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Here And There

By BILL JENKINS
It seems like a good many years since the first promise was made that soon we would have a grass that would only grow so high and would then quit.
Despite the hoary age of that promise it is still going strong. The latest word comes from Dr. Neil Stuart, one of the wheels with the US Department of Agriculture Research Station back in Beltsville, Maryland.
During a recent address up at OSC he predicted as how the age of chemicals was just around the corner and all we'll have to do in the future is spray a lawn when it reaches the desired height and the grass will stop growing.
And we can stop mowing.
Nor does this apply only to grass. These same chemicals can retard the growth of trees and shrubs so that if you are a landscape gardener you can achieve a nice neat effect.
The only thing the good doctor fails to mention is a date when all this is going to come about.
Let's hope that this doesn't turn out to be like prosperity—which is always just around the corner.

Well, it has finally happened.
The California Highway Patrol has lowered the boom on slow drivers.
That word comes direct from Commissioner Bradford Crittenden. He says that from here on out those who dawdle along in the fast lanes of traffic will have their choice of either, moving over or being cited.
Such arrests can be made under the provisions of a law against impeding or blocking the normal flow of traffic.
Biggest danger of all, he says, is the fact that a normally good driver may become exasperated by the slow driver ahead and lose his good judgment.
The military is not using all its time in shooting off fancy Roman candles at the moon.
Currently the Quartermaster Corps is working on the development of paper clothes for servicemen.
First target is a set of mechanics overalls that can be worn until dirty and then burned.

I wonder if they will also come in handy for writing notes to oneself?
Obscenity
By FLORENCE JENKINS
Joseph E. Thornton, special agent in charge of the Portland office of the United States Department of Justice's Federal Bureau of Investigation, has appealed to all Oregon newspapers to give publicity to a statement by J. Edgar Hoover regarding the subject of pornography.
In the January, 1960, FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, Mr. Hoover stated:
"The morals of America are besieged today by an unprincipled force which will spare no home or community in its quest for illicit profits."
"I am speaking of the unquestionably base individuals who spread obscene literature across our land through the means of films, decks of playing cards, photographs, 'comic' books, salacious magazines, paperbacked books and other pornographic products. These forms of obscenity indeed threaten the morality of our nation and its richest treasure — our young people."
He deplored the fact that "our youth is subjected to lurid exhibitions of obscenity in many of the places where they seek clean entertainment" such as the corner drugstore or sweetshop with its rack of trashy magazines.
"The time for half-hearted oblique action against dealers in depravity is past," Mr. Hoover continued. "Although their despicable trade reaps \$300 million a year, this diabolical business is costing the nation much more than money. It is robbing our country and particularly our younger generation of decency — it is a seedbed for delinquency among juveniles and depravity among all ages."
"Have local governing authorities investigated to ensure that laws against smut salesmen in their communities are strong enough?"
"Is the public outcry of sufficient strength to impress local judges with the need of defending morality by sentencing filth purveyors to maximum terms?"
"Are community and civic groups cooperating with law enforcement authorities in fighting this debasing blight?" Mr. Hoover asked.
A check with local post office authorities shows that very little pornographic literature is finding its way into Klamath Falls by

means of the United States mails.
Any person finding or receiving questionable mailings is urged to turn in the offending literature or pictures to the postmaster or send them to Mr. Thornton, Post Office Box 709, Portland.
Local stores handling magazines and paperbacked books are doing a good job of censoring out the more salacious numbers. That's one of the really good things about not living in a big city. In smaller centers we are all neighbors with much the same standards and goals.

Early Oregon
OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
"If it was worthwhile to fight Indians and ford flooded streams to get to Oregon 50 years ago, it is certainly worth your while now to get on a train and move to the state." A 50-year-old railroad booklet reasoned with its readers.
The booklet is one of some 5,000 pamphlets and folders distributed some 50 years ago by railroad, commercial clubs and business firms, urging the nation to come to Oregon, "where there's plenty of elbow room."

The collection of the state's early promotion material has been given to the Oregon Historical Society by William Bittle Wells, Portland. The colorful booklets are a valuable addition to the society's collection of folders telling the story of how the pioneers were sold on the idea of moving to the state.
Early Oregonians were great promoters of Oregon's mild climate and found it easy to forget the rainfall figures in some cases. Rainfall in early Oregon, if mentioned, was described as "Oregon mist."
One booklet found Oregon's "rainfall is so gentle it does not even wash the ground." Rain was sometimes simply dismissed as moisture, or as in one pamphlet dismissed with "The climate is healthful." It was also noted that Oregon rain "soaks in the ground and is not wasted."
Eugene, then as now an enterprising city, got out a pamphlet emblazoned across the front in colorful letters, "Meet Me in Sunny Eugene."
Astoria in those days had no qualms about casting the climate of California in an underdog role. A pamphlet declared, "Our climate is delightful, it easily surpasses the California climate." Later the Astoria promotion piece slyly mentioned that the annual rainfall is 75.3 inches, but added, "the drainage is good."

Many of the early pamphlets were how to get to it publications. There are booklets on "How to Get to Falls City, Oregon, Queen City of Polk County," "How to Get to Astoria, Washington," or "How to Get to Albany, Hub of the Willamette Valley." Albany offered proof of its hub claim with a report that 28 passenger trains departed each day "in five different directions."
Early promotion material is important for it often provides help to research on some places that no longer exist.
The only folder that came close to modern techniques was a document urging vacations at "North Beach, Washington, the Longest Beach in America." The booklet noted that the beach offered "surf bathing in waters tempered by the sun," but all it pictured was heavily clothed swimmers. Not a bare ankle was in sight.

Stock Ideas
By SAM DAWSON
AP Business News Analyst
NEW YORK (AP)—How you look at the stock market can set your idea of what's happening to it. That is, it can be what's happening to the stock or stocks you own. Or you can be lothier about it and discuss what's happening to your favorite stock price index.
Each of these has tumbled since the first of the year. But each of necessity has had to be weighed over the years by the stock splits and stock dividends and by the commissions and additions that a changing economy has dictated. So their current stocks are quite different from the ones that were in the original index when it started years ago.
And the index figure definitely isn't the average price of the stocks as now listed on the exchange.
So for the fun of it, let's look at what has happened to present day stock prices since the first of the year.
And let's take the Associated Press price index of 60 stocks—the index figure itself, which has had to be adjusted from time to time, but the actual 60 stocks that are in it.
They are pretty representative of the stock market as a whole, although mostly they are blue chips with a few glamorous newcomers to popularity.
Studying the blue chips could be more significant than wondering about the ups and downs of the mercurial glamor ones. The blue chips tend to be put away in strong boxes and taken out only for a good, nonspeculative, reason.
If you had had \$3,509 on New Year's Eve, you could have bought one each of the 60 stocks included in the AP index. If you had sold all 60 of them last week, you would have got \$3,337 for them.
Here, too, stock splits being what they are, an adjustment should be made. One of the stocks, Westinghouse, was split two for one since the first of the year. Technically, you would have 61 stocks worth about \$3,357.
Most of the drop in prices came in the 30 stocks that make up the industrial component of the index. Their combined market value dropped from \$2,308 to \$2,063 in the first five weeks of 1960.
The 15 rails put up a better showing. They would have cost you \$517 at the start of the year and would have brought you \$505 last week.
As usual, the 15 utilities followed a fairly steady course. These government-regulated companies increase their earnings as the territory they serve grows. Their rates are closely watched. The market price of their stocks takes few big swings up or down.
You could have bought the 15 utilities at \$774 and sold them five weeks later at \$768. Brokers attribute this slight sag to traders' views of just how prosperous the economy is going to be—or, doubtless more accurately, as to how prosperous the territory each utility serves is likely to be.
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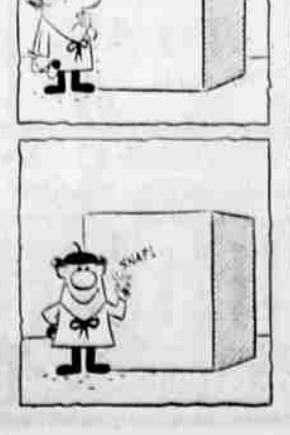
The Lighter Side
By DICK WEST
WASHINGTON (UPI)—I think it's high time somebody said a few words in defense of "dog robbing."
It's not that I quarrel with those congressmen who think the armed forces have abused the practice. Goodness knows, if something can be abused the armed forces will find a way to do it.
What I mean is, I think it should be understood that dog robbing is an ancient and honorable profession. It is to this broader point that I address myself.
Who, for instance, kept Hannibal's Howdah tidy while the elephants were crossing the Alps? A dog robber.
And who applied that polish that was under the dust that was on the boots that Gen. Custer died in? A dog robber.
In fact, I suppose that a dog robber has figured in every major military engagement since the walls fell at Jericho. Even in that one, a dog robber may have shined the trumpet, or held the music, or something.
Gunga Din, of whom Kipling sang, was a dog robber. Webster has honored the dog robber with a place in his dictionary. You can find the entry on page 765 of the new international edition between "dog ribs" and "dog rose."

A dog robber is defined as "an officer's servant or personal attendant." (A dog ribs, incidentally, is a weed and a dog rose is a flower. But that is another story.)
The use of enlisted men as dog robbers came under congressional scrutiny last year because of complaints that some of our warriors were being assigned as baby sitters and housekeepers.
Last week, a House subcommittee renewed the inquiry by making public an Air Force manual which set forth detailed instructions on the proper use of lace table-cloths, wine glasses and other accoutrements of the spartan military life.
To live up to this manual, a dog robber would have to be a chemist, an engineer and a disciple of Oscar of the Waldorf. I was amazed to learn it had become such a fine art.
I knew several dog robbers during my Army days and, frankly, they seemed like pretty ordinary Joes. They also were, by and large, a contented and even envied lot.
Being assigned to the general's quarters excused them from such soldierly assignments as kitchen police, latrine duty and ridding the company street of cigaret butts.
This always looked to me like a rather good way to fight a war. And I suspect, our congressmen notwithstanding, that every dog robber still has his day.

The Almanac
By United Press International
Today is Monday, Feb. 8, the 38th day of the year, with 327 more days to follow in 1960.
The moon is approaching its full phase.
The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Venus.
On this day in history:
In 1587, Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, was beheaded on charges of plotting the murder of Britain's Queen Elizabeth the First.
In 1819, English author, art critic and social reformer John Ruskin was born.
In 1820, Civil War Union General William Tecumseh Sherman was born.
In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America were chartered in Washington.
In 1949, an Air Force jet bomber flew across the United States in three hours and 46 minutes... the fastest transcontinental flight at that time.
In 1955, Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov resigned as chief of state. He was succeeded by Marshal Nikolai Bulganin.

A thought for today: Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots said: "In my end is my beginning."
Quotes
By United Press International
CAIRO — Mrs. Genevieve Drury Christie, of Carmel, Indiana, one of 76 elderly Americans who made a four month, 14,000-mile safari across Africa, discussing the rigorous trip:
"I wouldn't have missed a minute of it even though at times I cried and pleaded with my husband to fly me home."
NEW YORK — Heart specialist Dr. Paul Dudley White, who treated President Eisenhower for his heart attack, stating on the NBC-TV program "Meet the Press" that activity is good for the President:
"(His 11-nation tour) is work that he is fit, especially adapted to, he likes it, it's an important function, and he's followed the rules otherwise so far as his health is concerned."
SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — Miss Louise A. Boyd, describing as a great honor her being named the first woman councilor in the 108-year history of the American Geographical Society:
"They have never had a woman on the council before and I did not expect I would be the first one."

SHORT RIBS By Frank O'Neal



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They'll Do It Every Time
By Jimmy Hatlo
THEY CLOSED THE SCHOOLS TODAY ON ACCOUNT OF THE STORM!! CAN YA IMAGINE THAT? THEY CALL THIS LITTLE FLURRY A STORM!! WHY, WHEN I WAS A KID...
I USED TO WALK EIGHT MILES EACH WAY UP TO MY NECK IN SNOW—THE KIDS OF TODAY ARE A LOT OF PANTY-WAISTS...
PHYFFE AND DRUMM ARE SORE THAT THEY HADDA COME TO WORK AND THEIR KIDS GOT A DAY OFF...
P AND D CAME IN TODAY RATHER THAN HELP THEIR OLD LADIES, MOW TH' SNOW!
NEXT THEY'LL BE TELLIN' HOW THEY LIVED IN A LOG CABIN... DID THEIR HOMEWORK ON A SHOVEL...
THEY'LL TELL BIGDOME THEY GOT TO GO HOME WITH DOGSLED SO THEY CAN DUCK EARLY...
ON THE "EARY" AS THE TWO CHRONIC ABSENTEES TAKE A BOW FOR SHOWING UP... THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HATLO TO GUS BRESCIA, CHICAGO, ILL.

Survey Reports On Water Supply
PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon's water supply outlook for spring and summer varies from fair to very poor, the snow survey supervisor for state and federal agencies in Oregon said Saturday.
W. T. Frost said spring and summer streamflows probably will contain only 40 to 86 per cent of normal runoff.
Total stored water supplies in Oregon, he said, are far below normal, and watershed soils under the mountain snowpack are much drier than normal. He said the snow contains less water than usual, averaging 50 per cent of the Feb. 1 normal.
About two thirds of the total winter snowpack usually is on the ground by Feb. 1. Only 32 per cent of the normal winter total was on the ground a week ago, he said.
Soils in northern mountain areas are well primed by fall rains, but soils elsewhere are drier and will soak up much valuable water from melting snow, he said.
Some 25 major irrigation reservoirs in the state hold only 68 per cent of what is normal for Feb. 1. Some smaller reservoirs are at low levels from a dry season last year and there is little carryover water.
Cleveland, Ohio, was originally named Cleaveland. The "a" was later dropped from the spelling.

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