

Peddler's Passage—

Hoosier Salesman
Hears Lots of ThingsAnd He Learns There's Modern
Way to Clean a Fence Row

By John Loveland

I AM not a newspaperman; I am a salesman. Business takes me all over Indiana, and there are a lot of things a salesman thinks about while he is pounding the pavement.

He sees crops as they unfold. He smells spring in the air and hears the meadow larks long before you have shoveled the last snow from your sidewalks. He feels he has something special about the middle of June if he can drive along a ridge road and look down over a hillside of soft gray green, mildly rippling catkins.

He drives home in the dusk of a fairly hot-midsummer day and, rolling down to a bridge over a stream, feels the coolness that flows from the lowland and woodlots as the mists begin to form. In the fall, it is he who first sees the long dipping and rising wedges of honkers as they point toward the southern marshes.

Room No. 10

HE DOESN'T always stay at the Warrens, the Lincolns, the Roberts, the Keenans, or the other so-called "better hostels." If he's overnight in Greensburg, chances are he'll be at the Commercial and hope that he can get room No. 10, or one of the other rooms with bath.

He'll sit in the lobby after he's made his report to the home office, and he'll hear in a lot of wild tales, some worth repeating. He'll think about home and the youngsters, and what's going on in "good old Indianapolis" and yet if he only knew, there are a lot of people who have worked hard at their job in "good old Indianapolis" who have come home, eaten supper, and have passed before reading the evening Times to wonder what is going on in "good old Greensburg" or in "good old Salem" or in "good old Wabash."

That if (as the man says) precisely why I am here. If I get around, and I often do, and I tell you something I saw, while in your own home neighborhood, we'll both be on common ground. You won't be bothered by statistics, because I'll call things as I see them without waiting for Purdue to give me a fact or figure. If I happen into Sheridan and I learn that O. T. Kerschival is at the farm making sure the corn is going into the ground with the right kind of fertilizer, I'll not come up with something like this: "Local authorities estimate 72% of the corn crop in Hamilton County has now been planted and a bumper crop is assured."

Expert Stuff

AN EXPERT has often been described as an ordinary mechanic strayed 15 miles from home. I won't pose as an expert on anything, because I don't get away from home till I'm over the state line. (Shhh—your ought to hear what they think of me in Danville, though.)

My hope is to pass on to you some of the things that appear around the state. If you go to the right places, you can hear some of the dog-gonest things. They are not usually side-splitting, but if you're out of a booster community and retain the sense of humor, you'll know I have fun listening.

In a restaurant in Macon the other day there was a group discussing the price a friend had paid for some land near Danville. "What's the matter with her, did she think there was gold dust on them hills?"

"No it must've been the rich colonial air about that big house."

A salesman hears a lot of interesting things. If he keeps his ears open, and once in a while he gets an order.

Look at Junior

THE FIRST part of August is a betwixt and between season on the farm. Some clover is ready for a second cutting, but the small grains are pretty well harvested. If you're a farmer who firmly believes in improving each shining hour you're out with the weed hook cleaning out fence rows, or else you've sent Junior out to do that job.

If you're a traveling salesman and driving north on U. S. 31 north of Westfield and you see Junior standing up there with his scythe, taking his cut at the horse weeds instead of standing out on the diamond taking his cut at the horsehide, you'll begin running an old song over and over in your mind. "How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm?"

If I'd been on my toes, the thing to have done would be to stop and ask Junior his name so I could tell you, but the way he stood there, eight foot corn on his right, and fence on his left, taking short wicked swipes at the fence row species of Rattus floricola, it didn't seem advisable to engage him in conversation. Personally I have a high regard for the boy, whoever he may be, that was an awfully long fence row.

On Haying Technique

"HOW YA gonna keep 'em down on the farm?" kept ringing back to me over and over all the way through Kokomo, Galveston, past Lincoln Elevator, and on to Walton where I found Wayne Snell confronted with much the same problem. He was busy passing out chain links, mufflers, and baler twine.

About this time, there began to appear a few evidences of a definite move to keep the boys on the farm—and happy. One soul was made happy after he came in to report trouble with his baler. Gene Harvey, service salesman said:

"Come on we'll go right out, and fix it so you can get going again." And he did.

3 Die, Driver Escapes as Car Crashes Into Bridge



Three members of a Cleveland, O., family were killed but the driver was only slightly hurt yesterday when this car crashed into a bridge on U. S. 40, six miles west of Plainfield. Killed were Charlie Anderson, 50, his wife, Clara, and Sylvia Ann Foster, their 7-year-old granddaughter. The driver, William Foster, 22, a grandson, was released from General Hospital after first aid.

Three Arrested,
4 Hurt in TrafficOfficer Hails Cab
To Catch Motorist

Four persons were injured and three drivers arrested in Indianapolis traffic late yesterday.

Melvin W. White, 36, of 406 N. Parker St., was in General Hospital with severe face and arm injuries after falling from a motorcycle at U. S. 31 and Gilbert St.

Leah Barnard, 37, of 1835 S. Tibbs St., a passenger on the motorcycle, said the driver lost control. Mr. Barnard was uninjured.

Mrs. Violet Wall, 44, of R. R. 4, sustained head and leg injuries when a car operated by her husband, John, 46, struck a bridge on Pleasant Run Pkwy. and Indiana 37. She was admitted to Methodist Hospital.

Mr. Wall, who was uninjured, told police he hit the bridge while attempting to pass a truck.

Harvey J. Haddox, 66, of 1620 W. Washington St., was charged with being drunk, operating a car while drunk, and reckless driving late yesterday after a traffic policeman chased him several blocks in a taxi.

Patrolman John R. Horne, on duty at Meridian and Washington Sts., said he noticed Haddox driving recklessly as he crossed the intersection. The officer hailed a taxicab and stopped Haddox at Delaware and Market Sts.

Two motorists were arrested and two persons were injured in separate accidents in the vicinity of West and North Sts.

Mamie Davis, 17, of 2081 Highland Ave., was treated at General Hospital for ankle injuries received when she was knocked from a motorcycle she was riding with Walter Clemmons, 20, of 450 N. Senate Ave.

They were struck at North and West Sts. by a car driven by George McGee, 57, of 1061 N. Elder Ave. McGee was charged with drunkenness. Mr. Clemmons was uninjured.

Caroline Amos, 9, of 450 Douglas St., was admitted to General Hospital with head injuries received when struck by a car in the 800 block N. West St. The vehicle was operated by Wilbur Cuthrell, 43, of 802 N. Locke St. He was charged with vagrancy.

Japan Far East Key, Eichelberger Says

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (UP)—Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger told a reunion of the 24th Division Association tonight that Japan holds the key to the Far Eastern situation and must not be allowed to fall under Russian control.

The wartime Pacific leader who later became chief of the U. S. occupation force in Japan, said that country would be a "great prize" for the Communists.

Kids' Baseball Stand Earns \$30 for Polio Fund



John Tucker (right), 2253 S. Meridian St., tests his skill at throwing a ball into a box near his home, where he and his buddies have set up a stand and raised \$30 for the Riley Memorial Polio Fund. Standing (left to right) are Ronald Harris, 2251 S. Meridian St.; Bob Thompson, 2280 S. Meridian St.; and Vincent Raja, 2261 Union St. Kneeling are Harvey Renforth, 844 N. Sherman Drive and Lowell Harris, 2251 S. Meridian St.

McGrath Cuts
Dixiecrats in
Election Call4 States Snubbed
In Selection of
New Party Chairman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (UP)—Southern states' rights Democrats who deserted President Truman last year were pointedly omitted tonight from a Democratic National Committee call to elect a new chairman.

Sen. J. Howard McGrath (D. R. I.), who will resign as chairman Aug. 24 to become Attorney General, specifically did not invite committee members of record in Mississippi and Louisiana. He observed that the elected committee members from Alabama, Marion Rushon, has resigned.

"I have not invited the members of the national committee of record in the states of Mississippi or Louisiana," Sen. McGrath said, "because in my judgment by their several actions at the convention and subsequently in the campaign they have left the Democratic party."

Took Walk Last July
"The national committee from South Carolina was a candidate for election on the ticket of another party."

Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina was a candidate for President last year on the States' Rights ticket. Gov. Thurmond was not invited to the Aug. 24 meeting.

The convention delegations of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and South Carolina walked out of the national convention at Philadelphia last July when it was apparent that Mr. Truman would be nominated. Upon his election in November, the President said he had won without the Solid South and was proud of it. The four states cast their electoral votes for Gov. Thurmond.

Sen. McGrath's call reading existing Democratic political organizations of the four states out of the party apparently has the approval of Mr. Truman. In his call for the meeting, Sen. McGrath recommended that William M. Boyle Jr., executive vice chairman of the committee, be chosen as his successor. He said the President gave "wholehearted approval" of Boyle's selection.

PLAN PAY CUT TO REDS
LONDON, Aug. 13 (UP)—The Western Powers are considering cutting reparations payments to the Soviet Union from Western Germany, reliable sources said today.

Early Statehood for
Hawaii, Alaska Unlikely
WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (UP)—It appeared unlikely today that Congress will bring Hawaii and Alaska into the Union this year.

Whether an effort will be made to get their statehood bills before the House in this session probably will be decided within a week.

Even if the effort is made, its chances of success seemed dim.

The Hawaiian waterfront strike, now in its 105th day, has hurt the statehood campaigns. Some members who formerly favored statehood have been swayed by charges that the strike is a Communist plot.

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Right: Classic style... buttoning from collar to hem—decorative crest on the pocket. In smoke blue—brown—green—blue and navy. Sizes 10 to 20.

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