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Caught in the Round

By DEB ADDISON

There's more to the story of the cello than meets the eye. Andy Loney, a round trip ticket to Philadelphia than it being a Christmas gift.

Part of that story is in the reason why Andy (Andrew Loney, Jr.), director of music education in the city schools, really wanted to attend the music meeting in March. It's the national convention of the Music Education Association, which is held once every two years. Andy has been able to attend only one before, and feels that he should to keep up with what's new in music education.

Since important, the directing chairman of the convention will be Louis G. Werszen, a top man in music circles, the director of music education for the city of Philadelphia. And, he's a close friend of Loney's. Charlie is a man who is getting Andy into music education work. (We thank you, Mr. Werszen.)

The other part of the story is that Andy Loney personally teaches and conducts the cello choir.

No one ever has heard a student of his refer to him other than as "Mr. Loney," with due respect, admiration and affection.

Andy is one of those rare individuals who gives a lot, and so gets back a lot in the development of character and ability in his students. (Plus the affection as shown by raising the fund to send him to Philadelphia.)

Each year, as we hear the choir and the other music groups in concert, the comment goes around that they're better than they were last year. They always are. That tells all the story.

Younger Offenders Indicated In Look at Police Records

By DAVE UNDERHILL

Comes the end of the year and it's time for taking account of happenings during the past 12 months.

When it arrives at discussing year of crime in Klamath county there hasn't been too much in the sensational nature, no murders outside of a couple of attempts.

There was one item that seemed a little out of the ordinary to the reporter and got me to checking through jail records.

It was the apparent youthful age of many persons winding up on the wrong side of the lawful fence during the year.

1951 RECORD
Drawing from police records and newspaper files for 1951 showed that about one-fifth of those either picked up or arrested on felonies were under 20 years old. Fifty percent of persons arrested or investigated were under 30 years of age.

The rough average age of that group figured around 31.6 years.

Now let's look at another set of records for the years 1949, 1950 and 1951.

PRISON RECORD
It's the age record of persons sent to prison from Klamath county in those years.

Starting back in 1949, a total of 50 persons were sentenced to the house of concrete at Salem. The arithmetic average age of that group was 30.81 years. The range of ages that year was from 16 to 64, and the median or middle point in the age span was 30.5 years.

Now to look at 1950 when there were two less teenagers sent to prison than the four in 1949. Forty-seven persons earned the free ride to Salem for their sinful ways. Arithmetic average of that crowd was 30.31 years, with an age span of 18 to 67 years and a median average of 29.5 years.

With less than four days left before 1951 passes from the world scene, 45 persons have been sent out of this county to a restless residence in the state prison.

STARTLING FACT
When the figures were put down and averaged up, it gave us a start. For we thought the average age would be younger than that of the past two previous years.

But it wasn't. The average for this year totaled out to a higher 30.62 years. The age span of this group was from 17 to 67 years, including three teenagers, and the median average — actually more accurate than the arithmetic average — stood at an even 26 years.

But on second thought, perhaps the thought of persons in this county getting on the wrong side of the lawful fence wasn't too far off base. Taking readings from official police records, this startling fact comes to light.

Within the past 13 days there have been 10 persons ranging between the ages of 17 and 19 arrested on felony complaints by City and State Police officers. Those are actual facts.

It is a disturbing fact, and one not wholly attributable to the disturbing times we are living in.

Juvenile delinquency and crime cannot alone be laid to uncertain-

Music, by its very nature, is dramatic and emotional at its public eye. A great many of us have the opportunity to see and hear, and to become aware of the constructive effort that is being made in our schools by music students and instructors.

There are many other phases of the public education program that stand as high in quality. There are many unsung heroes who never can give a concert in mathematics or chemistry or English.

They know if they're doing the right job; the students know; and the parents know. They should know also that they are appreciated.

Now — on with vacation.

Charlie Mack, the Hot Springs flower man (Bill DePew, sometimes known as Zeke, is the Linkville florist). Charlie is a man who has varied talents. We've always wondered how come he got in the flower business.

Charlie was born a farm boy. Naturally, he went to Oregon State. He became a newspaper man here just a few days ahead of yours truly; he went into politics and did an outstanding job as county assessor; he became a public relations man for Kaiser Shipyards and then did the same kind of work for Weyerhaeuser here.

How come the flower business? Well the truth will out, and here, at last, is the inside story:

On the Mack's first wedding anniversary Charlie gave Mrs. M. a red rose. On the second anniversary she received two, on the third three. Catch on?

Today Mrs. Mack received 16 red roses. We hope that Charlie's still in the flower business come the golden wedding anniversary.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (U-P) — It is time to look into the old crystal ball for an advance view of 1952.

What lies ahead? Well, button down the storm cellar, boys and girls—it's going to be one of the dizziest years of the century.

It is the kind of year that Rip Van Winkle would hardly choose to wake up in. You might look for these things:

The hottest national political campaign since the Bull Moose campaign of 1912. More mud will be deposited around the landscape than was left by the midwest floods of 1951.

A man will patent a new gigantic brain able to outthink congress. It will be given the task of figuring a way to collect more taxes, however, and it will explode—and congress will meet as usual.

Television will come up with a bright new star—a lady able to wrestle an alligator and a boa constrictor: at one and the same time, while she sings a cigarette commercial.

The biggest food sensation of the year: A non-crunchy breakfast cereal. The children can see and taste it, but the parents don't have to listen to it.

A scandal will break out in world chess circles. Bull fighting will then be revived in Texas to give the nation an honest amateur sport.

A spiritualist will at last succeed in making contact with the ghost of Houdini. His message: "Let me alone, I know when I'm well off."

The traffic problem will be solved by the creation of a national network of four-lane no-way streets. Nobody will get anywhere but they'll do it more safely.

Dr. Kinsey will finally publish his gigantic survey on the sex life of American Women. It will turn out to be a four-page pamphlet.

He will then undertake his masterpiece—a study of Freudian variations in the rabbit.

Taxes will go sideways, as they no longer can go up.

A revolutionary new discovery will be brought to the market as a substitute for nylon. It will be called silk.

A Soviet historian will announce in Pravda that a Russian scientist first invented the common cold. He will explain that is why most Russian names end with a sneeze.

Inflation will force the five percent to become ten percenters. A monument will be erected to a congressman who returns from Europe without any inside information as to Gen. Eisenhower's plans.

And who's going to be elected President in November? To this query the crystal ball replied: "I will predict flatly only that his wife will not appear at the inauguration ceremony in a milk coat."

James Marlow

WASHINGTON (U-P)—The Communists are playing it stupid.

Each incident like the present one—holding Americans for ransom of one kind or another—hardens and unifies American thinking.

It prepares feeling here for the most drastic measures against Communism, when and if this government thinks they're necessary.

The \$100,000 collected for the four American flyers can't compensate the Communists for the hatred, contempt and revulsion stirred up here.

That Communism is bent on world conquest is taken for granted. But jailing and mistreating a few Americans is hardly conquest on the grand scale.

Each irritation like that is so minor and crude, against the large Communist plan, that one may ask: Why do the Communists stoop to this kind of gangsterism?

Some reasons can be guessed at: Each such episode is a deliberate needle, a slap at American prestige; and each provides the Communist masters with another ounce of anti-American propaganda.

That's the Communist view, the subjective view. It doesn't allow for the fact that each jailing episode may have an effect here far outweighing any temporary and small benefits the Communists think they get at home.

To see the depth of the Communist stupidity involved in this—since this is the one country capable of doing the most damage to Russia if war starts—it's necessary to ask this question:

What's the smartest tactic for the Communists where we're concerned? It's this: To keep American opinion divided on the action to be taken against Communism, in kind and degree, and for this reason:

The more united we are, not only on the need for action, but on the

Gems Win Title, Pels Close In

By RED HURD
Herald and News Sports Editor

Football, basketball and baseball teamed up to supply the 1951 highlights on the local sports front.

Actually, against outside competition, baseball supplied the only title for the Klamath area.

That's when the Klamath Gems, capped their second straight Class D Far West league crown in a play-off battle with the always-tough Redding Browns.

Spud Prices Still Farm Income Key

Businessmen on Klamath Falls Main street stand by many theories. One of them is: "how go potatoes, so go our business."

Christians, spending in Klamath Falls was above average this year. Some merchants noted double the sales on certain days this holiday season over last. And last Christmas there was heavy buying—war scare buying.

That shows where potatoes are standing economically this year. And not too far behind are beef and one of the world's greatest al-

ike clover seed crops.

An estimated 10,500 carloads of potatoes were grown in the Klamath basin this season, according to figures tabulated by the county agent's office here.

However, a favorable season also had a lot to do with reports of acreage yields exceeding 1000 pounds; and there were few that fell extremely low this season.

MILK PRICE

Behind those top crops other agricultural features are important.

Klamath dairymen received a lift when the state milk marketing administration okayed a raise in the minimum sale price here to 23 cents per quart.

But the dairymen went one step further, and originated a promotion schedule unique in agriculture.

Always before promotion in this area—and most everywhere—had been left up to the distributors.

Barley had a fair year. The low opening price of \$3.03, got no takers, but by the time the market had closed at the season's end, most buyers were willing to pay a good \$3.40 per hundred pounds.

NO SUPPORT

Unlike the 1950-51 potato season, when support prices apparently raised acreage nationally to the point where markets were flooded, there were no supports this year.

Potato experts point at this as the reason for the low crop—estimated in the December report of the department of agriculture as \$35,700,000 bushels—for this year, and consequent low price.

Beef production, which last year was the biggest individual money-maker on farm basis, won't make the grade as such this year even though it has maintained an increase.

County Agent C. A. Henderson estimates the cattle population of the basin now stands at 70,000, an all time high. Not even in the years when cattle was "the thing" was he so plentiful.

Ranchers have taken an intense interest in better pastures and improved grasses, and there are reports of such pastures returning from 700 to 800 pounds of beef per acre during the summer months.

Henderson notes also that there's been a tremendous new interest in the improvement of breeding stock, with the best available now the byword for most cattle ranchers.

One of the few commodities which throughout this year maintained a level above parity.

MIRACLE CROP
Rising up from the green fields this season was a crop that's long been common to Klamath farmers but nothing like this. Alsike clover growers won't soon forget the 1951 harvest, when Klamath basin became the alsike capital of the world.

Almost one-fourth of the alsike seed crop grown in the United States—five million pounds—was grown in the Klamath country this season. And prices were at top levels, ranging even above the 40-

Some residents of the area asked for a survey of the sewer cost. The 11 houses now have cesspools or septic tanks.

The vacant lots, Thomas said, are listed as owned by the Wilson Title and Abstract Company and it is probable where the sewer cost would be greater than the assessed valuation.

State Job Bids Let Out

SALEM (U-P) — A Portland firm submitted the low bid Thursday for constructing ceilings and making other improvements to motor vehicle buildings at armories in seven Oregon cities.

Fiberglass Engineering and Supply Co. of the Northwest had the low offer of \$31,900 for the work at Grants Pass, Baker, Bend, Oregon City and The Dalles. Two other bids were submitted to the State Board of Control.

Only one bid was received by the Department of Finance for reconstructing the outside of the State Supreme Court building here. Lorentz Brunn Co., Portland, bid \$18,780, about \$4,000 above the estimated cost.

Lowest bids for supplying mimeograph stencils for state department next year came from J. K. Gill Co., Portland.

The bride, a nurse, cared for Halley during his illness last April.

Truckers Granted Six Percent Boost

OLYMPIA (U-P) — A six percent rate increase, identical to that allowed railroads last week, was granted to intrastate motor freight carriers Thursday by the State Public Service Commission.

Jerome Kuykendall, commission chairman, said the increase would apply to all rates and charges on general merchandise and to a portion of the charges included in the special mileage tariff.

The general merchandise increase will become effective January 7, while the mileage increases will go into effect February 1.

TO WEB
SEATTLE (U-P) — Notice of intention to web was filed here Thursday by Calisto Tacardon, 44, Watsonville, Calif., and Margaret Tacardon, 40, Eugene, Ore.

There was no snow, but sleet and ice gave them chance to slide. One 10-year-old boy promptly skidded out of control into a sign post. He was hospitalized for cuts and bruises, the first sledding casualty of the winter here.

Sleds Get First Portland Trout

PORTLAND (U-P) — Children who got Christmas sleds went into action here Thursday.

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Connally Asks 'Get Tough' Idea

HOUSTON, Tex. (U-P) — Sen. Connally, D-Tex., head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Thursday that Hungary's demand of ransom for the release of four American flyers was international blackmail and demanded "get tough" action by the United States.

He said the "U.S. might as well let these satellites know the United States does not propose to let them transgress international law in carrying out their criminal plans against American citizens."

He said in an interview he would have imposed an economic boycott against Hungary and broken diplomatic relations rather than pay the ransom.

American thinking has been divided on other great issues involved in stopping Communism and for various reasons, including obvious political ones.

But American reaction to the jailing and mistreatment of Americans behind the Iron Curtain was instant and unanimous: A filthy, corrupt, vicious, unnecessary, inhuman performance.

It had the effect of uniting Americans in active hatred.

If this hatred is intensified by new irritations it will have far-reaching effect on decisions made by the government for those decisions, fanned by hate, will be more active, not more passive.

Weight Poses Big Problem

PIKEVILLE, Ky. (U-P)—Even in death, Virgil Tackett's weight was a problem.

When Tackett's special casket was built at the small home on nearby Robinson Creek, the family had to remove the door frame before they could get the box outside.

Tackett, who tipped the scales between 500 and 600 pounds, died Wednesday in his sturdily-built chair, a chair he found more comfortable for sleeping than a bed.

Death apparently was caused by a heart condition.

The 26-year-old Tackett, who will be buried Friday, was big all his life.

At birth, he weighed 13 pounds, but his parents said it had been years since Tackett stepped on a scale.

"Stolen" Car Found In Snowbank

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (U-P)—A city employee investigated a large mound of snow near the water department garage Thursday and found an automobile in it.

It was a City Health Department car that was reported stolen from the garage the day before Christmas.

A red-faced Health Department employee said he had parked the car at the garage before a heavy snowfall drifted over the area. He had not heard it later was reported stolen.

Hand-Written Bible Is Gift

TROY, N. Y. (U-P)—William Gille received a unique Christmas present—a copy of the Bible, written in long-hand by his mother, Mrs. William Gille, 65, of New York, said the project took 15 years, 18 bottles of ink and covered 1,828 pages of paper. She used only one pen.

Mrs. Gille, a Seventh Day Adventist, copied the St. James version of the Bible. She said she wrote during her spare time, in periods ranging from 10 minutes to more than four hours.

The task, which fulfilled a childhood dream, never tired her, Mrs. Gille said. Instead, she added, it gave her a "lift."

WEDS
NEW YORK (U-P)—Rudolph Halley former counsel for the Senate Crime Committee and recently elected president of the New York City Council, was married Thursday to Miss Janice Brosh of Kingston, Pa.

The bride, a nurse, cared for Halley during his illness last April.

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