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Hobby Test

By BILL JENKINS

In this complex modern world of ours we seem to run everything on the business side according to aptitudes. When you apply for a job you are usually given an aptitude test to determine if you are "fitted" for that type of work.

Coupled with this intense surveying of the human potentials comes the suggestion from the psychologists and the human relations directors that everyone should have a hobby. This, they say, will relieve the tensions of this workaday world and allow a man to live longer without ulcers.

But somewhere along the line we miss a vital point. There are aptitude tests for hobbies. You are merely urged to go out and acquire one. Horace Greeley urged the young men to go West. Today's order says collect stamps, make a mosaic, weave a rug, build a table, raise orchids, train dogs, learn to play the zither, gather first editions, collect shells, cook authentic Tibetan food, culture canaries, play golf, watch birds, water ski, build a boat, make a hi-fi set, paint, carve, sculpture, draw, read.

Anything but think.

But how do you know that you are "right" for the hobby of your choice? How do you know whether you can hack it or not? Are you sure you should collect coins? Or should you build a table?

Here is an excellent field for someone with a drive for new things. Maybe it would be a government project, a furtherance of the federal determination to take care of its citizens from womb to tomb. I hope not, but that is a possibility. What isn't?

I am not entirely unacquainted with this subject. I have been hobby-ridden all my life. I have tried everything from animals to amateur zoology.

I have built tables that never stood steady, painted pictures that even I didn't know what they were, carved a chest that the top wouldn't close on, collected stamps that I can't find anymore, watched birds until my eyes ached without ever remembering any but the edible species, trained dogs to instant disobedience, raised weeds that people came from as far as 10 feet around to admire, cooked authentic native dishes that even the hardest guest couldn't stand and learned to play a few harp.

But I still haven't found a hobby that I feel is the real thing. Currently, just to show how foolish a man can get, I have been trying to restock a shotgun. I got along fine until I forgot how fast a rasp and sandpaper can cut.

Now I have the only combination shotgun and canoe paddle in the Klamath Country.

Some time back I got the urge to carve some solid wood duck decoys.

I still have a couple of these objects around the house. They are fascinating. When guests come I show them proudly. They are sort of a game. Identify this and win a free cigar.

I have given away very few cigars.

Oh, hobbies are great. No doubt of it. But there should, probably be some sort of directional chart. I'm off on a new one now. Tree farming. And I speak in the lower case where that one is concerned.

Strictly.

Sewer Plants

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

A WATER POLLUTION control bill in the amount of 900 million dollars was vetoed yesterday by President Eisenhower.

The bill would raise to 900 million dollars the amount of federal funds that could be spent at the rate of 90 million dollars a year to help states and cities construct sewage disposal plants.

The original act set a 500 million dollar spending ceiling, or 50 million dollars a year.

The new limit under the vetoed measure would have been \$450,000 on any one project or 30 per cent of the over-all cost, whichever is smaller.

WHY DID THE President veto the bill?

In stating the reasons, the President said, "Because water pollution is a uniquely local blight." He added, "Primary responsibility for solving the problem lies not with the federal government but rather must be assumed and exercised as it has been by state and local governments."

LET'S TAKE A LOOK at our local situation in regard to this federal financing.

Several years ago the residents of Klamath Falls put up approximately \$40 for every man, woman

and child in the form of an \$80,000 bond issue to replace the city's sewer trunk lines and build a primary treatment plant.

The city was told this was all that was needed, and was threatened with condemnation if it were not done.

Later, the state and federal government ordered the city to add a secondary treatment plant which forced the city to accept some \$119,000 in federal funds since the \$80,000 bond issue was already sold and construction ready to begin.

THE SUBURBAN AREA recently bonded itself to the tune of about \$112 for every man, woman, and child to construct a sewer system and treatment plant, also. In both cases, every effort was made to do the job by ourselves, without interference by the federal government.

IT WAS THE CONSIDERED belief of the city council then, and I believe still is, that the secondary treatment plant was not essential. It was felt that the geographical position of Klamath Falls was such in relation to Klamath River that it gave the stream plenty of chance to clear itself normally without fear of water pollution somewhere else down the stream. Yet, because of the way it was handled, the city was forced to accept \$119,000 federal funds to do the additional work which the government required.

THE POINT is that we, here in Klamath Falls and suburbs, have provided what we felt is an adequate pair of sewage systems, using our own money.

Why should we now put up another \$5.30 for every man, woman and child to assist some other community to finance its sewer construction system?

That's what the 900 million dollars amounts to, \$5.30 for every man, woman and child in the nation.

THE PRESIDENT is absolutely right when he vetoed the measure and stated that such things are a responsibility of the state or the city and must be assumed by them, not by the federal government.

If we can apply this same yardstick to all federal matching funds, we can soon cut them down, and at the same time slash this tremendous cost of federal government.

Happy Birthday

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Today is the birthday anniversary of a friend of ours. It is an important birthday anniversary because it is the current one.

Really important birthday anniversaries are a boy's 21st and a woman's 30th. Perhaps, under our complex bureaucratic system, one's 65th birthday anniversary becomes an important milestone, also.

But this friend of ours has no inclination toward retirement. It would be a major loss to the state and area if he did.

He is a successful man, judged by the most exacting standards. There are better ways to judge a man's success than by counting his accumulation of worldly goods.

Take a look at his friends and his enemies. It is a compliment when even his enemies must admit to admiration of the man and his principles.

To mention only one more facet—he has curbed, to a greater degree than any strong personality we have ever known, the very human tendency toward retaliation.

He practiced law for a time before going into his father's mercantile business, but he could have been just as successful as a mechanical engineer or an architect. The inherent drive in the individual.

SHORT RIBS By Frank O'Neal



al would have shoved him ahead of the pack, regardless of the line of endeavor.

One instance of his foresight, imagination and humanitarian spirit might be cited. Under his direction was built and assembled the first community emergency aid unit in the nation. He gave the completed Jay W. Stevens Disaster Unit to the city of Portland, dedicating it to one of the city's first fire chiefs during that man's lifetime.

Admiration and respect are not necessarily synonymous with friendship. But whatever else it takes, Aaron M. Frank has it in abundance.

And so, today, from us to him—Happy Birthday and many happy returns of the day.

Morse Headquarters

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The "Morse-for-president club" has set up shop here in a former discounter house next door to a rubber stamp store.

I can hardly imagine a more incongruous location. Not even his worst enemy is likely to discount Sen. Wayne Morse or accuse him of being anybody's rubber stamp. I had the pleasure of visiting the Morse club on the day of its formal opening. This was a new experience in the tour that I have been making of presidential campaign offices. The other headquarters I have visited already were going concerns.

A brisk wind was whipping across the sidewalk when I arrived at 923 11th Street. This made things difficult for three Morse men who were trying to hang a strip of bunting across the front of the building.

One of the bunting-hangers was sporting a lush growth of jet black whiskers. I wondered if this meant that Morse had the support of the local beatniks, but he said he grew the beard to dramatize a campaign to win "statehood" for the District of Columbia.

While these preparations were going on, a florist's truck drove up and delivered a big, horseshoe-shaped wreath with a gold ribbon which spelled out the words "good luck senator."

This led to some discussion as to whether a horseshoe which pointed downward, as was the case with the wreath, wasn't a symbol of bad luck. Opinion on this point was divided.

There also was some local speculation that the wreath was sent over by Sen. John F. Kennedy or some other presidential candidate with a card reading "rest in peace."

I learned, however, that the floral tribute was ordered by Al Foreman, a Portland, Ore., theater owner and long-time Morse supporter who happened to be here on business.

The Oregon senator, as you know, is noted for his forensic ability. One of the Senate's most frequent and enduring speakers, he holds the current record for long-distance debate.

Fortunately for those of us who enjoy a good stump performance, the candidate himself showed up for the headquarters opening and treated us to a 30-minute sample of his oratory. For Morse, this wasn't even a good warm-up.

As I was leaving, I noticed there was a church across the street. On its bulletin board was the following announcement:

"Quiet hour here every Wednesday."

Defense Picture

By BEM PRICE

WASHINGTON (AP)—You have yet to be told the facts about this nation's defenses in relation to those of the Soviet Union and it

is unlikely that you ever will be. At the moment there is a fierce debate in and out of Congress over whether U.S. defenses are lagging.

President Eisenhower has said our military posture is adequate. In general the Republicans agree, the Democrats disagree.

What you are being given is an assortment of opinions based on individual interpretations of facts which are top secret.

A democracy supposedly functions best when the people are told the whole truth and allowed to make up their minds. This theory collapses when applied to military operations.

The military contend that to tell the people the whole truth would also inform the enemy. Thus, in the final analysis the only way the people can ever learn whether defenses are adequate is when they are tested in actual conflict.

Certain privileged congressmen and assorted high ranking members of the executive branch are given briefings on what intelligence officers believe to be the enemy's capabilities.

The defense debate arises from interpretation of the known facts and the intelligence estimates. Intelligence work has been described as a field in which 95 per cent of the information is drawn from careful study of unclassified sources, 3 per cent from semi-covert sources and about 2 per cent from secret agents.

You may ask, then, why isn't the 95 per cent made public? The military argument is that to tell the enemy what we know is to expose either our ignorance and ineptitude, or allow him to evaluate our intelligence operations.

The enemy will know what information came from unclassified sources, what could have been obtained only from secret agents.

If the enemy learns we are overestimating his strength he may be encouraged to gamble; that is, indulge in a bit of international blackmail.

If we are underestimating his strength and tailoring our strength to cope with what we believe to be his weak potential, he may be encouraged to attack.

In a war, intelligence officers collect information on the enemy's capabilities and leave the matter of interpretation to the commanding general. If the information is faulty the general's deduction concerning enemy intentions may be equally faulty.

Though the Japanese were clearly capable of attacking Pearl Harbor, the United States guessed wrong on their intentions in 1941. In World War II the Germans were believed incapable of attacking through the Ardennes Forest. The Battle of the Bulge cost the Allies 60,000 casualties.

The U.S. decision to advance to the Yalu River during the Korean War was based on the belief the Chinese Communists would not intervene.

In this thermonuclear age, a wrong guess could easily be fatal. While the facts are not available to the public, the current debate seems to be based on differences of opinion over whether the United States really is stronger than the Soviet Union and an interpretation of Soviet intentions.

Your opinion will have to be based at least partly on the answer to one question: Are you more inclined to believe Democrats or Republicans?

Thanks

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—We would like to express our thanks to the Klamath Falls Fire Department, police department and Peace Ambulance Service for their prompt and courteous service rendered in answer to an emergency call February 9 for Mrs. Harry Hargrave.

Harry Hargrave and family.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Wednesday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of the year, with 311 more days in 1960.

The moon is approaching its new phase.

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

The evening star is Mercury.

On this day in history:

In 1803, Chief Justice Marshall ruled that any law repugnant to the Constitution is void.

In 1868, the House of Representatives voted to impeach President Andrew Johnson. The measure failed by one vote.

In 1874, baseball player Honus Wagner was born.

In 1922, "Bluebeard" was executed at Versailles, France, for murdering 10 of his 13 fiancées, then burning their bodies.

In 1957, regularly scheduled air service over the North Pole began.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

CAUGHT-IN-THE-ACT DEPT.



State, City Of Sao Paulo Fastest Growing In Brazil

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — In contrast to their seriousness with the carefree "tomorrow" attitude of the Carioca in Rio de Janeiro, the federal capital.

From Sao Paulo city's population of 3½ million come the loudest voices in Brazil for more free enterprise and fewer government controls and taxes. But there is another voice in Sao Paulo, that of the Communists, working hard to infiltrate and control the big industrial labor unions.

The conservative state government of Janio Quadros, former governor and now presidential candidate, and Carlos Carvalho Pinto, present governor and Eisenhower's host here, have given this state the firmest economy in Brazil. Quadros cut down waste by boldly throwing out bureaucrats and Carvalho Pinto continues the program. Example: President Eisenhower will tour in the state's 1939 Lincoln.

These two governments have served to balance off the welfare state-inclined government of Sao Paulo Mayor Adhemar de Barros, whose presidential hopes have declined because of a past association with Communists.

The city was founded in 1554 by a Portuguese Jesuit priest. Brazil's independence from Portugal was proclaimed from Sao Paulo in 1822.

The state's farms are Brazil's best. Its coffee ranks among the world's tastiest. Its factories turn out the automobiles, trucks, tractors, machines and other products being used to develop Brazil. "We keep trying to push ahead harder," growls Paulista, "but the rest of the nation keeps holding back."

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LANSING, Mich. (UPI) — Gov. G. Mennen Williams said he was very pleased Tuesday when he received a typical birthday present from his son Gery, a Princeton student.

"Gery called collect to wish me a happy 49th birthday," Williams said.

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