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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

Duck season is a happy and enthusiastic time of year. But there are certain touches of tragedy connected with it, too. For instance, the two pathetic little ducks that have hung themselves over the Fremont bridge at the source of Link River.

Both are neatly garrotted between a power line of some type and the messenger that stretches across the river at that point. They hang as mute testimony that nothing in this life is certain.

Another pathetic instance to be considered is that not inconsiderable group of ardent hunters who have so far been unable to get out this season. They are the ones who weep tears at night and bite holes in their pillows. But, fellows, at least the weather is with us in this instance. In clear, biting cold weather like this there isn't enough hunting to furnish grease for a crystal set anyway.

Modesty can be a wonderful thing. Some people carry it further than others. Take the case of the chappie who drove past the office the other day in a late model car. White wall tires and all—except that the whitewalls were turned in, leaving the black side out. Unusual.

Talking to Bert Hall the other day and finally found the solution to a man who decides to settle on level ground instead of seeking out an inaccessible hill for his dwelling. Bert claims that once when he was living in Boulder, Colorado, he went out to the pump for a bucket of water. Before he got back to the house he had occasion to set the bucket down. Half of it spilled out. So then and there Bert swore a mighty oath (censored) and pledged himself that from then on he'd never live in a place where you couldn't put a bucket of water down without its spilling. He now has a perfect place out

FRANK TRIPP

There are not many road shows any more, nor as many stage struck swains and maids to pester show folks at stage doors. From such a lofty background came this chronicler—usher, super, stage hand, press agent, then impresario, went broke and counted the tiles back to a newspaper.

I flopped my first super job. All daubed up as an ornamental carrying a spear. I was spokesman for the palace guard, with a single line to say in "Said Pascha" and I still remember the tricky line:

"Most mighty rajah, the sacrificial fires have been lighted, and the two impostors are in readiness to pay the penalty for their atrocious crime."

I remember it now, but when I saluted before the rajah that night all I could get out was, "Most mighty rajah, the two impostors are lighted and the atrocious fire is ready for the crime."

Though I happened the line, I didn't commit the unpardonable sin: I remembered the cue word, "crime." Nevertheless, the next night I only carried the spear.

Another time I was "supporting" Louis Faust in "The Sunshine of Paradise Alley." Waiting to go on, I saw a fellow actor in a black jacket a stack of props to the other side of the stage, a high pile of black hat boxes. They looked just like a smokstack.

I did, I carried them right up East River, in front of a wharf where the Lotta was loading her honor in a death struggle with the villain. A guy in the gallery yelled, "Here comes the night boat!"

From two weeks ago I see you identified the "ice house drop" as a man who carries a tray of champagne only a week, working high over the stage, hauling heavy backdrops of scenery up and down. The stage manager told me to come back Sunday morning and "trim the ice house drop" for a

Jet Flier Has Narrow Escape

TOKYO — The Korean War blows hot and cold for Capt. Daniel H. Nelson of Billings, Mont.

Three weeks ago his F-80 jet reconnaissance plane was hit over North Korea and he was forced to ditch in cold Wonsan Harbor. He got a chilly dunking before a helicopter picked him up.

Sunday Nelson was directing a fighter-bomber strike. His plane was hit by Red gunners. Nelson peered from his cockpit to find his wingtip gas tank "blazing like a torch."

He flipped a switch and got rid of the tank like a hot potato. A few minutes more and the plane probably would have exploded.

As it was, he came out with a singed wingtip and his heart in his stomach.

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HUGH PRUETT

Several years ago a ministerial student, who was not especially versed in optical phenomena, told me that on a certain night he had observed a most wonderful and prophetic sky phenomenon. While gazing at the clear star-strewn heavens he had beheld small crosses of light extended out from every one of the brighter stellar jewels. He was sure it indicated that very soon the world and time would cease their existence.

Later, my telephone rang at 4 o'clock one winter morning. A woman's pleasant voice announced that she had seen a miraculous vision. "There is a large cross of light centered on the big full moon with its four equal branches extending for a considerable distance out into the blue sky above and below and to each side of the lunar surface," she felt certain this was a divine portent of some coming event.

A brief questioning in the latter case brought out just what was expected. The bright moon had been observed through a window screen. Anyone can see a similar effect by viewing the moon—or even a nearby bright street light—through a screen door if the mesh is sufficiently fine. This effect is known as "radiation" and is completely explained by the laws of optics. Most likely my friend, the ministerial student, viewed his bright stars through a screen. On

JAMES MARLOW

By ARTHUR EDSON (For James Marlow)

WASHINGTON — On Jan. 20 at high noon something will happen for the first time in more than 20 years. As Eisenhower steps in and Truman steps out, this country once again will have two living presidents.

Back in 1923 Calvin Coolidge joined William Howard Taft as a president. Since then we never have had more than one living former president.

Few of us grow up to be presidents; fewer still to be ex-presidents.

There's no clear pattern of what's expected of a man who has held the nation's highest office.

Truman undoubtedly has heard the old vaudeville joke that pretty well illustrates his present problem. The funny man says he doesn't want to be president. Straight man asks, "Why not?" Funny man says, "The job has no future in it."

In many foreign countries when a party loses control its leader stays on at head of the opposition in Parliament. There he can defend his past actions and plan his future ones.

BRUCE BLOSSAT

No country in the free world may claim its eye in the direction of nationalist aspirations of subject native peoples, wherever they are. Across the globe these peoples are in ferment, and they must be listened to.

But that does not mean, as India and other Asiatic and Arab nations suggest, that immediate independence of all colonial ties must be granted wherever loud clamor for native recognition is heard.

Although men caught up in this revolutionary fervor do not like to concede it, independence is not an automatic blessing. Indonesia and African Libya are examples. Economically and militarily they would be utterly helpless without the protective arms of bigger nations. And in Indonesia's case particularly, the native leaders have demonstrated they were not ready for the full responsibilities of government.

Independence as an objective is never to be lost sight of. The colonial powers must do all they can to foster the political and economic development of their colonies, to prepare them for the day of freedom. They must grant them larger and larger voice in their own affairs as they show capacity for self-management.

In his recent presentation to the United Nations, French Foreign Minister Schuman made out a good case for France in this very sphere. Two key French colonies, Tunisia and Morocco, have been

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Paul Hoffman Says He's Not Available As Ike Studies New Cabinet Positions

NEW YORK — President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower had appointments today with a Utah farm marketing specialist and a Louisiana lawyer mentioned as possibilities for two of four unfilled cabinet posts.

Eisenhower mulled over the cabinet vacancies after one of his possible choices, Paul G. Hoffman, president of the Ford Foundation, turned down an appointment at this time "because of unusual circumstances."

The President-elect had a busy schedule today including a morning tour of the United Nations headquarters and a noontime conference with Vice President-elect Richard M. Nixon. Eisenhower has not seen Nixon since their election eve appearance together in Boston.

In the afternoon, Eisenhower will confer separately with the two men prominently mentioned for cabinet posts—Ezra Taft Benson of Salt Lake City, reportedly the choice for secretary of agriculture, and John Minor Wisdom of New Orleans, considered a possibility for one of the other vacancies.

Eisenhower will name secretaries of commerce and labor and a postmaster general to complete the cabinet. He also must fill the subcabinet posts of secretaries of air, Army and Navy.

The way we'll be out of here by Christmas if we make it to the border."

Ten of the United Nations' 19 divisions struck out across a frozen wilderness of mountains and ice-covered rice paddies. For two days they moved jubilantly on toward slight opposition.

The second night the enemy counterattacked. They came in screaming waves, blowing bugles and whistles. The mystery was over. The Chinese seemed to crawl out from behind every rice stalk. In three consecutive night attacks they shattered three South Korean divisions, drove them back 20 miles, ambushed a Turkish force, threatened to surround four U.S. Army divisions—then about one-third of America's entire worldwide striking strength.

The endless waves of Chinese turned the great attack into a great retreat. The Allies, besides Pong-yang, the North Korean capital, then fell gradually back on Seoul, which later was abandoned too.

The stubborn, bitterly fought withdrawal was magnificently directed, heart-breaking to see. It flew with an air colonel over the long lines of Allies riding down the lone road back, he said.

"That hurts," he said, almost crying. "It hurts where a man can't scratch."

Later the Allies pushed back north beyond Seoul again. The lines are roughly along the 38th parallel, where the war began. But in nearly 16 months of truce talks the Chinese have built their army to 300,000 to some 1,000,000 men. Their tanks and artillery pieces are at a peak.

These are the somber facts that face Gen. Eisenhower on this fateful anniversary two years after the Allied End-the-Korean-War drive began.

HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — As the veil of secrecy descends on Gen. Eisenhower's projected visit to Korea, many a veteran of that conflict must look at the calendar with wry memories.

For it was just two years ago that the United Nations forces there launched their great "end-the-war" offensive. That was five months old then. It will be 29 months old Tuesday.

Few great drives in military history have opened with more public optimism—and more private doubt—than the UN attack that began in the early morning hours of Nov. 24, 1950.

The optimism centered at the Tokyo headquarters of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. The doubt lay in the minds of the frontline commanders. They were uneasy.

The reason? They didn't know the size of the enemy before them. The goal: The Yalu River, dividing North Korea and Manchuria.

The big question: Had the shattered North Korean army been reinforced by only 60,000 Red Chinese? Or did a massive Chinese force wait like a hidden cat in the frozen hills between the Allied line and Manchuria?

Deep penetrating patrols had failed to yield the answer to the enemy's strength. A division chief of staff looked at the war map in his tent and shook his head as he told correspondents:

"Gentlemen, I've been studying these maps for a quarter of a century, and this one doesn't tell me what I want to know."

A general was so fearful of ambush that before the attack started he issued orders that every vehicle in his division retain a basic supply of "bug out gasoline."

The Reds have nothing to lose and all to gain by keeping the Chinese fighting us.

The average doughboy, however, leaped off with a mixture of dread

SAM DAWSON

By WALTER BREDER JR. (For Sam Dawson)

NEW YORK — The American industry is looking for young men willing to work in far-off places—Brazil, Iraq, West Africa, the Philippines, and other strange and distant lands.

Jobs in foreign trade are going begging, industry sources say.

An indication of this was seen at a recently concluded National Foreign Trade convention here.

Financiers, exporters and importers whose faltering trade interests span the world.

Two hundred college students attended the three-day convention as guests of the sponsoring organization, the National Foreign Trade Council.

This was the biggest student delegation ever invited to the annual event.

Here's a sample of the advice they got:

An old hand at foreign trade, Vice President W. R. Stebbins of W. R. Grace & Co., told the students:

"We've found that men who have been in business for themselves or men who have acquired some experience in the business world make our best traders."

"The kind of business they've been in isn't important."

The man who has collected and sold waste paper and made a little money out of it may have an easier job of marketing his talents to us."

Basilically, Stebbins said, success in foreign trade is "still founded on the age-old copy book rules of business, which do not vary in substance with either place or time."

He emphasized that the college-trained job hunter must be willing to start at the bottom.

"The men in our personnel department have told us that far too many young men with good and

State Reveals Red Strength

WASHINGTON — The State Department estimates total Communist Army strength at 491 divisions, mostly located along borders facing the non-Communist world.

Russia was said to have 81 divisions and other Soviet controlled countries 310 divisions, including 250 belonging to Red China. An average Communist division is estimated at 10,000 men.

In its booklet entitled "Let Freedom Ring," issued yesterday, the department gave no total figure for non-Communist strength but told of plans for a 75-division army under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Remove discoloration inside your teapot with a baking soda solution made from 3 tablespoons to a quart of water. Let solution stand in pot a few minutes and scrub off stubborn spots with stiff brush sprinkled with baking soda.

During the warm season a movement of several feet per day of ice near the edge of a glacier would be considered rapid, says the National Geographic Society.

Use only a water emulsion type of wax on rubber flooring. Do not rub in. Buff when dry.

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