

Out the Other

By DON BISHOFF

Some left over bits of debris from the Oct. 12 storm:

- Among the last EWEB customers to get their power restored—some last week—were L. W. Trommlitz and John Tiffany. Trommlitz happens to be president of the EWEB board of directors and Tiffany one of its members. EWEB Supt. Byron Price's lights never went out.
- There were the usual silly phone calls to area utilities and governmental agencies. EWEB got a call from a man who said, "My refrigerator light is out—What should I do?"
- And someone phoned the weather bureau at the height of the storm, not to inquire about how bad the storm was, how long it would last, or other such pertinent information. He wanted to know what the Eastern Oregon weather would be like in the week upcoming. He was going deer hunting.
- State employment service's Eugene office stayed open all weekend after the storm to handle calls from people who needed workers to help clean up the mess. Except for one or two early Saturday morning, nobody called.
- One resident had only one can opener in the house during the storm. It was electric.
- Donald Gott family in River Road district had their plastic patio cover—yellow in color—blown away during the storm. But a few gusts later someone else's patio cover—green in color, same size—blew into their yard.
- South Eugene area resident had been trying for weeks to dislodge an unwanted oak tree on his property. Had hacked away at the roots, dug around them, trying to weaken its hold on the ground and vice versa. Reports it came through the storm completely unscathed, is still standing defiantly outside his window.

AND NATURALLY somebody wrote a poem about the storm—man named Dale Allen who lives at 119 Marion Lane. Ordinarily poetry ain't run 'round here, on the theory that the printing of one line of the stuff will unleash a flood from the frustrated Longfellows in our midst.

But the office poetry expert says this isn't really poetry—it's doggerel, whatever that is—so that gets things off the hook. It's called "Echo of the Blow":

*Shuffle of frenzied feet
Down on Willamette Street,
Oh, for the love of Pete—
See the commotion!*

*Wind gettin' mighty rough,
Look at it huff and puff,
Air full of flyin' stuff—
Great Land of Goshen!*

*Oops! Now the lights are out!
Better start home no doubt!
Cars stranded all about—
Bumper to bumper.*

*Ease out the parking stall,
(Few open streets at all),
Try the peripheral—
(This wind's a stumper!)*

*Weave thru the fallen trees,
Limbs flying in the breeze,
Hot wires—if you please—
Curled like spaghetti.*

*Hard to identify
Everything sailing by,
Shingles invade the sky
Thick as confetti.*

*Wheel up at home to see
Leaky roof—fallen tree,
Yard cluttered with debris—
Conglomeration!*

*Cold house and frightened cat!
Dead furnace thermostat!
No sign of Welcome Mat!
Only frustration!*

*Cook stoves won't operate;
Coffee won't percolate;
Washer won't agitate—
Nothing seems right!*

*Fill up the kerosene
Lamp by the figurine—
Break out the gasoline
Camp stove and light!*

*Shaver won't activate;
Furnace won't aerate;
Fridge won't refrigerate—
Hark to my plea!*

*EWEB—forget-me-not!
I'm really in a spot!
Bring Reddy Kilowatt
Back here to me!*

It's probably not-picking, but it should be pointed out that Reddy Kilowatt is the trademark of the private electric companies and they're kind of sensitive about municipal organizations like EWEB being associated with them.

Mr. Allen, incidentally, is hereby nominated as The Man Most Likely to Win Mrs. Webley in That Tea Contest We Wrote About A While Back.

ONE FINAL NOTE, not storm-connected. The trials of Dick Townsend, would-be deer hunter, have been chronicled here for some weeks. The "World's Best Deer Hunter Still Works Here" sign outside his cleaning plant has become a hollower and hollower claim as Townsend returned from hunting each weekend empty-handed.

Last weekend was finally set as the deadline. The new sign outside the cleaning shop this past week tells the end of the story:

"I Take It All Back."

Med School Lists Gifts

During the past six weeks the University of Oregon Medical School has received \$268,882 in gifts and grants which will be up for acceptance by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education when it meets in La Grande Tuesday.

Of the total received, \$198,647 was designated for medical research, \$41,918 for services and \$28,317 for education purposes.

Since July 1 of this year the Medical School has received \$1,213,897 in gifts and grants from individuals, corporations, the federal government and various health agencies.

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Moose Talent Test Sunday

Eugene Moose Lodge will hold the final Sunday talent competition program in the current series at 4 p.m. at the Lodge, W. 13th Avenue and Chambers Street.

Sunday's program will feature audition winners in three age groups: pre-school, grade school and junior high school students.

The youngsters will be competing for prizes and a chance to appear with winners in other categories on Oct. 27 in the "Talent Search" semifinals.

Sunday's program is open to the public without charge.

Blaze Leaves Family Homeless

MARCOLA—A house owned by the Charles Crabtree family burned late Thursday seven miles northeast of here. Members of the family were not at home at the time.

Electrical power had been restored to the area only a few minutes before the fire was discovered by a neighbor. Telephone service with Marcola was in disrepair and the fire department couldn't be contacted.

Damage was partially insured. Emergency aid was given by the American Red Cross.

Greeks to Settle Foreign Debts

ATHENS—The Greek government has announced it intends to start immediate negotiations to settle all of the nation's foreign debts. Some date back to 1881.

The announcement, came Friday night from Premier Constantinos Caramanlis following the signing of an agreement in New York settling Greece's pre-war debt to stockholders in the United States.

Mexican President Visits The Philippines

MANILA—President Adolfo Lopez Mateos of Mexico arrived Saturday for a four-day state visit to the Philippines.

The president's special plane arrived from Indonesia on the last lap of a four-nation goodwill tour of Asia.

He has visited India, Japan and Indonesia and is the first president of a Latin-American state to visit the Philippines.

Gas Firm's Income Highest in History

PORTLAND—The board of directors of Northwest Natural Gas Co. reports that its net income for the year ended Sept. 30 was the highest in the company's history.

Income was reported at nearly \$3.5 million—equal to \$1.85 a share of common stock.

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