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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS Things never happen in a natural or normal sequence in this business. After I publish an editorial reprint from Alaska under the guise of anonymity, I get a letter from Jeanne Merrill Aubrey telling me that the opus, which ran in Monday's paper, was written by an editor by the name of Bob Atwood, Anchorage Daily Times. The letter said, in part, and I quote: "Although Mr. Atwood states Northern California I still regard this as a direct slam to good old Klamath. Being a loyal Klamathite thought perhaps this might interest you. "Mr. Atwood is famous for his cryptic tongue on all subjects. Maybe someday he'll praise something, but I doubt it. So now you know who wrote the piece. Which I considered highly amusing and really not at all disparaging toward Klamath. In fact, only yesterday was talking to Emmett Sisemore, the Port Klamath rancher, not to mention holdings in other spots, who was telling about coming down from the Northern part of the state once, and again on coming up from the South, during the last storm, when he took a good many of the precautions Mr. Atwood seems to consider necessary. Chains, extra gas, checking road reports, etc. Seems that we here in Southern Oregon seem to stand the weather rather well.

In the same party Lloyd Low, ex-sheriff of Klamath County and Basin raconteur extraordinary, had dressed in a turtle-neck sweater, a fleecy lined shirt and other habiliments of winter, the sheriff was not particularly impressed with the cold snap, but was highly vociferous about the price of chains. Another sign that the good old days are gone, forever, Lloyd. But, then, we have snow trends now. So I suppose we'll worry along. I wish I could tell tales as well as Lloyd. Being a man with his knack will never go long without friendly company and friends galore. And I can't think of better practice than to sit around and listen. Fun, too, as long as the boss will stand for it. My boss, that is.

This seems to be the day to remember all the things that were said during recent conversations. One of the gems of which was Oliver Riley's simple statement of his father's once remarking that Oliver's mother was the only woman he ever knew who could make a ton of bread out of a hundred pounds of flour. I'm still not sure as to just how to take that statement; whether as a compliment or a left-handed remark. I'll leave that to others to decide. If it had been said of my feeble cooking efforts it would have been an understatement.

BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — The ordinary worries of the world are opening now to millions of American husbands face to face with the hardest problem of the year: "What shall I get the missus for Christmas?" No other emergency offers so stern a test of a husband's real mettle. Buying a wife a present of some kind is easy. The stores are stacked with thousands of lavishly priced gifts. There are hired thousands of lady shopping advisers to help distracted husbands. But the whole art of a successful family Christmas is to buy a wife exactly the gift she wants. And what is that? Just try and find out. The children subtly make their wishes known by frank and open letters to Santa Claus. But their mother won't do that. Usually it is no task at all for a husband to find out what is on his wife's mind. He would have to put on earmuffs to keep from knowing. But just before Christmas she claims up completely. On the question of what she would like to find under her nose tree she plays a game of "you find out." If you ask her bluntly, she says evasively: "Oh, don't you bother about me. I really don't want anything." Translated from feminine English into masculine English, this means: "Well, underhead, if you come home this Christmas eve with another bottle of that cheap perfume, I'll open it and pour it all over you while you're asleep." If she is a young bride, she will probably tell her closest girl friend what she really yearns for, and you can find out from her. But

JAMES MARO

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Russian Communists are whining because their own scientists, whom they portrayed in conformity to the ruling party, are trying to play it safe by saying nothing which might get them into trouble. The Soviet Journal—proceedings of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Division of Economics and Law—said not long ago about discussions among scientists: "We often take more care that

Telling The Editor

SNOW CLEARING To the Editor: We are now entering another winter, and each winter there is a notice in the paper as well as over the radio several times that each property owner must clean the snow off the sidewalks in front of his property. Usually this is accompanied by the signature of the police chief. In view of the above, and I believe it is a city ordinance passed by the common council requiring that this be done, there are a number of us who are wondering if the said city of Klamath Falls is above the operation of the laws which has been laid down for Mr. & Mrs. John Q. Public? We must clear off our sidewalks, but how about the lots owned by the city? Especially those adjoining parks and playgrounds in the city? Are those walks cleaned off? To the best knowledge of this writer, this is very seldom done, if at all. Of course, we realize that it is a great expense to remove the snow from the streets, and it is a great job which must be done and those who take part in it are to be commended for doing a very difficult job in a pleasing manner. But how about the sidewalks? Sincerely yours, E. V. Zell 2058 Melrose

They'll Do It Every Time



By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D. Although cataracts have been discussed in this column on several occasions, this eye condition becomes a matter of extreme importance to many thousands every year. It is almost undoubtedly becoming more and more common. Mrs. G., for example, says, "I have bilateral cataracts, and am 60 years old, my vision is 20-60, and there seems to be no chance that can be made in glasses that will help. Do you think I should be operated on?" Now it is not possible to decide without direct examination, and without knowing all the facts, just when a cataract should be operated on, but the subject can be discussed in general terms. First, what is it? A cataract involves that portion of the eye which serves as a lens. The lens is normally clear but becomes clouded in cataract and this produces a blurring of vision. Perhaps it can be explained best by comparing it with the lens of a camera. If a camera lens is not clean a picture taken with it will be blurred and "fuzzy." How much fuzziness there is depends on the amount of cloudiness in the lens. If only part of the lens is involved, part of what is seen may be clear and part hazy. If the whole lens is clouded, then all objects will be blurred. A beginning cataract in which the clouding is slight is called "incipient." When the process of clouding has been completed it is called "ripe" or "mature." Unfortunately, medical treatments—that is, drugs that have so far been discovered—have not proved of value in dissolving material which clouds the lens, nor can they reverse the normal vision. Glasses, of course, also cannot remedy the situation. Operation is the best treatment for cataract. When the cataract is mature, it can be removed and full vision restored in uncomplicated cases. Surgery of the eye has been so much improved that it is sometimes possible to remove the lens with a cataract in it at early stages of development. There is no reason to believe that eyestrain leads to the development of cataract, though, of course, eyestrain should be avoided for other reasons. Heredity, and particularly increasing age, seem to have more to do with most cases of cataract than anything else.

SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP) — Many businessmen are putting dollars on the barrel-head to back their confidence in continuing prosperity in the months ahead. Orders for steel continue to pile up at the mills to the frank surprise of some steelmakers. Industrial spending for plant expansion is reaching new peaks as 1952 ends. And plans of business call for 6.4 billion more dollars to be spent this way in the first three months of 1953. Most of the members of the National Tool & Die Manufacturers Association attending its meeting here say they expect their business to continue good for at least two more years. General Electric's president, Ralph J. Cordiner, will have no truck with the pessimistic view of the latter half of 1953 expressed by some economists. "Other companies may be concerned about a recession," he says "but as far as we can see, we are going to have good business in spite of the economists." General Electric has put 740 million dollars into new plant and equipment since the war. Cordiner expects the total will top one billion dollars by the end of 1955. Westinghouse Electric is also going ahead with expansion plans. It has invested 240 million dollars since the war, and plans to spend around 200 million dollars more in the next two years. As for business spending in general, a joint report of the Department of Commerce and the Securities and Exchange Commission says that plant expansion will start

Family Halts Cook Funeral

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The public funeral for killer William E. Cook Jr., scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at Comanche, Okla., was called off after his grieving family learned of the "Roman holiday" atmosphere and asked the services be halted. The body of Cook, who was executed Friday in the gas chamber at San Quentin prison in California, had been on public display since Sunday and an estimated 12,000 persons viewed the body of the one-time bicycle thief who killed six persons. Cook's family drove all night from Joplin, Mo., to Oklahoma City after learning the body had been on public display at the Boydston funeral home at Comanche. They appealed for aid in stopping the funeral as preparations had been made for 10,000 persons. After a talk with Cook's attorney, John Connolly Jr., and Glen E. Boydston, owner of the funeral home, the family said the funeral was called off. Mrs. Stevenson, Cook's sister-in-law, said the body would be taken immediately to Galena, Kas., mortuary and then private services would be held later at Peace Cemetery near Joplin. Connolly said the new arrangements were made after he talked with Boydston. The attorney said he was prepared to take legal action to halt the public funeral. Boydston said he was happy to grant the wishes of the family. He told Mrs. Stevenson he would leave Comanche immediately with the body for the trip to Galena. Four loud speakers had been planned for the funeral services. Cook was executed specifically for the murder of Seattle salesman Robert Dewey. Cook's father signed a release permitting the Boydston funeral home to return the body to Comanche for funeral services, then to Joplin for burial. However, the family told the Associated Press it was shocked by what was going on. Mrs. Stevenson said they had never known Boydston before but he had written them saying a wealthy Oklahoman wanted to pay Cook's funeral expenses. Mrs. Stevenson said the letter from Boydston said the man was doing it in memory of his wayward son.

Temple Daughter In Stage Debut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Miss Susan Black made her stage debut Tuesday as a fairy in Honeywell school's pantomime, "Cinderella." She'll give a repeat performance Thursday night in American University's gymnasium. Susan is four. That makes her just one year older than was her mother, Shirley Temple, when she began her four-year reign as America's top movie box office draw. Susan's father is John Agar. Her mother now is Mrs. Charles Black.

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Non-segregation in Korea Pleases Evangelist Graham

PUSAN, Korea (AP) — Evangelist Billy Graham said Wednesday he is "very happy over the way non-segregation is working among the military" in the Far East. Graham said he had noticed this as he toured U. S. bases and hospitals in Japan and Korea. "Especially in the hospitals," the preacher said, "I was struck by the wounded lying alongside each other without regard for race." Both white and Negro soldiers have attended Graham's revues in Pusan and have answered the evangelist's call to come forward and repent their sins. "It is wonderful to see the men accept Christ side by side," Graham said in an interview. A crowd of some 6,000 Koreans jammed a blocked off traffic circle used as the meeting site Wednesday night. Most sat on straw mats on the ground while others stood in a ring around those seated. A sprinkling of American soldiers and sailors were in the audience. South Korean police with rifles and burp guns slung over their shoulders surrounded Graham's wooden platform, guarding the Republic of Korea's vice president, Han Tai Young. The aged, white-haired leader, a former Presbyterian minister, sat on the platform with Graham and led a short prayer as the service ended. Graham remarked: "This is the first Christian meeting I've ever attended where armed guards stood around." The meeting site was the spot where an assassination attempt was made last summer on the life of South Korean President Syngman Rhee. Graham said he had no fear. He told a reporter that "if I am bumped off, it will be God's will." There were no incidents.

COMMIES RAP Prison Riots

MOSCOW (AP) — The Communist party newspaper Pravda today quoted in heavy black type a report that 83 Red prisoners had been killed on Korea's Pongam Island and again bitterly attacked United States' treatment of Chinese and North Korean war prisoners. In a lead editorial, the newspaper charged that "American aggressors are committing crimes against the conscience of humanity." The United Nations Command in Korea, a United States ally, reported that 83 Red prisoners had been killed on Korea's Pongam Island and again bitterly attacked United States' treatment of Chinese and North Korean war prisoners. Pravda said the Pongam incident was a new "link in the monstrous chain of crimes by the American military who are following the road of Hitlerite tyranny and blood terror."

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