

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	1	11	21	31
Taurus	2	12	22	32
Gemini	3	13	23	33
Cancer	4	14	24	34
Leo	5	15	25	35
Virgo	6	16	26	36
Libra	7	17	27	37
Scorpio	8	18	28	38
Sagittarius	9	19	29	39
Capricorn	10	20	30	40
Aquarius	11	21	31	41
Pisces	12	22	32	42

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By WALTER TOWNSEND

Henry L. Blackwell, 70 years of age, single, and unmarried all his life, was born and raised at Long Creek, Grant county, in eastern Oregon. He has been in that vicinity ever since his birth. He has a nice house in a ghost town with a creek and beautiful trees and mountains around.

He has been a prospector for gold all his life, except for four years which he served in the American Army in France and on the Mexican border and for a while in the Hawaiian Islands.

Recently he came to the domiciliary with a shaking hand. He has long white hair and a snow white beard, and maintains there is little wrong with him. He is a ready talker and loves to tell at the proper time and place of the beautiful girl he was once engaged to, when a young man.

While on the western front in France, he was young and much in love, and came from the trenches with the right to wear a victory medal. Once he was made a sergeant on the field of battle. This promotion did not take, evidently, for he was reduced to buck private again, after some peace-time exploit.

He was happy through it all, for he had a country and a girl both, to fight for. A lot of men around him scarcely ever got letters, but Blackwell heard regularly from his girl, who was a school teacher in eastern Oregon, U.S.A.

But then, one day when the fighting was all over, soldier Blackwell, at a time of great loneliness, received a "Dear John" letter. It came from eastern Oregon.

He stood with hobnails in the mud and took out the letter from the wet, broken envelope. He read it in the presence of the whole army, it seemed to him. The news was bad that came that day from his girl friend in Long Creek, Oregon, U.S.A.

One of his hands began to shake. She had decided not to marry Blackwell. And she would, her letter said, be married to a young barber by the time soldier Blackwell got her letter in France.

His hand shook so bad, he dropped the wet letter in the mud. After all, he had been "keeping company" with her for a long time and had more or less assumed that when the war was over, she would be his wife. Besides, he had protected her nearly all his life.

She was beautiful, Blackwell still remembers her to this day. He can never forget how she looked the day he left for war in France. She promised to be faithful. "But, you know how that is," commented Blackwell. "Time and tide wait for no man."

The shock was too great to bear. It upset him when she said she would be married by the time he got the letter. He leaned on his gun and bent to pick up the letter but his hand was shaking so bad, he couldn't get hold of it with his fingers.

He left it there in France in the mud.

When he returned to Long Creek, Oregon, a few months later, his coal-black hair and beard had turned white as snow.

Blackwell, though, bore up under it and became a life-long prospector for gold in Grant county, Oregon.

He let his beard grow out, which almost suddenly had become as white as his hair. His white hair was long in almost no time at all, as he prospected for gold up and down the creek. Tourists sometimes would stop and take his picture.

One day he hit it rich. The people began to notice him. Ever since he has taken an active part in the community.

He makes a good Santa Claus, and each Yuletide season at Long Creek he dresses up like St. Nick and gives away many presents. Not only to the children but to grown folks too.

At present, Blackwell is living at the domiciliary but he feels that soon, he will have to go back to his ghost town, prospect, and live alone. He is convinced that his arm is getting better. He is alert and active and not unhappy.

He holds a tennis ball in his hand to keep his arm from shaking so bad.

"What do you think about life?" he was asked.

"I've always had a big time," he replied with vigor and energy. "Besides," he went on, "I've hit it rich several times. I'm a gold miner, you know."

He is fiercely independent and laughs pleasantly. He is determined to go back to Long Creek prospecting again and make another strike if his hand stops shaking before Christmas time comes.

Council on Aging Official To Visit In City This Week

Miss Julie Johnson, executive secretary of the Oregon State Council on Aging, will arrive in Medford Monday to begin a series of talks before local groups.

Miss Johnson will stay three days as a guest of the local Rogue Valley Council.

Since Oregon is in the top third of the states in percentage of older people in its population, Miss Johnson believes that the problem of aging is as important to Oregon residents as those of power dams, timber cutting, irrigation and tourists.

This is a problem which potentially faces every person. "He just has to live long enough," she said.

Her final appearance will be Wednesday noon at the Kiwanis club luncheon at the Rogue Valley Country club.



MISS JULIE JOHNSON To Visit in Medford

First appearance Monday noon as guest speaker at the Medford Chamber of Commerce roundtable luncheon at the Jackson hotel.

Frank Glonning, chairman of the local council, will introduce Miss Johnson. Interested persons may make reservations by calling the Jackson hotel, Ken Baker, chairman of the roundtable, said.

As a special feature, the chamber has invited the Senior Center orchestra to entertain the group. Sixteen men and women will play and sing old-time tunes under the direction of retired music director, Edward Root.

After an informal executive board meeting after the chamber luncheon, Miss Johnson will be guided on a tour of the Rogue Valley Manor by Walter Higgins.

On Tuesday, Miss Johnson will speak briefly at the staff meeting of the White City Veterans administration domiciliary. The invitation for this talk was given by Harry Herzog, manager, and Frank Glonning, special service officer.

At 10 a.m., Miss Johnson will speak at a special meeting of the Inter-Agency Council at the Red Cross auditorium. Visitors are welcome. Mrs. Laura Porter, chairman of the group, said.

At noon, Miss Johnson will be the guest speaker before the Medford Rotary club at the Rogue Valley Country club.

After the luncheon, Miss Johnson will visit the art class at the Senior Center. Members of the class are planning to exhibit their work at the Greenwich Village art exhibit in the library park, Saturday.

Miss Johnson will be interviewed by Ed Jacobson at 4

Cold Storage Plant Offered for Lease

A 59,310 square foot cold storage plant in Seattle, Wash., is being offered for lease, according to W. M. Truesdale, chief of the real estate division of the U. S. Army engineer district.

Invitations for proposals to lease the facility, known as the Seattle Quartermaster Market Center cold storage plant, are available for a bid opening scheduled for Aug. 15.

The plant is completely operational and will be available for use for commercial cold storage purposes excepting the freezing and storage of fresh water or seafoods.

Caribou swim very well and their hollow hair supplies buoyancy allowing them to ride very high in the water.

GLUE FINGERS

Tallahassee, Fla. (UPI) — The Board of Control asked its attorney today to rule on whether Florida State university may give away 1,000 coffee spoons in a drive to solicit contributions from alumni.

"I have found that when Florida owns something, it's extremely hard to give it away," board director Broadway Culpepper said.

Council Adopts Compensation Plan

The Medford city council Thursday night adopted the city employee's compensation plan for the 1960-61 tax year and approved purchase of a pickup truck for the building department.

The two items of business were conducted following the public hearing Thursday at which the council approved the city's 1960-61 city budget.

In the compensation plan for the 1960-61 year, a general one-range step increase is provided for all city employees. Also, the firemen's, police lieutenants and police sergeants classifications were increased one additional step.

The truck to be purchased for the building department is a half-ton International pickup at a cost of \$1,670.

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Water Mishaps Theme of Program

Based on national averages, Medford could expect five deaths by drowning this year. How to keep these projected figures from becoming statistics is the theme of the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association's television program today.

Charles Weller, Jackson pool manager; and Miss Sandra Laing, Hawthorn pool guard-instructor, will appear on a panel discussion of water safety at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Moderator of the panel will be Mrs. C. Ivan Burton.

Last week about 300 feet of film was shot at Hawthorn pool showing a simulated rescue, different methods of artificial respiration and teaching classes in action.

The film will be shown on the program with commentary by the panelists. They plan to discuss what is being done in Medford to prevent drownings and other water accidents. Ways that the public can help reduce the annual toll of deaths by drowning and instructions for emergency situations will also be given.

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