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By BILL JENKINS
I've been stabbed. In the back. By the Associated Press. Having spent the better part of several years trying to convince people at large that robbers are no bringers of spring but permanent residents I thought maybe a little headway had been made. Not so. Yesterday the AP carried a story on the wire which read (shudder): Omaha (AP)—A pair of robbers, but a pair of railroad rotary snowplows will serve as harbingers of spring this month for residents of West Yellowstone, Mont. On Tuesday . . . So there you have it. Like Caesar. We are surrounded by enemies. Oh death, where is thy sting?

dictor. I don't know when spring will be here. But maybe we can trust the word of Don Fisher, custodian of the Modoc Lava Beds. Don says, and I quote: "All signs at Lava Beds national monument indicate that spring is near at hand. Many of the migratory birds are returning and squirrels and marmots have ended their hibernation. End quote. "All I've got to say is 'more fools they.' If I were a squirrel (there are many who take issue with that) and had a warm bed I wouldn't get out of it before the Fourth of July. "Anyway, there's another prophet for you. Anybody else care to take a crack at it?"

Man's inhumanity to man is not best summed up in the grim and bloody business of war. It's to be found in a harmless (not lethal, that is—not quite) invention called an alarm clock. There is nothing else so nerve-shattering as waking up in the dead-black that precedes morning wondering if the alarm is about to go off or if you can safely go back to sleep. Luminous dials do no good. You never can see 'em. So you lie and suffer. And wait. And suffer, and finally go to sleep just ten seconds before the damn thing goes off. In case you're interested you can blame your early morning sleeplessness on the Germans who first invented the alarm clock, although the Americans took over the leadership of the field starting in 1909. The first clocks were built as early as 135 B.C. but had no alarm. They were water clocks. If you wanted to be super accurate you had a water clock and glass gadget known as an hourglass. You could hardly hear the sand run through it. Only the water dripping. "Anybody know where I can get a good hourglass?" And a new job? "Another early morning menace is the breakable shoelace. Goes in conjunction with clocks. If you oversleep you'll almost invariably jerk too hard on the fragile shoe laces and snap 'em. No wonder modern man's nervous system is a shattered and messy tangle. I seem to have missed every chance to score as a weather pre-

It won't be long before an organization will be in to sponsor a drive to get out the vote. Seems strange that we have to do this every year. Specially in view of the number of phone calls received by this office during a primary or an election wanting to know the results. If everyone that phoned also went out and voted we'd have a record breaking line at the polls. Not that we object. We like it. Shows interest on the part of the public and we're glad to have the calls and give out whatever information we have. We'll say it now and leave it up to your own sense of responsibility later: **GO ON OUT AND VOTE. IT MAY BE YOUR LAST CHANCE!** Briefs from the research department: We read somewhere or other that the reason skilled waitresses (usually pretty) never spill coffee (anybody seen a skilled waitress lately?) while carrying it is that they don't look at the cup. That is a downright lie and the man or woman who wrote it should be hung up by the thumbs. I've tried it. Our coffee shop is upstairs and conveying a cup of coffee down those stairs is like packing a greased pig over a tight rope. The only thing I ever got by not looking at the cup I was carrying was a badly stained pair of pants (coffee stains are hard to get out) and (2) a nasty bump when I slipped on the stairs (I was watching the new office girl) and fell. To heck with theories.

They'll Do It Every Time

HERE'S TO OUR CHILDREN'S TEACHERS, HEROINES UNSUNG, WHO BY WORK AND GOOD EXAMPLE EXPOUND THE MOTHER TONGUE



Frank Tripp

Sage Sidelances

One need not be religious to share the concern of clerics for the modern moral standards that curse our country. Nor need he be very old to remember when public opinion exiled drab doers from positions of trust; and when the power of example caused men in public life to watch their step. We once had a vice president who got himself on the hook by ignoring the importance of example in high places. Back then the cocktail suffered disfavor beyond ranks of the dregs. It was a symbol of snobbish aristocracy with the beer drinking common man. Thus there was a double barb to the hook that snagged Charles W. Fairbanks. He became universally known as "Cocktail Charlie." Conversely, one of our Presidents was so conscious of the power of example that he never permitted his picture to be taken while smoking. President McKinley said that non-smoking fathers might not think their children to see the President smoking a cigar. Alas, the pendulum of moral conduct has swung from prudish caution to almost criminal abandon. One most alarming phase of this perverted standard is the example that it permits before youth, the mockery of the very words morality and ethics. The generation is being taught that it is profitable and smart to be sly and tricky; that it is cute to ignore common man-to-man honesty and slither through life along the border line of integrity and concern for others. Once possessed by unholy ambition, the evidence is abundant that should a lad slip into what is left of dishonor, plenty of legal technicalities exist to clear him of almost anything. He reads daily that he only needs one of two things to make it safe—money or political influence. He observes that it is better to have both, and that one begets the other. He finds that money will buy political influence, and with political influence he can get money. The things that might deter him he finds at low ebb; such as public vigilance, which would expose him, and unswerving justice which would punish him. It seems quite safe to become gentleman grafter, thief, plunderer, even despot and get away with it. If he can but get on the inside. Every newspaper tells him of men who gamble with crimes against God and man and escape punishment through influence or money. His objective blinds him to the fact that righteous use of both would cure most of our domestic ills, build character in youth, save our republic and its motto "In God We Trust." We have ceased to trust in God when we flaunt His laws, desert His standards, and set up our own to humor our greed, under the bogus alibi that "times have changed." Integrity never changes; honesty is eternal. A thief is a thief; a liar is a liar, regardless of the immunity that money and influence may buy them. Americans need to set their sights upon the sincerity of their leaders, and the company they keep. But they need also to take inventory of where bad example is leading their children, and the nation. Time was when all stood in awe

By Jimmy Hatlo

LET IT ALL SEEM VERY FUTILE—GRAMMAR LOSSES THE DECISION—CAUSE THE CHILDREN APE THE LINGO OF THE SHOWS ON TELEVISION!



League Of Cities Has Meet Here

Klamath Falls is not alone in its municipal troubles, it became apparent as a regional meeting of the League of Oregon Cities held last night at Sar's. Every town seems to have about the same ones—shortage of money, tax troubles, traffic, fringe areas and the like. Some of them were aired at last night's session, which was attended by virtually all city officials of Klamath Falls and Chiloquin, plus a sprinkling of other persons. Principal speaker was William Bowes, Portland City Commissioner and President of the League of Oregon Cities. Discussion following Bowes' talk was handled by Herman Kehrl of the University of Oregon, a League consultant. About 40 persons were present. Bowes discussed the activities of the League of Oregon Cities toward providing information and trying to work out solutions to civic problems, and pointed out that he has appointed several committees to make particular studies, including one to review legislative proposals applicable to cities coming before the 1953 Legislature. The League, he said, will have a legislative representative, Raymond C. Coulter, a former member of the Legislature, who will keep city officials advised of developments at Salem. It will be up to city officials, however, instead of Coulter to push legislation the cities want, Bowes said.

Guest Editorial

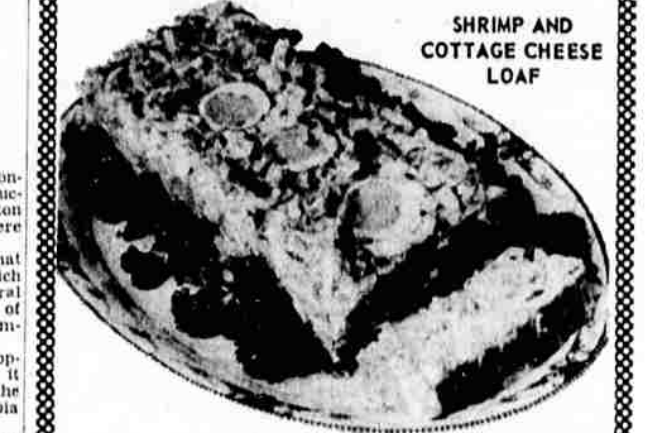
By FLORENCE OGLE
620 Washington
Ever since you asked readers to submit guest editorials to your paper I have been thinking of writing one but do not know just what it should contain. However, I do know something I would like to see left out of the editorials. That is the impression that everybody uses alcoholic drinks. (For chapter and verse glance over the editorials that have appeared since Christmas.) I read recently that half the people in the United States use no alcoholic drinks. This may, however, include babies, who have no choice. Our law enforcement officers seem to assume that alcohol is not good for children. Also there is an impression that indulgence by adults may increase traffic hazards. Some of those who abstain seem to think such indulgence is wicked. Some of us feel that it is a stupid waste of money. I have been told that the reason movies show so much drinking is to give movement, that when two people meet it would be dull to have them let their hands droop. So one offers the other either a smoke or a drink to keep action in the picture. This should not be necessary in an editorial. There are 36 church buildings in the city limits of Klamath Falls.

WAR DEAD
WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Defense Department Wednesday identified 2,681,000 members have taken out 1952 membership cards, a three per cent from the previous year's enrollment.

COMMIE TOTAL DROPS
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NEW YORK (AP)—The Red Cross is something the average man takes on faith, just as he does mother love or the wings of an airplane in which he flies.

Unless he is involved in a general calamity, he may never see at first hand what the organization does. But he trusts the goals to which it is pledged. This year the Red Cross in America is trying to raise at least \$65,000,000 to carry out its widening program, which last year included the raising of 1,000,000 pints of blood. Just what is the Red Cross? One of the most beautiful definitions was penned long ago by the late James A. Mills, famous Associated Press foreign correspondent. Jim Mills, who died ten years ago this month, roved five continents in quest of news and was once told by Mahatma Gandhi, "When I enter Heaven I expect to find you waiting to interview me at the gates." As a young man Mills served with the Red Cross in seven European countries during and after the First World War. What he saw, then and later, of the organization's international work for the good of mankind led him to write the following tribute to it: "I am the Red Cross. I was born of the hearts of men. I am sustained by forty million souls. My mission is of mercy, kindness and charity. My bounds are the limits of the earth. I am my brother's keeper. I know neither color, race nor religion. My creed is the creed of service. My voice is the voice of the American people. My goal is the goal of higher humanity. My precept is the precept of God. My reward is the gratitude of the widow and orphan, of the strong and the sick, of the happy and the bereaved. "I go forth into the darkness of the night, into the uncertainties of the day. I penetrate the fields of battle. I defy the peril of shell and bullet. I lighten the horrors of combat. I encourage and inspire the soldier. I give him a thousand comforts. I minister to those he has left at home. I claim the wounded from the battlefield; I bind their wounds and ease their sufferings. I mark the graves of the dead. "I eradicate epidemics. I am the foe of plague and pestilence. I mitigate the horrors of floods and fire and wrecks. I am the arch-enemy of calamities. I triumph over poverty, want and woe. I house the homeless. I feed the hungry. I clothe the naked. I protect the widow and the orphan. I am the friend and helper of all nations. My hand and heart encompass the globe. My legions I send to the uttermost parts of the earth—across the threatened ocean, through war-swept territories, over infested lands. "I am the sentinel of the health of the human race. My sympathy

Bids Called On Dexter Dam Gear

PORTLAND (AP)—Army engineers Tuesday asked for bids on a turbine for Dexter Dam. The proposed re-regulating dam will be two miles downstream from Lookout Point Dam, now under construction on the southern part of the Willamette River. Dexter Dam, to be 80 feet high and 3,635 feet long, will have a power capacity of 1,500 kilowatts. Bids on the turbine will be opened here April 10. Bids for actual construction will be awarded in January of next year.

IN COMMAND

NEW YORK (AP)—Harry Manning, 35, United States Lines commandore, was named Tuesday to command the new \$1,500 ton superliner United States, largest and fastest ever built in America. The vessel is scheduled to make its maiden voyage from New York to Le Havre and Southampton July 2.

KILLED

PORTLAND (AP)—A 66-year-old man was fatally injured Tuesday night when he was struck by a car. He was Olaf Gunderson of Portland. The mishap occurred in a suburban district.

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Tough Day For Women--Nylons

NEW YORK (AP)—Big scale stocking troubles beset women shoppers Monday in the neighborhood of Pennsylvania Station—their nylons disintegrated before their eyes. "There was no unusual smell in the air, but it may have been the atmosphere that caused the trouble. About a fourth of the women passing one street corner had holes and runs in their hose. "It's terrible," complained one stenographer, "about 20 girls in the office here have 10 or 12 runs each. They all started after we went out to lunch. The girls that didn't go out to lunch don't have any runs." About a fourth of the 1,000 well dressed women attending the International Beauty Show at the Statler Hotel were astounded to find runs and holes in their hose. The city's Smoke Control Board said Monday was a bad day for fumes in the city, because there was little wind and a lowering atmosphere to keep city odors close to the ground. Atmospheric attacks on nylons have been reported in other cities where heavy concentrations of sulphuric fumes collected.

Wreck Victims Still In Hospital

EUGENE (AP)—Twelve of the 19 persons injured Monday in a bus collision near here still were in the hospital Wednesday. Attendants said the condition of all was good. Among those still hospitalized is Kenneth B. Satrom, Salem, one of the bus drivers. Roy Vermillion, Milwaukie, driver of the other bus, was released. Others still in the hospital: Mrs. Colesta Baker, Eugene; Mrs. Shirley Schneider, and two children, Klamath Falls; Robert Duff, Ethel Barman and Bert Taule, Grants Pass; Emma Taylor, Roseburg; Mrs. Fay C. Lechity, Silverton.

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