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**Linndale's Battling Tom**

An assistant county prosecutor named George J. Moscarino is not pleased with the civic administration of Linndale Village, a tiny suburb that nestles in happy discontent among the Big Four railroad tracks on the city's southwest side.

"Linndale," Mr. Moscarino is reported to have roared recently, "is the type of community I wouldn't even want to get a nosebleed in."

A statement like that will stir a lot of discussion in civic circles because it raises some interesting questions, the most important of which would be: What is the best suburb for getting a nosebleed in today?

There was a time when Linndale didn't even have a rival for the distinction. During the administration of Battling Tom O'Malia it was virtually guaranteed that any stranger—even an assistant county prosecutor—who strolled into Linndale would get a bloody nose. And the likelihood was that the mayor himself would perform the honors.

THOMAS J. O'MALIA JR., a strapping, handsome man with a finely honed temper and an unswerving sense of what was right and wrong in civic affairs, served two terms as mayor of Linndale, 1928 to 1932. Previous to that, he was the town marshal and he took his responsibility for maintaining law and order among the 300-odd citizens as seriously as any man could. There was



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hardly a week during his five years of public life when the city's journals and the Associated Press were not called on to notice his zealous two-fisted devotion to duty.

Those were prohibition days and on one occasion Battling Tom decided to close a speakeasy which was operating illegally. It was a one-man raid, and when the clouds of dust had cleared and the debris had settled, there was Battling Tom erect and triumphant in the middle of the wreckage.

"I CAN HIT HARD and shoot straight," he said once. "I like a good fight, but I am strong for nice, clean peaceful living."

The people of Linndale elected O'Malia to two terms in office and once, in a burst of emotion and community pride, he described Linndale as "the place where non-paying passengers hop southbound freights."

This loving description probably won Battling Tom new esteem among his neighbors who, at that very time, were complaining loudly to a newspaper because a reporter had written that "all trains are required to slow down going through Linndale to keep from running over the drunks."

IT WAS ALSO ABOUT that time that Battling Tom offered to fight the controversial mayor of Newbury, Mass., one "Bossy" Gillis, in a three-round preliminary bout on a Public Hall fight card featuring Johnny Kilbane. The fight didn't come off because the promoters of the fight wouldn't meet the money demands of the two mayors.

**James Reston**

**Johnson Inherits Stability**

WASHINGTON—This is not a bad time to remember that the government of the United States has a life of its own. It is a permanent institution. It cannot be assassinated by anything less than the destruction of the nation, and the administration now operating under President Johnson is a highly talented institution.

The cabinet is staying on. It is not brilliant but it is competent and experienced, and after the last three years, Mr. Johnson knows these men better than President Kennedy did when he appointed



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them. Most of the top men of the civil service were in their present jobs before Mr. Kennedy was elected and the chances are that many of them will still be there after Mr. Johnson is gone. There is, in short, a continuity here, not only of capable men but of policy.

MR. KENNEDY HAS BEQUEATHED to his successor a fairly stable situation. By his determination in the last Cuban crisis and his moderation in the test-ban negotiations, he showed that he could both use power and control the use of power, and this has given both our allies and our adversaries a sense of balance.

There are great and controversial problems on the home front, but again the line of policy was laid down and accepted by Mr. Johnson long ago, and it can probably be carried on by the men available, given the new President's confidence and common sense.

The White House staff is a different and more difficult problem. Working in the President's own office is a highly personal relationship. Every president naturally wants somebody he knows intimately to be his appointments secretary, his press secretary, and his handy man or troubleshooter. Accordingly, Kenny O'Donnell, Pierre Salinger, and Arthur Schlesinger Jr., who performed

these tasks for Mr. Kennedy, will probably go in due course.

TED SORENSEN, WHO was Mr. Kennedy's alter ego and speech writer, apparently intends to accept Mr. Johnson's invitation to stay, but how long this will last depends largely on whether he can adjust his mind and prose to the new President's style, which will not be easy.

McGeorge Bundy has created something of a new institution in the White House. He handled foreign and security affairs for Mr. Kennedy and is continuing to do the same under Mr. Johnson. The prospect is that this association will continue.

Also, President Johnson is likely to seek a lot of outside advice and to have a kind of informal kitchen cabinet on the side. President Franklin Roosevelt is his patron saint, and his private associations run more to the older men of the New Deal days than to the younger men of the New Frontier.

THUS, HE PROBABLY WILL see quite a lot of former Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and others of the Truman-Acheson period, including Ben Cohen, Clark Clifford, Abe Fortas, Jim Rowe, and Don Cook, former head of the SEC.

The President's problem with the press is likely to be edgy. Few presidents ever accept public criticism without personal resentment. But Mr. Johnson is probably more thin-skinned about press criticism than any man in Washington.

This should not be a great problem unless he makes it so. He is starting with an administration that has the respect and even the admiration of the press. He is himself widely regarded by writers here as the most experienced man to enter the White House since FDR, and if he will just relax, or if necessary ban all newspapers from the White House for a couple of months, the natural strength of his character and his associates should carry him along.

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**Fun Turns Do-It-Yourself**

Here's an indication of the degree to which the American public is turning toward recreation as participants, not as spectators, as automation creates free time as well as posing a serious economic problem in some areas where it outstrips job retraining and other panaceas.

A haberdasher and sports goods dealer is opening a branch store, not in a new shopping center, but right smack in the center of a new ski area. He's Don Geiger and he's taking the store directly to what he hopes and believes will be a solid market in the Boston Mills ski area. Apparently a novice will be able to arrive at the slope in mere business clothes and the desire to glide swiftly down a snow-packed hill—and half an hour later at least be costumed and equipped for the journey although his fate from there on in his own feet.



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It's a trend, all right, and skiing is just part of the whole. It wasn't long ago that skiing was considered an odd-ball type of exercise and you had to send away for skis, poles, etc. Nobody handled the stuff because only guys who attended Dartmouth or came from Quebec knew how to ski.

NOW EVERY DEPARTMENT STORE has a ski shop of sorts, some of them quite fancy and offering everything from Norwegian sweaters to American splints. The white stuff we used to

sneeze at is producing a lot of green stuff today.

But there's money in many other lines, too, as this do-it-yourself type of entertainment expands. The same people who sell skis also are doing a great business in skates, sleds, toboggans. And the winter indoor sports fans some time ago made every bowling emporium owner a rich man. Bowling sites used to be called alleys and were open only at night. Now they're called "lanes" and are open all day, too.

Last summer saw more people enjoying leisure time on golf courses and if this slice of the trend continues we're going to have to tear down some apartments and overturn a lot of blacktopped lots to make room for new links. This would be a pleasant switch.

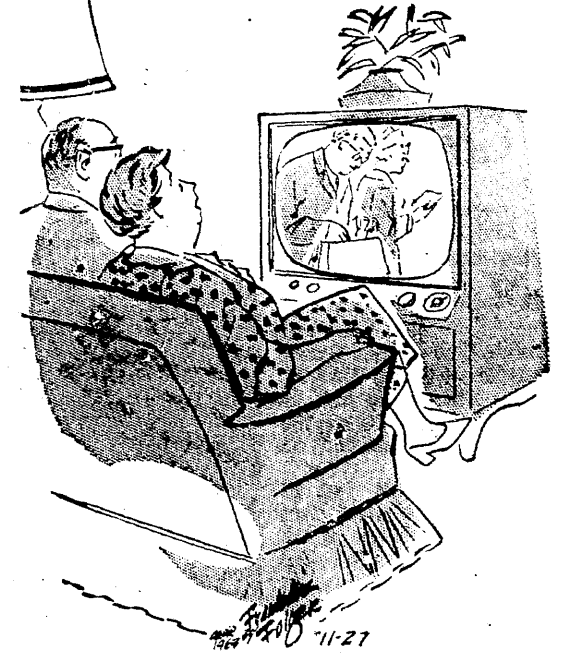
THE BOATING INDUSTRY HASN'T complained in years because with time on their hands a lot of people have become water bugs and many a family has become a two-boat group. People build boats and live in them. They also build model cars and racers. They go out and play with bows and arrows.

Skiing has turned into such a family-fun project that the slopes in some places are lighted at night with mercury-vapor lamps. Night golf under the lights has advanced beyond the raw beginning stage. If sports attendance appears to lag at times it could be because people would rather have a real insight in some recreation than be onlookers.

**THE GIRLS**

By Folger

**HARRIS POLL**



"There's one thing to be said in favor of these doctors on television—they're always right on time."

**Alliance Continues, Latins Reassured**

By EDWARD KERNAN  
Plain Dealer Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Johnson declared yesterday that he would carry on the Alliance for Progress as a "living memorial" to his predecessor, the martyred President John F. Kennedy.

Mr. Johnson spoke to a delegation of Latin-American dignitaries who attended President Kennedy's funeral services here Monday.

His talk was delivered in the East Room of the White House where the late President announced creation of the alliance on March 13, 1961.

MR. JOHNSON also reaffirmed a pledge made by Mr. Kennedy only last week to "improve and strengthen" this government's role in the program.

In one of his last major

**Ruling Near on Garden Valley Fate**

By EUGENE SEGAL

A decision on the future of the Garden Valley urban renewal development should come from Washington next week, William H. Hackman, regional director here of the Federal Housing Administration, said yesterday.

The decision probably will be made by Robert C. Weaver, Housing and Home Finance Agency administrator, who spent 30 minutes inspecting the project last Friday while here to address the Advisory Committee on Housing for Senior Citizens.

THE GARDEN Valley Housing Association, owner of the project, which is in default on mortgage payments, wants the Federal Housing Administration to take the property.

The FHA office here is tabulating figures gathered last week in a suite-by-suite examination of the project to determine the cost of repairing damage and restoring it to good liveable condition.

The Garden Valley Housing Association also is demanding that if the association is to continue ownership, all payments on the mortgage must be suspended.

AT A MEETING of council's urban renewal committee yesterday, Councilman Earl L. Hooper, R-20, complained that the field office of the University-Euclid renewal project was understaffed and the project was proceeding too slowly.

J. B. Williams, slum clearance commissioner, said the center's staff of 17 would be increased to 40 when qualified persons are found, that work in the area is proceeding as quickly as possible, and 179 parcels of property had been approved for purchase.

Councilman John W. Kellogg, R-18, who has been trying to keep the city's six rehabilitation centers from closing, was told by Finance Director Edward C. Knuth that because of the defeat of the urban renewal bond issue there is no money to maintain them.

Tickets for the Plain Dealer's 33d annual Championship Football Game at the stadium Thanksgiving morning at 11 o'clock are on sale at 64 schools and academies in Cuyahoga County.

speeches, in Miami Beach, Fla. four days before his assassination, Mr. Kennedy said he believed more strongly in the alliance than ever before. "We will carry on the job," Mr. Johnson assured the visitors. "Let the alliance be his living memorial."

THE PRESIDENT had intended to address the Latin American representatives in the Treaty Room, but at the request of Mrs. Kennedy the meeting was held in the East Room because the late President had launched the alliance program there.

Mrs. Kennedy was present to hear the President's talk. Mrs. Kennedy was escorted into the East Room by former Colombian President Lleras Camargo. She spoke to the diplomats in Spanish, expressing her appreciation for their attendance at her husband's funeral.

Mrs. Johnson also was present.

"In a very special sense, this is a family gathering," said the President. "Nothing in President Kennedy's public career meant more to him than the ties which unite his country and yours. Inspired by his memory, and in the same spirit, we will carry on the job."

THE PRESIDENT admitted that there have been problems in carrying out the 10-year alliance program designed to bring about economic and social reforms in Latin America with U.S. help.

But, he said, as did his predecessor, the promise of the success to come would vindicate the late President's faith in the program.

President Johnson's meeting with the visitors and the public release of his statement was seen as putting him formally on record behind the alliance as a major U.S. foreign policy point.

The East Room meeting with the Latin diplomats was closed to reporters. The President, however, repeated his statement—which was broadcast and telecast—to them in the "fish room," just outside his office.

By LOUIS HARRIS  
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The American people do not expect President Lyndon Johnson to be merely a carbon copy of the late John F. Kennedy.

Fully one person in every three is inclined toward the view that Mr. Johnson is apt to do things differently from his predecessor.

Chief among the changes expected is that he probably will go slower on civil rights, will be slightly tougher in his attitude toward Russia, and that he will give a shade less emphasis to domestic issues such as medical care for the aged and federal aid to education.

There is also less confidence in the new President's ability to move the economy ahead as well as Mr. Kennedy.

THESE RESULTS emerge from a special survey of the American people just completed since the assassination of Mr. Kennedy. Call-backs were made upon a cross-section of people interviewed earlier in the year.

The survey also indicates a high level of initial confidence in the new President. People were asked their estimate of the kind of job they believe President Johnson will do:

ESTIMATE OF HOW JOHNSON WILL DO		Total Nation	PER CENT
Good to excellent	72		
Only fair to poor	8		
Not sure	20		

Part of this belief stems from emotional unity born of the shock of the late President Kennedy's death. Many citizens admitted that they were frankly expressing deep faith and hope as the reins of government were transferred under tragic duress.

The national cross-section was then asked about the likelihood of President Johnson following the late President Kennedy's course of doing things differently:

JOHNSON FOLLOWING KENNEDY COURSE		Total Nation	PER CENT
Will follow Kennedy course	66		
Will do things differently	17		
Not sure	17		

While two-thirds feel the

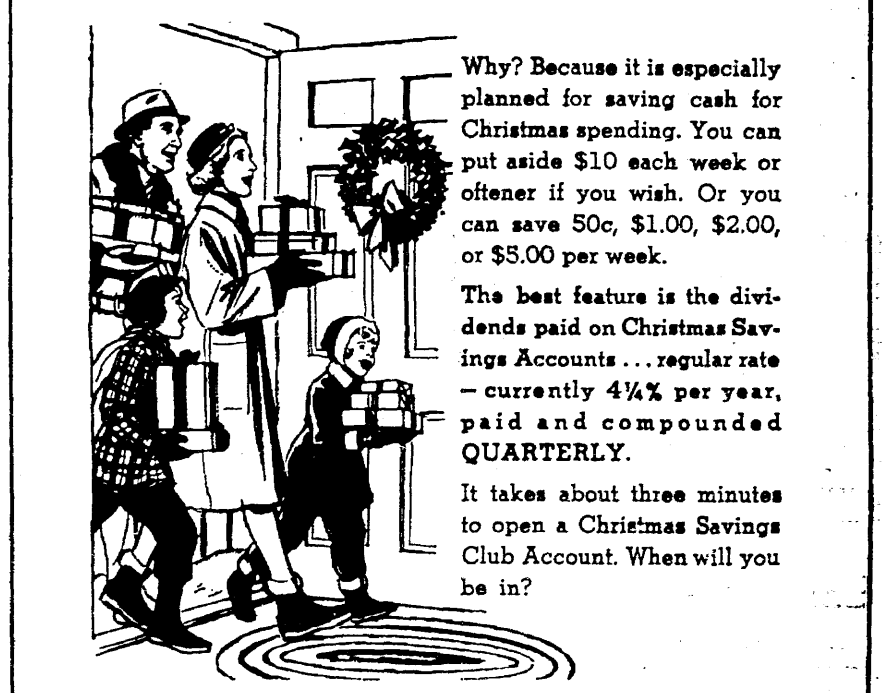
**Lawyer's Son Dies in Crash**

The 33-year-old son of a Cleveland attorney was killed yesterday in a truck-car collision near Chattanooga, Fla., on U.S. 90, the Associated Press reported.

Killed was John H. Woehrmann III of 13604 Claiborne Road, East Cleveland. He was a passenger in a car driven by Donald R. Davis, 31, of Elmhurst, N.Y., who also was killed.

Woehrmann was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Woehrmann. He was single.

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**Changes Expected of Johnson in Civil Rights, Soviet Relations**

former Vice-President will follow Mr. Kennedy's course of action as President, there are important exceptions people expect to see in the months ahead.

MOST DRAMATIC of these, undoubtedly reflecting the fact that Mr. Johnson is from the Southwest and that his views are less well known to the voters, is the area of civil rights:

JOHNSON ON CIVIL RIGHTS		Total Nation	PER CENT
Expected to:			
Move faster	3		
Move slower	34		
About same	40		
Not sure	23		

More than one person in three believes the new President will slow down somewhat on the pace of action of the federal government in the area of civil rights. Significantly, this feeling is even more widely held in the North than the South.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT sphere of Presidential responsibility where people expect some change is in this country's approach to Russia:

JOHNSON ON HANDLING RUSSIA		Total Nation	PER CENT
Will work more for peace	4		
Tougher on Russia	18		
Same as President Kennedy	56		
Not sure	22		

Again, a majority see United States foreign policy unchanged. But the shading of opinion is that Mr. Johnson will be somewhat stiffer in his posture toward the Russians, perhaps a little less bending in his efforts to find new avenues of peace.

IN THE AREA of domestic measures, which formed much

JOHNSON ON MEDICARE, AID TO EDUCATION		Total Nation	PER CENT
Will work harder for	16		
Work not as hard for	19		
Same as President Kennedy	47		
Not sure	28		

Better than half the people either are not sure about Lyndon Johnson in these key areas of domestic program or think he will not press as hard for action on them.

THERE IS a feeling he will not abandon advocacy of federal aid to education or Medicare under Social Security, but will be perhaps less demanding that they be enacted than was the late President.

The one area where some public doubt about Lyndon Johnson compared with his predecessor exists is in his ability to move the economy ahead:

JOHNSON ON MOVING ECONOMY AHEAD		Total Nation	PER CENT
About same	6		
Better	14		
Not as well	14		
Not sure	26		

Clearly, the American public is solidly behind the new President as he assumes the world's most difficult job. It is equally clear that people expect him to be more moderate in his program, although by and large to head in the same direction as Mr. Kennedy.

The political implications of such a course will be discussed in another special report. (Distributed by Los Angeles Times Synd.)

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