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By BILL JENKINS

Ah progress. Ah desolation.

Klamath Falls continues onward in its struggle for growth and prosperity. And the trees continue to go. The fine old trees on the corner lot at Fifth and Pine rustled their answer to the breeze for the last time yesterday morning. For the last time they send their shower of golden leaves spinning down on the heads of passersby and trembled in regal dignity that made them the stately guardians of beauty they have always been.

Maybe they knew their doom. Much as the imprisoned court of France must have felt on listening to the tumbrils creaking over the cobblestones on the way to the prison. Many people, many who have lived here for years and know those old trees, stopped in their travels up and down the street today to watch, with a catch in their hearts, as the axes and saws ended a century of growth—in order the the city might grow.

But is there any progress? A check yesterday disclosed the fact that no gambline stamp fees have been paid in our fair city. Perhaps the ugly head of vice has been stamped into the mud. Of course it wouldn't do any good if a man wanted to purchase his federal stamp here anyway. They ain't got 'em. The office of internal revenue tells us that Klamath high shots will have to head for Portland if they wish to purchase their right to go on milking the public. That sounds like progress alright. Or does it?

With Halloween safely past and a couple of days allowed for any possible delay in connections I think it will be safe to say that Harry Houdini is happy where he is. For the umpteenth time Harry Blackstone, friend and confident of the late great magician, tried to contact his spirit and failed. So we must assume one of two things. Either the lines were busy, and have been for a number of years, or Houdini is no longer interested in earthly matters. Of course there is the outside possibility that he just plain forgot.

With the political picture assuming ever greater aspects as the crucial year draws near I think it high time we did a little something about the numerous campaigns that will be waged. In fact I'll do as little as possible. Only two suggestions. One, send out a crew to tear down the posters still remaining from the last election race, and two, cut down the verbiage in the speeches. Or at least use words that the average man can understnad. With that I shut up.

In the continuing battle against communism in the United states the probers are overlooking one big bet. The paper backed books. A great many of them lately have been printed that preach a doctrine verging on communism and the violent overthrow of our government. The appeal is always made throught the emotions. And the American people have always been wide open for an attack of that sort. Just something to watch, that's all. Along with so many other things.

They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Elton C. Fay — Military Affairs

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Next Monday's meeting between Pres. Truman and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will provide the chief executive opportunity to pose a question of administrative as well as political import to him:

Will Eisenhower leave his post of supreme commander of Allied powers in Europe to seek a presidential nomination in 1952?

If so, the president undoubtedly would like to know that now so he can advise the other member nations of the North Atlantic treaty organization, perhaps privately, they should begin thinking about someone to fill the job.

Eisenhower was appointed to the supreme command early this year at the request of the other 11 members of the NATO. He was picked essentially because of his fame and personality while supreme commander of Allied forces in world war two, not primarily because he was an American.

BRADLEY?

Whether the European members of NATO would want another American commander, like Gen. Omar Bradley, now chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, remains to be seen.

Winston Churchill is back as the prime minister of Britain. Before he was returned he had voiced some outspoken comment when the proposal was made to give a supreme command in the Mediterranean to an American and not a Briton. It is conceivable that he might still be of that mind if the question of a new supreme commander of Western European forces arose. Perhaps the pressure might turn toward one of Britain's own famous world war two military chiefs, like Viscount Montgomery, the testy but battlewise field marshall of the Western forces in North Africa and Europe.

Announcement that Eisenhower would be in the capital Monday and Tuesday produced some surprise and puzzlement.

SUGGESTION

White House Secy. Joseph Short said the general was making the flying trip at the suggestion of Mr. Truman.

This seemed fully accurate. It was learned that the first indication the Pentagon had of the plan was when the president informed military officials that Eisenhower would come to Washington for conferences.

Short said Eisenhower's talks while here—with the president, state department and defense officials—would cover matters affecting the supreme Allied command the North Atlantic defense setup.

Most of the top military and political officials have or, within the next few weeks will have talked with Eisenhower about the progress and problems of the European defense organization. In the past few weeks, a stream of high level military men have passed through Paris and talked with Eisenhower —Gen. Bradley, secretaries of the services, military chiefs of the armed forces. Secy. of Defense Lovett plans to be in Europe within the next few weeks. W. Averell Harriman, presidential assistant and new foreign aid director, said on Wednesday that he expected to confer with Eisenhower in Paris this weekend.

"NO EMERGENCY"

The possibility that some crisis had arisen in the European defense organizing was ruled out. Short said "no emergency" was involved.

Thus, it seemed evident that Mr. Truman himself had some overriding reason for wanting to talk to Eisenhower personally. In fact it was arranged that the president and the general, just the two of them, should meet first at the White House on Monday. The conferences with other officials of government and with the military will follow that man-to-man meeting.

There was inclination to associate a development of last week with the White House suggestion for the Eisenhower visit.

Last week George Allen, who used to be a frequent caller at the White House and who also is a friend of Eisenhower, visited Mr. Truman. He told reporters later that the talk was only of "general matters." But it was noted that Allen earlier had talked with the general in Paris.

Truman Calls For Prayer

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Formally proclaiming November 22 as Thanksgiving day, Pres. Truman called on his fellow Americans on that day to "seek divine aid in the quest for peace."

"Our hearts impel us once again in this autumnal season to turn in humble gratitude to the giver of our bounties," Truman said.

"We are profoundly grateful for the blessings bestowed upon us, the preservation of our freedom so dearly bought and so highly prized, our opportunities for human welfare and happiness, unlimited in their scope, our material prosperity, so far surpassing that of earlier years, and our private spiritual blessings, so deeply cherished by all. For these we offer fervent thanks to God."

Congress in 1941 specified that Thanksgiving Day fall annually on the fourth Thursday of November.

Prison Ruled For Publisher

LOS ANGELES, (AP) — Publisher Al Waxman, charged with the theft of $55,000 in a newsprint deal, was convicted Thursday.

Five southern California publishers testified during his trial that they gave Waxman money to purchase 475 tons of newsprint from the Powell River Co. of Vancouver, B.C. He never delivered, they said.

Waxman, 43, publisher of six neighborhood newspapers, testified he gave 550 $100 bills to a man known to him as Charles Morrison in a San Francisco hotel last July.

Later he learned that Morrison, who was supposed to arrange for delivery of the paper, never worked for the Canadian firm, Waxman said. He added that he has repaid more than $15,000 to the publishers.

Firms involved are the Hollywood Citizen-News, Pomona Progress-Bulletin, Van Nuys News, Compton Herald-American and McDonald Printing Co.

Waxman, convicted on seven counts of grand theft, faces sentence of from one to 10 years. Sentencing was set for November 19.

CEMETERY ROUNDUP

FORMOSA, Argentina, (AP) — Reports from Paraguay received in this Northern border town today the outlawed liberal party were arrested October 18 in Asuncion. The roundup was made in a cemetery where the liberals had gathered to pay tribute to their dead comrades.

James Marlow

By JOHN CHADWICK
(For James Marlow)

WASHINGTON, (AP)—How bad a case of the shakes do bookies and numbers operators have because of the new tax bite Uncle Sam has just clamped on their multi-billion dollar operations?

Anguished wails are being reported from the professional gamblers who make a living off other persons' bets. Some of them have passed out word they are throwing in the towel all of them were being extremely cautious.

If they really have the jitters and are going out of business, it gives an ironic twist to the tooth-and-nail fight that senate crime investigators waged against the new tax.

Such a turn of events also would have a touch of irony for sponsors of the levy. They backed it primarily as a means of funneling more money into the federal treasury and not with the idea of drying up gambling.

MEASURE

The tax, part of a $5,621,000,000 (B) revenue measure, puts a 10 percent bite on all bets handled by bookmakers and lottery operators. It also required them and their employes to register with the internal revenue bureau and buy a $50-a-year occupation tax stamp.

Despite the furore of the moment it remains to be seen what the effect will be. If the gamblers do shut up shop, they will upset the expectations of senate crime probers who spent 15 months and $365,000 prying into their activities from coast to coast.

The crime investigators, with former Chairman Kefauver (D-Tenn) taking the lead, predicted that the new tax would simply drive the bookies and numbers operators underground and leave the internal revenue bureau with an impossible enforcement problem.

"Is there anyone naive enough to believe that the racketeers who control commercialized gambling in this country will admit they are bookies and pay the tax?" Kefauver asked. "Is it realistic to expect gamblers to sign their own death warrants by registration?"

AGENTS

Kefauver said he thought "it would require an army of 30,000 to 40,000 special agents" to force compliance with the new law.

Even more objectionable to the crime probers was the provision for issuing tax stamps to gamblers. They argued this would be regarded as federal sanctioning of gambling, called it morally offensive and said it would discourage local crack-downs on bookies and numbers operators.

But other senators noted that the tax stamps gave no immunity from prosecution for violation of local gambling laws and were no more a federal license than those placed on slot machines or issued to liquor dealers in dry areas.

ENFORCE?

Supporters of the new levy also disputed the hopelessness of trying to enforce it. They said they expected a substantial amount of voluntary compliance and added that a few successful prosecutions should nudge others into line.

And to get things rolling, they observed, the internal revenue bureau has built up a list of bookmakers and other gamblers and should not have too much trouble putting the finger on big-shots who try to duck the tax. They conceded that spotting the small try might take longer.

A different approach was taken by the crime committee however. Its avowed aim was to drive gamblers out of business and it hoped to do so by new income tax devices that would squeeze the profits out of their operations.

One of its proposals, for example, would ban deduction of expenses for carrying on illegal gambling. The crime probers tried without success to substitute this and other tax proposals along the same line for the wagering levy in the big tax measure. They intend to keep trying when congress comes back in January.

By that time the lawmakers should have a better idea of how the new gambling tax is working out.

Dr. E. P. Jordan

The season for common colds is here again. No doubt, it will be accompanied as usual by new announcements of the best cure yet. At any rate, it is a sure bet that millions and millions of dollars will be spent for drugs, vitamins, nose-drops, and the like, which may or may not have any effect on the cold.

There is no sure way of warding off a cold in modern society. Most colds develop after contact with someone who already has one and since it is impossible to make hermits of ourselves, there are only a few things which can be done to lessen the risk of catching the common cold.

The most important is to avoid exposure to those who already have this type of infection—especially when a cold is just starting. Public places, such as street cars and moving-picture theaters, almost always have one or two people in them who are coming down with or recovering from a cold.

If we can keep out of these places when colds are frequent there would be fewer attacks. But the person who has a cold could help most by not exposing others needlessly.

Although most colds seem to be definitely spread by contact, a word must be said about the additional risk of catching cold following chilling, drafts or wet feet.

Probably chilling alone does not produce a cold. However, many people seem to be able to resist or throw off colds most of the time. But if they get wet feet or sit is a draft they are much more likely to come down with a cold.

Some people claim wet feet or drafts do not bother them. However, wet feet or exposure to drafts is followed by a cold too often in too many people to be scoffed at. Probably the reason for this association is some temporary drop in resistance caused by the exposure.

Once a cold does start, the safest thing to do is to go to bed at once and stay there until the symptoms are better. As far as drugs such as the antihistamines are concerned, some people claim good results but others are far from convinced of any benefits.

Telling the Editor

WELCOMES

MALIN — I listened to Fulton Lewis Jr. describe the most gracious welcome our president extended to Princess Elizabeth and her prince. All of which was fitting and proper, and showed the good breeding it seems Mr. Truman can display when he chooses.

To me, an American, I wondered how many other Americans in that great throng who witnessed this most gracious welcome thought back to a few short months ago when our American hero, Gen. MacArthur, returned home after a lifetime of patriotic service to his country.

I wondered if they remembered the ungracious attitude of our president, who did not have the good breeding or the patriotism to lead the American people in their wholehearted acclaim for a great American, a great general and a great soldier.

Perhaps royalty appeals more to Mr. Truman than Americanism, I wonder.

Mrs. Loma Watkins
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Physical Ed Rule Rapped

PORTLAND, (AP) — Repeal of a state law requiring four years of physical education for high school students may be asked of the legislature, Portland school board members indicated Thursday night.

They said the school curriculum would be unbalanced by observance of the law and that junior and senior students would be forced to drop some elective studies.

Besides, teachers would have to be shifted from other departments to handle the expanded program and thousands of dollars would have to be spent to increase facilities, they said.

Sam Dawson

NEW YORK, (AP) — Hope springs eternal in the merchant's breast. And some of them are really counting on a record dollar volume Christmas trade to pull business out of its present lull.

Cold weather in many parts of the nation has already given a boost to trade. Some of that money that consumers are reported to have been saving is now finding its way once more into store tills.

Department store sales in the nation were up four percent last week over the same period in 1950, the federal reserve board reports. Liveliest trading was in the Dallas federal reserve district, where dollar sales topped a year ago by 17 percent.

OCTOBER UP

New York department stores report that for October as a whole their dollar volume was four percent over a year ago. They gave thanks for an extra shopping day in October this year, for cooler weather sending shoppers into the clothing departments, and for a pre-tax buying rush in their liquor departments.

Retail trade expanded noticeably in most parts of the nation this week, Dun and Bradstreet reports today. "Brisk, wintry winds apparently sharpened the appetites and sent shoppers scurrying to food stores," says the report, and shoppers spent a larger share of their incomes on clothing than they did a year ago.

Merchants attending a dinner here last night were pleased to hear a regional official of the department of commerce say the outlook for consumption of apparel items is bright. But many were surprised to hear him add that "retail apparel sales have maintained a level during 1951 that would have been taken, in any pre-war year, to indicate nothing short of boom times."

LULL-BOOM

"Boom times," is hardly the word that most businessmen would choose. "Lull" is the word that most have been using.

The National City Bank of New York in its November letter, out yesterday, notes both the lull and the possibility of a pick-up in trade.

"What is commonly called the lull persists," the bank says. The situation would, change quickly if anything should happen to start people rushing to the stores again, and business men into the markets.

"People have money. Over the past eight months they have saved a greater share of their incomes than ever before in peacetime, and have steadily added to their liquid assets. This behavior may be reversed at any time."

The bank stresses, however, that "the question whether money will again begin to burn holes in pockets is one of the unknown factors and a necessary key to the business outlook."

Telling the Editor

PROTEST

KLAMATH FALLS—In regard to the letter published in the October 30 edition of your paper concerning us, we the undersigned, the Pelican football team of Klamath Union high school, wish to say this in answer.

We would like to make it clear that Coach Bob Hendershott and his assistants have our wholehearted support.

We would like to know where Mr. Toycen received the football experience necessary to condemn a coach and his players. If Mr. Toycen thinks he has any ability or capability as a coach, we hereby invite him to come up and try.

We feel that if the 13 returning lettermen want Bob Hendershott as a coach next year, no Main street quarterback should have the audacity to voice a protest.

It seems that in past years Mr. Toycen has been a constant agitator in affairs of this sort. We hope that hereafter he will exercise caution before condemning the efforts of our high school team.

Sincerely

(George Maskell, Dick Lundsten, Chick Quinowski, Vernon Pryor, Ken Young, Ron Bryan, Jack Horton, Jim Dougherty, John Mason, Bill Pickett, Jim Davidson, Matt Del Fatti, Calvin Gilmore, George Hanson, Jerry Johnson, Tom Wells, Doug Campbell, Floyd Pierce, Don Case and Sam Wilber.

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from the SKETCH PAD of Lorraine Johnson

In the event you are becoming slightly bored with my type of homely philosophy, I will inform you that from time to time this column will be written by others than myself.

There will be such well-known local talent as Vern Swanser, who is studying art and painting in France, Roberta Blomquist, who not only writes and paints, but also emotes—Wow!, and various artists like Nora Zweybruck and Hardie Gramatky who consider Klamath Falls their second home.

Then there will be contributions from various art association members who tell me that they absolutely can't write a word and would do much better with an assignment to paint murals on the new city jail. However, I simply tell them that if I can do it so can they, because when I was receiving my higher education, I found the art courses so intriguing that I excluded everything else including all prose composition and English courses (attention Lucille O'Neill), and took straight art from morning until night six days a week and then went sketching Sundays.

Speaking of Vern Swanson reminds me of the many letters our members have received from him lately relating his recent activities. During the summer he had an exhibit of his recent paintings in la Galerie Grimaldi in Cagnes-sur-Mer, France. I have on my desk a handful of clippings from various French newspapers, and, even though my French is very rusty, I can get the drift that these papers speak of his work very highly. They seem to be especially charmed with the transparency of his color and "certains verts semblent un reflet d'eau dans un aquarium." I just thought I'd try out your French for a change.

Last month Vern spent several weeks with friends in the Balearic Islands, and now he is touring Italy with Robert Brevik, another young Klamath Falls artist, who studied architecture under Frank Lloyd Wright.

So you can see (from reading this) that other people would have much more to write about than I, so don't be surprised to see scribbling from other sketchpads than mine before very long.

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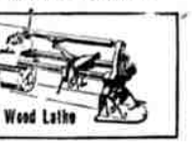
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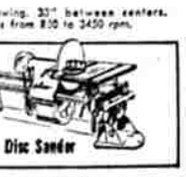
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