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He's a good sports editor but he needs to learn more geography

Bill Thompson, sports editor of The Bulletin, is one of the best men ever to hold down the job. But, his background and training in sports apparently didn't include learning much about geography.

Thompson insists on calling it Mt. Bachelor instead of Bachelor Butte. We can see why.

Thompson was raised around Spokane. And up in that country a 5,000-foot bump on the landscape is called Mt. Spokane.

He worked for a while at the Pendleton East Oregonian. That's hilly country, but the hills are pretty low.

Just before he came to Bend he was working in Tucson, Arizona, on the flat desert.

So it's easy to understand why a fellow with this background would think Bachelor is a veritable giant among mountains.

Actually, of course, it isn't. The official name is Bachelor Butte, a name that was plenty good enough until rather recently. Then a private corporation was formed to start a ski development on its slopes. The corporation, as was its right, named itself Mt. Bachelor, Inc.

That, however, is no reason at all to change the name of the whole darned hill, mountain or butte, as you prefer.

This is no more right than it would be to change the name of the Deschutes River to the Red River, just because someone happened to build a dude ranch somewhere on its shores and called it the Red River Ranch.

Until the Board of Geographic Names makes an official change, the promontory will be known in this newspaper as Bachelor Butte.

And that goes for Thompson, too.

This is something we've needed

Under the direction of Vance Peavey, Central Oregon College is moving into the summer school area this year, with a session due to start June 22 and end August 25.

The program will be entirely self-supporting, in that tuition fees charged students will be sufficient to cover operating costs, and no funds will be needed from the state or district property tax payers.

This in itself is newsworthy.

But there is a most important aspect to the whole program, as a quick glance at the schedule of courses will show.

Basically, the session is designed to furnish a review in the important fields of mathematics, science and English for students who will be attending

college for the first time this fall. It also will provide a makeup session for COC or other college students who ran into academic difficulties this year.

Since these three fields, plus the languages, are the ones most college students find difficult in their first year, the summer school offers an opportunity to get a jump on other college freshmen this fall.

Another course, typing for youngsters in the junior high school age group—most of whom can't write well enough so others can read their efforts easily—will not only be popular but also valuable.

This is a forward move for Oregon's only junior college. It seems to be well planned as it approaches reality, which is welcome, too.

Here's hoping Herter can measure up

As was expected, President Eisenhower nominated Christian Herter, top State Department official and former Governor, to take the position of Secretary of State being vacated by cancer-stricken John Foster Dulles.

Herter, one of the two top officials in the State Department under Dulles, had been ready to carry out Dulles' immediate assignments since it first was discovered the latter had cancer.

Dulles had shaped U. S. foreign policy, for better or worse, for six years. Prior to that, as U. S. Senator and as a top foreign policy advisor, he had a hand in making policy.

Dulles is widely regarded as a strong man, and his policies generally were accepted by U.S. allies. It remains to be seen if Herter can do as well.

Our own choice—if Mr. Eisenhower had asked, which he didn't—would have been Adlai Stevenson.

But the job didn't go to Stevenson, and there is no reason to suspect that it will at any time in the future under the present administration.

For the next couple of years, at

least, here's hoping Herter can measure up to the capabilities of Dulles, who did a darned good job for six years.

Quotable quotes

Westward ho! God bless you! Let her go! — Harry Truman, sending off a train of seven covered wagons drawn by Missouri mules and horses, which rolled out of Independence on a 2,000-mile westward trek.

We have given the world the impression that we are bidding for friendship as traders bid for a sack of wheat. — Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), complaining that Americans too often assign ignoble motives to their noble deeds.

I would be very happy just to be alone. They don't do me a favor by putting so many guards over me. — Cuba's Prime Minister Fidel Castro, on the heavy security guard with which he is surrounded on his U. S. visit.

MERRY-GO-ROUND Chicago Negro teams with Alabama group

By Drew Pearson
 WASHINGTON — Congressman Frank Boykin of Alabama is considered the No. 1 champion of the Ku Klux Klan and the White Citizens Councils in southern Alabama. Gov. John Patterson is considered by many the No. 1 Negro-hater in the state of Alabama. But last week the No. 1 Negro congressman in Washington, William Dawson, climbed to bed with them to sidetrack a grand jury which was working for clean government in Alabama.

The details of what happened would flabbergast the Uninitiated. Here are some of them.

Arthur Periman, investigator of the Government Operations Committee which Congressman Dawson, Chicago Democrat, heads, had gone to Alabama to investigate a smelly highway situation. Governor Patterson's campaign manager, now finance director, Charles Meriwether, had been charged with trying to increase the appraisal of a piece of federal highway land from \$1 to \$120,000 in order to pay a political debt to another of the governor's henchmen, Bill Delaney of Mobile. The federal government would pay 90 per cent of the \$100,000; so Uncle Sam, in effect, would be paying off Patterson's friends.

The charge was made officially in the Alabama state legislature by a preacher turned legislator, Charles Trimmer of Mobile.

When investigator Periman arrived in Alabama, he was received on Sunday, April 5 at the governor's mansion in Montgomery and there questioned Charles Meriwether in the governor's presence. The cross-examination continued from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Mysterious Phone Call

The key question was whether Meriwether had telephoned Tom Cochran, one of the land appraisers, on February 8 to say that the state would not appeal if Delaney was awarded \$100,000 for the dumping of highway muck on his land.

Meriwether flatly denied making the phone call.

Two days later, Periman was in Mobile and asked Frank Drane, manager of the Admiral Semmes Hotel, for the record of Meriwether's phone calls on February 7 and 8. Drane hesitated, consulted his lawyer, finally produced them. The phone-call records had been tampered with.

"Has anyone asked to see this record?" the congressional investigator asked.

Drane huddled with his attorney. "Yes," he finally answered.

"Who?"

"Meriwether."

"When?"

"Sunday night at 3 p.m."

In other words, Meriwether had left the cross-examining session at the governor's mansion at 6 p.m. Sunday in Montgomery and flown immediately to Mobile. It is 130 miles from Montgomery to Mobile. Periman checked all commercial lines and found that Meriwether had not taken a commercial plane.

He must have taken a National Guard plane with, of course, the governor's approval. Two National Guard planes had been sent to Mobile on the day of preacher-legislator Trimmer's charges in order to get alibiing statements.

Yet despite this record brought back to Washington by Chairman Dawson's own investigator, Dawson teamed up with Governor Patterson and Congressman Boykin to sidetrack a Mobile grand jury seeking to ascertain the guilty parties.

After huddling with race-baiter Boykin, the Negro congressman either sent, or authorized to be

Letters — to the Editor

To the Editor:
 I read an article in Wednesday's Bulletin, written by Howard Applegate that was very interesting to me, as it concerned my husband's family's early history in Oregon. My husband's grandfather knew the older Applegates very well.

I do not know if they came west in the same wagon train or not, but I do know that they settled near them at Oakland, and lived there a number of years before going on to the Wallowa Valley in 1872.

My husband's father, Francis Powers made a trip in the Nineteen twenties, to visit the site of their old home, and visited at the old Applegate home. According to my father-in-law, it was a rambling farmhouse, built of hand hewn oak logs. I do not know if it is still standing. Somewhere in the family there is a picture of that house as it looked then.

In our possession there is a book written by James Powers, a brother of Francis Powers, written about the Frontier days of Oregon and the life of Winslow Phelps Powers. It deals a lot with the crossing of the Plains and early Oregon history. It tells of the Indian wars, and the moving of the Indians from the Wallowa Valley to the reservation.

One story deals with this valley, as the writer, James Powers, his father and two other men were moving 1100 head of sheep from Oakland to their new home at Wallowa. Winslow Powers had traded his home at Oakland for the sheep and \$300. James was but nine years old at the time. One night the sheep disappeared from where they had left them at a little valley, going on to find water. Only 200 of the sheep could be found, so Mr. Powers left the little boy with the two men to travel on to Crooked River. The men later abandoned him, stole all the food and bedding. He went on to the river, and there he found a farmhouse, where a man by the name of Larkin Weaver lived, with his wife and three sons. They took him in and took care of his sheep until his father came looking for him. They then proceeded on to Wallowa through the Lone Pine Gap and out that way. The rest of the sheep were never found.

A grandson of this man lives in Bend, his name is Charles Weaver. I have corresponded with him to try to get more information.

I thought this story might be of interest to you as it concerns Oregon history.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Ralph Powers
 Prineville, Oregon,
 April 18, 1959

sent, a telegram direct to the grand jury stating: "There is not a scintilla of evidence in the land case. We washed our hands of this case on the floor of the House yesterday."

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Money added to forest budget

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore.) Tuesday announced Senate appropriations adding three million dollars to the Forest Service budget, including \$500,000 for access roads and trails.

The action came in a supplemental fund bill for the Interior Department and forest service. The Appropriations Committee said added money was to be used in areas that are especially burdened with unemployment "where such work will be of benefit to our forests from the standpoint of conservation."

Neuberger said Oregon areas which probably would qualify for participation in added funds include Mt. Hood, Siuslaw, Willamette, Umpqua, Siskiyou and Umatilla national forests.

These forests are located in

areas designated as having labor surplus by the Department of Labor.

The Committee also added one million dollars to the Bureau of Land Management access roads program and \$100,000 to accelerate timber sales on O-and-C lands.

Hearing aid bill approved

SALEM (UPI)—A bill licensing hearing aid dealers and controlling their advertising to prevent misrepresentation passed the Oregon House Tuesday and was sent to the Senate.

Rep. Norman Howard (D-Portland) carried the bill on the floor to a 51-8 victory.

THEY LIKE HIM Springfield, Ill. (UPI)— Fire Chief Francis J. Saunders is the happiest boss in town.

The incumbent chief was elected by a landslide when firemen were permitted, for the first time, to elect their own chief.

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