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### New Year

By **BILL JENKINS**  
Well, here we are in a new year and the same old trouble will doubtless come along to plague us. Namely, we'll go blithely on our way dating everything back in 1959. This must cause a good deal of grief to the banks in particular. But, alas, I fear it is a fault that we all have.

If you don't have it you are too perfect for this world.

This piece is being written at the office on January 1.

New Year's Day in a newspaper office is about like having a high old time in the morgue.

Everything else is dead. The stores are closed. The teletypes reel out nothing but the dreary record of highway dead.

So it goes.

Maybe this is a good time to print a little story we ran across in the Wepaco News Notes.

Seems that up at the Hermiton game farm they have a female francolin grouse that was imported from India several years ago.

Apparently remembering the seasons in her native land the hen got family ideas about mid-October. Laid a clutch of eggs and began sitting on October 26. On November 18 she came off the nest and proudly displayed 13 tiny chicks.

During this time the weather was hovering near zero part of the time, seldom got up to freezing. The nest was a hollow in the frozen ground.

It just proves what you can do if you try.

Along with a lot of other people I have spent much of today cleaning out the files and drawers in the office.

By this process one throws away everything one will want on January two.

It is infallible. And also inevitable.

As the fellow said when his photo studio burned down: Good night, sweet prints.

It is a popularly accepted theory that one should always start off the new year with a cheerful trend of thought.

It took a little doing but I finally winnowed out a cheerful thought from the news.

San Francisco International Airport makes more money from cars than it does from airplanes.

Parking privileges, rent-a-car concessions and taxi and limousine concessions brought in a total of \$1,235,000 compared to a total of only \$950,000 for aircraft landing and takeoff fees.

I have always maintained that the air age wasn't here to stay.

### Water Pipes

By **FLORENCE JENKINS**

Freezing weather, which has been plaguing many home owners with broken water pipes and resultant property damage, brought Glenn D. Bowen, manager of Oregon Water Corporation, into the office with some suggestions to be passed along to householders.

"If you plan to be away in freezing weather, it is a good idea to turn the water off at the stop and waste valve in the line and drain all fixtures including the water heater," he states.

"Turning water off at the meter usually will not drain anything, but many people have the idea that if the meter is turned off and the faucets opened, all will be well. This might be helpful under certain circumstances, but it is a dangerous assumption," he continues.

The State Plumbing Code requires that every home be equipped with a stop and waste valve and Oregon Water Corporation's rules and regulations require that "stop and waste valves must be installed in the customer's plumbing in a place always accessible and so located as to permit shutting off the water for the entire premises with the least possible delay." The rules urge that all persons on the premises familiarize themselves with the valves' location and use.

"Water heaters usually, but not always, have a drain valve at the bottom to which a hose can be connected for draining," the water company manager says. "The power supply, electricity, or gas, should be disconnected before draining."

The water company warns that it is strictly against its rules for customers to turn water on, or off, at the company's shut-off at the meter without permission. The practice often results in a broken shut-off for which the customer is billed for repairs. An adequate stop and waste valve in the customer's line is a much more satisfactory means of turning off the water, according to the experts.

The company warns, "When you

move into a new home, be sure to ask the builder, realtor, or landlord the location of the stop and waste valve and how to operate it. We have seen them located under the wood pile in the basement, out in the yard under the rose bush, inside the tool cabinets, under the new plywood paneling in the playroom, or just about any place imaginable. If the valve hasn't been turned for years, it is a good idea to make sure it will operate as intended.

"Find that stop and waste valve now. After the pipe breaks it is too late."

### Courteous Drivers

By **CHARLES V. STANTON**  
Editor Roseburg News-Review

One nice thing about living in Southern Oregon is the courtesy shown by motorists to pedestrians.

At the same time, however, this very courtesy we enjoy is dangerous, because we grow to expect it and then don't always find it.

I'm thinking particularly of the courtesy of motorists in giving right of way to pedestrians. Although the pedestrian by law has the right of way at intersections, he doesn't always get it elsewhere.

In some areas it is the "quick and the dead," to use an old expression.

The pedestrian not only has the right of way at marked crossings, in nearly every instance, but he also is given motorist courtesy at unmarked crossings and on side streets and roads.

In fact, it is seldom that one finds so much attention given by a motorist to the pedestrian. All too often the pedestrian is forced to leap and dodge to avoid the automobile—the automobile that slows for nothing.

Cars frequently stop to permit passage by the pedestrian standing at the curb, even though he hasn't started across the street. As Frank Jenkins once said, it can become downright embarrassing. That particularly is true when one merely is waiting.

A man waiting on the street corner for his wife, could run himself to death going back and forth across the street, or else cause a traffic tieup, the way motorists wait sometimes.

And it's a most pleasant courtesy. But all too often we become dependent, as pedestrians, on courtesies, only to be run down, or nearly run down by some visitor from an area where the pedestrian is less kindly treated.

But is the pedestrian equally courteous toward the motorist?

I would answer that question in the negative.

Too many pedestrians take advantage of obliging motorists.

Pedestrians saunter across a street or roadway, often delaying traffic unnecessarily. We have seen cases where pedestrians even stop in the center of the street to hold a conversation. They will straggle across an intersection, occupying a crossing for an appreciable length of time, when it wouldn't take but a few seconds to hold back and collect a group while allowing traffic to move.

The worst offenders are a few smart aleck youngsters who demonstrate their juvenility by deliberately flaunting traffic, failing to appreciate politeness on the part of vehicle drivers. Such conduct usually indicates that the guilty youngster has a social adjustment considerably behind his years.

Then, too, there are the jaywalkers who demand, and usually receive, the right of way between crossings. The pedestrian may have right of way at an established crossing, but the motorist has the right of way between crossings. If the pedestrian elects to jaywalk, which is quite common, he shouldn't expect the motorist to show politeness.

The pedestrian who persists in

jaywalking should realize that he is running a great risk. He should keep that risk at a minimum, first, by using established crossings or, if he must use some other crossing, use extreme care to avoid becoming a casualty.

Motorists, it seems to me, are developing another good habit and that is using lights during dark daylight hours.

In some former years the motorists didn't turn on lights until quite late. Today, however, the practice seems to be growing to use headlights whenever visibility is poor.

Automobiles today travel at much higher speeds than they did a few years ago. Many of them are of colors that are hard to distinguish at a distance. A motorist may attempt to pass a slower car ahead, believing he has a clear path, only to find that a speeding car from the other direction, a car indistinguishable at the distance needed to get around a car at today's speed, is approaching on collision course.

Headlamps are visible at a great distance. Parking lights do not do much good and shouldn't be used on a moving vehicle. Personally I do like the idea of using headlamps when fog or haze are present to limit vision.

### Red Failures

By **PHIL NEWSOM**  
UPI Foreign Editor

Twin forms of nature—human and acts of God—have combined to write an amazing story of failure for grandiose agricultural schemes among the Communist nations.

China's ancient enemies of flood and drought have combined with earlier failures to the point where millions of its rapidly expanding population face a real threat of starvation.

Red China admitted it grossly over-estimated its 1959 farm production and has paved the way for further such admissions in 1960. To help take the load of communal kitchens set up when the Reds herded millions of Chinese peasants into vast agricultural combines, the government has been forced to encourage peasants to resume growing their own food. In some instances, individual plots of land have been restored.

The story of miscalculation, sabotage and ravages of nature extends from Communist East Berlin, through Moscow to Peiping.

In East Berlin, a high-ranking member of the party disclosed that farmers opposed to collectivization of their lands were setting farm property on fire, poisoning cattle, committing other acts of sabotage and assaulting Communist organizers. The situation, he said, had become "alarming."

About half of East Germany's farm land now is included in the collectivized.

In Moscow, where Premier Nikita Khrushchev took personal charges of the drive to surpass United States agricultural production, Khrushchev himself admitted that last year's harvest was the worst in four years.

Some of it he blamed on the weather, the rest on "leaders who do not understand a thing about agriculture."

He voiced a perennial complaint that farm machinery was allowed to fall into disrepair, and complained again about the growth of bureaucracy.

Similarly, in Poland, the government has admitted that agriculture has not kept pace with industrialization, and there, as in China, a program of austerity has been proclaimed. In Poland, the situation might have been worse, but for emergency shipments of surplus wheat from the United States.

Both Poland and Hungary have

launched vigorous campaigns to overcome the farmers' opposition to government-run collectives. The Polish farmer would rather have his own horse than a government tractor.

Hungary, which formerly was able to export food products, now must import.

Romania is in the midst of a ruthless campaign to force farm land into collectives over the opposition of peasants who remain stubborn even after nearly 15 years of Communist rule.

In Bulgaria, the government's desperate drive for collectivization has resulted in a campaign whose harshness has been compared to Red China's communal system in breaking up traditional family patterns.

Communist leaders will not accept these setbacks as permanent, nor will hunger among any people be a cause of satisfaction in the West.

But they illustrate that the Kremlin's "perfect" society still is unable to collectivize nature, human or otherwise.

### The Almanac

By **United Press International**

Today is Jan. 3rd, the 3rd day of the year, with 363 more days in 1960.

The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The morning stars are Venus and Mars.

On this day in History:

In 1777, George Washington's troops defeated three British regiments at the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1876, the first private kindergarten to offer free instructions opened in Florence, Mass.

In 1883, British political leader Clement Attlee was born.

In 1935, 90 per cent of the people living in the Saar voted for a reunion with Germany.

In 1938, the "March of Dimes" campaign to fight infantile paralysis was organized.

In 1942, Japanese invaders started their siege of Bataan in the Philippines.

In 1946, William Joyce, the notorious "Lord Haw Haw" was hanged in London for his treasonable acts in broadcasting for the Nazis during World War II.

A thought for today: George Bernard Shaw wrote: Silence is the most perfect expression of scorn.

### Quotes

**United Press International**

**ISTANBUL** — A Turkish government spokesman disclosing that 25 newsmen had been convicted since 1954 of various offenses including that of damaging the prestige of the state:

"There are no arbitrary actions, whether in jailing or closing a newspaper by the administration."

**HAVANA** — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, commemorating the first anniversary of his successful revolution:

"I wish a happy new year to the United States."

**ATLANTA** — Negro lawyer A. T. Walden, a civil rights advocate for more than half a century, in an Emancipation Day address:

"The dominant statesmanship of the world today is bankrupt in ideas for the solution of the complex problems which confront and afflict mankind in the areas of human relations."

**NEW YORK** — Blind orchestra leader Phil Bennett, appealing for the return of his braille music notations and three instruments stolen from his auto:

"The year for me is ending on a sour note."

**NEW YORK** — Actress Marilyn Monroe, who has suffered two miscarriages in her marriage to playwright Arthur Miller, denying a report that she was pregnant again:

"I wish it were true."

**MIAMI** — Justice of the Peace Francis Christie, ruling that animal trainer Robert Tomarchin could keep "Mr. Moke," the chimpanzee he kidnapped from the St. Louis Zoo, until extradition proceedings are completed:

"The interest of justice and humanity would be met by allowing these two people—or these two animals — to be reunited."

**PAINESVILLE, Ohio** — Mrs. Lois Clark, after authorities said a lie detector test showed she had nothing to do with the slaying of her husband by a sniper on Christmas Eve:

"I'm tired but relieved. I answered everything they asked. I had nothing to hide."

### They'll Do It Every Time

WHEN FUNGO WAS TRADING IN HIS HEAP HE WASN'T CONSCIOUS OF THE RACKET IT MADE ....



### By Jimmy Hatlo

BUT HIS NEW CAR...HE BRINGS IT BACK EVERY WEEK—IT SEEMS HE'S ALWAYS HEARING THINGS ....



### Art Classes Will Begin

Two college accredited art classes under the General Extension Division of the Oregon State System of Higher Education will begin this week. Both classes will run from 7 to 9:45 p.m. one night a week for 10 weeks.

Monday night, January 4, the first session of Art Education 311, arts and crafts for the elementary

teacher is scheduled. This class will offer a variety of methods and techniques in using various art materials suitable for elementary students. The class will be held in the Art Room at Fremont School on High Street. Gordon Kensler, supervisor of art education for the city elementary schools, will be the instructor. This course will offer three credit hours.

Tuesday night, January 5, will be the opening session of AA 290, painting. This class is planned for both beginning and advanced students, who are interested in

working in oil, watercolor, or other painting mediums. The class will be held in Room 325, on the second floor of Klamath Union High School, Howard Hall, Art Instructor at KUHS, will be the instructor. The course will offer two credit hours.

Further information about these classes may be obtained by calling Gordon Kensler, TU 4-9573 or Howard Hall, TU 2-3296.

Peruvian bark is the bark of the chincona tree and is used in making quinine.

### UNTIMELY BOMB

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI) — A 16-year-old high school student was in fair condition at a hospital Saturday with injuries received when a homemade bomb blew off one of his hands. The student, Douglas Wages, set the bomb to go off at midnight, the start of the new year. Police said he returned to see why it had not exploded, picked it up and it went off.



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