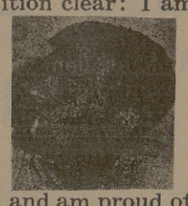
John McCarroll

"tell you what I'd do"

History repeats itself, as any knowledgeable person is aware, and it is about to write a new page in the book of barbering.

To begin, I would like to make my position clear: I am not a member of the New Left Movement, the Old Left Movement, the Sideways Movement or the Arthur Murray Movement for that matter, but a staunch Old Middle-of-the-Roader from way back.



I have grown a moustache.

Scream "hippie," "beatnik," "slob" or "bum" as you pass me—it makes no difference. I grew it over the Christmas bread and am proud of it. It is not some form of rebellion, freaking out or attention-getting. I like the moustache, the long sideburns and neatly trimmed beard. (However, I drew the line at the moustache for myself.)

It is true that quite a few of the long-haired, unkempt individuals are just what they look like—hermits from a civilization they feel owes them more than they have been handed in their few years of suffering.

All one has to do, however, to discover the true merits of facial hair is to look at pictures of American presidents from Washington to Johnson.

George Washington had hair below his collar and sideburns below his ears but was otherwise clean-shaven in 1790. From 1790 to about 1825 the styles didn't change much.

With the wars with the Indians all this changed, and from 1825 to 1861 presidents sprouted a little more hair.

Abraham Lincoln, who really couldn't make up his mind about the beard, was the first to have a full bushy growth and the trend continued until 1913 when Woodrow Wilson took over the office. He was the first of a long string of short-haired, clean-shaven presidents which has lasted to the present.

The trends which caused the leaders of the U. S. to adopt the styles of the day were quite evident. During the 35-year period following Washington the clean face was brought from England and Europe where it was a sign of the landed nobility.

The 46-year period from John Quincy Adams' tenure to Lincoln's was marked by settlement of the West and Indian wars. The more-or-less clean face was a sign of "pure" ancestry with no red man's blood flowing through their veins. (Here some historians and wrestlers disagree as the beard was just another handle the angry savage could grab.)

The 48 years separating Lincoln from Wilson was a time when maturity was respected and everyone wanted to look older.

In Wilson's time and right up to the present, youth has been the answer to everything and off went the long hair, sideburns, moustaches and beards.

All of this really proves nothing except that an average of about 43 years has separated the whiskers to bald-face bit and now in 1969 we are about five years overdue for a barbering change.

Already word is filtering down from Washington about LBJ letting his hair get a little long and lamb chops creep down his face.

With the "new" Nixon about to take office we might really get into the swing of things. Nixon, as his press people say, is not the same old Nixon. Whatever happened to his five-o'clock shadow, so evident in President Eisenhower's terms?

Yes, about the only way I'll get rid of my moustache is if some tragedy happens to me as happened to our movie reviewer, Mike Plake. His holiday beard is gone now—he says because the dandruff got too thick.

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Special message to the unknown person or persons who left the note in the Bulletin Board box here in the office—it is not a suggestion box, but an announcement receptical.

Men from the Physical Plant office are now drawing up plans for a box the size of a Volkswagen packing crate for such suggestions as yours. We've taken your advice and already four Batt staffers have dropped dead.

Jury Selection Attacked By Sirhan Lawyer

By GENE HANDSAKER

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Defenders of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan attacked the county's jury selection system Wednesday as not representative of the community, and his murder trial got its first witness—an expert on juries.

The 24-year-old Jordanian accused of fatally shooting Sen. Robert F. Kennedy last June watched attentively during the second session of his trial, which lasted less than an hour and was devoted to motions and arguments and rulings on them.

Attorney Grant B. Cooper moved to set aside the list of prospective jurors saying they do not comprise "a true cross section of the community." The system, he said, excuses many groups such as legislators, stenographers, professors, ministers, teachers, doctors and mail carriers.

JURY COMMISSIONER William A. Goodwin, testifying on the motion, said any prospective juror claiming an exemption could be removed from final jury selection lists. Many, however, waive their right to exemption, he added.

Then, at the request of Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton, Goodwin read into the trial record part of jury selection law stipulating "no discrimination," fairness and impartiality.

Cooper said he would like more time to think about the motion before the judge rules on it, and Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker said he would keep the motion open.

WALKER LET Cooper put Goodwin on the stand after denying a defense motion for a 30-day continuance so Cooper could confer with the commissioner.

The judge also denied a renewed motion for separate juries for the trial itself and for a decision on the penalty. The first such motion was rejected Tuesday.

Then the defense moved to set aside Sirhan's plea of innocent in order to quash the indictment charging him with murder.

Walker set aside the motion, saying it was unnecessary. Because of an amendment to California law, he said, the defense can request quashing the charge without removing the plea.

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8:00	Thursday Night Movie—"Kisses for My President"
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CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle

"I guess th' laundry is in!"

Alpha Zeta Greets 31 New Members

The Texas A&M chapter of Alpha Zeta, national honor fraternity in agriculture, recently initiated 31 new members.

The local organization, officially known as the Texas Alpha Chapter, was begun in 1953 and seeks to recognize students who rank academically in the upper-two-fifths of the College of Agriculture and who have shown qualities of character and leadership.

Initiated were Archie H. Abrameit, Pablo Askenasy, Ronald G. Bisbee, Wayne Bridges, Bobby N. Carpenter, Jackie L. Chas[illegible], Thomas L. Curl, Louis D[illegible], Michael A. Foster, Kenneth [illegible] Graeber, Clifford D. Graf, L[illegible] A. Goertz, David W. Harrell, R[illegible] B. Martin and Frank Montal[illegible] III.

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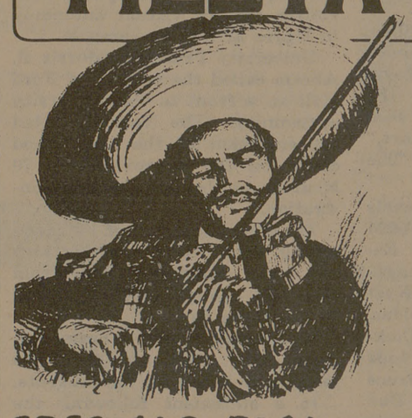

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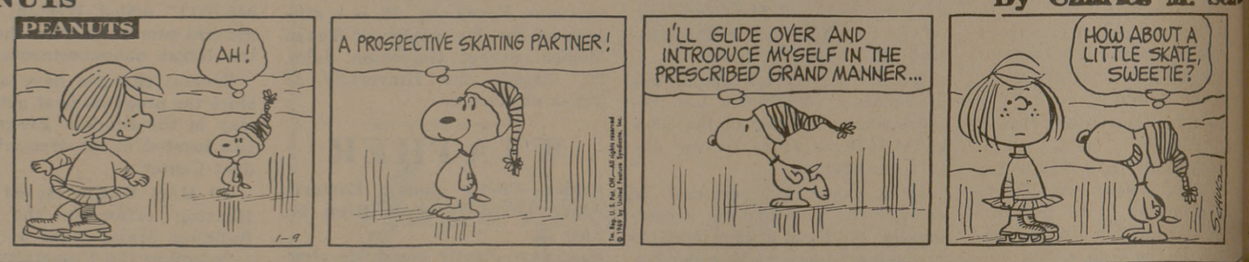

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