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Here And There

By BILL JENKINS
A touch of the old days came a week or so ago. Bill Gellatly, the manager of the theaters here in town, called to say that he was running a preview and wouldn't we come down and sit in.

We did. It was the first time in many a moon that we had been in a movie house and the experience was really quite welcome. Sitting there looking at that screen as big as a house was quite a change from squinting at the smaller screens of television. And the color was really an improvement over the last movie I saw.

It sort of brought back fond memories of the old days when a movie preview was a standard item on the newsmen's agenda. I still remember sitting through the one on *Gone With The Wind* and wondering if it were ever going to end.

This one wasn't that long. A *Dog of Flanders* was the name. A real colorful movie taken from the well known book and filmed in *The Lowlands*. I think it is due here in a day or so.

But, anyway, it was nice to see the touch of the old days again. Only one thing wrong. And that is that hasn't changed for me over the years. I just can't get used to going to a movie in the afternoon and coming out while it is still light. It just doesn't seem right, somehow.

Spring is not all lambs in the meadows and birds singing. It has its problems, too. Not the least of which is the annual chore of getting the hose out of storage and stringing it out.

A garden hose is a mean and wicked thing at any time. But it is at its cold and stiff worst first time out. You try and uncoil it and find that it has taken a permanent set. You sweat and swear and strain and finally get it fairly straight but then find that when you take the pressure off it goes right back to the winter shape.

When you finally give up and try to drag it over to the standpipe you find that it will reach out and grab ahold of everything in the yard. It snags on rocks and plants, on walls and pipes, on shrubs and garden tools.

And when you finally get it over to the proper outlet and try to hook it up you find that last year's washer has disappeared from the connection and it leaks. Nor is there ever another washer available. Not around my house at any rate.

Oh well. Such is life and I suppose we just have to put up with it. At least it is a sign that we probably won't get over three feet more snow this "spring."

Paper Savers

By FLORENCE JENKINS
Most of us save paper sacks and string for future use, but a Tacoma family and a Portland family saved paper for one year to find out how much paper a family uses in a year.
They were participating in the Northwest Pulp and Paper Association's program, launched on March 31, 1959. The association chose the two families and the objective was to point out our dependence on one of the most vital products of the forest — paper.
Joint proclamations signed by Governor Hatfield of Oregon and Governor Rosellini of Washington inaugurated the "paper families" into their roles.
Paper and paper products that an average family would normally use in a year's time were provided the families by industry members of the association.
In fitting conclusion to their year-long endeavor, both families turned over the 4,000 pounds of paper they had accumulated to the Boy Scouts of America. In keeping with the industry's concept of conservation, the paper will be processed and used again to help supply the country's ever growing demand for that product.
Howard Morgan, president of the association, thanked the participants at a dinner in their honor. He pointed out that the rise in paper consumption has been in direct ratio to the rise in our standard of living. Sixty years ago, the annual consumption of paper per person in the United States was 58 pounds. It is now more than 400 pounds per year and by 1975 the figure is expected to reach 500 pounds.
From a practical point of view, it would seem to us to be very difficult to save all the paper one uses, even in a day. If the paper is to be reprocessed, it should not include waxed paper,

so the butter cartons, cottage cheese containers and just plain waxed paper would have to be kept separate.

Also, how could one save for a year all the paper towels one uses to wipe out the frying pan or the paper napkins served with pizza? One of the wonderful virtues of paper is its disposability.

Besides, if you saved the paper, what would you use to light the fireplace fire?

Care For Aged

By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP) — The question of health insurance for the aged will be a big 1960 campaign issue. But it's doubtful the Democrats and Republicans will do anything about it before the campaign.

There are more than 12 1/2 million people over 65 in this country. The Democrats on a Senate Welfare subcommittee reported last February almost 60 per cent of them had less than \$1,000 income in 1958.

President Eisenhower's administration has had plenty of time to prepare a health insurance program for the older people and submit it to Congress. Instead, as in many other problems, Eisenhower has ordered an exhaustive study.

Eight of Eisenhower's own Republican senators got fed up waiting and proposed a plan of their own. Eisenhower hasn't approved. His secretary of welfare, Arthur S. Flemming, suggested a plan. Eisenhower hasn't approved that, either.

The President wants no part of a proposal by Rep. Aime J. Forand, Rhode Island Democrat, to add health insurance for people over 65 to the Social Security program by boosting the present 3 per cent tax on employees and employers to 3 1/4 per cent. This would be compulsory and it would be a government program.

Eisenhower condemned the idea at his March 20 news conference. "I have been against compulsory health insurance as a very definite step in socialized medicine."

That's what the American Medical Assn. and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce say, too.

Although three of the Democratic would-be presidential candidates—Sen. John F. Kennedy, Hubert H. Humphrey, and Stuart Symington—endorse Forand's idea, he had less luck with his own Democrats in the House.

There the Ways and Means Committee, on which the Democrats outnumber the Republicans, turned down Forand's bill.

Roughly the kind of plan Flemming and the eight Republican senators were thinking of would require federal-state payments to help needy people over 65 pay the cost of hospital and medical care through private insurance firms.

The only kind of plan Eisenhower is reported to want is one that is voluntary and does not include any increase in the Social Security tax.

One of the main administration arguments against Forand's bill is that it is compulsory and would not benefit about four million older people not covered by Social Security.

On the other side, one of the main objections to the Flemming type of plan — with the federal government and states participating — is that there might be no rush by the states to embrace it. The absence of a solid administration program — after seven years in office — provides the Democrats with a talking point in this year's elections.

However, the Democrats have been in control of Congress since 1954 and they haven't produced one, either. This looks like a golden opportunity for a couple of old political hands.

Those two Texans, Sen. Lyndon Johnson and House Speaker Sam Rayburn, leaders of the Demo-

crats in Congress, reportedly are now busy cooking up a plan to try to get through Congress this year.

It would furnish federally aided hospitalization, nursing home care and perhaps some other medical benefits for people over 65. But it isn't clear whether this would come under Social Security or be tacked on some other way.

Since Johnson is also a would-be presidential candidate, success with this idea wouldn't hurt his popularity with a lot of people.

Last December Flemming said he'd have a program ready for Congress this year. But, according to reports March 19, when he unveiled it to Republican congressional leaders, they gave him a rough time.

He subsequently told a congressional committee he was fighting to get the administration to produce some kind of program as an alternative to the Forand bill.

New Red Grab

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

Red China put the land grab on Mt. Everest the other day. This latest was against the tiny kingdom of Nepal, wedged between India and Red China on the slopes of the Himalayas.

Mt. Everest and the Abominable Snowman said to wander its snowy heights have been Nepal's chief claim to fame. And since Mt. Everest is known to every schoolboy, it served to dramatize Red China's unceasing efforts to extend its frontiers at the expense of its neighbors.

To the north of Mt. Everest stretches Red China's "wild west"—and the real reason for this discussion.

For while Red China moves in on thousands of square miles of territory on a border line extending from India's northwest territory to Burma, evidence continues to accumulate that she still has plenty of trouble controlling the land she already has.

Recently it was disclosed that what previously had been dismissed as a minor uprising in Tsinghai Province of northwest China in late 1958 actually was of such massive proportions that the red Army had to be called in to put it down.

Prior to that there had been the 1957 uprising in neighboring Sinking Province, and, immediately after, the revolt in Tibet which reached its height in March, 1959.

Other outbreaks were reported in the province of Chinghai and in Mongolia.

Here are wild streams, arid lands, towering mountains and a people who never have bowed to the Chinese will.

In the region are more Tibetans than there are in Tibet, and more Turkastani than there are Chinese.

As in Tibet, the Tsinghai rebellion centered around the Buddhist monasteries.

Kao Feng, first secretary of the Tsinghai Communist Party committee, reported to the rebels: "Under the guise of protecting the interests of national religion, they occupied monasteries as bases of operation, attacked the people's government, murdered revolutionary cadres and activists, destroyed postures and livestock, burned down dwelling houses."

Kao Feng concluded: "... The heroic fighting of the rebellion-suppressing units of the Chinese people's army... quelled the revolt."

These are rugged individualists fighting a losing battle, but still determined to preserve their right to deviate.

Theme Songs

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The trouble with television programs when appeal to the "Gimpy Doll"

is that they have theme songs. The trouble with theme songs is that they can be memorized and sung around the house when the program itself isn't on.

Friends, if your ears were never lacerated by a five-year-old soprano's rendition of the "Davey Crockett Ballad" then you escaped a fate worse than hell: the Alamo.

It has been four or five years since I have heard the king of the wild frontier eulogized in a non-stop treble solo extending over 47 verses and choruses. But I still can't blot out the memory.

For one thing, the soloist is still around to remind me of the dear dead days of Davey.

Nowadays, the cultural part of my evenings at home is filled by vocal recitals built around themes and variations from the song of "The Real McCoy's."

I would hate to have to choose between Crickets and the McCoys but one thing I can say for Davey. He never came here on a personal appearance tour. Or, if he did, I didn't know it. This is more than I can say for the McCoys.

The whole clan has been snatching around town the past few days in connection with our cherry blossom festival. Through an espionage system that would make the central intelligence agency look like a bunch of amateur keyhole-peekers, the word leaked out at home that I had been invited to a reception in their honor.

I have to attend enough receptions for politicians without taking in other kinds of actors. But you can guess who attended the McCoy reception and who his companion was.

I mean, if 10-year-old sopranos didn't invent the Chinese water torture they have persuasive methods that are equally effective.

My soprano and I found the McCoys roughing it in the presidential suite of the Sheraton-Park hotel, which is about as far as you can get from a share-cropper's cabin.

Lovable old "Granpa McCoy" had lost his limp and the quiver in his voice. Lovable young "Lake McCoy" was at the coffee table mixing what he called a "cutty-zack snow cone." As for lovable "Kate," a hazel-eyed rethead, she was the most unimpaired-looking farm girl I ever laid eyes on.

All of this sort of shook my faith in television but my soprano never lifted an eyebrow. In fact, she sang the McCoy theme song all the way home.

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Tuesday, April 12, the 103rd day of the year, with 263 more in 1960. Passover, first day. The moon is approaching its last quarter.

The morning stars are Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. On this day in history: In 1777, Henry Clay, American statesman and orator, was born.

In 1881, Confederate forces opened fire on Ft. Sumter.

In 1903, the Hippodrome opened in New York with a spectacular musical revue, a Yankee Circus on Mars.

In 1945, the 32nd President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt died in Warm Springs, Ga.

In 1955, an effective anti-polio vaccine was announced, developed by Dr. Jonas Salk of Pittsburgh.

In 1957, Postmaster General Summerfield curtailed delivery of U.S. mails because Congress cut his appropriation.

A thought for today: Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in his fourth inaugural address, said: "We have learned that we cannot live alone, at peace; that our well-being is dependent on the well-being of other nations, far away."

LOS ANGELES — Motto-of-the-month, as chosen by the let's have better mottoes association: "We like your attitude... but what are you doing?"

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Nasser Gets Big Welcome

NEW DELHI, India (UPI) — President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic has scored a personal success on his good-will visit to India, observers agreed today.

Although Nasser has failed to outdraw either President Eisenhower or Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, two other recent visitors, he has been able to reach a bigger cross section of the Indian people.

And there is no doubt that Nasser is more in tune with Indian sentiment than either of his two predecessors.

Eisenhower spoke in generalities, mostly of peace. Khrushchev used the hard-sell political line, boasting of Communist progress.

Nasser has used generalities too, but when he condemns "imperialists" or calls for Afro-Asian solidarity, he is hitting the Indians where they live.

One welcoming sign in Madras hailed Nasser as "the savior of Suez." More than anything else, his "victory" in the Suez crisis has raised Nasser's stature among the people of this former British-dominated country.

Indians feel close to Nasser too because of his support for the Algerian rebels in the fight for independence from France and his

Antique Plane Back In Japan
TOKYO (AP) — The first airplane ever to fly in Japanese skies landed back in Japan today—in shipping crates.

The antique Farman Voisin biplane, built by Henri Farman of France, was returned to Japan in a gesture of friendship by the U.S. Air Force, which at the end of World War II took it to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, in Ohio.

On Dec. 19, 1910—seven years after the Wright brothers made their famous first flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C.—the Farman rose to 200 feet and stayed aloft for four minutes near what is now central Tokyo.

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SHORT RIBS

By Frank O'Neal



Quotes

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Arnold Palmer, who won the 1960 Masters golf tournament Sunday, teeing off for a round with President Eisenhower.

"I don't know whether the pressure was greater yesterday (Sunday) or today."

SAN FRANCISCO — Vice President Richard M. Nixon, getting ready to attend opening ceremonies at the San Francisco Giants' new stadium.

"I'll be rooting for the Giants... but I won't commit myself on who I want to win the pennant. That's too dangerous in an election year."

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