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## Caught in the Round

By DEB ADDISON

At the end of a year every line writer sits down to prognosticate the coming events for the new year. Well, leave that to the boys, with one passing observation. In '32 expect more of the same. In '33 expect more of the same. It took us twenty years to get the country into its present state. It was lucky enough if the country is enough nauseated with the corruption of our new government to get a new administration, it will take another twenty years to straighten things out.

On that bugaboo, inflation, don't expect ever to get back to the "good old days." The history of all governments is that of progressive inflation. There are ups and downs but the ups always exceed the downs. There is no such thing as controlled inflation. Inflation may be stopped; if not, it goes on and on.

On the local scene, expect to hear a lot more in 1952 about that all-important subject, water use. There are indications that all local interests—agriculture, industry, recreation—can get together on further beneficial use of our water. The responsibility is on our local people in these fields to do just that to fortify the grandiose federal schemes.

On the local scene, too, let's express a hope for 1952. Let's hope that the spud growers do two things.

Come to the Klamath Basin Potato Festival next fall, let's hope that our growers come forth with exhibits that are good enough to crown a strictly local man as Oregon Potato King.

It's a bit unwieldy having to take in Deschutes as the North Suburban area.)

Number Two: Let's hope that the growers get together on some constructive program to promote the superior quality of Klamath Basin potatoes in the California markets.

The experiment on the 1949 and 1950 crop uncovered some marketing obstacles that, at the moment,

seemed insurmountable. There are problems but they're not insurmountable. Other growers are successfully promoting their crops.

Every man has two major interests outside his family. One is his vocation, whatever he works at to earn a living; the other is his avocation, whatever he works at for relaxation.

There's plenty said about all the organized vocations and avocations. Let's now say a word in behalf of that non-organized fraternity, the outdoorsmen.

We're thinking particularly of both those individuals who ramble out with rod and gun for relaxation and of those on whose land they have the privilege of rambling. People who don't find their pleasure in the outdoors and who don't own the land that is necessary for their pursuit are hell for inviting the world in to take our fish and game, shoot up the landscape, and cut our fences.

We hunters smoulder when we have to move out of favorite haunts to escape an influx of half-trained idiots. Property owners are wild when the marauders move in. We're thinking particularly of the stockman who this fall lost six cows and two range bulls to the bullets of so-called hunters, in addition to seeing guns poke out the windows of a passing car to shoot a doe and leave her mortally wounded in his front yard.

Also, isn't it a strange condition of social standards that fines a man hundreds of dollars for taking the wrong kind of a bird, and at the same time levies five or ten bucks on the "hunter" who slays a deer or a doe in his own barnyard for denial of trespass?

So let's hope that in '52 you folks outside the outdoors travel-trailers will take it easy on us and invite those guests to go bowling or golfing or to a game of pinocle instead.

With that, a Happy New Year to you, and adios for 1951.

## They Could Hang it on You For Smoking Opium in Town

By HALE SCARBROUGH

One of these days the City Council is going to get busy and divest Klamath Falls of some of its many laws—and well it should.

Mrs. Gladys Cox, City Hall clerk who is redefining Klamath Falls ordinances dating all the way back to the time Klamath Falls was Linkville and was governed by a board of supervisors, has found a lot that are antiquated, unenforceable or superseded by other laws and ordinances.

Here is a summary of just a few:

June 5, 1893—Driving or riding over any bridge or wharf at speed greater than a walk prohibited; driving more than 50 head of cattle, 500 hogs or 1,000 sheep across any bridge or wharf illegal.

July 1, 1901—Using a slingshot in town prohibited.

June 27, 1902—Shooting firecrackers or rockets in town prohibited.

April 28, 1914—Driving horses or mules with "ice" calk shoes on paved streets between May and November 1 outlawed.

December 23, 1903—Smoking opium within the corporate limits of the city, operating or frequenting an opium den forbidden.

December 23, 1903—Hitching a horse to a signpost or telegraph pole prohibited.

December 7, 1903—A Klamath Falls police force established, setting the pay of the Town Marshal at \$75 a month, the policeman at \$50 a month, special police \$2.50 a day.

October 13, 1926—Allowing diagonal (30-degree angle) parking on Main, Klamath, Pine and cross streets.

December 23, 1903—Setting speed limit at 6 miles an hour.

September 8, 1907—Reducing speed limit to 5 miles an hour.

September 5, 1904—Erection or use of any advertising device, etc., tending to frighten horses outlawed.

September 5, 1904—Stealing books or magazines from the library or disturbing its patrons banned.

September 5, 1904—Riding a horse on the sidewalk forbidden.

September 5, 1904—Hitching a horse to any ornamental fence or railing or to any ornamental shade tree prohibited.

## ONCE THERE WERE 87 WOODS FIRES GOING

Western forests browned before a heavy storm of forest fires during 1951, while around the edges mining claims on wooded areas grew and drew public interest.

The Klamath basin had a taste of both mining claim troubles and forest fires. In the Chemult area—about 80 miles north of Klamath Falls—some 28,000 acres of Deschutes national forest lands have been tied up by placer mining claims, and work was stymied for a time on the Bonneville power transmission line right-of-way being cleared through there.

The claims could slow construction of a new section of U. S. 97 from the Willamette junction north, also.

The placer claims are on pumice, and are akin to some 70,000 acres of forest lands being tied up in Rogue River national forest. If mining claimants on both sections prove up on their claims they will eventually get the whole works—land, mineral and timber.

Meanwhile, most of Oregon and California were scorched beneath terrific forest fires, many brought on by a record dry season—139 days without rain in the Klamath basin.

However, Klamath county's fire record was good. The Klamath Forest Protective Assoc. had one of its better years, despite the extreme hazard of dry woods. The Rogue River national forest's Klamath district had a fair year, with a 70-acre blaze near Cold Springs its biggest worry.

Man-caused fires were on the in-

## They'll Do It Every Time



## James Marlow

WASHINGTON (P)—Now that they've tried their campaign hats on for size, three Republican candidates for the presidential nomination will burst into 1952, running as hard as they can.

This, of course, surprises no one because all three were expected to be candidates.

Senator Taft of Ohio, who announced Oct. 18, getting a jump on the others; Governor Warren of California, who announced Nov. 14; and Harold E. Stassen, president of the University of Pennsylvania and former governor of Minnesota, who announced Thursday.

The field is by no means complete, since others still can get in, particularly General Eisenhower, who, however, may lose a little yardage by every week he delays.

But the Taft, Warren, Stassen campaign hats are not exactly new. All three tried for the nomination before which would indicate the White House is an attractive residence.

If they lose out this time to Eisenhower, perhaps, or some dark horse who feels his oats at the Republican convention next summer—their loss will be the last race for all three.

They're getting older. And besides, in the eyes of the machine politicians who have to ring the precinct doorbells, the wear and tear of supporting elections is hard on the nervous system.

All three, like men sweeping the snow away from in front of the barn so they could have a good old-fashioned wrestle when the sun came out, did the usual and appropriate thing when they announced their candidacy.

They issued a sort of general statement of what they were for and what they were against. And it was what they said may seem vague to some, that isn't unusual in the preliminary statements of presidential candidates.

They still have plenty of time to get more specific so the voters will know where each man stands precisely, although the behind-the-scenes job of lining up the support of the professional politicians may well be the deciding factor in this Republican race.

On the subject of more economy in running the government, a subject which the Republicans have been talking about for years, all three men are agreed. They say more economy is needed.

This year the scandals in government, or perhaps it's only the hope, of President Truman—will be a strong talking point in the campaign ahead—and the greatest chance for any candidate to show in some detail just what kind of constructive leadership he could provide.

## NEW YORK (P)—Wilbur Peeble is the kind of guy who puts everything off to the last minute.

Looking up from his morning paper in surprise, he said to his wife:

"Why, it's New Year's Eve tonight, Trellis Mae. And we haven't made any plans. What would you like to do, Honey?"

"What would you like to do?" she parried.

"Oh, I don't know," said Wilbur. "Let's do something different for a change."

"That will be rather hard for you to do," she answered.

"Why?" asked Wilbur, falling blindly into her trap.

"Well, let's look at the record," she Trellis Mae, pulling a small black book from the pocket of her housecoat. Wilbur noted that black book because of its title, which was: "The Strange Life and Misdeeds of Wilbur Peeble, faithfully compiled by his wife."

He began to squirm as Trellis Mae thumbed through the index and paused at the section headed, "New Year's Eve Crimes and Mishaps."

"You want to do something different for a change?" she mused.

"Well, let's see. Remember when college boys across the country were swallowing goldfish? At a New Year's Eve party that year you went to the icebox and tried to swallow a three-pound trout," Wilbur said nothing, but coughed a bit. The mere memory of that episode always made his throat feel sore.

"I will skip over the New Year's Eve of 1947, when you picked that fight with the policeman," said Trellis Mae. "Let's take 1948. Remember. We went to a night club and you loaned \$20 to a total stranger from Keokuk, and we ended up walking home because you didn't have taxi fare."

Wilbur flushed and chomped noisily on his breakfast toast.

"In 1949 we went to your boss's house," continued his wife, "and you did that light rope walking act of yours across the top of the sofa. Everybody laughed, but the boss didn't laugh when you fell off and broke the floor lamp."

to head the forest closures, and early deer kills were reported right on schedule.

## Sen. Douglas Backs Ike

WASHINGTON (P)—Senator Douglas D-III, Saturday called General Eisenhower "the overwhelming favorite of the great mass of the American people" for the presidency.

And he predicted "a great many Democrats" would vote for the general if he becomes the Republican presidential nominee.

At the same time, Douglas came up with what appeared to be a flat "no" to proposals in some quarters that he be the Democratic party's candidate for President in the 1952 election.

"In the highly improbable event the Democratic nomination came to me, I would not accept," Douglas told reporters.

QUICK

MILAN, Italy (P)—A 30-year-old farmer bet his friends Friday night he could drink a pint of Grappa, a strong alcoholic drink distilled from grapes in one gulp.

His funeral will be held Monday.

## Klamath Kindergarten

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## Big-Time Events Show Here

By MALCOLM EPLEY JR.

1951 wasn't a great year for events of special interest in the Klamath basin, but yet the Cascade's eastern slopes won't soon forget the increasing frequency of "big time" atmosphere that has been developing through the past 12 months here.

Events which at first may appear insignificant stand out surprisingly when gathered together and looked back upon from a distance.

A very young farmer and farmer-ette's livestock show brought stock prices seldom heard of in such circles; a dog show drew more national competitors than did a long-established show in Portland; Klamath Falls was the site of a half dozen state conventions, and Klamath's newest big industry—Oregon Technical Institute—grew up suddenly in the minds of local folks when it fielded a football team and a homecoming comparable to the "big" schools of the state; and the annual Klamath rodeo, not the national spectator's attraction as Pendleton, drew some of the nation's top riders and ropers.

Bonanza's 17-year-old Vernon Hakeley took his Hereford steer "Dick" to the grand championship of the 1951 Rotary Junior livestock show. The steer sold for \$120 per pound, or \$1100. An Aberdeen Angus broke a Pacific coast record by selling for \$330 at the annual Angus sale here.

The Klamath "femur club's" dog show drew more than 300 contestants, most of them contestants working the national loop. A tiny Chihuahua was named best in the show.

A new stretch of line highway opened the way for faster travel northward on highway 97 when the new ribbon was clipped on the new Algonia cutoff. The new route knocks off the serpentine Algonia hill, a traffic bottleneck for several decades.

The Oddfellows, Eagles, Veterans of Foreign Wars, postmaster's Oregon Federation of Labor and the State Building trades council all held annual state conventions in Klamath Falls during the year.

The Community Concert Assoc. began its 1951-52 season with the famed Robert Shaw Chorus, and has two more concerts scheduled early this year.

In Merrill, the annual Klamath Basin Potato Festival was highlighted by a couple of sacks of spuds from the Deschutes country which swept the field in potato exhibit competition. Otherwise, the festival showed up as one of the best in its history.

Perhaps the most special of all special events, as far as the city of Klamath Falls was concerned, though, was its story in the Saturday Evening Post's "Cities of America" series.

However, the celebration of the 20-year mark of the joining of the Great Northern and Western Pacific railroads at Bieber noted another step in Klamath basin progress. ON Pres. John Buid noted that a great percentage of the ON railroad freight travels over the rails which pass through Klamath Falls.

## Post Office Sticks To Guns Over Betsy Ross

WASHINGTON (P)—The Post Office Department Saturday flatly refused to get into an argument with anybody over the new Betsy Ross stamp, to be issued at Philadelphia Jan. 2.

Challenged by a Washington editor on the matter of historical accuracy, officials took the position that the story about Mrs. Ross making the first American flag is a beautiful story, true or not, and that the three-cent basic commemorative is a beautiful stamp.

And that, they said, is that.

M. B. Schnapper, editor of Public Affairs Press which publishes reference books in the economics and history fields, raised the challenge.

He wrote Postmaster General Donaldson "with regret" to protest that the stamp will "give official credence for the first time to a legend that has no documentary foundation whatsoever."

After World War I, he was Chief Medical Officer for the Veterans' Bureau in the Seattle district and from 1924 to 1928 was manager of Cushman Veterans Hospital at Tacoma.

He said he and Mrs. Carter would continue to live here.

## Vet Hospital Boss To Quit

PORTLAND (P)—Dr. Paul I. Carter, 65, manager of the U. S. Veterans' Hospital here since 1928, will retire Jan. 31.

He came here from Tacoma and in his first year directed removal of the hospital from the present Holladay Park hospital building to its site in Sam Jackson park on Marquam Hill.

He was stationed at Port Townsend in 1907 with the U. S. Public Health Service.

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## Reds Given First Mail

PANMUNJOM, Korea (P)—The U. S. Command Saturday delivered to the Communists of postcards from Red prisoners of war.

It was the first big package of mail the U. N. Allies have turned over to the Reds since both sides agreed to accept mail from prisoners.

Prisoners in United Nations camps always have been allowed to send mail through the International Red Cross at Geneva.

The Communists on Dec. 27 delivered a sack containing 803 letters from United Nations prisoners held in North Korea in POW camps.

At that time the U. N. Command turned over two letters but did not disclose whom they were for.

## Doc Rages Over Suit

SAN FRANCISCO (P)—An angry director of public health is asking the city's legal department to determine how far the Health Department can go in saving a life with out being sued.

Dr. C. C. Geiger, the health director, made the request as a result of a \$50,000 claim Thursday by Mrs. Theresa R. Butler, 60-year-old widow, pronounced dead at the morgue and revived after an ambulance driver noticed signs of life.

She contends she was burned in several places from unregulated heat while at Harbor Emergency Hospital.

The director said he was "fed up" with people trying to sue the department.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "this case should be directed against the coroner's office, not the health department. If the coroner's men are going to pick up live people, they ought to treat them."

## Russian Roulette Fatal To Youth

DALLAS, Tex. (P)—Don O. Honea, 18, played Russian roulette and lost, his three teenage companions told police Friday night.

Officers found him slumped in the back seat of a parked car. He held a .38 caliber pistol in his right hand. He died about an hour later.

One companion told police Honea suggested they play Russian roulette and emptied the pistol. Then he put one cartridge back in the chamber.

"I heard a thump and the pistol fired," he said. "Don just groaned. A roulette is played with one round of ammunition in the chamber of a pistol. The contestant twirls the chamber and places the pistol to his head, then pulls the trigger."

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