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Hi-Fi Club

By FLORENCE JENKINS

A teen-age organization has sprung up with 395 chapters across the country which promises to surprise the pollsters, the experts, the child psychologists, the prophets of doom and, perhaps, even the teenagers themselves who are the heart and center of it.

Less than a year ago, this extraordinary club came into existence with special emphasis on fun and music as its aim.

Called the Hi-Fi Club, it mushroomed across the country with unbelievable speed and today, with a membership of more than two million teen-agers, it promises community benefits no one, not even its sponsors, The Coca-Cola Company and many local Coca-Cola Bottlers, could foresee at its inception.

Starting as a musical-fun club with recording sessions, dances that played music they dictated and contests they frequently created, the Hi-Fi Club has demonstrated an overwhelming promise to make the world of today proud of the world of tomorrow this youth group will help to shape and run.

There are clubs from Maine to California, from New York to, and including, Klamath Falls. There are even chapters in Hong Kong and Australia.

The initial purpose of the club was to provide sensible, clean, musical fun for teenagers. This they continue to have, but the individual clubs have interested themselves in community projects and problems with a speed and concentration that is startling.

A Woonsocket, Rhode Island, club decided to charge themselves admission to the dances so the club could adopt at least one Korean orphan this year.

At Spartanburg, South Carolina, the Hi-Fi Club held auctions, ran car wash parties and raised more than \$3,000 for the care of a badly burned little boy of their community.

The Hi-Fi Club of Eugene raised money for the crippled children's hospital school. Among its projects was a back-to-school style show for which members sold tickets, acted as ushers and stage hands.

The local club has the guiding hands of Everett Ball and Bill McSpadden and this year's program is getting underway.

Suburban Area

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—As a taxpayer and property owner in the South Suburban Sanitary District, I would like to jot down a few questions that seem pertinent at this time.

1. What was the name of the engineer who recommended releasing the contractor of the responsibility of replacing the streets in as good, or better, condition than they were prior to the sewer project?

2. What is the reason that a full accounting of the money spent on, and for, the sewer project isn't being placed in the paper in a most informative manner similar to the way it is handled by the county court?

3. Why were the house service connections put in by the Sanitary District without being put up for bid? In fact, why shouldn't all supplies used by the South Suburban Sanitary District be put up for bid?

4. How will the district be taxed? Who will pay? How long will they pay? Will this tax just bring the roads to what they were or will they be improved?

All things considered, I wonder whether or not the advantage of living in the suburbs, not under an incorporated body, has the advantages it used to have.

George G. Johnson,
1821 Arthur Street.

Sen. Johnson

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—Keep your eye on both eyes, in fact—on Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson all the way up to next summer when the Democratic convention picks its presidential candidate.

He wants the nomination all right but until this past weekend he's been as coy as Alice-blue-gown.

Sens. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, both out-and-out candidates, can butt heads in state primaries and criss-cross the country, looking for support, until their tongues hang out.

That's not Johnson's way. This tall Texan is a real, behind-the-scenes operator. He is one of the best men who ever served as leader of the Senate Democrats.

The reason he can get so much legislation through the Senate with a minimum of brawls and

nosebleeds is that he is a master of detail who knows exactly how many votes he can count on before he moves.

There is one other factor in his smooth operation there. Like President Eisenhower, he seems committed to the belief that name-calling is a hindrance in getting what he wants. It just creates enemies and opposition.

But until this weekend Johnson was like a man working out quietly in a political gymnasium to build up his muscles. While he denied he was a candidate, his supporters were busy bees, trying to line up support.

Then, suddenly, Johnson apparently thought his muscles were strong. He stopped being completely coy about his candidacy.

Last Friday in New Mexico he was still being quoted as saying he would not seek the nomination.

Then on Saturday night in Indianapolis he told reporters he expected to be chairman of the Texas delegation to the Democratic convention "and I hope it will be committed to the support of my candidacy."

So he finally came out with it, to the surprise of nobody. The only question about this was when he'd admit it.

There's good reason to believe that Johnson will try to build up in this session of Congress a record of legislation that will offset some of the Northern liberals' opposition to him as a conservative and Southerner.

The evidence is in the almost astonishing performance of the Senate in the past week.

Within a couple of days the Senate approved two highly controversial issues—a federal aid to education bill and an anti-poll tax amendment to the Constitution—with hardly a murmur.

In times past either one of those issues would have produced weeks of debate and, in the case of the anti-poll tax amendment, probably a Southern filibuster. This year a Southerner introduced the amendment.

Johnson, however, is faced with an almost magical tightrope act—how can he get through legislation that won't turn the Southerners against him and will still please the Northern liberals?

Oil Stocks

By SAM DAWSON

AP Business News Analyst
NEW YORK (AP)—Oil stocks have been taking their drubbing, but in most cases the companies have been showing up well in the earnings reports.

Their big trouble has been from sliding prices on the stock exchange. This sprang from the well-realized fact that the world at the moment has more oil production and refining capacity than people really need.

And it hasn't helped any that the big investment funds—until recently—have shown up as sellers of oil stocks rather than buyers.

Yet some of the biggest companies are showing increased earnings over last year.

The oil industry isn't running scared. It's just running cautious. Some of the biggest companies are tightening up their operations. They have consolidated bookwork. So that one executive's signature can now do the work of two, or more, executives.

However high their stocks may have been bid, the oil companies' potentials aren't being overlooked in Wall Street. The industry goes on selling a little more each year, and expects to go on that way.

It brags that each year it has found a little more oil than it has sold. If it gets into political trouble in one part of the globe, it always somehow seems to come up with new wells in another.

By and large, this has been

quite profitable.

The 26 oil companies reporting 1959 earnings to date show that only four made less money after taxes than in 1958. Combined their profits show a 12.6 per cent increase over the previous year.

And yet 1959 was a year in which they were supposed to be having particular difficulties. The international ones were having trouble with governments overseas.

At home, there was the problem of having more oil that could be pumped than could be sold.

But oilmen note that year by year the demand for oil rises in the world.

Dominican Revolt

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign Editor
In this year 30 of the era of Trujillo, the Dominican "benefactor" is finding his subjects increasingly difficult to control.

Apparently authenticated reports from the island of Hispaniola with Haiti say that to maintain his iron-fisted rule Generalissimo Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina has jailed at least 1,500 business and professional men, and that the figure may run into thousands.

This past year has been a trying time for Trujillo, and the extent of his crackdown on possible opposition forces indicates he now faces the greatest threat yet to his rule.

Last June the government announced it had crushed a Cuban-supported invasion force.

The Dominican government does not like the bright light of publicity to shine on its internal workings and the true details of the reported invasion were difficult to learn. But there seems to have been some kind of action, the first of any size against Trujillo in many years.

The present unrest is said not to spring from any one source, and therefore lacks force unless it obtains leadership, and, possibly, help from dissident officers inside Trujillo's army.

Its extent first was disclosed in a pastoral letter prepared by six Roman Catholic bishops of the Dominican Republic. It said that "many families" were bereaved by the arrests of their loved ones, and that the church must defend the rights of individuals.

The Organization of American States is looking into the situation but would find action difficult unless it can be declared a threat to hemispheric peace.

At the age of 67, Trujillo is alert, vigorous and corseted—the latter to disguise the effects of years of good living. Elevator shoes add to his natural height of about five-foot-eight inches.

It was in 1930 that Trujillo took a backward, bankrupt country and built it to its present outward signs of progress and prosperity, good roads, hospitals, pure drinking water.

As a reward for his efforts, the dictator bestowed upon himself the title of "benefactor" and uses it on all his official documents.

Delinquents

By HAL BOYLE

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

Your son is least likely to become a juvenile delinquent, according to a Harvard University survey, if you earn more than \$2,000 but less than \$10,000 annually. Most delinquents come from poverty-stricken families or high income ones in which there is "too much freedom and too much money."

Inflation note: Eight years ago 55 per cent of U. S. restaurants still served a nickel cup of coffee. Now only 4 per cent do. Of the

rest, 83 per cent charge a dime and the others 7 cents, 12 cents—and more.

People sometimes say, "I'm getting blind as a bat." But bats aren't blind. Naturalists believe bats can see pretty well in daytime.

Did you know that the most common ailment among horses is indigestion? One reason: Horses cannot belch.

Where-Did-it-Start Dept.: Gin rummy, the most popular card game of the 1940s, was invented in 1909 by Elwood T. Baker, a Brooklyn businessman. It is a variation of an older game called "knock rummy."

Some psychiatrists now hold that nagging is the biggest single cause of divorce. (So, if you really want to keep your husband, dearie, shuddup!)

Our Quotable Notables: "I have been driven many times to my knees," said Abraham Lincoln, "by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go."

Money isn't everything, but people have suspected for a long time it does have a lot to do with popularity. In Poland there is an ancient proverb: "When I had money everyone called me brother."

This is the month the groundhog appeared. During its wintery hibernation the groundhog really relaxes. Its heart slows from 200 beats a minute down to a sluggish four or five beats.

Experts are worried about the world overpopulation. If you and your wife want to help keep the U. S. population stable, you should have exactly 2.2 children.

At least 17 million Americans—or about 1 in 10—suffer from a mental or emotional disorder.

The world's luckiest grandma: "I smoke, drink and enjoy eating," says Marlene Dietrich, "and I've weighed the same—105 pounds—for 20 years."

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of the year, with 326 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 1773, the ninth president of the U. S.—William Harrison—was born.

In 1823, John Quincy Adams was elected president of the United States.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected president of the Confederacy.

In 1870, the Weather Bureau got its start when Congress approved a bill assigning meteorological duties to Signal Corps.

In 1942, Japan invaded Singapore.

In 1950, the late Wisconsin Sen. Joseph McCarthy charged the State Department was infested with Communists.

A thought for today: Early U. S. President John Quincy Adams wrote: "My wants are many and, if told, would muster many a score...and were each wish a mint of gold...I still should long for more."

Quotes

United Press International

NEW YORK — Former French Foreign Legionnaire Habib Riad Hawa, 28, convicted of murder, vainly asking the judge to ignore his lawyer's mercy plea:

"A life sentence is not merciful. I'd rather die."

WASHINGTON — Garage mechanic Kenneth E. Fleet, 22, explaining why he joined a stream of puzzled taxpayers filing into the Internal Revenue Service office to ask for help in filling out his return:

"I couldn't figure out my own tax and I couldn't find anybody who could. I can't afford to pay anybody to."

TUCSON, Ariz. — Chief Judge Richard N. Chambers of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, rejecting convict-author Caryl Chessman's latest bid to escape execution in California:

"Chessman cannot get away, cannot shake the simple, vulgar, violent story of what he did. In his trying to shake the transcript, I'm convinced the story will always be the same."

HAYWARD, Calif. — Billy L. Smith, 25, after doctors had failed in an effort to graft his mangled right leg back on below the knee and the leg had to be amputated:

"From all I hear about artificial legs they can make now, a person who has enough will-power can do just about anything he wants with one."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Long Line Of Tough Luck Lifts Slightly For Texans

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Things looked much better to the Glen Longs today.

People started dropping in at their trailer camp Sunday after a newspaper story told how the unemployed watch repairman and his wife and baby daughter were about to be evicted.

Things had been tough a long time for Glen, 21, and Barbara, 23. They worried that their 10-month-old daughter faced hardship, too.

Both are wheel-chair invalids. It was pretty touching to newsmen when Glen tried to sell Tokyo, the couple's dog, for rent money.

Long lost the use of his legs in a highway crash when he was 15 and lost his job when his employers went out of business last November. Barbara was stricken with polio at 12.

"It was 10 o'clock in the morning when it all started," Mrs. Long said. "A city bus driver knocked on the door, handed me a check and said, 'There is your rent.'"

By the end of the day more than 100 persons had stopped by, some even playing with Tokyo, a registered Pekinese, and offered money, groceries and jobs.

The Longs' savings had played out weeks ago.

There was no fuel to heat the trailer and the baby was on the last of her milk.

Long had found jobs as tough to get for a man in a wheelchair. But "I got six offers in one day," he beamed.

"Not only that," interrupted Mrs. Long, "but we received \$320."

They figured the groceries amounted to about \$150 more.

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