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The Missing Twenty-Two

The fate of more than 30,000 students which will be seeking classroom space when school opens next fall may have been decided by 22 people this week—22 people who couldn't care less.

But for those 22 people, students who will be enrolled in the city's schools next fall and in the following school year would have been assured of classroom space. Now, the promise is not so good.

That was the margin needed to carry Tuesday's school bond proposal—22 more people interested in the city schools, and funds for the needed classrooms would have been provided.

The blame, however, falls on far more than 22 persons. Out of an eligible list of about 46,000 voters, only one in five could get to the polls. Surely the school system which now has responsibility for 30,000 of our children is important to more than 9,000 voters.

The choices now facing the school administration and the Board of Education are difficult. Most probable solution is to return to the dreadful double session classes which are a bane to student learning.

The only alternative to adequate local support of the school system is federal support—which, we are certain, few Torrance people desire.

Those who think schools are expensive now, wait until their lethargy brings on the federal aid. As Durante says, "You ain't seen nuthin' yet."

Opinions of Others

Recent polls reveal that three out of four Americans polled do not want to see a tax cut if it means not balancing the budget. This is a good omen. The only way Americans will get responsible legislation is to act like responsible citizens. If the politicians find that we are fed up with so-called something-for-nothing schemes, we're on our way to better things. The road may be a little harder to travel, but it will be far better than getting into the trough now and letting our children and grandchildren worry about trying to pay for our gluttony. — Oberlin (Kan.) Herald.

We hope you have noticed in our news stories involving government money a spade is being called a spade. For instance: There was a time when we used the phrase 'federal funds' or 'state funds' as acceptable journalism. But what are federal and state funds? They're yours and mine. The federal government doesn't earn a dime unless you include some of the unintentional profits that accrue from intrusion into business competition with private enterprise. So, unless there's a slip by a reporter and/or editor, we have changed 'federal funds' to federal taxpayer's money. Ditto the state government. — Hagerstown (Md.) Morning Herald.

Washington, by maintaining artificially high prices through its price support programs, regulation of commerce and transportation, minimum wage laws, and a lengthy list of other intercessions on behalf of one economic or political segment or another, is more guilty of shunning the consumer than either labor or management. — Beverly (Mass.) Evening Times.

The international importance of science was brought home to the ordinary citizen during the famous International Geophysical Year. The IGY was no one-shot extravaganza, however. A number of other "international years" are under way or scheduled. This cooperation has come about not merely because of the obvious fact that it is physically one world. It is also because scientific knowledge has become so vast and complicated and all-embracing that no one nation has enough brains or wealth to go it alone. There can be no nationalism or isolationism in science. — Pomona (Calif.) Progress-Bulletin.

It's an old story, going back to the dawn of time when the first tribesman planted a seed: the farmer standing beside his withered crop with his eyes on the horizon looking for a sign of rain. Each year in our widespread land there are some of those in agriculture who face the drought crisis. In these days of "sharp-pencil" operation in any business, including agriculture, such a misadventure is perilous indeed. And it is a credit to those farmers who, as did those who tilled the soil before them, pull in their horns and somehow or other worry through it. — Leesburg (Fla.) Daily Commercial.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



"I got tired of waiting for our nest egg to hatch."

Another Mass. Meeting



ROYCE BRIER

Aid to Greece Should Now Shift to Commerce

During the invasion of Greece in 1941, the Nazis staged a parade in Constitution Square in Athens. Watching were Athenians, a few Americans (then neutral), some Greek soldiers and two British officers.

The Greek soldiers, whom the Nazis wouldn't bother at the moment, packed tightly about the British so the Nazi wouldn't notice them. The penalty for such "harboring" would be death.

But so the Greeks are, loyal to the West. And why not, seeing they were the first "western" people in the ancient civilizations?

After the war the communists gave them a bad time. Joe Stalin fed his agents into Greece from Yugoslavia before Tito's defection. But it flopped.

Greece is poor in tillable soil and in mineral resources, so it has lacked industry. In ancient times it was poor compared with the rich empires surrounding it, but it was rich in ideas and aspirations.

Today the Greeks are a trading and shipping people, but they badly need agricultural help to give a solid base to their economy. July 1 was the cutoff date for our military aid, which has been running about \$20 million a year.

Vice President Johnson has been in the eastern Mediterranean with a soft sell on what the Americans propose,

information he must get from the President. In Athens he assured the Greeks of continued support, but didn't have any figures that got into the news.

The Greeks are concerned over economic aid to Yugoslavia and Turkey. Net credits to Greece last year, exclusive of military aid, were far less than those of her neighbors.

It is not disclosed what points Johnson made with the Greeks, but a logical point, if he can get Washington support, would be that when military aid is withdrawn, it should be compensated by higher farm and commercial aid.

There is growing thought in Washington that military aid is about worn out in areas

contiguous to the Soviet orbit, and Greece is a good example. After the communist revolt, the theory was the Bulgarians might try an adventure in Greece, but this theory no longer has reality. There is plenty of reality left, however, in the need of Greek agricultural development, and there isn't a better investment in friendship, progress and democracy anywhere in the Mediterranean world.

Quote

"I once heard that the work of artists and similar craftsmen reflect the times in which they live. If this be true then our times are indeed shapeless and muddled." —Clement B. Reed, Alameda.

"If you want to play odds in Reno fine, but playing odds with your own life is something else again." —Dr. Karl M. Bowman, S. F., promoting K. O. pollo campaign.

"It is high time Robert Kennedy devoted all his time and energies eradicating that cancer in our midst, Communism in the U.S., and get off the back of big business." —Ottneel Adelman, Oakland.



A Bookman's Notebook

Long-Neglected General Subject of Close Study

William Hogan

In "The Unregimented General," Virginia Johnson has produced a first-class study of the long-neglected Civil War hero and Indian fighter, Nelson Appleton Miles. Miles' military career began in 1861 when at 21 he left his job at a Boston crockery store and raised a volunteer group to join the troops preparing for McClellan's Peninsula Campaign.

As an aide to General Howard, who was to become a life-long friend, Miles fought in almost all major engagements. Before the war was over he was wounded four times—two of which might have killed him. At 24 he became a brigadier general. He was breveted a major general and received the Medal of Honor before the war ended.

Not a West Point man, lacking a university education, Miles applied for a commission in the Regular Army. He became a colonel but thought he should have rated higher even though this was a step above the boy wonder (and West Point man) George A. Custer, who was to ride stupidly into immortality while under Miles' command in the Far West.

Miles, outstanding in the Civil War, was to win his greatest laurels in the West. He was a leader in the Kiowa-Comanche Campaign in 1874; the Sioux Campaign of 1876-77; the Apache Campaign and the last Sioux Uprising in 1890. He brought in Chief Joseph and Nez Perces and Geronimo as well as a host of minor chiefs. Sitting Bull is the only one who evaded him, and Miles chased him into Canada.

Promotions came slowly, even for a man whose uncle-in-law was William T. Sherman, the Army's Commanding General. However, by the time the Spanish-American War broke out, Miles held the rank of major general, then the Army's highest. Happy in the field again, he led troops in the capture of

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Puerto Rico with a total loss of one killed and four wounded. His anger at the loss of human life caused by incompetence led to an investigation of that war effort.

Miles continued as the chief officer until 1903 when he retired to enjoy 21 years of inactive duty. He held the unheard of rank of three-star general at that time.

Mrs. Johnson's portrait of Miles is born of a western heritage and of an Army career. She was born, raised and lives in Montana with her retired brigadier general husband. For many writers, these two strains would be enough

to adulterate their writing. Not so with Mrs. Johnson.

In addition to talent and a knowledge of the value of thorough research, she has had the co-operation of Miles' son, himself a retired general, who opened to her the letters of his father to his mother from 1876 to the 1890s. Published here for the first time, they help to show Miles for what he was: a natural military genius, often his own worst enemy; a man who campaigned hard and honorably and fought as hard for humanitarian treatment of his foes as he did in subduing them.

The Unregimented General, By Virginia A. Johnson. illus. Houghton Mifflin, 401 pp., \$6.95.

Around the World With



DELAPLANE

"I want to go to Europe but frankly cannot pay the full air fare. Now, tell me: Is there ANY way to cut this cost?"

The only airline selling seats below the IATA-agreed costs is Icelandic Airlines. About \$100 less, round trip—and because of this, they're usually sold out. Might be better at this time of year, though.

They are in New York. But look in the phone book. They have sales offices in other large cities, including San Francisco.

Another possible way of cutting is buying up an unused ticket on a charter flight. I've seen these in the "Personal" columns of American newspapers—particularly New York. Charter flights are cut-rate. Somebody has to cancel, and advertises.

And another: The Paris edition of the New York Herald-Tribune usually has return portions of charter flights for sale in the classified under "Plane Tickets." You could buy a full fare over and take a chance on a cut-rate charter going back.

"Is there a way of getting a discount on a watch if you buy one in Switzerland?"

Not to you. But airline offices, tour guides and travel agents get a 10 per cent discount. If you can hook up with anybody in these businesses, you score.

"The cheapest way to visit Mexico for three weeks?" Ask Greyhound. They run an 18-day tour—down one way and up another highway—from El Paso or Phoenix for about \$200. Includes hotels, meals, tips and a little Mexico City sightseeing. I took this once. It's a lot of fun and a good buy.

"We will be living in England for about 14 months. Since you've done this, what's the best way to handle the money? Travelers' checks? Regular checks from a bank here? Letter of credit?"

Not travelers' checks at \$1 per \$100—that's for traveling. I have money in dollars deposited in the Bank of America branch in London and used in a pound account. You don't want to pay English taxes. You are liable after six months' residence. UNLESS you are living on capital, not income. The Bank of America can advise you on this and I'd get that advice immediately.

"We read some airline information booklets that said we could buy in Orly Airport, duty-free port, and they would mail it home without our having to pay duty."

That's true if it is a gift worth less than \$10. You can send as many of these as you like. But only one to the same person each day.

Since you are only an hour or so in the airport at Paris, you can only send one gift to each person.

If the purchase is more than \$10, you have to declare it as unaccompanied baggage to U.S. Customs. You pay duty on it when it arrives unless all of what you carry and are having sent is \$100 or less. You are allowed \$100 duty-free.

The under-\$10 gifts don't count. You don't declare them. They don't add into your \$100.

"Understand you can save some money on gasoline in Europe by buying coupons..."

France and Italy have a cut-rate coupon for tourists. The auto clubs can tell you how to go about it. They usually sell them right in the office. With gasoline running about 90 cents a gallon, it's worthwhile.

"Please recommend a not too expensive hotel in London."

The Washington on Curzon Street. About \$8 a day. I haven't stayed there but I've been in the lobby. And I get good reports on it from friends.

Stan Delaplaine finds it impossible to answer all of his travel mail.

For his intimate tips on Japan, Italy, England, France, Russia, Hawaii, Mexico, Ireland, and Spain (10 cents each), send coins and stamped, self-addressed, large envelope to the Torrance HERALD, Box RR, Torrance, Calif.

Morning Report:

Just like every other patriot, I have been studying the new income tax law being ground out in Washington. To see if there is a loophole for me.

After careful analysis, I find it's a very poor piece of legislation. It won't save me a dime. But I'm sure the law must be good for somebody. Otherwise they wouldn't have gone to the trouble of writing it in the first place.

Every time a company wants to bring out a new product, they test it to see how people will like it. It would be a good idea if Congress would do the same thing every time they bring out a new model of the income tax law.

Abe Mellinkoff

The Little Things That Really Count

By Count Marco

along with your hint that with any one of these and him thrown across your bed you'd be the most delirious wife in your neighborhood.

There is the very basic full-length coat of Russian broad-tail, lined simply and completely with Russian sable. It's quite practical, because it's reversible. The price tag reads \$9875.

One fur proves a point—that some have it and some don't. On the leopard it was apparently worth nothing, but on your back the price hits \$10,000.

Finally for your basic-black-and-pearls second-husband hunters who can't get a bar stool on Frida ybecause of the crowds, take heart. At Neiman-Marcus you can get a cocktail stool that folds up like an umbrella, and for only \$16.45 you have a portable base of operations. You can move closer and closer and closer to your target, thus outmaneuvering the other girls stuck solidly to an immovable stool.

You see, Stanley Marcus does have everyone's interest at heart, even you working girls'.

With us working on it we should be able to accomplish miracles—and I feel at times that it's going to take miracles, from what I've seen on this trip through the Southwest.

To keep desires and taste buds at glutton capacity, Neiman-Marcus sales personnel think nothing of hopping a plane to take a new intriguing item personally to your door as a surprise. Some of the surprises that never came back out the door include an emerald necklace worth a million dollars, a \$35,000 Sapphire mink coat and a \$9000 ermine bathrobe.

Lest you get the wrong impression of Neiman-Marcus, I inspected each department carefully, and it has merchandise available for any size purse.

I selected several items for you to present to your man,



DALLAS

Probably no other mail order catalog in the world would dare offer gifts in the price range headed "under \$1 million," but the Neiman-Marcus department store here thinks nothing of it, because it has on hand constantly baubles, bangles and beads that cost over a million dollars.

Long a world-wide symbol of luxury, Neiman-Marcus has done more to advance the state of femininity and keep the women glamorous than any other institution in the State of Texas, always known for its beef—and, from what I've seen, beefy women, including Dallas women, of course.

As their inspiration the store's president, Stanley Marcus, is as dedicated to making the women of Dallas glamor symbols of womanhood as I am to making the rest of you an inspiring symbol throughout the country.