They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Tree Rings Are Poor Age Indicator

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Another one of my cherished illusions has just been shattered and now lies in a quivering, whimpering heap at my feet.

This one was shot down by the Smithsonian Institution, which cold-shouldered reports that tree rings are not necessarily reliable indicators of a tree's age. Gad, sir! Is there nothing left we can depend on?

According to the Smithsonian, a new arboreal study shows that trees tend to grow by "flushes," that is, in spurts. A tree may suddenly start growing almost any time of the year and one part may grow while another part does not.

If that reminds any of you parents of someone you know, it possibly is because trees seem to have something in common with adolescent children.

Calls for Reappraisal

At any rate, the report comes as a shock to those of us who grew to manhood thinking that all trees uniformly develop one new ring each year. It is, moreover, only one of a series of reports I have seen recently indicating that an agonizing reappraisal of mother nature may be in order.

The Agriculture Department, for instance, tells us that that age-old belief in the existing of "dry rot" is just a lot of rot. There is no such thing as "dry rot."

All wood decay, the department avers, is caused by a fungus which cannot exist in dry wood.

There also is a question of whether we know whereof we speak when we refer to a "snail's pace." Have you any idea how fast a snail travels? Would you be surprised if I told you that snails can sprint at speeds up to four inches a minute?

Some snails, incidentally, have an interesting love life. When they want to get cozy with another snail, they bombard the object of their affection with little limestone darts, sort of like Cupid arrows.

This will give us something to cling to until some government agency comes along and tells us there is no such thing as Cupid.

Lures with Perfume

Speaking of romance, I recently learned that Agriculture Department scientists have discovered how to produce synthetically the natural perfume which the female gypsy moth uses to attract her lovers.

The breakthrough was made by a chemist named Martin Jacobson, who found that lady gypsy moths get their men with a substance he identified as "dextrorotatory 10 - acetoxy - 1 - hydroxy-cis-7-hexadecene."

When a male gypsy moth gets a whiff of dextrorotatory 10-acetoxy-hydroxy-cis-7-hexadecene, he never knows what hits him. And small wonder. No red-blooded, 100 per cent male gypsy moth would be thinking of chemistry at a time like that.

Jacobson has managed to duplicate this mothly aphrodisiac in a compound known as "gyplure." Pest control officials plan to use it to lure male gypsy moths to their destruction.

From a male's standpoint, there may not be a better way to die.

Memphis Mother Raps Sororities

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: You've always been forthright and unafraid to handle hot-potato issues in the past. I hope you will carry on in the same brave manner and discuss public high school social sororities in your column.

I've talked to many teachers and school officials and they are all opposed to them. The major criticism is they "promote snobbishness."

The high school I have in mind has a sorority whose members give one another secret signs in the presence of non-sorority members. This makes the non-sorority members feel "left out." I'm not a mother whose daughter couldn't make it. I'm just an interested person who wants to see healthy policies upheld in our public schools. Thank you for whatever views you may have.—MEMPHIS MOTHER

Dear Mother: Most public high schools have abolished social sororities. The few remaining ones will probably fold when they catch up with the rest of the democratic-civilized world.

High school social sororities give young girls a false sense of superiority. The members are usually taken in for all the wrong reasons—because they are "cute," have a car, pretty clothes or because Dad has $$.

I'm very much in favor of chess clubs, camera clubs, stamp clubs, honor societies and other groups whose membership is open to all, regardless of race, religion or creed—the only requirement being good grades. This makes membership automatic for the bright ones—and no boy or girl can be discriminated against because some snob doesn't like his last name, or the way he parts his hair.

Dear Ann: My husband says I don't give him the proper backing. He says he feels alone in arguments because I sit there and don't stick up for him.

I am the type who loves peace and hates war. He will start an argument on whether or not the sun is shining. I get so embarrassed when he starts to shoot off his mouth that I just can't speak. I figure one loud mouth is enough for any family.

Please tell me if you think a woman who is silent while her husband is fighting with friends looks as if she is supporting the opposition. I say it's good manners for a wife to be quiet. He says it has nothing to do with manners—it's a matter of loyalty. What do you say?—HL.P.

Dear HL.P.: Please permit me to swipe a line from your letter. It's the best way I know to get the advice across. "One loud mouth is enough for any family."

Dear Ann Landers: I have two daughters, 10 and 12 years of age, and honestly, I feel like a failure. I always thought they were "too young" to accept much responsibility. Now they're a pair of lazy kids who don't do one thing to help me. As a matter of fact they don't even pick up after themselves.

Will you please say in your column what 10 and 12-year-old girls should do?—DUMB MOM

Dear Dumb Mom: Girls who are reared with no domestic know-how can be a pain in the neck to the men they marry. And it's all Mom's fault, as you suggested in your letter.

Girls 10 and 12 years old should be responsible for the dinner dishes. They should know how to sew on buttons, sew a straight hem, polish silver, dust, run the vacuum sweeper and iron towels and not-so-new blouses. They should make their own beds and keep their rooms orderly.

If they grow up with responsibility it's easier on everyone. One warning: It's quite a shock at the age of 12 to be told to do something—for the first time!

Are you going steady? Making marriage plans? If so, send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "Before You Marry—Is It Love Or Sex," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Royalty Asks Clemency

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth's cousin, the Earl of Harewood, appealed Tuesday for clemency for an 18-year-old boy sentenced to the gallows.

It was the first time a member of the royal family had publicly expressed an opinion on the controversial subject of capital punishment. The earl is the son of the sister of King George VI and is 12th in line of succession to the throne.

He joined 29 other prominent persons in a plea, published in the Times of London, for a reprieve for Francis Forsyth. The youth, and Norman Harris, 23, are scheduled to hang Nov. 10 for kicking a man to death after robbing him of a few shillings.

Other signers included novelist Kingsley Amis, Canon John Collins of St. Paul's Cathedral, Baron Harmsworth, the bishop of Birmingham, philosopher Bertrand Russell, actor Michael Redgrave, Baroness Ravensdale, artist Augustus John, and author J. B. Priestly.

Betting House On Kennedy

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—An unidentified supporter of Sen. John F. Kennedy came to the Democratic presidential candidate's rally in Convention Hall Monday night with great confidence.

The supporter, with a little assistance from two or three other persons, hoisted a large sign which read: "I'm betting my house on Kennedy."

Malin Sailor On Board Ship

MALIN — Serving aboard the Pacific Fleet dock landing ship USS Cabildo is Earl F. Wilson, Navy radioman third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson of Malin.

Before entering the Navy in June, 1958, he was graduated from Malin High School.

He received a letter of commendation September 16 for special contributions and individual efforts in winning the Amphibious Force, Pacific, Green "E" for efficiency in operations, and the amphibious assault insigne.

Bridge Closure

The Klamath National Forest today announced that the bridge across West Beaver Creek, located 5.2 miles north of the Klamath River Highway on the Beaver Creek Road No. 48NOI, will be closed for approximately four weeks effective Wednesday, November 2.

This closure is required because of the unsafe condition of the bridge. As soon as repairs can be made, the bridge will be reopened to the public.

MAY REGRET IT

HOUSTON, Tex. (UPI)—Woodrow Ashworth, 46, angered at being brought into court for trial on his 114 parking tickets, demanded a separate hearing on each one.

Judge Joseph Harris agreed and scheduled one trial per week with the last set for April, 1963.

"He'll have many busy days in court," Harris said serenely.

GM To Spend $1.25 Billion

NEW YORK (AP) — General Motors Corp. will spend $1.25 billion on plant, machinery, equipment and tooling in the United States and abroad in 1961, Chairman Frederic G. Donner said today.

Donner said the spending plans of GM, world's largest manufacturing concern, testify to "our faith in the continued economic progress of this country and of the free world."

Spending plans, Donner said, were based on the expectation sales of domestic and foreign built passenger cars in the United States next year should reach seven million units "if consumer incomes continue to rise and consumer confidence is sustained."

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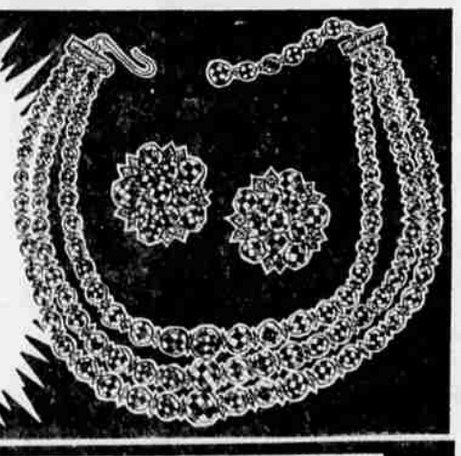

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