and other visitors in addition to those who were pro tem officers included L. W. Barleen, county deputy and Christine Murray, both of Shasta View Grange; Francis Flowers, Pomona master; Mayme Cammock, lecturer; and Mike Smith, all of Midland Grange; Pavitt Newnham, master and Mildred Novotny of Lost River; and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Howard of Merrill Grange.

Refreshments were served following the meeting by Malin Grange members.

TO VISIT ICELAND

MOSCOW (UPI) — Soviet legislators will visit Iceland next year at the invitation of the Icelandic government, according to the official Soviet news agency Tass.

Auxiliary Hosts District Head

MERRILL — District president, Norma Walrath, was guest of honor at a meeting of the Merrill VFW Auxiliary held Wednesday, November 4, at the VFW Hall. Accompanying the district president from Klamath Falls were Rosamond Brannon, Ruby Miller and Junie Hoover.

The business meeting was conducted by Dorothy West, president. One new member, Hazel Deboy, was initiated.

Appointed to serve the Merrill Lions Club dinner on November 16 were Ida Fleck, Mary Lou Swisher, Jean Rodgers, June Orem and Dovie Hodges.

Marge Hodges, cancer chairman, announced that cancer bandages will be made at the next scheduled meeting Wednesday, November 18.

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