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Caught in the Rounds

By DEB ADDISON

The rumor that the Rose Bowl game was being played somewhere on the Rocky Point road Sunday is false. Klamath people were just making the annual pilgrimage to the woods for Christmas trees, greens and for a frolic in the snow.

We swore that every car in the Basin traveled up the west side road Sunday with axes and saws—until we talked with someone who had gone to the Ashland highway. The greenery pilgrims out thataway thought the same thing.

Traffic was dense but no mishaps were reported and there were few instances of cars getting stuck in the snow. There continually were a few cars stopped at the foot of the grade at Geary canal in the process of putting on chains. Thought waves from one Missus, as she stood there in the snow whilst chains were being rattled, came in like this:

"If you'd gone out before the storm when I first told you, you wouldn't be down on your back in the snow now. If you'd put on the chains in the garage before we left, like I said, we wouldn't be shivering now. If you'd gotten up early and gone with the boys next door, I'd be home by the fire now."

We tuned out and went on our merry way, knowing that once the chains were on and the quest was under way again the Christmas Spirit would return.

One tree-gatherer reported seeing a man emerge triumphant from the woods with a tree in one hand and a double barreled shotgun in the other. He'd just bagged a chip of the flying yew, no doubt.

Another one day woodsman was packing some greens in the car when a returning motorist stopped and offered to trade a drink for a cigarette. This section being long on pine and cedar but short on fir, the

question was asked: "How's the fir on up the road?" The driver conferred with his partner and then replied, "Oh, 'bout five-six miles." (How far do you go before the fir begins to fly?)

Another report was that one family even hired a taxi to make the Trip For The Tree. We thought so too when we saw the Yellow Cab, until we recognized the George Clarks loading on a couple of trees. George is the Yellow Cab operator. Wonder if one Clark pocket paid the other Clark pocket full fare for the trip—and then sold the trees back in return.

We hesitate to mention it—there were several news stories on bird feeding operations last week, and a city boy is rash to tell a farmer what to do in his own backwoods—but it was a rancher who made the suggestion.

Lawrence Horton, the Langell and Poe valley cowboy, suggested that we pass the word on reminding farmers to get some grain out for the quail and pheasants. Well, the birds need it, and the suggestion goes for country folk and city slickers alike.

The game birds and song birds both need food now. If you can't do any more than put some crumbs on the window sill, go to it. Now's the time. Most all table scraps are good.

If you really want to do a job, get some grain and then add a little sand or grit of some kind. When you see birds feeding along the shoulder of a road, the chances are they're getting grit for their gizzards, not food. (But do your feeding well back from any road.)

When you see the birds feeding along the road, slow up. A startled bird might kill itself flying into your car.

For expert bird feeding advice, see Jim O'Donahue at J. W. Kerns.

Worldwide Bible Reading for tonight: 1 Corinthians 15:1-34.

NEW YORK. (AP)—The longer the business boom lasts the more nervous people get about the chance of a slump coming soon after the old adage that everything that goes up must come down.

"We are in the longest business boom on record in this country," the Cleveland Trust Co. notes in its business bulletin released Monday. "With temporary interruptions it has lasted more than 11 years."

And the National Assoc. of Credit Men warns: "The enormous synthetic prosperity, in which industry has operated for so many months, may come sooner than is now anticipated."

But the Cleveland Trust Co. is a bit more cheerful—it sees few signs of this happening. "Without the drop of continuing large spending for defense the boom probably wouldn't last through next year," the bank admits. But the bank expects the arms program to continue and to "generate a great deal of industrial activity in 1952."

The boom's other big prop this year has been the record spending by business for new plant and equipment. Much of this closely tied in with the defense program and will continue into the new year, although less essential expansion probably will drop off. The bank guesses that total dollar volume of construction in 1952 will be from 5 to 10 percent lower than this year—but that's still quite high.

"Home building will decline by at least 15 percent, and perhaps by more than 20 percent," the bank predicts, believing that supplies will be harder to get and also demands for new homes will be less.

LIVING COST HIGHER

The cost of living is likely to be higher, "but not much higher," one bank says hopefully. Wholesale prices may work higher, but raw material prices in general probably will not average much above the 1951 level.

Retail sales should top this year, perhaps by more than 5 percent, the bank says, because of the public's large purchasing power and its need to replace goods it bought a year ago in a wartime spree.

To supply this demand, business has both the large stock of finished goods now on hand, and the great productive capacity of the nation's factories. "The defense program will spur some output but hobble others by controls over scarce materials. This will hold industrial production in general at about the same level or a little higher."

Some of the industries that have been sluggish recently should perk up next year. For example, the bank predicts greater output of textile products and shoes. It thinks that food products, chemicals and oil products will flow in even greater volume.

Durable goods will show mixed trends. Those "directly or indirectly important to the defense program, such as steel, ingots and machinery, will increase over 1951," the Cleveland bank says. But production of durable goods for civilians is likely to be lower. It puts the cutback in auto production at more than 15 percent under 1951.

The profit picture in the var-

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Hal Boyle

NEW YORK. (AP)—The 1952 Leap Year open season on the unmarried male has already begun.

It was launched with the usual zany business of picking the 10 "most wanted men" in America—and a flurry of expert advice on how the average girl can pin up the guy of her own choice with a matrimonial hammerlock.

To an onlooker it would seem like it's going to be a rather confused Leap Year. For there is so far no agreement on who are the top 10 marital prospects. And as for how best to snare a husband, the "experts" contradict each other.

One says, "be aggressive." One says, "be feminine and dependent." Whom can a trusting young girl believe?

Two lists of the 10 most desirable bachelors have hit my desk—these lists come out with the same regularity that the swallows return to Capistrano—and they add up to 20 men. Nobody made both lists.

These are the lucky 10 named by Miss Ruth Marr, president of the Bachelor Girls of America:

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief (he's on every year); Martin H. Kennel, mayor of Chicago; Elliot Lawrence, radio commentator; John Ringling North, the circus man; Bobby Thomson, baseball hero; Montgomery Clift, movie actor; Howard Hughes, industrialist (another hardy perennial); Ed Luckenbach Jr., shipping heir; Ben Grauer, radio commentator; Warren Magnuson, U. S. senator.

ANOTHER BUNCH

But a poll of 500 professional models here by Helen Fraser, head of the Barizon modeling school, named these:

Kirk Douglas, movie star; Henry Garrard, Broadway actor; Rudolph Halley, television star and New York city council president; Frank Farrell, Manhattan columnist; Milton Berle, another television figure; Steve Hannagan, who rose from press agent to publicist; Winthrop Rockefeller, businessman; Bernard Baruch, statesman; Count Albrecht Goretz, industrial designer; and Joe DiMaggio, the retired Yankee clipper.

But "Bobo" Rockefeller might reasonably object to having her husband, Winthrop, catalogued as a bachelor, even though they are living apart.

My dictionary defines a bachelor as "a man who has not married," but it may be a bit old-fashioned. A glance at these lists shows they have several widowers or grass widowers. However, in Leap Year

Santa Planning Chiloquin Visit

CHILOQUIN—A special message received from Santa Claus indicates that he will visit Chiloquin to give out small favors to local children on Wednesday at 1:30. Mothers of pre-school children are invited to bring them to the tree at the intersection of main street and the highway. School children will march down in groups accompanied by their teachers.

Preparations are being made under the direction of Mayor William Lorenz for as many as 400 children.

SUBSTITUTE

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP)—When classes resumed in Ponce De Leon junior high school yesterday, school authorities found that last week's \$100,000 fire had damaged the school's bell system. As a substitute, they drafted four young students from the school band. Every 45 minutes Bob Staver, Jim Crowder, Rudy Eckman and Dennis Jarvis blew their bugles to signal change of classes.

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WORSHIP TIME

KLAMATH FALLS.—Thank God for America, where I can write or speak what I feel, and also worship.

I think (and maybe no one else will agree) that with the world torn up as it is and our boys fighting and dying in Korea, that it is a very poor time for two (or more) of our local churches to get involved in a religious controversy.

They are showing at best poor taste and hardly the Christian spirit I was taught. I belong to neither church but have contributed to one, which won't happen again.

Those huge ads in the paper cost money which would surely do more good elsewhere, even for missionary work or Korean USO.

Christmas time should be for brotherly love, not for stirring up something that could turn a town like this upside down. Won't someone at least use common or horse sense?

Why can't we have peace at home? Why worry about which day we worship? The main thing is to worship, and seven days a week.

Mary Lee Schlegel
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Sacred Heart Notebook

By MARY EGAN

The Christmas project of the academy Junior Red Cross has been completed. The girls made nut cups Saturday afternoon for the Veterans' hospital in Medford.

The Cecilia ensemble played last night for the neighbors of Woodcraft Christmas party. In addition to this, John Ely played a piano solo.

Thursday afternoon the Madrigal ensemble will sing for the Christmas party of the Kiwanis club. Then again in the evening the girls will go caroling.

"Employ the Handicapped for National Security" is the theme to be used in the essays written by the juniors and seniors of SHS, as they are competing in the state contest based on this important topic.

The Christmas program held Sunday night for the Sisters of St. Francis proved to be a definite success as everyone thoroughly enjoyed the music of the high school Glee club, Madrigals and Franciscans. This plus the gifts which the sisters received added up to a very merry evening.

Merrill Huskies will be the opponents of the Sacred Heart Trojans tonight in a non-conference tilt on the Merrill hardwood. You can be sure the Pep club and the student body will be in attendance to cheer the team on to what they hope will be the fifth season victory.

S-L Firemen Get Private Phone

Stewart-Lenox fire district now has a phone installed in the fire station, simplifying the process of phoning in fires.

Previously fire calls were taken in private residences of volunteer firemen.

To report fires within the rural fire district, phone 8741.

Elton C. Fay

Military Affairs

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Military scientists expect the recent experimental underground atomic explosion in Nevada to have far-reaching effect on both battlefield tactics and strategic bombing.

The research information obtained in the test explosion on November 2 at the Frenchman Flat proving ground presumably will be used for development of a dual purpose nuclear weapon for use in blasting out subterranean strongholds on a war front or destroying underground factories or military headquarters in an enemy homeland.

The armed forces already have let it be known there are at least two obvious methods for delivering such an earthquake-producing weapon: through use of an atomic warhead either on a conventional deep-penetration bomb dropped from high altitude by a plane or a guided missile, fired in high trajectory to produce deep penetration of the earth as it drops groundward almost vertically.

From preliminary tests conducted at a Utah proving ground in which standard TNT explosives were used in large quantity, the military already had some idea of results to expect from the Nevada atomic test.

Thus the weaponers had reasons to believe, even before they detonated the atomic charge in Nevada, that several militarily useful features would be produced. Among them was the area of primary

blast destruction, the crater caused by the explosion, cracks in the earth which, radiating out from the crater, would damage or destroy underground or surface structures not actually to the point of impact, shock transmitted through the earth to destroy or damage structures, equipment within structures, or both.

But another factor could not be determined with certainty until an actual atomic explosion was tested. How much residual radioactivity would be produced by setting of a nuclear fission detonation underground and how long would this poison persist in the debris of the crater? This could be an advantage in the bombing of an underground factory, denying the area its equipment to enemy use for some time. But it could be a disadvantage in a battlefield, where friendly forces might want to move into the area quickly.

Photographs and reports by unofficial observers who saw the blast from a distance made it plain the final shot of the series at the Nevada test site was a subterranean explosion. A large mass of dust-colored smoke and dust welled up, but instead of forming the conventional mushroom cloud it sprawled out into a comparatively low-lying, elongated cloud.

Atomic energy commission chairman Gordon Dean told a news conference last week that "very vital things" had been learned in the Nevada test which were being incorporated into the atomic weapons program.

When asked about an underground explosion, Dean replied that "a little later maybe we can tell more about what happened at Nevada."

An atomic bomb or missile tailored in its casing and fusing especially for underground explosion apparently would go into the "variety" weapons which government officials say constitute the American atomic arsenal.

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