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Picnic

By BILL JENKINS

Everything seems to change these days. But nothing, I'm sure, has undergone such a drastic revision as the common American picnic. Not if we are to believe the evidence anyway.

In the old days, if I recall correctly, a picnic was an affair usually indulged in the spring and summer months. The family loaded up a basket with tuna sandwiches, fried chicken, peanut butter and radishes. The faithful old insulated jug was filled with lemonade and the whole family took off for the nearest spot along the nearest river where you could swim in the shallows, lie around in the shade and eat too much and, in your spare time, battle the ants.

Apparently this tradition has gone with the derby hat and the nickel beer.

Nowadays I can only picture the average family picnic as going something like this: The word spreads that there is to be a picnic. Tension fills the air. Command forces rally around the leader who assigns each member a sector. "Clean out your sector," goes the order. "Get every piece of garbage, junk, rubble. Don't overlook a single empty can or bottle. Pack them all up and put them in the car."

This being done the happy family takes off for some far away spot in the woods, the more beautiful the better. Perhaps they find a murmurous little stream somewhere with grassy banks and shady old logs around to sit on.

Then the action flares. Junior takes his allotment of winter trash and dumps it behind a log. Father, being a little old and stiff in the joints, dumps his in the middle of the road. Mother dumps last week's garbage, her old shoes, several old pans that are worn out and a collection of old magazines in the creek hoping they will wash away. They don't. They just spread along the banks.

Sister, being of an inventive mind, finds a hollow stump and carefully dumps her garbage there, thus achieving a sort of natural camouflage of trash that can be seen, and smelled, for quite a distance around.

Having achieved these individual efforts the family sits down to a picnic meal consisting entirely of things out of cans and bottles and served in paper plates and cups. The empty containers are used in a throwing contest to see who can get the most distance. The bottles, according to the rules, must be broken. Preferably where some child or a wandering dog will cut his feet to ribbons on the shards. The cups are tossed in the creek and the plates are scaled all over the landscape.

Then, having finished, the family picks up the picnic blanket and heads out, filled with a sense of satisfaction that they have gotten rid of at least part of the accumulated trash and garbage in the house.

The trip home will be marred only if they happen by the city dump. If that happens they will all wrinkle up their noses, shudder in disgust and ask each other how in the world anyone could stand to drive into such a place where all that garbage is being carefully buried by a big bulldozer.

You think this is not an accurate picture of the picnic as she is known today?

Then just go out in the woods one of these fine days. Head for your favorite fishing stream. Tie yourself to the little beauty spot that you remember so well from last year.

I'll guarantee that you'll come home feeling like I do. That the average picnic must be nothing but a chance for the unthinking and the inconsiderate to dump their trash.

of the procedure, the Association spokesman feels. "If the smile is sincere, the employee will be more willing to go along with the final verdict about the grievance, while 'one that looks like a pasted-on grin will cause the employee to be more demanding."

Maybe the Association has a formula which will work in other than employer-employee relationships.

Ike's Speeches

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower has made only a few political speeches so far in 1960 but they were enough to show:

1. Critics of his defense program get under his skin.
2. In this election year his main theme will be peace and prosperity.
3. He is going to plug for Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Back in late January, in his first political speech of the year, he started hanging at the critics—mainly Democratic would-be presidential candidates — of his administration's defense efforts.

His answer, repeated again in February and once more Monday night in a speech to Republican women, is that this country is the strongest on earth. He thought the criticism tough enough to require answer at least three times.

But Democratic charges that the American economy has been stunted during his seven years in office also irritate him. He has fought back on that, arguing his administration's aim was to preserve the stability of the dollar.

Monday night he returned to a justification of the way his administration has handled the economy.

This time he returned to an idea which he has used a number of times before — and attributed to Lincoln — that the government should only do what a citizen can't do for himself.

But the Democrats argue in essence that Eisenhower has simply failed to do enough.

As for Nixon: Eisenhower fired his opening gun in support of Nixon's presidential candidacy at a news conference last month. Monday night he expounded on Nixon's virtues as he sees them.

The list of his administration's accomplishments which he reeled off seemed clearly the foundation on which he will campaign this year to get a Republican president elected, with his own record as a base for his successor.

If all the points in the list could be bundled into one sentence they would carry the label peace and prosperity. This was pretty much his main theme in his 1956 campaign for his own reelection.

He hit hard on the reminder that it was in his administration that the war in Korea was ended and that no American has died in battle since.

He repeated his belief in the need for a balanced budget although through most of his administration he has been unable to achieve it. He summed up in the following paragraph the various stops on the political organ he and the rest of the Republicans will play this year.

"The record is filled with such advances as improvements in the health and welfare of our people, the greater soundness, freedom and growth of our economy, increased modernization and strengthening of our defense, greater prestige abroad and the initiation of a road-building program that dwarfs anything of its kind in all history of all nations."

it, but there is a socko "stop-Kennedy" movement here.

A front runner must expect that and Kennedy is the front runner right now (today) for the Democratic presidential nomination. Today is Wisconsin's presidential preference primary day.

The people are voting So. Kennedy may not be the front runner at all after the ballots are counted tonight. Front runners must expect all others to gang up in a stop-him movement. If the others fail to stop the front runner, then the front man simply gallops on to win the presidential nomination at his party's national convention. The others, thus, must lose the prize.

Thus it is that Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) barged into this primary campaign over the weekend by telecast from his Washington, D. C., office. Morse hammered hard against Kennedy, warning Wisconsin labor voters that Kennedy had done them in by helping fashion the 1959 labor reform bill. Morse is, himself, a candidate of sorts for the Democratic presidential nomination. Of sorts, only Morse has no chance. His real choice is Adlai E. Stevenson.

Thus, also, some of the Symington-for-president people in Wisconsin got into the act. They announced for what it was worth, which wasn't much, that they would support in today's primary Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), Kennedy's opponent. In Washington, a representative of Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) said Symington was not a party to this Wisconsin maneuver.

More important in the stop-Kennedy movement is the unmistakable trend in Humphrey of Wisconsin voters who in 1952-56 were for Stevenson. The strategy of all concerned is obvious.

If Kennedy moves out of Wisconsin Wednesday with a big primary victory he will be jet-propelled toward the Democratic presidential nomination next July in Los Angeles. If nothing intervened to stop him between here and Los Angeles, Kennedy would be nominated on an early ballot. There would be no prolonged and agonizing balloting, no huddles in smoke filled rooms. In short, there would be no deadlock.

Stevenson's admirers, Symington and his followers, even Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) and his southwestern backbones, all want and need a deadlocked national convention in which Kennedy has been stopped cold. At that point — if it ever is reached — the Democratic nomination must fall among those three or be tossed up for grabs among them.

Stevenson says he is not a candidate. His worshipping admirers hope, however, to draft him again. Stevenson has not said "no" to that. He has said, however, that it could not happen — that a man could not be drafted twice. A draft blew Stevenson into the 1952 nomination.

The Lighter Side
By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — You don't have to tell me what a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of in spring, but I never knew old Univac felt that way too.

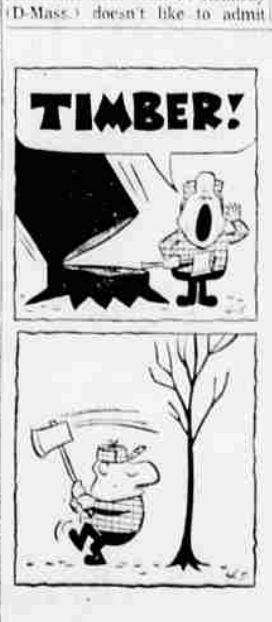
I never knew, that is, until I saw Univac playing the mating game with the 1960 cherry blossom princesses and their military escorts. Heaven only knows what those electronic brains will think or next.

The princesses, one from each state, are here for the cherry blossom festival which is being held this week in honor of our blooming trees. At least we hope they will bloom before the festival is over. At this point it is more of a cherry bud festival.

Be that as it may, the festival

Washington Window
By LYLE C. WILSON

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (UPI) — Handsome Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) doesn't like to admit



Grievances

By FLORENCE JENKINS

The National Association of Retail Grocers has come out with a three-step method for handling employee grievances.

The three steps are:

1. Cry
2. Listen
3. Smile

"Crying" with the employee over his problems makes him feel he has found a friend, the Association claims, pointing out that lack of friendship (according to industrial psychologists) is one of the major reasons for employees' grievances.

Listen attentively to the problem, says the Association. "As the employee talks, he will elaborate on each point. With all of the facts of the case out in the open, it may be possible to avoid a repeat of the same grievance."

The smile is the crucial point

sponsors lined up a group of young military officers to serve as escorts for the princesses and that is how Univac got into the picture.

I don't mean that Univac has been drafted or anything like that. It was called into service to decide which officer should escort which princess. This is no easy job.

In the past, the festival sponsors matched up the couples according to height and let it go at that. But this year they decided to do things scientifically.

Each princess and escort was asked to fill out a questionnaire giving vital statistics, background and interests. This datum was fed into a Univac computer, which was supposed to match the right boy with the right girl.

Among other things, the participants were asked to state whether they would prefer single or double beds after they were married in certain military circles, this caused some eyebrow-lifting.

The Air Force, which is our youngest and therefore our most demure armed service. Blushed, dug its toe into the rug, muttered "ah shucks" and refused to let its officers answer the question.

Possibly this statistical gap hampered Univac's electronic matchmaking. At any rate, despite its instructions to make sure the escorts were five inches taller than the princesses, one willowly blonde wound up with a Marine lieutenant whose crewcut barely reached her eyebrows.

While waiting around for Univac to decide their fates, the princesses and the escorts mingled around a punchbowl and listened to an accordionist and a left-handed guitar player line out "It Looks Like Rain in Cherry Blossom Lane."

They were beginning to find a spirit of togetherness when Univac stepped in and reshuffled. After seeing the results, I am inclined to think it would have been better to let nature take its course. And I suspect some of the princesses and their escorts agree.

"EXILES" RETURN
PARIS (UPI) — Nearly 1,000 "Khrushchev Exiles" returned to the French mainland today after nearly a month's enforced vacation at offshore islands at the expense of the French government.

The "exiles," mostly Hungarians, Yugoslavs and other political refugees from behind the Iron Curtain, were sent to Corsica and Belle Ile, a speck of land in the Atlantic Ocean off the northwest coast of France. They were permitted to return as soon

as Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev was safely en route home to Moscow.

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CHICAGO — A court employee, after Mrs. Rita Eakes, 37, gave birth to a baby in the Criminal Court Building where her husband was being arraigned on burglary charges.

"Monday is always a busy day in court."

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — World War I ace Eddie Rickenbacker, now chairman of the board of Eastern Airlines, speaking of the future of aviation.

"With the technological tools within our grasp, we can progress farther in the next 10 years than we have in the past 50."

CARACAS, Venezuela — Adlai Stevenson stating that the South Americans he met on his two-month tour of Latin America all like the Democratic Party.

"I wish they'd come up and vote in November."

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They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

ARNICA TRIED TO BREAK INTO THE THEATRICAL PROFESSION AND SUPPORT HER JOB-ALLERGIC HUSBAND AT THE SAME TIME...

DIMBULB... THEY'RE CASTING TODAY AT COLOSSAL... I'M GOING OVER BEFORE I GO TO THE OFFICE... ARE YOU GOING TO LOOK FOR A JOB TODAY?

YOU OUGHTA JUST STICK TO YOUR STENO JOB... I'M GETTIN' UP SOON TO GO FOR MY UNEMPLOYMENT CHECK... Z-Z-Z...

WELL... ARNICA CLICKED... IT LOOKS LIKE SHE HAS A CHANCE TO GO PLACES... SO WHAT'S DIMBULB'S STATUS NOW?

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Space Capsule Delivery Told
ST. LOUIS (AP) — McDonnell astronaut into orbit around the first Project Mercury space cap... The capsule was delivered Saturday to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration... The capsule is designed to carry the first it will undergo extensive testing.

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