

### It Happened This Way New Pine Creek

By IRVIN FARIS

"It's perhaps foolish to be serious on All-Fool's day for no matter what you may attempt—you may get fooled! Will try not to err or exaggerate, even though the wildest tales fit higher and you. But there are so many ways of getting fooled. Frinstance—I thought I was amply dressed this morning but I looked down absently when my youngest son, said, "Your shoe's untied, Dad!"

Of course it wasn't but to hear his exuberant chuckle when he shouted, "April fool!"—and to watch his mischievous eyes dance with joy, added a little something to the day. This kind of pleasantry sort of braces you up and in stronger doses it makes you coitate! In yet stronger doses it could be imagined to even cure the tendency toward somnambulism! At least you know that because someone saw you moping around—off-guard—you may yet still be alive! Where there's life there's hope!

It wasn't April Fool but Mr. and Mrs. Walter King and Mrs. Margaret Carter, their daughter, got quite a surprise last Tuesday week ago on a trip over to Plush. The ladies went along mostly for the ride but incidentally the object of the trip was to find some bumper lambs.

Well—they got the lambs all right but coming home a cloud-burst had deluged the country atop Abert rim. The water came gushing over that rim in a muddy, foaming cataract. It made a beautiful sight coming off the mountain but when it hit the county road—all its aesthetic aspects and strangely and suddenly vanished.

Now the water became a raging torrent across the roadway—a portentous and formidable sight. Its angry waters ate into the roadbed to a surprising depth of 3 feet or more, for a short distance.

Going over earlier that day, only a negligible amount of water was running across the road at this point. Now, Walter hoped against hope that it would not be as bad as it appeared. So courageously he drove on in.

The car groaned, slipped and bucked. Water roared over the radiator and just when it seemed they were going to make it—the car shorted out and stalled!

Walt clambered out on the leeward side in water nearly hip deep and being somewhat ingenious with motor vehicles—managed to wipe off the motor, cut the fan belt so it wouldn't throw water etc. They just barely got out. All three resembled drowned rats, and the women folks thought their time had come.

Roy Trullit, now of Caldesee, Ida., dropped in to say, "Hello last Wednesday and exchange a few witticisms and reminiscences. Having disposed of his residential property at Willow Ranch, he felt all primed to go down and have a little chat with his friend, Ernie Syversen and family, who formerly of Willow Ranch, is now in the wood business there. Then Roy was to return to his home up near Lewiston where he is "cutting a fat pig" in the general store and building material business.

It was a hard lot to learn that Dudley Brown, Davis Creek State highway foreman, was stricken with a heart attack while on his way to his mother's funeral week

ago last Saturday. Last report has it that he is still in a Redding Hospital and that his condition has been extremely critical.

The attack hit him just before he and his wife got to Redding. Mrs. Brown has been by his side constantly since this, his second attack in the last few years. He was in and out a haircut here the Friday before he left on Saturday. Aside from the shock of his mother's passing, he seemed vivacious and enthusiastic over things in general which is his usual nature. We sincerely wish him a safe and speedy recovery.

About 3000 worth of mostly smoke damage was done recently, to one of the houses owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine Hammersley. The house is rented by Mr. and Mrs. Merle Dotson. Had Merle not been right on the ball the house would have probably burned down.

He tore out the ceiling around the flu and got up in the attic. There he played garden-hose water on the smouldering boards. It was rather difficult at first to locate just where the smoke was coming from. The fire truck was not summoned.

Members of the newly formed VFW chapter here and the ladies of the auxiliary are all poised for a big time this Saturday night. Ticket sales have been good and a big dance is anticipated.

It happens that the first meeting night of the month of the East Side Grange also takes place this Saturday night. It is believed, however, that not much conflict between the two social events will occur, as the grange meeting can be made short and it will be over practically before the Vet's dance begins.

Fourteen more persons from the local church membership attended the Fifth Sunday Baptist district meeting at Fossil, Ore. last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Thayer left Friday for Salt Lake City, where they will attend a Latter Day Saints general three day conference. On their way there they were to visit with Mr. Thayer's sister at Sparks, Nev. and on their return on Highway 30, they were to visit another sister at McCammon, Ida. Mr. and Mrs. George Wiebe of Lakeview are making the trip with the Thayers. They planned to be home Sunday, April 6.

The general quiet of last Sunday afternoon was suddenly broken when a car driven by John Inquist

of Willow Ranch and a pickup driven by Ballmur Stahschmidt—collided in front of the latter's residence in the north edge of town. Stahschmidt saw the Inquist car coming from the north as he was about to make a left-hand turn across its path and into his driveway.

A quick calculation told him he had time to make it—then a quicker one told him he couldn't. But by this time the Inquist car had snaked into him just as he nosed over the yellow line.

The left front fender and the side of the late model Dodge sedan driven by Inquist was a badly damaged. The front end of the Stahschmidt Dodge pickup was considerably damaged too.

Mr. and Mrs. John Inquist, Joe Cole and another passenger whose name was not learned—all from Willow Ranch—were in the Inquist car. Stahschmidt was alone in his pickup. Sheriff Elliott was called to the scene. He told them there was nothing to do but report the accident the following day and let the insurance companies settle the argument, if any, as to who was to blame.

Little Donna Riggs was bitten on her right arm by Tom Dick's pretty, spotted dog as she went to his house to pay him a friendly visit. The dog growled and she put out her arm to allay his anxiety when he grabbed her arm and shook her before letting go. She was taken to Lakeview for treatment but the wound was not considered serious.

Jack Means resumed his duties as foreman down at the California State Highway Camp 39 Monday morning. Jack is glad to be back on the job again and can tell some thrilling as well as sordid tales about the Philippines.

It seems that the "Huks"—roving band of natives) there are at constant "outs" with the Philippine government—partly due to agitation promoted by Communists and partly due to the fact that they never receive their proper pay as promised for the part they played in fighting the Japs in World War II. They constantly burn and pillage and hide in the dense jungle that surrounds Subic Bay.

Jack and a companion went for a ride out across the bay one day in an out-rigger canoe. They encountered some friendly "Huks" who gave them some bananas and other fruit, then hurriedly left. They were cleaning the fruit and washing their feet in the fresh water stream that emptied into the bay when of a sudden a rifle barrel projected in front of them. Looking up, Jack saw that these "Huks" weren't so friendly. "Come—follow us!" They commanded in broken English.

After a time they halted in the jungle where Jack had to do some tall talking to explain that because he wore a helmet he did not belong to the local constabulary force. He finally was released but was warned not to come over and try to spy on them—next time they shoot first.

### Steel Allocated For Hospital

PORTLAND (AP)—Steel has been allocated and construction of the proposed six million dollar teaching hospital at the state medical school can start soon, Dr. David W. E. Baird, school dean, said Thursday.

He said the government recently made the steel allocation which means that plans for the 14-story, 350-bed hospital will be presented for approval of the State Board of Higher Education here April 21-22.

Baird said the building might be completed late in 1954 or early in 1955.

### Big Property Deal Made

PORTLAND (AP)—One of the biggest real estate transactions in recent years was reported here Thursday, the purchase of the 11-story Park Plaza Apartments by Theater Operator William Clavier.

The price was reported to be \$1,600,000 for the recently constructed building, which contains 131 apartments.

Clavier said his wife and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Kershus, would share ownership. The Kershus operate Clavier's two theaters in Dallas, Ore.

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### Valuation Cut Gets Protests

PORTLAND (AP)—A protest against the State Tax Commission order to cut the assessed valuation of the Reynolds Metals Co. plant at Troutdale nearly one million dollars came Thursday from District Attorney John B. McCourt.

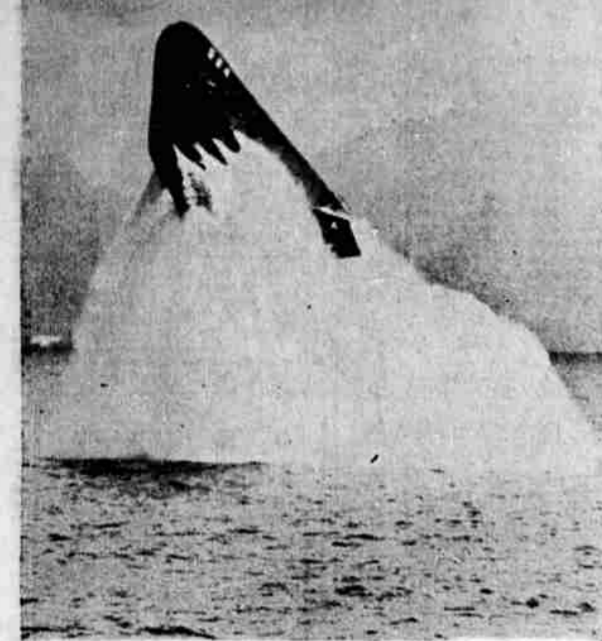
"I have asked the assessor and sheriff not to act on this, at least until it has been ascertained if the tax commission will give the assessor an opportunity to be heard on this matter," he said.

McCourt said this followed some other reductions made by the tax commission for business houses in this area.

"A large tax burden, which appears to us now to be properly shouldered by industrial plants and other large commercial enterprises, is speedily being shifted pri-

marily to the owners of homes and farm lands," he said.

The valuation change ordered by the tax commission would cut last year's taxes for the Reynolds aluminum plant \$43,667.



(NEA Telephoto) AERIAL ASPIRATIONS—The submarine U. S. S. Pickrel seems to be heading skyward as she surfaces from a depth of 150 feet with a 45-degree up-angle during a training exercise off Oahu, Hawaii. The Navy photographer who made this picture was aboard the sub U. S. S. Sabalo. The Sabalo had the Pickrel under "sonar observation," so the photographer was ready when she broke water. Skipper of the Pickrel is Lt. Cmdr. H. B. Sweitzer of Pittsburgh.

### Chemult

By VIRGINIA TAYLOR

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Porter returned recently after an extended winter vacation in Texas, Oklahoma and Nevada. They have been busy shoveling snow around their house and property ever since they arrived home.

Of interest to friends of Joseph R. Harris, son of Mrs. Grant Damon, will be his marriage to Rosella Paul of De Sart, N. D. in April. Both are employed at the Veteran's Hospital in Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fletcher and family motored to Winston over the weekend to take their granddaughter home, and to see the new grandchild, Glenda Lee. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Micheaux, formerly of Chemult.

The Civic Club held another dinner Saturday night which was very well attended and netted a considerable amount to the growing fund for the Community Hall. The Chemult Gun Club held a Bingo game following the dinner. Out-of-towners at the event were: Mrs. E. G. Brown and nephew of Fresno, Calif.; E. P. Hughes of Concord, Calif.; Scott M. Soule, Elishop, Calif.; H. G. Orcutt, Palo Alto, Calif.; and J. C. Fraser, Placerville, Calif. Over 60 local people turned out.

The Gilchrist Community Garden Club met in the Gilchrist club rooms March 29 with large attendance. Mrs. Carl Long and Mrs. Ray Darnell were hostesses for the evening and featured St. Patrick's Day theme in their table arrangements. Guests for the evening in addition to regular members were Mrs. C. R. Walker, Mrs. L. Norlin, Mrs. Virgil Spencer, Mrs. Stewart Gilchrist, Mrs. T. W. Collister, Mrs. R. D. Cassell, Mrs. Wm. Taylor and Mrs. Gerald Osborn.

were welcomed as new members. Plans for the coming Cascade District meeting to be held at the Gilchrist Club on Saturday May 10 were discussed and the following committees appointed by the president, Mrs. Verne L. Brader: Menu—Mrs. Frank Gilchrist and Mrs. Isom Ezell, corsage—Mrs. E. J. Snider, Tables and Decoration—Mrs. W. A. Carmichael, hospitality—Mrs. W. N. Byars, program, Miss Ann Dolezal and Mrs. P. Clark, Bird House Contest, Mrs. Verne Rocheck. The committee chairmen will meet for further planning on Monday April 7 at the home of Mrs. Frank Gilchrist.

Mr. E. J. Snider was speaker for the evening with "Vegetable Gardening," as his topic. Snider is a very fine gardener himself and his suggestions were welcomed. He suggested that a very good way to tell if your ground was ready to be worked was to watch the weeds and if they were beginning to come thickly it was time to work the ground and plant. The secret of good vegetable gardens was thought to be plenty of fertilizer and plenty of water and plenty of working the soil. Carrots, radishes, rutabagas, cabbage, beans, brussels sprouts, lettuce, onions, celery, asparagus, mustard greens, parsley, potatoes and strawberries can be grown in the Gilchrist area.

### BEAT CLEVELAND

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—The first man to beat Ohio State's Dick Cleveland in college swimming competition was Michigan State's Big Ten and NCAA spring champ, Clark Scholes. Scholes swam a 49.8 second 100-yard free-style effort in the 1952 Big Ten finals.

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