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Silly Season

By BILL JENKINS

Now that the silly season is here and the various candidates are vying for occupancy of the cages in the political zoo I suppose that everyone has as much right as the next fellow to stick in his two cents worth.

My sole suggestion is in the form of a question: Anybody ever think of passing fewer instead of more laws? Or of passing laws to do away with laws?

It might bear some looking into. No matter how much beating around the bush we do, and politicians have run themselves stump-legged around Robin Hood's barn in their attempts to fog the record, it still remains a fact that survival of the fittest is not only the law of the jungle but the creed of the office holder. And because of this necessary creed a politician must spend considerable of his time in just holding on to his office. He can't just stand around trying to aid humanity and ease the burden on the taxpayer. If he tries any nonsense like this he doesn't stay in office long.

But there is a faint stirring of hope yet in the seething cauldrons of politics. A plan which might go under the title of "How To Get Ahead Without Half Trying."

The plan, as I see it, would work about like this: The man in office knows that he must do something that will keep him in the public eye if he is to continue to garner the village vote. Scandal is out. The recent Vicuna Coat Scandal topped by the TV Scandal has made it, for the time being, unwise.

But still our man must keep in the public eye. How has he done it heretofore? Simple. He has just went up to the capital and passed a law. Or a whole passel of laws. The newspapers dutifully printed the story of this Herculean labor and he went away happy.

Well, laws are getting harder to come up with. Witness some of the insane drivel that has been written into the state code lately if you don't believe it.

But, we still have the problem of our man. The answer? Simple. Pass a law to do away with laws. The supply is endless — for our generation at least — and the variety is varied indeed.

Our man, be he the cautious type, can start from small beginnings. He could pass a law that would wipe two laws off the books. If this succeeded he could pass a law that wiped four present laws off the books. As boldness crept into his system he could wipe out whole chapters of code at a sweep. He could dream up omnibus bills that would take out complete sections.

People would once again know the taste of freedom. Taxes could be reduced — once we had wiped out so many laws that our useless and topheavy structure of office personnel was no longer necessary. And the whole thing would afford fun and games for all.

We even have a hand-made slogan: Vote for the man who gets there fastest with the leastest.

If this plan is not acceptable then I would propose one other. In Oregon at least I would suggest that the state Legislature meet once every century. On the anniversary of our first Centennial.

For one day. And then adjourn. That might relieve the situation a mite.

Cholesterol

By FLORENCE JENKINS

People are living longer these days, but there is little indication that most people now enjoy better health during the mid-years span than previous generations did.

There are more hospital beds and a whole lot of new names for ailments and, of course, more people all the time to fill those beds and suffer from those ailments.

At the end of the Civil War, a host of formerly well-to-do families were practically destitute. During the privation years, many children survived on honey grits, sorghum molasses, fat pork and wild greens that could be picked on the hillsides. One of those children (who lived and enjoyed life into her 93rd year) used to tell us stories of those days.

Newspaper and magazine stories on food fads provoked many an outburst on her part.

"What's in spinach you can't get from dandelion greens?" she would demand to know.

Popeye and Wimpy notwithstanding, the spinach kick finally wore itself out. It might be wondered how much that pair did to build sales of hamburger, but that is beside the point.

The point is that would-be diet experts are attacking a part of our diet which fits close to home. Aaron Dudley, editor of Western Dairy Journal, had a thoughtful

editorial in the February issue of his magazine. In commenting on the booming skim milk sales (while butterfat consumption continues downward), he related an interview with a young doctor who was convening in the West.

While visiting with some dairy industry friends and relatives, the doctor was asked about "this cholesterol business."

He stated, in part: "We certainly don't know all the answers on this cholesterol situation—far from it. As a matter of fact, we know comparatively little about it."

Based on the little that has been learned, however, this doctor admitted advising his heart patients to lay off of butterfat.

"I'm sure every doctor would like to know more about it," this doctor declared. "We've been expecting the dairy industry to conduct some comprehensive studies—maybe they are," he concluded.

And that doctor, like most of us who are adults today, was undoubtedly raised on whole milk and good, fresh butter, and probably continues to enjoy it in his own home.

Had he been in practice 20 years ago, we'll wager he would have recommended large servings of spinach to all his patients.

And when he decided too much spinach was not good, he would probably have wanted a farmer to prove that spinach was harmless to the human body.

Do It Ourselves
By CHARLES V. STANTON
Editor Roseburg News-Review

The citizens advisory committee to the Urban Renewal Board proposes that Roseburg shall join the "do-it-yourself" fad.

The committee's suggestions that the city of Roseburg forget about seeking urban renewal, that it proceed to restore the area devastated by explosion and fire to the tax roll at the earliest possible moment, and that the city undertake a far more limited project than the grandiose schemes originally proposed will, I believe, meet with quite general approval.

There is no question in my mind but that the plans first proposed for a high-level structure at the Washington Avenue river crossing, development of a large housing project, zoning for business and industry, and other ideas offered by both local and consulting experts, are highly meritorious and desirable.

But many a man driving a low-priced automobile would like to be driving a Cadillac. Many a man living in a modest home would like to be living in a palace. Many a man who finds he can only afford hamburger would like to be living on T-bone steaks.

A man tailors his living to his income. Shouldn't a city also limit its projects to its finances?

If the city of Roseburg seeks to benefit from urban renewal, it is quite probable that nothing can be done in the devastated area for the next two or three years. Everyone knows that any federal agency makes as much work as it can and utilizes as much time as possible.

But the committee feels that the city can't afford to wait two or three years to get the property back on the tax roll. Action is wanted, and wanted now.

So it is proposed that the city of Roseburg withdraw its application for urban renewal inside the devastated zone; that it proceed on its own to do what is essential for restoration in the area and that in the process it spend no more than is necessary. Urban renewal would be studied for future programs.

The committee has confidence that the people of Roseburg will approve a reasonable bond issue—one limited to bare essentials.

People of the city would bond

themselves, the committee believes, to provide necessary right of way from the South Umpqua River crossing to Washington Avenue, probably with some purchases of land to widen Washington Avenue in years to come; also money to do other street widening in the area and to handle essential civic improvements. The committee questions, however, that voters would approve bonds for a high-level structure costing several million dollars.

It also is the committee's thought that the city, through zoning, control reconstruction in the area, and that private owners and private capital be given opportunity to take over the restoration job.

A considerable amount of investment money is available for the area just as soon as restoration can be assured, observers state. But before investment money comes into the area, there must be final determination of a bridge crossing, street widening, traffic flow, high-level structure for over-riding traffic, or a low-level structure at grade and other such matters.

Once those determinations are made, the committee feels, restoration will start. Once started restoration project will influence others. Land usage in one spot will influence land usage at adjoining and nearby sites.

Some people don't agree with the majority opinion of the committee. They can look ahead and envision the time when the city will need overheads to handle cross traffic. They can see the need for permanent improvements. They can "hear" inhabitants 25 years from now "cussing out" the "mossbacks" of 1960 "who couldn't plan for the future," just as we "cuss out" the founders of the town who couldn't envision a need for wider streets.

But on the other hand there are people—and I believe a majority of people—who say we haven't the money to pay for anything fancy, so let's do our best with what we can scrape together. That, I believe, is the committee's attitude, and it is my opinion that the opinion is one in which many people will join.

Automation
By HAL BOYLE

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

The harder machines work, the more jobs there are for people. With machines now doing 94 per cent of the work, there are more jobs available per 1,000 population than there were in 1850, when machines did but 6 per cent of the work.

American women now spend over one billion dollars annually in beauty parlors.

Sir Winston Churchill is one leader who places a high value on experience. "The farther backward you can look," he once said, "the farther forward are you likely to see."

What next? Models at the Grace Downs School here are sporting a new fad—multicolored eyelashes. They give a girl that "rainbow look."

Gag of the week: "A sailor," says singer Sheila Reynolds, "is just a wolf in ship's clothing."

At what age did you marry? Until recently a girl could wed at 12 in Northern Ireland. She still can in Rhodesia and the Fiji Islands.

Household hint: It's smart to coat all door knobs and hinges lightly with petroleum jelly before painting a room. Then if paint drops on them, it can be easily wiped away.

A recent survey found the average woman washes only 30 dishes daily. My wife, when informed

of this, asked in disbelief: "What does she do with the others — just throw them out the window?"

No wonder it's so difficult to achieve peace and real understanding on earth. The world still has more than 700 million adults who can neither read nor write.

If starlings are a nuisance in your city, you can blame Eugene Schieffelin, a 19th Century bird fancier. He imported 40 pairs of starlings from England in 1890 and turned them loose in Central Park in Manhattan. And they spread across the land like a feathered plague.

If you are tense, it may spring from an inability to make up your own mind. William James, the noted psychologist, warned, "there is no more miserable human being than one in whom nothing is habitual but indecision."

Time on your hands: Ever wonder how long it takes to grow a full fingernail? About 150 days. Anyone who ever worked for a living should appreciate this definition of a boss: "He's the man in your office who is early when you're late—and late when you're early."

A large whale may have a 500-pound heart, but its brain weighs only 20 pounds. You can draw your own moral.

The sentimental soldier: President Andrew Jackson, tough in war and rough in politics, was a kindly husband. "Heaven will be no Heaven to me," he said, "if I do not meet my wife there."

Something for nothing: U.S. service stations now give away more than 100 million road maps a year.

In insects as well as humans, the female of the species often outlasts the male. Adult lady mosquitoes live about 9 days, but papa mosquito usually expires soon after breeding.

It was playwright Henrik Ibsen who observed, "the strongest man on earth is he who stands most alone."

Boom Or Bust

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP) — The big debate in business circles isn't whether Jack Paar did right or was wronged. Or whether this missile or that is our best bet. It's whether some of the boom isn't going out of the boom.

Only very few optimists thought the big spurt of industrial activity after the settlement of the steel labor dispute could go on forever at that pace. But many are disturbed that its life seems to be proving so short.

There's no real slowdown yet. But the activity seems quieter than a few weeks back.

Government officials say that if this is just more than seasonal, it will prove a good thing. They always get nervous when activity seems to be moving at too fast a clip. An orderly advance is more to their liking. There's less of a letdown later.

The stock market gave the public the first inkling of what was going on. Many think that stock prices dropped because a lot of folks decided prices were too high in relation to earnings, good as some of these have been. But others think that the traders sensed a turnaround later this year in the general economy if the former pace was maintained. And none wants to see that.

Business is still humming. Steel is pouring out of the mills. Retail trade is higher than usual for this time of year. Inventories are still being built up. Companies are still talking about expansion spending.

Some companies appear to have rebuilt their stocks in jig time after the steel mills reopened.

Consumers are still buying large quantities of goods at the store. They are taking on huge totals of installment debt. But even here the rush to take on time payments isn't what it used to be some weeks back.

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of the year, with 318 more days in 1960.

The moon is approaching its last quarter.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Venus.

On this day in history:

In 1813, Massachusetts became the first state to pass a general insurance law.

In 1838, American historian and writer Henry Adams was born.

In 1868, the "Jolly Corks" organized themselves into a group known as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

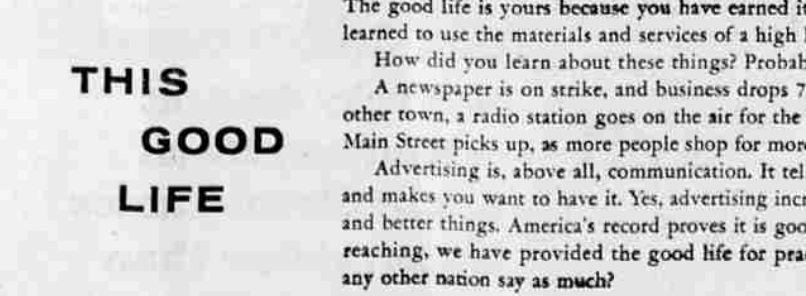
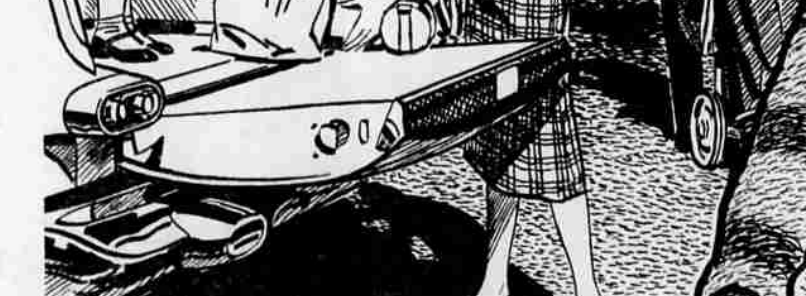
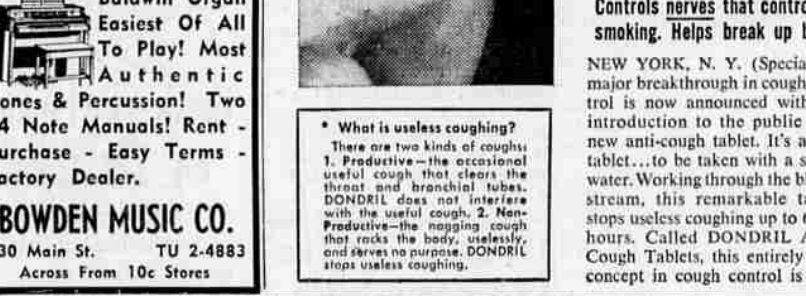
In 1959, Fidel Castro took the oath of office as premier of Cuba.

A thought for today: Henry Adams said: "He, too, serves a purpose who only stands and cheers."

They'll Do It Every Time

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By Jimmy Hatlo



NAZIS ON TRIAL

BERLIN (UPI) — The trial of two former Nazis on charges of murdering 300 Jews in the Ukraine in 1942 has opened before a West Berlin court. The defendants are Alois Hueldecker and Fritz Knop.



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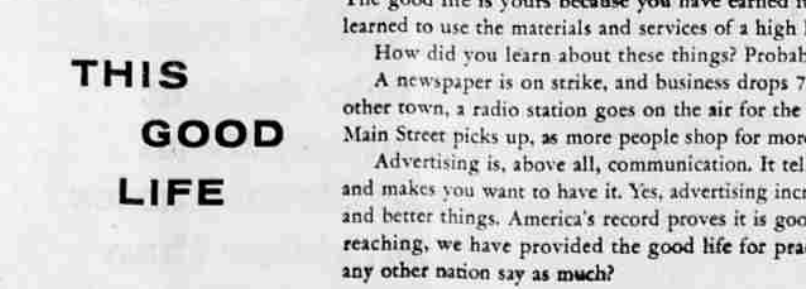
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