



Is That So?

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Want to brighten up your fall hunting trip with a campfire yarn?

"Four hunters, including a friend of mine," writes J.E.H. of Phoenix, "went hunting in our White mountains. Among them was a man named Bill who never missed a chance to pull a practical joke."

"The group drove up to a ranch and elected Bill as spokesman to ask the owner for permission to hunt on the property. The rancher said, sure it was all right, but in return would the hunters mind doing him a personal favor. He wondered if they would mind going out in the pasture and shooting his 'ole Paint pony' as he had owned the horse for more than 26



years and the horse had gone blind a few weeks ago but he didn't have the heart to put it out of its misery.

Bill Agrees

"Bill of course agreed. He returned to his companions and said it was all set. Without a further word, he drove the car out into the pasture and parked near the 'ole Paint'.

"As is customary, the men piled out of the car, loaded their guns and began preparing to take off into the woods when Bill suddenly shouted: 'Hey, fellows! I wonder what it would feel like to shoot a horse?'

"With that, he took a head on the 'Paint' and shot him right between the eyes. 'Ole Paint' keeled over. Bill's companions at once began to cuss, rant, rave and in general gave Bill the dressing down he deserved.

"For several minutes Bill took their abuse and then putting on a wild sort of expression shouted: 'Hey, I wonder what it would feel like to shoot a man?'

"Within five seconds Bill was standing alone in the middle of the pasture, roaring his delight at his companions scattering over the fence and through the woods without bothering to take their guns with them.

"In about an hour, Bill succeeded in rounding up his friends and explaining that he had only been doing the rancher a personal service.

"Needless to say none of the fellows has gone on another hunting trip with Bill," winds up J.E.H. But for this story my judges awarded him the weekly prize of the 30-volume set of the Encyclopedia Americana. If you can top it — my judges will once again award the set to the best yarn spinner.

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Briefly
Men in their middle forties are being discriminated against by some employers because of their allegedly advanced age. Yet recent research reveals that the average age of the most efficient factory worker is 47. . . . How many cups of tea does your wife get from a pound of tea? Should be 150 cups. That's what Sir Thomas Lipton claimed.

Ethel Dies at Sea, Weather Bureau Says

Miami—(U.P.)—Only an area of squalls far out in the Atlantic remained today where tropical storm Ethel formed and died.

The Weather Bureau issued its final advisory on the fifth tropical storm of the season at 6 p.m. (EDT) Thursday and said future reports would be furnished ships at sea from Washington.

Highest winds in the disturbance dropped from 70 miles an hour to 40 at nightfall and Ethel lost the characteristics of a whirling tropical storm. It was more than 500 miles east of the north Florida coast.

Enrollment Expected To Reach New Record

Moscow, Idaho—(U.P.)—An all-time high enrollment of 3,800 students is expected for the fall term at the University of Idaho, the registrar's office announced Thursday.

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Chairman Olin D. Johnson (D-S.C.) of the Senate Post Office committee summoned spokesmen for the post office department and the General Services Administration as first witnesses at the hearing.

The committee is investigating complaints that the department used improper procedures in contracting for the patriotic paint job which replaced the old olive-drab on postal equipment late in 1955.

Johnson said he has received complaints that "the post office department has favored a well-known paint manufacturer and unduly restricted competition in purchasing the required materials."

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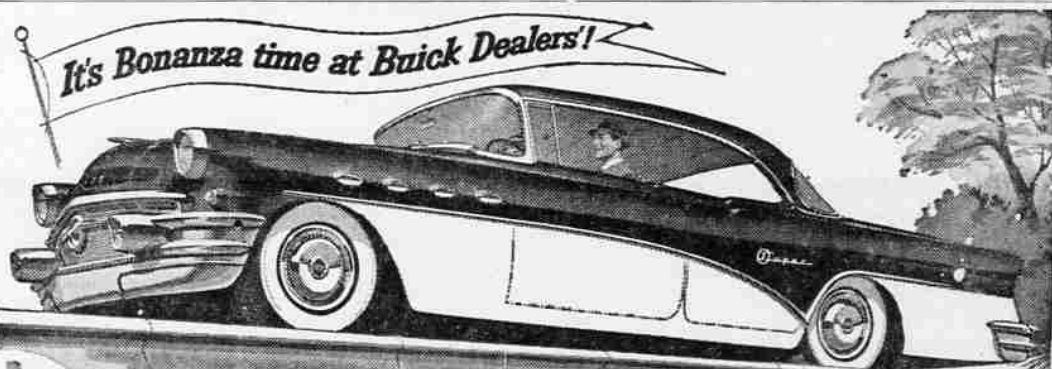
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The plane was piloted by Frank Hamilton, 52, who was delivering a message to the Northwest Uranium Company mine where there is no telephone. It was believed he was accompanied by Ralph Olson, 35.

However, Stevens county sheriff's officials who went to the scene believed the burned wreckage contained the remains of only one man. They say men at the mine believe only one man was aboard the plane when it flew over and dropped the message shortly before the crash. But Glen Straight of Davenport, a mortician who went to the scene, said after careful study that the remains appear to be those of two men.

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