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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

A short time ago this column carried a tale to the general effect that California worked a little harder in recruiting tourists for their winter resorts than Oregon does.

The day after that column appeared I got a long list from the Travel Information Department of the Oregon State Highway Department, listing all ski resorts, runs, hills, alpine and what have in the state. Not only that but they list the owners of the various winter sport areas, who operate what kind of towns and other pertinent information.

I certainly don't want the highway department, or Ralph Watson, their publicity and public relations big brass, to think they have been passed over. They haven't. I'm sorry that their publication can't have a wider circulation. It does much to get people in the mood to visit these spots. And it is a good job.

If you write the highway department and ask they'll doubtless send you a copy. If you haven't time to come on down here and I'll show you mine.

Meanwhile I'll go to work on AP to start their Friday report on ski resort conditions, accessibility, etc. Might as well make the most of winter while we have it.

The Duckological has come in again. I might interest you to know that winter stunts gently over the prairies on November 19 to 23 when near zero temperatures were accompanied by light snow from Manitoba to the Rocky Mountains. During this period the bulk of the remaining Mallards and Canada Geese migrated south.

So there you have it. The final checkup by Ducks Unlimited shows that the freeze came about two weeks later than usual. There was an unusually heavy early migration of Pintails, these birds pulling out as early as August and going right on through to California. There were no spectacular migrations, but steady filtration of birds toward the south.

For the information of DU I might add that there was nothing gentle about winter stealing over the Basin. The biggest part of the ducks and geese have long since departed for warmer climes.

JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—Just in case anyone has forgotten the name of Gen. MacArthur said he has a plan for ending the Korean War, the fact is, he didn't. At least he didn't in so many words.

What he said was: "I am confident there is a clear and definite solution to the Korean conflict. A present solution involves a decision which I recognize as improper for public disclosure or discussion."

He didn't even say that he himself has a solution. He said "there is" a solution. That he expressed himself as he did instead of saying flatly he has a solution or plan, may be only a matter of literary composition.

But MacArthur is credited with real consciousness of the language and the fact that he used the phrases he did, and in the way he did, may have some significance for the future.

Since Gen. Eisenhower listened to Sen. Taft's recommendations for his Cabinet and then rejected them, it would seem he's willing to listen but determined to make up his own mind, no matter who likes it.

BRUCE BLOSSAT

From time to time during the presidential campaign, General Eisenhower was criticized because he had always operated as an executive through the military "chain-of-command" system. The suggestion was that this way of doing was not only worthless but might even be a dangerous handicap to a civilian executive.

Under this arrangement, Eisenhower customarily relied heavily on his chiefs of staff in his periods of most notable service. In World War II, Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, now head of the Central Intelligence Agency, filled that spot for Ike. In his tenure with NATO, the general leaned on Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther.

Eisenhower's selection of Gov. Sherman Adams of New Hampshire to be his chief assistant in the White House discloses the general's evident intent to repeat the pattern. Adams served virtuously in the capacity of personal chief of staff to Ike throughout the campaign. In that role he won the general's supreme confidence.

It is fair to ask, therefore, whether the prospect of this organizational set-up is really so frightening as some critics of "a military man in the White House" hinted.

The chances are that it is not. The President of the United States is the most overburdened man in the nation, if not the world. Though the law today provides him with a chief assistant, six administrative aides, armed service aides, three secretaries and a special counsel, he still must decide each day what things he will do of the many he could do.

Undoubtedly he has not yet shed all the routine tasks he should be properly free for his crucial policy-making decisions. More of his time ought to be saved by having his problems sorted out so the lesser ones fall to lesser hands, and by having terse summariza-

for the "man who has every-

thing?" If you are I might make a small suggestion.

Witty Brothers, clothing and haberdashers located at 530 Fifth Avenue, New York City, have an item on hand which should satisfy the most exacting male.

It's a sport shirt, hand crocheted and hand blocked, made entirely of woven gird, all silk ribbon. It comes in grey, grey or beige and in small, medium and large sizes.

If you want to order this little number, a product of our neighboring state to the South, you had better also include your check for \$100. That happening to be the price tag hung on this item.

My boss, Frank Jenkins, after looking at the illustration, made the remark that what this country needs is a few more cotton wool shirts well colored with honest sweat. And I think he may have an idea there.

The chaps who drive the snow removers in this important metropolitan town, especially that big LeTourneau rig, have good eyes. The way they dash up and down the crowded streets at what seems like dizzying speeds without bashing in every car parked along the curb is beyond me.

It's weather like this, with the snow piled high in the middle of the streets, that makes us think about that rigging that was demonstrated last year. The big machine that gulped up the snow and spat it out into following trucks. That could really move a lot of snow in a hurry.

That could also eat up the taxpayer's money in a big hurry. Can't remember what the price tag was on it, but you could have bought several gross of the above-mentioned shirts with the purchase price.

Too bad we can't just go along with the theory that nature brings it, so let nature take it away. That would simplify matters a heck of a lot.

When you have a street where parking is allowed on only one side, why do the plows always clean up the no parking side?

Don't answer that question, I know. Because it is clear. But it sure raises the blood pressure of the people whose cars are plowed in. Brace up, folks. They do it the same everywhere.

Wave Causes Fatal Blast

COOS BAY (AP)—Bill Ray Chennault, 17, was shot to death Wednesday. Police blamed a wave for it.

They said Chennault, an apprentice printer at the Coos Bay Times, was hunting ducks with LeRoy Hollingsworth on the beach a mile north of Bandon.

They waded into the ocean, and a wave knocked both down. Hollingsworth's shotgun fired. The charge hit Chennault in the side.

er they should be passed. Among these bills are measures providing for a business tax, sales tax, elimination of the federal deduction on state income tax returns, removing exemptions from the corporation income tax, reducing personal income tax exemptions, taxing life insurance, and taxing real estate and stock transfers.

This interim committee's big job has been to draft legislation to simplify the state's tax system, which is so complicated that few persons understand it.

The key bill would permit direct spending of income tax receipts. Income tax money now is used to reduce property taxes.

If the state wants to spend any income tax money, it first levies a property tax. Then the income tax money is used to reduce the property tax. This causes a lot more confusion than appears on the surface.

This tax simplifying probably will be an easy job for the Legislature, because the interim committee has spent many months getting the spade work done.

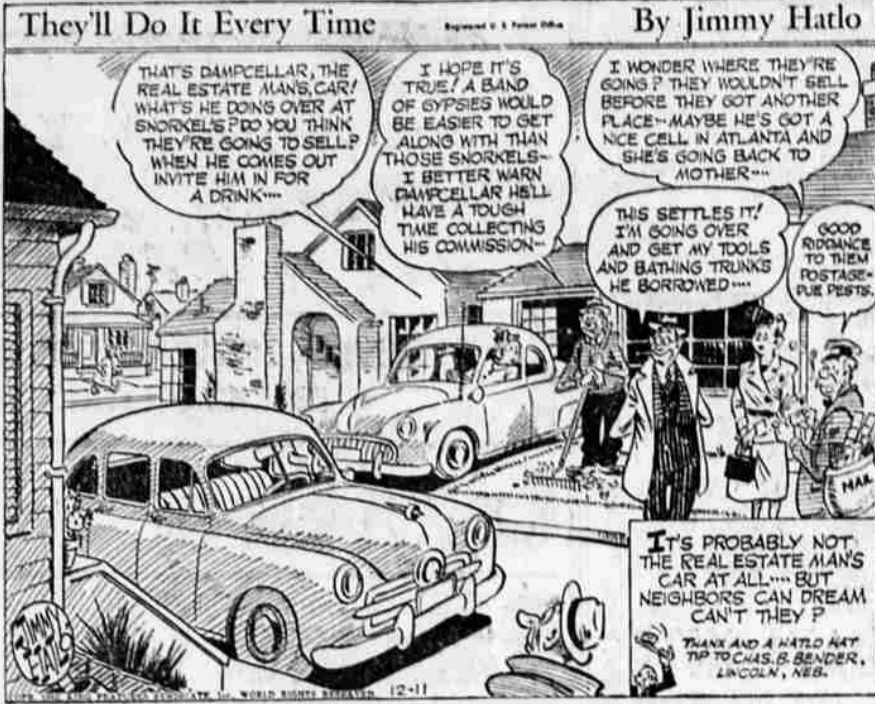
You can be sure the Legislature won't increase any taxes or levy any new ones unless it is necessary.

The Legislature is reluctant to boost taxes because the people have the last word, which is a unique situation in Oregon.

Any tax bill is subject to referendum. So any tax bill naturally would make enough people sore so that they would get out the referendum petitions against it.

When a bill is attacked by referendum, it can't go into effect until after the people get a chance to vote on it at the following general election.

So any tax bill passed by the Legislature, if referred to the people, would be held up until at-



Legislature Able to Ignore Tax Bills

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP)—When the Oregon Legislature meets here Jan. 12, it will be in the unusual position of having lots of tax bills and being able to ignore them.

That's because the State Budget Division is finishing work on a budget of about 209 million dollars that will be either balanced or almost balanced.

If anybody had told the legislators when they adjourned 19 months ago that the 1953 Legislature would have a balanced budget for the two years beginning next July 1, they would have thought him crazy.

At that time, the state's financial experts predicted the 1953 Legislature would have to find between 40 and 100 millions of new revenue.

But income tax collections have soared so high that the coming Legislature won't need any new revenue.

The estimates for the next two-year budget period are based on the assumption that income tax receipts will remain at the same level as they are now. Further business improvement would increase them, while a business recession would shrink them.

Outside of the budget, however, are requests for 11 million dollars worth of college, university and state institution buildings.

The Legislature probably will cut this building request at least to eight millions. This could be financed by a small state property tax if the lawmakers can't trim the regular budget enough to include the buildings.

While the Legislature won't have to enact any new taxes, it will have at least 10 tax bills to consider. But the odds are heavy that none of them will pass.

The 10 tax bills are being prepared by the Legislature's Interim Tax Committee, which won't make any recommendations as to whether

the 1953 general election. The money to be raised from such a tax bill wouldn't be available for the budget period beginning July 1.

The people have shown repeatedly that they don't want new taxes. In recent years they have defeated all legislative bills to impose new general taxes.

The 1951 Legislature voted a cigarette tax. Opponents of the bill attacked it by referendum, and last month the people defeated it by 180,000 votes.

So if the Legislature votes for additional taxes, the odds are great that the people would defeat it.

That's why the Legislature thinks it's better to balance the budget with the money available.

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Lodge Says U.S. Must Clean House Before It Can Lead World to Peace

DENVER (AP)—Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. believes America must end discrimination and human indignities at home before it can lead the world to lasting peace.

Lodge, one of the architects of President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower's still-forming foreign policy, last night asked leaders of 20 Protestant churches to work for "a durable peace based on justice" in this way:

"Work for an America that is strong militarily, economically and politically; support the United Nations; work to make it stronger; advance tolerance and human rights; encourage private American

activity abroad and hold out to all of suffering humanity the hope of liberty."

"We not only in conflict with Christian ideals, but they are a real danger to the success of our foreign policy."

"The United States cannot defeat the idea of communism with dollars or bullets," Lodge said. "It must do it by putting into practice the American ideal of equality and justice for all, he said."

Lodge, a Massachusetts Republican, has been designated by Eisenhower as ambassador to the United Nations. He said the U. N.

"has not lived up to all that was hoped for it." He added the U. S. can and must work to make the U. N. better, saying:

"Without world order, our ultimate destruction is only a matter of time."

He said world opinion, generated in the debates of the U. N., has been a powerful deterrent to armed aggression by Russia, which he said has "coveted military power in Europe and Asia."

Another major foreign policy speech is to be heard by the more than 2,000 church leaders here late today. John Foster Dulles, designated Eisenhower's secretary of state, recorded the speech before leaving for conferences in the Pacific. It will be played at the church meeting and later broadcast (CBS, 10:30 p.m., EST).

Meanwhile, these were other developments at the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.:

1. The 30th denomination, the Greek Orthodox church with its million members in this country, was admitted to the council. It brings council representation to 24,600,000 persons. Only two of the larger Protestant denominations—the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church and the Southern Baptists—do not belong.

2. Methodist Bishop William C. Martin, 59, of Dallas reportedly was favored to succeed Episcopal Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill of Boston as council president. The election is tomorrow.

3. The division of Christian Education outlined in experimental project to educate young people in Christian communities. Set at the local level, it would concentrate on ethical conduct, democratic practices, community programs and stronger home life.

4. The Division of Christian Life and Work recommended churches play a more active role in community projects, participate in world affairs and lead in social welfare work.

5. The council's General Board was instructed to make a study to determine if the International Council of Community Churches meets qualifications for membership in the larger National Council. Further action on the group's application was deferred two years.

6. The council moved to carry out recommendation of leaders meets qualifications for council affairs by lay members. It voted to increase membership in the General Board, the governing churches to name more delegates and split their votes.

7. A budget committee recommended giving more attention to soliciting gifts from foundations, business organizations and individuals to pay for council work.

It said \$5,264,000 was received during the first 11 months of 1952.

HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—A pavement

Plato views the news: Plans for the first commercial rocket flight to the moon are going steadily forward at the Hayden Planetarium.

Thousands of prospective passengers have signed up for the initial voyage, including a number of canny real estate dealers anxious to open new areas of suburban development for metropolitan New York.

The long waiting list also has on it the names of a number of spinsters who wish to see what the man in the moon is like.

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Bing Crosby Enrolls at WSC

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP)—Crooner

Bing Crosby has joined his twin sons in animal husbandry courses at Washington State College.

He was on the registration rolls today for the annual WSC short course for stockmen. His 18-year-old sons, Dennis and Philip, are in the department working for a degree.

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