

EDITORIALS

Cancer and Toothache

Only a fool would contend that cancer is less serious than an aching tooth. Yet many Americans who have dental check-ups every six months never consult a doctor about possible cancer symptoms.

True, cancer is rarer than tooth decay. But it is not a remote possibility when we consider that one out of every four Americans is attacked by that disease at some time in life.

Some cancer danger signals—seven in all—can be readily observed and should mean an immediate visit to a physician. Delay is dangerous. Only when cancer is treated in an early, localized stage is there a good chance of it being cured.

Other forms of this malady which are taking a major toll of lives in the United States, are revealed early by signs that have meaning only for a doctor. That is why the American Cancer Society, in a nation-wide educational program, is stressing the necessity for periodic medical examinations for all adults. Men over 45 are urged to have chest x-rays twice yearly to detect possible lung cancer, and women over 35 to have breast and pelvic examinations semi-annually.

The over-all ACS program of research to find new cures, service to patients, and far flung education designed to save lives, is financed by public contributions made during the Cancer Society's annual fund-raising drive which opens here April 1. We do not hesitate to commend this vital cause to your generous consideration. Many can help additionally by serving as campaign volunteers.

And when next you visit your dentist for a check-up, let it remind you to see your doctor for a general physical examination as well. Let's give cancer at least as much concern as an aching molar.

Thanks, Mr. Smith

The community as it now stands and the multitudes who have passed before us owe a word of thanks to Mr. R. R. Smith who left the board of directors of the Torrance Hospital Assn. last week after serving 30 years with that group.

Mr. Smith is one of the city's true pioneers, and he has given liberally of his time and talent to make this town one of the Southland's finest.

During his many active years here, he served the city as a Councilman and as its Mayor, and has served on the hospital board as long as many of us have lived. He spent more than 20 years as president of the board, and his service to the city in that capacity can never be repaid except by a silent word of thanks to him whenever we have occasion to use the facilities of Torrance Memorial Hospital—which he helped in a large measure to make into the fine institution it is today.

Thank you, Mr. Smith.



LAW IN ACTION

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR BUT KNOW THE LAW

The home owners next door are known in law as adjoining landowners.

The law makes it your duty not to injure other persons or their property. For next door neighbors the law has wisely set up special rules.

For if one owner damages his neighbor's property or interferes with his use of it, the law has to settle the back fence dispute quickly. Better yet, let the parties know the law to keep the problem from arising.

Some common neighborly problems:

1. Suppose by mistake you build your home about three inches over B's lot. You can be made to move your house off B's lot, sometimes at great cost and trouble. So before building, why not have a qualified surveyor locate your boundaries?

2. Mrs. Jones fights with her neighbor, Mrs. Smith. She claims that when she hangs the wash out, Mrs. Smith gives her dirty looks. She thinks Mrs. Smith spies on her. She wants Mr. Jones to raise the back yard fence to 12 feet. Can he do this? No! In such a case the law calls a fence over 10 feet high a spite fence.

3. Friends Brown and White own lots next to each other. They plan to build houses. They like the idea of putting their garages in the back of the lots and sharing an eight foot driveway, half on Brown's lot and half on White's.

Is this wise? The common driveway may work fine. But what if Brown sells his lot and the new neighbor turns his garage into a work shop and then fences off his part of the driveway as part of his yard? You might need a law suit to find out if White can still use the driveway and have the fence taken down.

Where two people share part of each other's land, you should put this "easement" in writing and record it with the county recorder. This recording gives a buyer of either lot notice of the neighbor's rights and makes it binding.

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RIGHTS OF ARRESTED

It doesn't seem likely, but suppose you are accused of a crime. Under the law you have the following rights of which the court will tell you when you first come before it:

- (1) To hear the charges against you;
- (2) To have a lawyer defend you at each stage of the court action;
- (3) To reasonable bail;
- (4) To have the court "subpoena" witnesses for you, and to face the witnesses against you;
- (5) To a speedy, public trial.

Your own lawyer may represent you at your own expense when the court arraigns you, holds preliminary hearing, and tries you. If you can't afford a lawyer, the court will name a public defender or a private attorney to represent you. You may consult him before the court arraigns you. You may have time to prepare your defense.

In most crimes you can get bail. When you post it you may be released until the court arraigns or tries you. Your lawyer or the public defender, if he represents you, will have witnesses come to the hearing or trial.

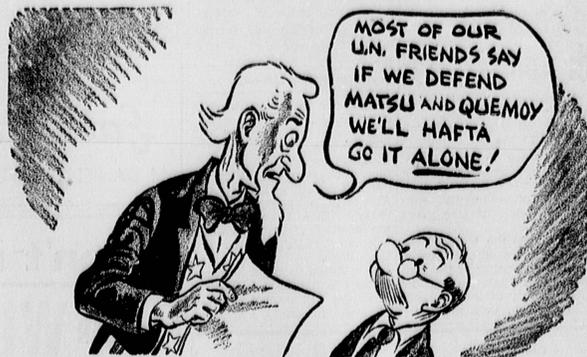
As a rule, the court will arraign you the day or so after your arrest. To the charges against you, you plead guilty or not guilty.

Suppose you plead guilty. The court will then sentence, fine, or release you on probation.

What if you plead not guilty. If the charge is a misdemeanor, the court will set your case for trial. If the charge is a felony, the court will set your case for preliminary hearing. At that time you will be released or held for trial. If held, the court will set bail.

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Threat or Promise?



Of All Things

By Robert B. Martin

HOW COME juvenile delinquency? Where do youngsters get such ideas?

It may well be that the moral failings of our national life lie as a root cause of our children's troubles, according to Robert C. Hendrickson, former chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency.

Take, for example, a youngster's reaction on hearing his father brag about having a traffic ticket "fixed." And how about the grown-ups who chortle over evading income taxes? Also a mother who makes a child tell the bill collector that "mama is out."

Hendrickson doesn't beat around the bush when he declares, "This breeds in the child a disrespect for law and order!"

We adults often feel that the delinquency problem can be licked merely by saying, "get them another playground."

THAT'S IT: Get them another playground... but don't go to too much trouble to cut the flow of pornographic pictures and literature being circulated by "delinquent adults."

Go easy on the brutality on television and in the newspapers... let "someone else" look in on getting rid of crime and horror comic books. Hendrickson's comment is a studied the comic book situation and decided that when crime and horror comics are sold by the millions they can't help but have some effect on a child's mind.

But all of this, he said, may be just a distraction from a common cause rather than the ultimate reasons for our juvenile delinquency problem.

They are evidences of the deeper problem facing our country today, the moral failings of our national life. Hendrickson declared, "This moral failing of our adult population is certainly the ultimate cause of our juvenile delinquency problem. Since moral failing is the cause, the answer to juvenile delinquency lies in the right ordering of our personal lives," Hendrickson concluded.

WISE WORDS... especially when a million children every year are picked up by the police on various charges. The problem isn't one that has cropped up within recent years. It doesn't solely belong to big cities, industrial areas and the like.

It has existed in some form or another ever since there were children. But the trouble is, it's growing. Police statisticians say that the yearly average of juvenile arrests will probably hit 1,500,000 within the next six years, with 750,000 of these young people actually winding up in court.

COME TO THINK of it, I've never really known a juvenile delinquent. Oh, I've seen groups of young people having a little noisy fun and often a careful of them dragging down a quiet street. But I just can't put a finger on any one of them and say, "He's delinquent."

Most of we "big people" can look back upon times when we rile the police and caused strait-laced adults to cluck-cluck-cluck at us... but we managed to grow up and become fairly decent citizens.

The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ, Herald Staff Writer

Crying, "I'm a mama," a shapely blonde in Miami, Fla., last week hatched out three little geese after sitting on the eggs for 28 days.

This modern Mother Goose stunt was cooked up by a service station operator, who figured his business needed pepping up.

All this goes to prove that the silly season is here again, or has it ever left?

This may bring on a rash of egg sitters, since such wacky ideas seem to catch on quick. The next stunt might well be some shapely redhead hatching out a brood of ostrich eggs.

There has been a lull in such activities recently, although a group of Arkansans recently enlivened the news columns by holding a contest to see who could teeter back and forth in his rocking chair the longest and steadiest.

The winner of the teetering marathon was a slightly dizzy individual who rocked for 79 hours.

The nation hasn't had any flappable sitters of note recently, but a few years back plenty of people were perched high in the air for months at a time.

Not so long ago, jitterbugs were bouncing away for days on end, and lovers of the Charleston were competing in marathons before that. There are no recorded reports of Viennese Waltz or Minuet marathons.

What makes people do these silly things is a puzzle to most of us, who want to set no more unconventional records than the amount of money earned in one year.

Front Porch Philosopher

By MILDRED HUNT Herald Staff Writer

The common remark, "they're not making things as good as they used to."

Not only does this remark usually go unchallenged but it is accepted, as a rule, in mute approval.

If this were true, then the work of scientists, inventors, and highly trained specialists would be just lost motion.

For want of better light, the electric light bulb replaced the oil lamp and candle. For better cooked food in less time, the gas and electric ranges were perfected. For everyday enjoyment (and sometimes annoyance) the radio and television has replaced the old opera house, vaudeville, and 20-cent movies. As for longer lasting and every day wear and tear, the qualities of articles in bygone days didn't always stand up—nor did many of them improve like rare wine.

Barring such things as good violins and clocks, if the truth were known, modern articles are as good and as lasting in their way as those made in the good old days. It has become a habit to think otherwise.

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

I left California the early part of this week for my 1955 reporting and lecturing trip around the world... the fourth such trip in the past five years... which will take me during the next six months to most of the capitals of the world and the areas of the greatest news significance. Since my first assignment as a correspondent to Moscow, Paris and Berlin in 1931, I have not found a substitute for eye-witness facts. As in past years, my eye-witness observations will appear exclusively in "After Hours" in newspapers here and abroad. It will be my purpose to be the "eyes and ears" of my readers and to report what I see and hear, direct from the hotspots of the globe and direct from the lips of world leaders, who for good or evil, pull the strings that influence the lives of all of us, between war and peace. I will report the truth without propaganda, bias or expediency, drawing up on my experience as a correspondent to separate the facts from the falsehoods.

My first foreign report will come from Glasgow and Edinburgh about the middle of May and continue until I return to Los Angeles in October. In the meantime I shall report from across the forty-eight states, the grass-roots opinion of the farmer in Kansas, the rancher in Texas, the industrialist in Michigan, the financier in Chicago and New York. I will interview labor and management officials on domestic and foreign affairs. I plan to see President Eisenhower, members of his cabinet and key Democrat and Republican leaders on Capitol Hill. I will make the rounds of the Pentagon for my official correspondent credentials for U. S. military zones abroad and to be briefed on policy and plans as released to the members of the press.

While in Washington I will interview officials of foreign embassies, including the U.S. S.R. While in New York I will spend considerable time at the UN, interviewing the delegates and representatives of friend and foe alike.

My global itinerary will begin in Glasgow and Edinburgh in May... and on to London to see former Prime Minister Churchill, Prime Minister Eden, and to follow the current debates in the British parliament. Then I fly to Paris to attend the walks along the Quai D'Orsay to see government and diplomatic officials and interview General Gruenther on NATO. Then to Amsterdam to address the Rotary, Lions and women's clubs and repeat the process in Hamburg the next day. I then fly to Oslo for a major address in the Civic auditorium and to inspect NATO defense installations just outside the city. This will be my fourth lecture appearance here since 1950. This will be followed by talks in Stockholm and Helsinki... and a fact-finding tour of the Russian frontier. I visit American Christian missions as I do elsewhere in the world and interview U.S. Ambassador Rankin, General Chase and other officials.

From Formosa I fly for a brief stay in Okinawa, then on to Tokyo for a major address at the Imperial hotel under the auspices of the American-Japanese club and Rotary International. I then fly to Korea for the latest facts on conditions around the neutral zone in Panmunjon, which have been violated repeatedly by the Reds since the armistice, which I covered on July 27, 1953. While in Korea I plan to see President Syngman Rhee and his popular Christian wife and other Korean and U.S. officials.

I have applied for a visa to Moscow and at this writing is still under consideration by the Soviet government. My next report will come from Berlin. I will address the Rotary conference at the Am Zoo on Berlin's famed Kurfurstendamm and make my usual rounds of the Russian zone for facts. Then I fly to Frankfurt and Bonn for current briefing by U.S. and German officials. From there it's Belgrade, Trieste, Vienna for the latest facts along the Communist satellite frontier. In Milan, I plan to see Communist chief Palmiero Togliatti and anti-Communist Premier Scelba in Rome. From there I fly to Athens, gateway to the Near East, and will circle the arc from Cyprus to Cairo, to Beirut and Istanbul, interviewing officials on the explosive subjects of plebiscite in Cyprus, crisis between Syria and Turkey over the Turkey-Iraq pact and the latest on the Arab league decisions over Israel. I will try and cover both the Arab-Israeli frontiers, interviewing officials on both sides.

From the Near East I fly to Karachi, via Baghdad, and on to New Delhi to see Prime Minister Nehru. Controversial Nehru is a challenge to any reporter, with his penetrating interviews and realism. While in India, I plan to fly to Kashmir to see Shakh Abdullah for the latest on the coming plebiscite to decide whether some 4,000,000 Moslems stay with Hindu India or transfer their loyalty to Moslem Pakistan.

My global itinerary will then take me to Rangoon, Bangkok, Saigon, Singapore. I will get as close as possible to Communist-held Hanoi in Vietnam. Then on to Indonesia to cover the aftermath of the Africa-Asia conference which will be held on April 26 in Jakarta. I then fly to Manila to see President Magsaysay and on to Hong Kong to address the Rotary and Chamber of Commerce for the fourth time in five years. While in the Territory of Hong Kong, I plan to drive out to Lo Wu to meet the Canton train bringing the Chinese Communist officials, spies and business men to Hong Kong... as well as the refugees who were fortunate to receive (at a price) their exit visas to leave Red China. I will also go to Portuguese colony of Macao some three hours by boat from Hong Kong, to interview the flow of daily escapees from Red China.

The KLM-NWA flight to Formosa from Hong Kong will be the 22nd airline thus far on my global trip. The highlight of my annual trips to Formosa is a visit with the Chiang Kai-sheks at their fortress retreat in Grass mountain, some six miles from downtown Taipei. It is from Generalissimo Chiang that I secure my accreditation to officially report from Quemoy.

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