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By DEB ADDISON

In case the members of the Nature Society are perplexed as to why their bird count failed up fewer birds than in any of the past three years, we'll let 'em in on the reason.

It came about through the nostalgia of former Klamathites—next door neighbors of ours in the previous days—the Denny Rees family.

Dr. Rees was a Klamath Falls dentist (and reserve officer) then. He went back in the service—Bare Pearl Harbor, was stationed in Manila, endured the Death March, and spent most of the war years at Cabanatuan prison, being released in that first daring sortie of the Rangers—but that's another story.

The Rees family lives at Oswego now, and Denny is a Portland orthodontist. He used to come back to Klamath to straighten your and my kids' teeth, but now spends all his time up there.

Anyway, Lakeshore Drive and the west side of Klamath Lake is the habitat of more kinds of birds than you'll find most anywhere. So it's easy to see how the Rees family became acquainted with birds—and how come the birds have moved to Oswego with them.

The story was told on the Oregonian editorial page the other day. We'll quote that editorial from here on:

Shortly before Christmas the Junior Gardeners, sponsored by the Lake Grove Garden Club, decorated two trees at the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Rees. These were not the usual Christmas trees indoors where it was warm, nor even lighted up for Christmas trees. These were for the birds.

The children brought orange berries, pine cones stuffed with suet, shells filled with peanut butter,

doughnuts and apple slices, and they loaded the two five and six-foot trees that stood on the terrace. The children had hardly left before the birds came. Never again will the Rees family be without bird trees. Rees reported for her family it was long before the birds ate up all the edible decorations, and since then members of the family have replenished the food. They plan to trees on doing all through the cold winter months.

Another family took their stripped Christmas tree outdoors and turned it into a bird tree by putting melted fat and scraps on already growing in their yards to serve as bird dining rooms. One woman who attracts birds by the hundreds to her yard finds this recipe the most popular piece of delectable she prepares: two or three loaves of stale bread with warm water and drains them. To these she adds two or three cups of warm bacon drippings or kitchen fat, leftover bits of honey and glasses, then stirs in four cups of baby chick scratch feed she buys especially, and two or three cups of rolled oats. This she puts on limbs and in crotches of the tree, and the juncos come quick as a flash. She mentions of a flock of all. Suet is the favorite food on winter days of the woodpeckers and bush tits, and the blue jays like it too. It can be put in special suet feeders, or in holes in the trees.

Feeding the birds saves them from almost sure starvation when snow covers their natural sources of food. Decorating a bird tree near a window where a shut-in can see the birds brings hours of fascinated pleasure not alone to the birds. Feeding the birds is one way to unlock a key to contentment.

General Eisenhower's Paris political statement means this is not to be 1948 all over again. This time he is definitely available as a presidential candidate and openly welcomes the efforts of his supporters to bring about his nomination next July.

Furthermore, he has at last established publicly that he is a Republican by conviction and voting record.

Thus it is immediately clear he will not withdraw his name from the New Hampshire primary, first in the nation, and he is entered by Senator Lodge and his other campaign managers. Nor, presumably will he block any other primary activities initiated in his behalf.

This much is on the positive side. Negatively, however, he has made it equally evident that he will not ask to be relieved of his NATO command to seek the nomination, and will not take part in any pre-convention activities.

He is insistent upon sticking at his present job in the absence of a "clear-cut call to political duty." Yet this does not mean he holds himself aloof from politics.

The tenor of his statement shows that he feels so deep an allegiance to present responsibilities that no half-hearted command from people and party could tear him away.

Nor does it mean he demands that he be truly "drafted." The mere act of endorsing the campaign efforts of his backers wipes

away any notion that he is here being asked to draft Eisenhower for the presidency.

A draft assumes neither approval of nor participation in campaign activities.

To ask that a call to duty be clear-cut is something else. It seems a fair request from a man who occupies such a key position in the world's defense structure. The general is reluctant to abandon this vital post to chase a political will of the wisp.

What would constitute a clear-cut call? Eisenhower can define. Public opinion polls long have shown him the most popular choice for the presidency.

But other polls indicate Senator Taft is the great favorite of the already elected Republican organization.

Possibly only a strong showing in several key primaries would turn the trick. To a skeptic on polls, popular sentiment expressed in primaries might be more convincing. And such evidence, if sufficiently dramatic, might win over substantial elements of the GOP organization now wedded to Taft.

Certainly the burden is now heavily upon Eisenhower's supporters and the primary states. Any other means to convert his present availability into an active candidacy.

School Homework Is The Bane Of Most All Parents

By ARTHUR EDSON
(For Hal Boyle)

WASHINGTON (AP) — If the society for the protection of parents from school homework will please come to order, the president will get on with his report.

Frankly, the situation is not good. All over the country parents are tottering under the burden of writing essays on the robin or trying to solve obscure arithmetic problems.

The U.S. office of Education has no statistics on how many hours parents spend each year on their children's homework.

But a fellow I talked to there said he had a pretty good idea. "Plenty," he said.

"I realized I had a potential member of our society."

"What is your hardest subject?" I asked sympathetically.

"Mine's mathematics," I said.

Actually, the real evil behind doing homework for children often has been overlooked.

Moralists have attacked it on the grounds that a child should do his own homework, and not palm it off on his parents.

That may be true. But I suspect the argument often is used by people who can't do the homework, and therefore hide behind their morality.

I think a more honest approach is this: To do a child's homework tears down the final shred of respect for his parents' ability.

By the time a youngster is a year and half old, he has begun to think for himself. If he's smart at all—and they all seem smart nowadays—he has us parents pretty well sired up as frauds who rarely have the courage to carry out the threats we make.

In a few fields, however, the parents linger on as something of an authority. True, as the father of

four girls, I have to skulk around the fringes of most conversations at our house.

My opinions are worthless on such subjects as A. How much lipstick should a 14-year-old wear? B. How long should a girl's hair be? and C. Are blond boys cuter than dark haired boys? My girls say blond boys. I'm dark haired myself.

But in one field I always held my own. If a youngster came in with a school problem, Mrs. E. would say sweetly, "Take it to your father, dear. He knows everything."

It was simple, for a time. But this year the 14-year old entered high school and I had to work out various stalls for time.

Such as: "This is something you should learn for yourself. Look it up in the encyclopedia so that next time you'll be sure to know it."

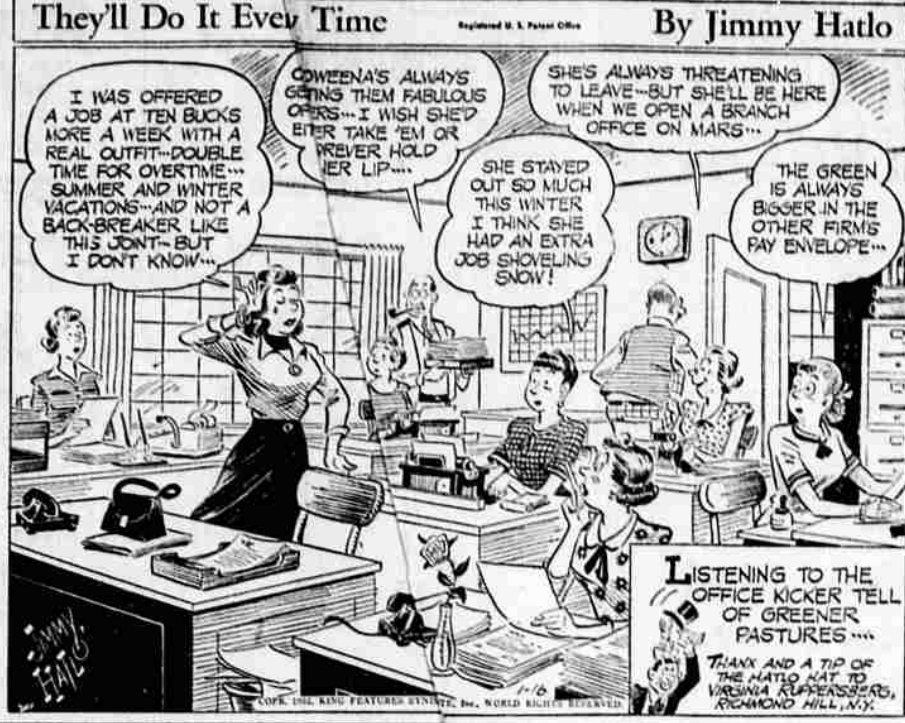
Last week the inevitable blow fell. My daughter came in with: "Plane A starts from airport S at 8 a.m. flying 150 m.p.h. At 9:30 a.m., plane B starts after A on the same track flying 250 m.p.h. How long will it take B to overtake A?"

"Looks simple," I said, lying hopefully.

Well, I wrestled that problem until algebraic equations covered the living room floor. I mentally flew plane A from airport S, and then hurried back and took off in plane B, until I was aiskick.

Finally, hours overdue and given up for lost, I checked in with the answer. Well, anyway, an answer. It was too late. Everyone knew by then that I didn't know any more algebra than a goat.

What has happened to me has happened to millions. So, parents of the world, unite! Join our protective society. Stand firm behind our slogan: "No more homework!" It's our only hope.



James Marlow

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — Behind closed doors Secretary of State Acheson told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee the position of the free world is somewhat better than it was a year ago.

So far as it goes, that's right. It doesn't go far enough, President Truman, in his message to Congress, gave the rounded picture when he said this is a "crucial year."

A year ago the Chinese Communists had us in such bad shape there was talk we might abandon Korea. Now we have them in a position where they're talking truce. That's some improvement.

Last year when Atlantic Pact troops in Europe were in skeleton shape, there was some fear the Russians might attack before we could get the number of Atlantic Pact divisions is larger.

Last year at this time defense production was far worse off than now. Defense Mobilizer Wilson says that in the past year "we have come a long way along the road toward a mighty America."

While Acheson talked to the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, Gen. Omar Bradley, head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was talking to its Armed Services Committee behind closed doors.

Later Chairman Russell, Georgia Democrat, told reporters Bradley said the Joint Chiefs have military plans ready if the truce talks with the Chinese fail. This might indicate we could whip the Chinese if we tried.

But Senator Morse, Oregon Republican and a member of Russell's committee which heard Acheson, also spoke to reporters and he said:

"When we talk about holding a line in Korea because we are not in a posture to conduct an offensive, we had better begin to give the boys what they need."

That would seem to indicate we are not any more anxious for a

big offensive, and it more able to conduct one, than the Chinese who have been stalling in the truce talks.

And, Morse said, sense production is "far better" than it should be. He called for an investigation of the who mobilization program.

As for Europe—while we and our allies have more divisions there now than a year ago they're hardly enough to stop the Russians on land although we might stop or slow them by atom bombing.

So, while the Allied position has improved somewhat in the areas just mentioned, it is a lot way from a happy ending. At the same time the picture has darkened in other areas.

This country has made it clear we believe the greatest danger to the free world is a Russian attack in Western Europe and stopping them, or discouraging them from starting, is our No. 1 job.

It's just possible the Russians don't consider an attack on Western Europe their No. 1 job, particularly if they can nibble away at the perimeters and inflict great defeat on the West without a head-on attack on the West—the West.

In this past year our strongest ally, Britain, has suffered tremendous setbacks in Iran and Egypt, both part of the Middle East which is vital to the West.

And while we haggle about a truce with the Chinese Communists in Korea, reports flow from the Far East about a buildup of Communist forces for an invasion of Indochina where another Western ally, France, has been fighting off Communist guerrillas for five years.

The struggle in Indochina has drained France of men and money. An invasion starts there we'll have to help with troops—which would weaken us elsewhere—or help with planes and ships.

Auto Inspection Urged By Newbury In Attempt To Cut Down Rising Car Deaths

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.

SALEM (AP) — Last year's record number of automobile accidents in Oregon has convinced state officials something will have to be done about it.

It proves that the three E's—engineering, enforcement and education—are not being carried out. That means the alarming toll can be reduced only by better roads, more police officers and education of drivers.

In 1951 there were 440 persons killed on Oregon highways and streets. That wasn't a record, being 42 fewer than the all-time high in 1946. It was the second largest total, though.

There were 80,000 accidents, which was a record. And the number of persons injured, 13,500, also was a new high mark.

Now Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury, who administers the State's motor vehicle laws, comes out for compulsory inspection of motor vehicles as a starter in trying to reduce the accident toll.

The plan which Newbury will submit to the Legislature provides for annual or semi-annual inspections of brakes, lights, tires, wheel alignments, and electrical systems of every car and truck registered in the state.

The inspection would be made in garages and service stations which are approved by his office. Each inspection would cost 50 or 75 cents.

Fourteen states have compulsory inspection, and they claim to have reduced their automobile fatalities 15 per cent below the national average. These states are in the East and South, except for Utah, Colorado and New Mexico.

Washington State has a compulsory inspection law, but it's a dead letter because the Legislature hasn't appropriated money for it in the past two sessions.

How many accidents are caused by faulty equipment? The answer is questionable.

The National Safety Council says 13 per cent of all accidents are caused by bad equipment.

Newbury's traffic safety division, which checks every Oregon accident report, fixes the state figure at 4 per cent. It adds, however, that 8 per cent of the automobile deaths can be charged to faulty equipment.

The insurance companies, plagued by many claims and high costs of repairing cars, are enthusiastic about compulsory inspection. They think it also is a factor in safety education. A man who has had his car inspected might become a little conscious of the importance of careful driving.

The City of Portland had compulsory inspection for a few years. It was done by city employees, and was abandoned because of lack of facilities.

Newbury's plan would overcome that objection because it would be done in thousands of garages and service stations. Also, it wouldn't require much of a legislative appropriation.

Newbury's traffic safety division says that in the first half of 1951, there were 35,000 accidents in the state, and 1,338 of them could be traced to faulty equipment.

Of this latter number, 773 were caused by defective brakes.

Thirteen deaths in that period were caused by the poor equipment, including 5 by puncture or blow-out, 2 by bad brakes, 2 by poor lights, and 4 by steering wheel defect, and 3 by other causes.

Total farm output in 1951 has been estimated at 43 per cent above the 1935-39 average and nearly 4 per cent above 1950.

BLOOD DONATIONS ASKED

Klamath Falls citizens are being asked, along with all other communities, to donate to the blood bank. On TUESDAY, JAN. 22, a mobile blood bank will be in Klamath Falls to receive donations. If you care to donate you are asked to fill out the attached coupon and mail it to the Red Cross offices in the armory prior to that date. The clinic will be open from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Fourteen persons can be accommodated every 15 minutes. Please list an alternate time on your card. Nursery service will be furnished for those with small children. Transportation to and from the armory will be furnished those requesting it. The blood will be taken at the Armory.

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First Woman Steps Into New Orleans Stock Curb

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Seventy-seven years ago the New Orleans Stock Exchange was opened by a group of men with no one but men as members and with few customers who weren't men.

Maledom's monopoly of management died Tuesday when a trim figured little woman who spends most of her time as a wife and mother became a member of the exchange.

Mrs. Leonie Landry, the female trail blazer through a wilderness of males, sees nothing strange about her unique position. She says that women should make good brokers even if they are new to the trade.

Why should they? Simple, she says. "For generations women have been learning how to stretch a dollar."

Ten years ago Mrs. Landry became a stock broker. She had worked as personal secretary for Blaise D'Antoni, then one of this old city's best known traders. She watched him work, studied the market and methods, and in a short time she knew enough to operate alone.

Exchange President M. B. Wheeler confirms that Mrs. Landry is the first woman of the exchange.

"And she's the first woman ever to ask for membership—at least for as long as I can remember," Wheeler said.

Mrs. Landry's husband, A. L. Landry, is a concession owner. She was married, trained and educated in New Orleans and has two sons—one a graduate of Notre Dame University and the other a New Orleans high school student.

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Airlines Hearing Report Due Soon

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — The Civil Aeronautics Board expects to receive an examiner's report on the multi-issued Empire Air Lines case within a week, a CAB official said Tuesday.

The official said the examiner has been studying briefs and exhibits since hearings here and in Washington several months ago.

Issues involved include renewal of Empire's operating certificate, possible elimination of United Air Lines' service to Walla Walla, Pendleton and Spokane, and the application of West Coast Airlines to extend its routes from Seattle and Portland to Yakima. The Tri-City area and Walla Walla.

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Income Tax Racket Grows

WASHINGTON (AP) — The average individual paid about 17 per cent more income tax in 1951 than he did in 1950.

And he'll be paying more in 1952.

The percentage is somewhat smaller for persons in the higher brackets but they also got heavier whacks in the pocketbooks.

The heavier tax payments resulted from increases which went into effect Oct. 1, 1950 and Nov. 1, 1951.

The first increase pushed 1951 taxes up about 13 per cent over 1950. That resulted from repeal of a tax cut which had been voted by the Republican-controlled 60th Congress over a Presidential veto.

The repeal did not take effect until Oct. 1, 1950 so taxpayers were permitted to take about three-fourths of the reductions on their 1950 returns. The reductions were completely wiped out for the 1951 tax.

Piled on top of this was an increase of 1 1/2 per cent for most persons, effective last Nov. 1.

Since the second increase will be in effect for all of 1952, the tax will be higher. A man who pays \$102 in taxes in 1951 will have to pay \$111.75 for 1952.

Skeletons of an unidentified race of men were unearthed in the Colombian Andes near Bogota by scientists in 1951.

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