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Skyliners Ride Again!

The Skyliners ride again! Rejuvenation of this winter sports group, under the guidance of young skiers and the assistance of the Bend recreation department and Lelo, has been remarkable. Not only are the Skyliners strong and well recognized as an organization, but in their revitalization they have rejuvenated their winter playgrounds.

That playground is in Bend's backyard, only 20 minutes distant over a surfaced road. In all the Pacific northwest, no city has an improved winter playground so close. It was in a stormy autumn just short of 30 years ago that the Skyliners came into existence. It was founded by men who braved blinding mountain blizzards in the search for two Wasco county youths.

That mission was unsuccessful, for it was later found that the two young men had died near the shore of a tiny lake, Chambers, in the "saddle" between the North and South Sisters.

But the search did reveal the need for an alpine rescue group. As a result the Skyliners came into existence. Over a period of years it was one of the top outdoor groups in the region.

Their headquarters were on upper Tumalo creek, where a fine lodge had been constructed by the U.S. Forest Service, partly as a work-aid project in depression days. Operating from their lodge, the Skyliners built a big ski "hill," and sponsored northwest competition. Skyliners ranged widely over the Three Sisters slopes.

Then came the decline, due to a number of reasons. One was the seasonally poor condition of the road between Bend and the winter playground.

For a number of years, the Skyliners existed merely as a name.

It was in the winter of 1955-56 that the revival movement gained full headway. Last winter, some 7000 used the ski tow.

This season, improvement work that gained good headway last winter is in full swing. The big jump is being reconitioned. A northwest ski meet will be held on the grounds early in 1957.

Also, a fine rink is taking final shape. It has been blanketed with damp sawdust, to form a firm foundation. Sprinkling work is now in progress nightly.

The ski hill has been improved, and a "bunny hill" added for novices.

Now the Tumalo creek "howl", cut by an ancient glacier, is emerging as a family recreation area, where old and young may join in winter fun.

It is in recognition of the rejuvenation of the Skyliners and the improvement of the ski area that Mayor Hap Taylor has set aside Friday as Skyliner Day in Bend.

It is to be a day when full recognition will be given to the fact that the Skyliners ride again.

Off the Cuff

The trouble with the average person is that he thinks he's a lot better than average.

A good speaker is one who knows what you're talking about.

One time when it pays to have a firm hand is when it shakes hands with a firmer one.

A Cone in the Paulinas

On a flight over the snowy Paulinas south of Bend recently, Paul Hosmer took an aerial picture of an unusual volcanic formation.

It was a crater shaped like a giant amphitheater. U.S. Forest Service maps designate it as The Dome. It is about two and a half miles southeast of East Lake.

The Dome is a cone which, in its growing stages was a symmetrical mound of cinders, fed through a central vent.

Possibly The Dome could have grown into a towering, imposing cone, like Black Butte, in the Sisters country. But The Dome wasted its energy.

Lava came up through the conduit that had been feeding cinders to the growing cone. Lateral pressure of the lava resulted in a breach in a wall of the crater.

Out of this breach spilled a river of lava, to flow into the low country and mingle with streams from other cones.

The Dome is only one of a thousand spectacular features in the foothills of a giant volcano of ancient days. That volcano, now beheaded, was Mt. Newberry.

Quotable Quotes

Without that oil, or oil from other sources, the industry of Europe, a vital factor for NATO, could in a matter of months come to a grinding halt. — British Ambassador Harold Caccia in a plea for U. S. aid to meet a European oil shortage.

Automation is not going to take large numbers of Americans out of their jobs. Instead it will take the drudgery, the hazards, the noise and dirt out of jobs for Americans. — Thomas J. Watson Jr., president of International Business Machines, on automation.

Bear in mind that a detective is still a police officer. As such I'll still carry a ticket book. — Jack Muller, Chicago's most famous policeman and champion traffic ticket dispenser, on his promotion to detective.

This (1956) is the darkest year in the history of traffic accident prevention. — Ned H. Dearborn, president National Safety Council.

"Believe Me--It's an Internal Affair"



Edson in Washington

Fixed Income Group Seen Hurt

By PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON (NEA) — The elections won't settle everything. Perhaps the most important issue not solved by the voting returns is the matter of creeping inflation.

Bethlehem Steel Corporation's Eugene G. Grace admitted 10 days before the election that his company was studying the need for another increase in the price of steel.

"It has to come," he was quoted as saying. This increase would be on top of the \$8.50 per ton increase on the average steel price announced just after the new labor contract was signed with United Steel Workers union July 27. It provided for wage increases of 20, 13 and then another 13 cents an hour over the

next three years. On Oct. 4 the United Mine Workers won a one-year contract for a package increase of 30 cents an hour — the largest increase in John L. Lewis' history.

Immediately thereafter coal prices began to climb. This is one of the factors — increased cost of raw materials — said to be responsible for a further increase in steel prices.

There you have a perfect example of how one vicious little circle of inflation gets closed.

Higher steel prices mean higher automobile, washing machine and all other kinds of machinery prices. That means that the things the machines make soon cost more. And pretty soon you have the whole cost of living on the rise.

The last pre-election report on the consumers' price index for September showed an increase of 1.9 per cent in the last year to a new all-time high of 117.1 per cent over 1947-49 averages.

In an obvious effort to offset any bad effect this might have, Secy. of Labor James P. Mitchell issued a statement at the same time. It said that in the past year there had been an increase of about two per cent in the average industrial worker's take-home pay — just as though that made everything all right.

The figures given were that after deductions for income taxes and social security, the average industrial unskilled worker had take-home pay of \$66 a week, while for a married man with two children the average spendable income after taxes is \$74 a week. Both figures are said to be about \$2.00 a week higher than a year ago.

This may look like prosperity, but is it? Benjamin F. Fairless, retired board chairman of U. S. Steel Corp., pointed up this question in one short paragraph of his recent auto-biographical series in Life Magazine:

"The wage price spiral that has been going on since 1946 should give union leaders some pause for thought. A real increase in the standard of living can come only from increased productivity. Wage raises that go beyond this have to come out of somebody's hide — usually out of the hides of people with fixed incomes. Just once I would like to hear a union leader say that it might be better for our nation, the working man included, if wages, prices and everything else stayed put for a while."

There is of course a warning here for the steel masters who set prices as well as for the union leaders who demand wage increases. If the wage increases granted in recent contracts do come out of increased productivity, as Mr. Fairless says they should, President Eisenhower's campaign with "the stable dollar" as his number one issue. Gov. Adlai Stevenson campaigned with heavy critical emphasis on the rise in the cost of living. He called inflation "silent robbery," which is as good a name for it as any. One of the most important jobs of the new administration and the new Congress, as the active policemen on the beat — is to stop it before it gets out of hand.

FOXY BACKS

BUFFALO, N. Y. (UP) — Police, responding to a complaint that "ghost riders" were racing about Amherst Central High School's football field, found two riderless horses sprinting about in the darkness. They had escaped from a nearby private corral.

Officials-Elect Attend Meeting

Special to The Bulletin
REDMOND — Mayor-elect George McKinnon and two of Redmond's three new councilmen, Russell Washburn and Jack Christensen, attended city council meeting Tuesday night. Berwyn Coyner will be the fourth new member of council when they are sworn in at the first meeting in January.

Prior Smith, hospitalized, was the only absentee Tuesday.

A delegation from the Chamber of Commerce was present to discuss "no parking" signs on various downtown streets. Howard Milton was spokesman. Action was tabled until next meeting.

The matter of parking on the "Y" at the south entrance of Redmond was discussed. Councilman Ernest Shulson and city superintendent John Berning pointed out that the wide access area there is becoming an unattractive hazard, and state and city police and the state highway department have asked for enforcement of "no parking" ordinance. Action will be taken at next meeting after state plans for fencing or other restriction are received.

Council voted to transfer \$2500 received from the Rural Fire district in October from the general fund to fire department sinking fund.

A class C dispenser's license for club not over 211 members was granted to Ray Johnson post of American Legion, subject to final approval by the state.

Renewals of liquor licenses were voted by council as follows: Moose lodge, C dispenser for club not over 150 members; E. K. Marlet, Erickson's Super Market and Piggy Wiggly store, each class B package; Pastime, package B and retail class A, with new application for class A held for completion of application; \$6 Corral class B dispenser; The Tavern A dispenser, Mae's Tavern retail mall A, and package B, Safeway B package; Juniper Golf club class C dispenser, club not over 120; Harry's Fireside, B dispenser.

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Sage Brushings

by Ho S. Groot

In the Thanksgiving play in grade school, Governor William Bradford always used to issue a Thanksgiving proclamation. The Indians were invited to come and break cornbread with the Pilgrims. Priscilla Mullens and John Alden were standing around holding hands. Miles Standish was there, too.

The play usually started with the Pilgrims stepping down from a gang-plank onto a large flat stone which was later identified as Plymouth Rock. The backdrop on the stage was painted with a large picture of the Mayflower. The Pilgrim fathers wore large black hats with buckles, and the Pilgrim ladies wore prim gray dresses with white collars, and little white dust-caps.

It didn't occur to me at the time that there were any anachronisms in the play, and even today, I'm willing to accept the story pretty much the way I first heard it. I'm not one to break with tradition.

But without detracting one bit from Governor Bradford and the Pilgrims, credit can be given elsewhere, where credit is also due. We have Mrs. Sarah J. Hale to thank for Thanksgiving, as we know it today. Women get little enough recognition. I always say, and it's time Mrs. Hale got her just desserts.

I don't mean mince pie and pumpkin tarts, because Mrs. Hale has been dead for a good many years. For that matter, so have the Pilgrims. And so has Abraham Lincoln.

Thanksgiving was pretty much hit-and-miss, for a good many years, between Governor Bradford and President Lincoln. Mrs. Hale, a journalist of varied talents, got things straightened out. She was editor of the "Ladies Magazine," which was published in Boston. She started campaigning for a national Thanksgiving in 1827, by writing pieces in her magazine.

Later the "Ladies Magazine" was consolidated with "Godey's Lady's Book," which was published in Philadelphia. Mrs. Hale went right on writing editorials about Thanksgiving. They were really more like sermons. Her last editorial on the subject appeared in September, 1863. On October 3, 1863, President Lincoln issued the first national Thanksgiving Proclamation.

I like Thanksgiving, and I think it's here to stay. Thank you, Mrs. Hale, for being so persistent. And thank you, too, God, for giving us things to be thankful for.

Corvallis May Enter Parade

CORVALLIS (UP) — Officials said today that a move to get an entry from the city of Corvallis in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade on New Year's day has been started.

Rex Smith, former city councilman, said he was informed that entries for the floral parade closed seven weeks ago but that a place had been reserved for the Pacific Coast Conference entry.

Officials said that if Oregon State College did not wish to enter a float in the parade the city of Corvallis could take up the reservation. Cost of constructing a professionally-built float is estimated at between \$3000 and \$5000.

MENUS DIFFER
DAYTON, Ohio (UP) — Inmates at the Montgomery County jail will apparently have more to be thankful for on Thanksgiving than prisoners in the nearby city jail. County inmates get turkey with all the trimmings. Over at city they are serving chicken noodle soup, bread and coffee.

OFFICES CLOSED
Securities and commodity exchanges throughout the United States will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Driver Demands Blood Test After Arrest by Police

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (UP) — Delegates to the National Grange Convention urged that a special bipartisan commission be established to review the nation's entire federal tax program.

The proposal was one of a number of resolutions passed Tuesday. The convention also went on record as:

1. Urging removal of teachers found disloyal to American principles.
2. Calling for stiffer penalties to be meted out to narcotics peddlers.
3. Opposing television advertising of beer and liquor.
4. Favoring stricter vigilance at all levels of authority against so-called "smut" magazines.

Cavein Costs Man His Life

WALLA WALLA (UP) — Otto A. Stuefen, 53, Walla Walla, died when buried under six feet of dirt following a sewer line cave-in here yesterday.

Jack Smith, also of Walla Walla, who was working with Stuefen when the accident occurred, said they were laying pipe at the bottom of a 15-foot trench when the walls of the ditch began to crumble.

Smith said he and Stuefen ran in opposite directions and Stuefen was buried.

Increased Tax Payments Noted

The average ex-GI with an Oregon veterans' farm and home loan paid a property tax of \$135 this year, a gain of 18 per cent over last year and 68 per cent higher than he paid in 1952.

This fact was disclosed by Roy V. Bell, auditor for the state Department of Veterans' Affairs, which has just finished paying the 1956-57 taxes on the properties of World War II and Korean veterans who have state loans.

The veteran borrower pays his taxes monthly to the department along with his loan repayment. The department in turn pays the tax collector, and does it before November 15, to earn the veteran a 3 per cent discount.

The department this year paid taxes on 11,407 homes and farms in the amount of \$1,544,903.

In Deschutes county, the tax on 162 properties amounted to \$23,070.75. The average tax here was \$142, compared with the statewide average of \$135.

5 Boys Admit Shoplifting

Five boys involved in shoplifting charges were turned over to city police Monday by Dean Tate, principal of the Bend junior high school. The boys, 13 and 14 years old, confessed to shoplifting during the vacation months, police reported. Articles taken included hand warmers, lighters, lighter fluid, books and snacks. Police referred the boys to the youth counselor for juvenile court action.

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