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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

Seems like history is an interesting subject to one and all.

Following the mention that the Herald and News is making an attempt to collect the intimate history of the Basin the office has been full of people eager to help.

But maybe first we'd better point out one fact. We are not in any way belittling the splendid work that has been done by previous groups, notably by Buena Stone and the Klamath Historical Society. Not at all. This group has done an immense amount of work and has collected a staggering history of Oregon, with the emphasis on Southern Oregon.

Arnold Gralapp, superintendent of the city schools, has been intimately concerned with this work for some time now and dropped into the office yesterday to remind us that there is an outstanding collection of historical writings, maps and other items of interest collected presently at Fremont School.

If we can help with this collection in any way it would be an honor. But we sure don't think we can do a better job. What we're trying to do is get a personal and intimate glimpse into the history of the Klamath Basin as a country without going further afield and overlying the history of Southern Oregon. An easy, simple, factual history of names, places, faces and personalities in and around the Basin from the early days to the present. Including place names and histories. So, there you have what we're trying to do.

Ray Telford came down to see us yesterday, too. With plenty of information and the news that he had quite a collection of early day photos. You'll be seeing more of those in the near future. He also passed along the information, to add to our current file, that Odessa consisted of the Griffith's lodging house, the mill, which was also owned by Dan Griffith, and a dance pavilion, another Griffith enterprise. John Griffith, brother of Dan, owned and operated the boats at the scene. It was a main stop over for excursion parties going up the lake, and we have a picture of the old Winema taken when she put in at the nearby landing there on one of her cruises up the lake.

Still another of the early day men, F. L. Chitwood, dropped in to file a query for future investigation—what about the old collection of cabins up on Long Lake? There might be quite a history connected with these old square-nailed structures. If there is we'll do our best to ferret it out.

Right now there is more research to do. But more later.

HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — This is the era of the "he-gossip."

It is said that modern women now are acting more like men — and men are acting more like women.

Rising to the defense of the bleaker sex, I would say this is true in at least one respect — women are talking less, men are talking more.

Women used to have to talk about things they didn't know, because their restricted lives limited their knowledge of the world outside their homes. The ladies no longer have to talk about things they don't know, because now they are in a position to know everything.

As a result they are more likely to keep their pretty little mouths shut in important matters. I would rather trust a secret today to many women than some men. In business affairs particularly they often button their lips better, for they feel less need to brag about "being in the real know."

Who spreads the wild prattle and conjectures in office and factory today? Sadly, I bow to the fact: It is as likely to be a man as a woman.

The "he-gossip" is among us in full power. Do you know one of these busy poison mouths, these abortive freaks of a sex that used to be known as strong and silent?

His habitat is the office water cooler. It is there he distills the idle malice of an idle mind, whispering his own rumors as into the ear of every fellow worker who comes up for a drink. If you wear a clean shirt to work, he passes the word you get a rise. Forget to get your shoes shined, and out goes the bulletin: "lost his whole week's salary on the races."

The he-gossip operates by inquisition as well as imagination. Suppose you are coming to work on a bus, and the fellow next to you bumps you in the eye with a lighted cigar. You pause at a drug store to put on a bandage, and as you step into the office little Poison Puss gallops up to express sympathy — and to find out what happened. You explain.

"But it's against the law to smoke on a bus," he objects.

"I know it. But this guy was smoking anyway."

"No kidding? You weren't in a fight with your wife, were you?"

"You don't think I've been fighting somebody else's wife, do you?" you grumble testily.

"No, of course not," he says, and immediately grabs the lapel of the next man through the door and whispers:

"Look at Joe. Got a black eye. In a fight with some guy's wife, I hear."

"Whose?"

"Search me. You don't suppose it could be the bookkeeper's wife, do you? He was dancing with her a lot at the office Christmas party."

Well, in half an hour the office is buzzing with the news that old Joe got a lump under his lamp trying to play footsy-tootsy with the bookkeeper's hausfrau after dark. And if the bookkeeper hears the report he will suspect that Joe at least secretly would like to make a pass at his wife.

How can a man deal with a he-gossip? The same way women have always done with gal gossips: Start a counter-campaign. For example, tell an office buddy:

"As I was going home last night I saw little big-ears Alvin bend over and pick up something from the sidewalk."

"What was it?"

"Search me. But the guy ahead of him had just thrown away a cigarette, and a little farther on I noticed Alvin was smoking a mighty small butt."

Before long the whole office will believe the he-gossip is so cheap he picks up cigarette butts from the street. And a few may then reach the conclusion that he gets most of his inside information the same way.

BRUCE BIOSSAT

While U.S. military aviation was experiencing one of its worst safety years in history, the country's domestic commercial airlines were racking up their finest safety showing of all times.

The airlines measure safety by computing the number of fatalities per 100,000 "passenger miles" flown. Their old record, set in 1950, was 1.1 deaths for each 100,000 passenger miles in the air. The new low in 1952 was an amazing .38.

This was accomplished despite a sizable increase in total passenger mileage during the year, which fact naturally added considerably to the opportunities for fatal crash. There was only one major mishap, costing more than 40 lives, in the scheduled airlines' record book.

Certainly this achievement does not mean we shall never again see a flurry of domestic air accidents like that which occurred around the Newark airport in the winter of 1951-52 or in the rugged year 1947. But it does appear to be true that the gaps between big crashes are getting longr.

All in aviation eagerly await the introduction of jets to commercial strong that with jet-driven aircraft the major lines will enter a new and far better safety era. Experience in war and peace has shown that jet engines by and large are much more reliable performers, for they are much less complicated than propeller engines and much less likely to develop serious trouble.

Pan American World Airways already has ordered some commercial jets for use a few years hence, but the domestic lines have not yet made the plunge. It can't happen too soon.

The international carriers, incidentally, did not fare as well as the domestics. They had their worst safety year since 1946. Their passenger operations were at a record high (about one fourth the size of domestic operations), but crashes in Brazil, Puerto Rico and elsewhere marred what has in recent years been a spectacular safety performance.

Yet, all in all, the signs of saftey progress are marked. Every air traveler will welcome it if the pace can be maintained through the final days of propeller-driven airliners and into the coming jet age.

Crews Seek Wreck Victims

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)—Disaster crews continued their grim search today for the mangled bodies of nine airmen who died when their B50 bomber crashed into swampland Thursday night.

The Air Force last night officially listed all the crewmen as dead. Hunter Air Force Base officials said most of the bodies could never be recovered from the muddy marshes. Three were found shortly after the crash, and for 24 hours officials clung to a faint hope that some of the remaining six might have parachuted to safety. Parts of some bodies were found yesterday but none large enough to identify.

A collision with another B50 about 14,000 feet over Savannah started the huge bomber on its fatal plunge. It exploded and burned after ripping a crater 20 feet deep in a river bend between two residential subdivisions in suburban Isle of Hope. The crash site is about seven miles southeast of Savannah.

The lucky plane landed at Hunter with its crew of 10 unhurt, although part of its tail assembly was sheared off.

Col. Henry J. Amen, Hunter commander, said last night that enough parts may be salvaged from the wreckage to determine the exact cause of the crash. There were indications that the pilot, Lt. Chester Kincle of Ponca City Okla., tried to "bring in" the crippled air giant. He cleared Parkersburg, a heavily populated section of the suburb, before the plane plummeted into the mud.

Lt. Col. Colin C. Hamilton, who landed the other bomber, said he first thought his plane was struck by lightning when the ill-fated B50 collided with it. He said his plane gave a "violent shudder."

His tail gunner reported that part of the rear assembly was missing and the crew decided they had been struck by another plane.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

Teacher Now Out of Work After 'Kissing Game' Told

PRINCESS ANNE, Md. (AP) — "Gee, I hope we don't have to play postoffice again today," one seventh grader told her mother as she left the house for school.

"I kissed 11 girls in school today," a 12-year-old boy proudly told his mom.

These sort of statements abruptly changed Louis L. Pund Jr.'s occupation from a math and science teacher to an out-of-work musician.

The mild-mannered Pung, who said he was an ordained minister, resigned yesterday from the faculty of Washington High School in this quiet community on Maryland's eastern shore and headed today for Baltimore to find a job tooting his trumpet.

Pund was asked to resign for installing a game of postoffice—a kissing game—in his two classes. He explained its purpose was to break down his students' innibitions because he feared they were too shy.

The game was played last Monday and Tuesday.

It work this way:

One boy or girl would go into the small cloakroom—about three feet deep and eight or 10 feet long—and would call in one of the opposite sex. Then the door was closed.

Pund explained that the youngsters, 12 and 13 years old, had four choices. They could kiss on the lips, kiss the other's hand, shake hands or refuse to play at all.

He said he thought of it before the Christmas vacation, when the students appeared to be restless. He tried it out when they returned this week to classes.

"At first," Pund explained, "a lot of them didn't want to play it. But the next day practically all the students wanted to play. There was one boy who didn't, so he opened and closed the cloakroom door."

A parent said his youngster told him the teacher supplied the sound effects while the boy and girl were in the closet, by puckering his lips and sucking air into his mouth.

Losing the job didn't seem to bother Pund too much. In a way, he appeared almost relieved.

He said he was going to concentrate on his first love—music—by joining a dance orchestra in Baltimore or New York.

"I hope never to teach again," he said flatly.

Pund explained that he had felt it necessary that he take up a profession because his parents and two brothers and one sister were "professional people."

"I figured if I didn't take up a profession, like teaching, I'd be the black sheep in the family. Now I guess they'll just have to accept me as just a musician."

Pund, 40 years old, is married and has a young daughter. They live near Philadelphia, where his wife works in an insurance office.

This was Pund's first year at Princess Anne. His record showed he was on the Lycoming College faculty in Williamsport, Pa., in 1946-47 and was a substitute instructor at Texas Christian University in 1947-48.

Dorothy Smith Convicted Sentenced to Life in Jail

TOKYO (AP)—An Army court today convicted Dorothy Krueger Smith, a famous general's daughter, of stabbing her colonel husband to death with a foot-long hunting knife. The court sentenced her to life in prison at hard labor.

Mrs. Smith, 40, attractive mother of two teenagers, was convicted of premeditated murder in stabbing Col. Aubrey D. Smith, 45, of Boonville, Mo., as he slept in their Tokyo quarters midnight Oct. 3.

A nine-member court-martial board reached its verdict in 64 minutes of deliberation. It took slightly more than 30 minutes to fix the sentence.

The head of the court, white-haired Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Sullivan of San Francisco, wept as he read the sentence in a choked, barely audible voice.

Mrs. Smith, daughter of retired Gen. Walter Krueger who commanded the Sixth Army in the Pacific war, showed only one sign of emotion—a slight quiver of her lower lip.

On previous days of the trial, the attractive Mrs. Smith repeatedly broke down and sobbed.

The case will be reviewed by military authorities here and in Washington.

A defense attorney, Lt. Col. Howard S. Levie of New York City, said he was "very hopeful" the verdict would be reversed.

A prosecuting officer said Mrs. Smith would be sent to the United States in about two weeks and confined in a federal prison. Until then, she will be held in a prison ward of an Army hospital here.

The prosecution presented 15 witnesses and the defense six.

The Smith's Japanese maid, Shigeko Tani, 28, who said she was alone in the Washington Heights home with the couple the night of the stabbing, testified that the Colonel told her Mrs. Smith had stabbed him. The maid also quoted Mrs. Smith as saying, "I'm so glad I did it."

A neighbor, Lt. Col. Joseph Hardin, said Mrs. Smith blurted out: "Too bad I didn't get him in the heart."

Two Army nurses testified that Mrs. Smith said she stabbed her husband as he slept.

Not once in the six-day trial did the defense contest the charge of premeditated murder. It based its case on a contention that she was temporarily insane, because of an overdose of drugs, and that she was gripped by an "irresistible impulse."

The Army's top psychiatrist, Brig. Gen. Rawley E. Chambers, was flown by the Army from Washington to testify in Mrs. Smith's behalf. For four years he had been her personal physician in San Antonio, Tex. He said she was addicted to alcohol and sedatives.

Chambers told of what he called "explosive episodes" in San Antonio. He said they took place after Mrs. Smith had indulged in overdoses of sedatives.

Chambers said Mrs. Smith once knocked down the wife of an officer at a club, then jumped over a second-story bannister. Result: a broken kneecap.

Many times, he said, she slashed her wrists and elbows and threatened to shoot herself. Once, he said, she threw an ashtray at her son, who was trying to help her.

He said he was certain that Mrs. Smith was temporarily insane and in the grip of an irresistible impulse at the moment Smith was stabbed.

Near the close of testimony, Mrs. Smith shouted "stop!" and broke into tears when Col W. H. H. Jones, prosecution attorney, said:

"I defy you to produce one expression of regret from this woman for the crime she has committed."

Mrs. Smith did not testify.

Chilly Weather Hits Florida

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Clearing skies and colder weather came to Florida today in the wake of violent rainstorms and tornadic winds that left a dozen persons injured, four homes destroyed and 20 others damaged.

The Weather Bureau said the outlook is for freezing weather over North Florida and colder weather in South Florida Sunday. Miami likely will see a low of 40 degrees.

Hardest hit by winds that reached hurricane or near hurricane force was the rural section near Plant City in East Hillsborough County on the Gulf Coast. There one man suffered broken ribs and 11 other persons were cut and bruised.

Another twister slammed the coastal resort city of Sarasota, causing damage estimated at $100,000 in sunken boats, overturned trailers and shattered plate glass windows in waterfront hotels and downtown stores.

The winter quarters of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus just outside Sarasota escaped damage.

Lakeland and Clermont also reported minor wind damage to houses, communication lines, trees and shrubbery.

Racing went on at Tropical Park outside Miami but the track was a sea of mud and the power flashed off and on during the heavy downpour.

Disrupted communications and littered streets were reported along the East Coast from Palm Beach to Key West. Winds up to 73 miles an hour in gusts pounded Key West, where more than four inches of rain fell.

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The Doctor Says—

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M. D.

An interesting subject is brought up by D. W. T. who writes: "Please tell me what causes purpura. Is there a cure for this disease?"

First, for the benefit of those readers who have never heard of purpura, this is a condition in which purple patches, usually small, appear on the skin or mucous membranes, resulting from leakage of blood into these areas. It is similar, therefore, to an ordinary bruise and indeed in the presence of purpura, black and blue bruises are likely to appear much more readily.

There are many complicated aspects of purpura: it can develop as a result of a large number of infections, including measles, meningitis, or pneumonia. It can follow administration of drugs in those who are sensitive to certain of them. In many cases it is related to malfunctioning of the spleen. In some the cause cannot be discovered at all.

In a more general way, it may be related to changes in the capillary blood vessels which allow the blood to sweep through more easily than usual, or to changes in the various parts of the blood itself.

Whenever purpura occurs a number of tests must be taken to find out what kind of purpura is present, what treatment offers the best chances of improvement, and what the outlook is for recovery.

If the condition, for example, is the result of an infection, which is likely to improve, little may need to be done; if it is the result of taking some drug, perhaps discontinuing the drug alone will be enough.

On the other hand, if it is the kind of purpura resulting from the malfunctioning of the spleen, serious consideration will have to be given to removing that organ. In fact, in the splenic kind of purpura removing of all the spleen may be the answer.

It is a curious fact that the spleen, which lies in the abdominal cavity, and the functions of which are not yet fully understood, can be removed not only without harmful effects, but also with great benefit in a few conditions. Purpura is sometimes one of them.

Although most readers of this column will fortunately never have occasion to become personally concerned about purpura, they should realize that the development of these bluish spots in the mucous membrane or on the skin are signs of something which should involve immediate and careful investigation.

Open House At Nursing Home

The Klamath Nursing Home's new recreation hall, an addition to the main building of the home on Summers Lane, is to be the site of an open house with the public invited on the afternoon of Jan. 18.

The new hall is completely glassed in. Several contributions of furniture including a radio, a piano and a phonograph, have already been made toward furnishing the room.

Supt. and Mrs. Jack Smith of the home have asked local people who have furniture stowed in garages and attics if they would like to donate it. The Smiths will have the furniture repaired so it may be used in the hall.

There are about 58 patients in the nursing home.

Curve Jinx To Trucks

ATHENS, Tenn. (AP)—Two trailer trucks, both carrying the same oil shipment, overturned at exactly the same spot on Highway 11 near here yesterday. It happened this way.

The first truck, driven by Frank Cowgill of Union Church, Miss., overturned after failing to make a sharp curve.

Roy Miller of Hammond, La., then drove a second truck to the scene, picked up the cargo and came back here to make a telephone call.

When he started out again, his vehicle also failed to make the same curve which threw Cowgill.

Both trucks were badly damaged, but the drivers were unhurt.

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House Republicans Set Next W... For Attack on $78 Billion

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans hope to get started next week on the job of trying to slash 10 billion dollars from President Truman's proposed new budget without waiting for President-elect Eisenhower to suggest any cuts.

Chairman Taber (R-NY) of the House Appropriations Committee, which initiates budget legislation, said subcommittees are expected to be in action by the end of next week on the many items that comprise the budget.

The Republican Committee on Committees is due to make its recommendations next Tuesday for new GOP assignments to the appropriations committee, which will be dominated by Republicans holding 30 of the 50 seats.

Republicans in Congress generally cried "spendthrift" yesterday when Truman sent up his proposed budget for the fiscal year starting July 1.

The $79,578,000,000 blueprint for fiscal 1954 expenditures is nearly seven billions less than the one Truman submitted a year ago. It contemplates boosted foreign aid and defense spending and, the President estimated, will spell a federal deficit of nearly 10 billion dollars.

House Speaker Martin (R-Mass) called it a "phantom budget" and told reporters:

"At the proper time the new administration will submit its own program, and a balanced budget to support it."

Slashing of Truman-proposed budgets is familiar talk in Congress. However, lawmakers often have talked economy in January and voted billions in July.

Both the Senate and House held perfunctory sessions yesterday. After receiving the budget proposal read by clerks, they knocked off until Tuesday.

Taber said present plans are to consider the budgets of individual agencies in separate bills, as in past years, and not to lump them all in one measure. There is strong sentiment in the Senate for return to the one-bill method of handling appropriations, which was tried several years ago and promptly abandoned.

"We will start our hearings as soon as the committee is organized, probably late next week," Taber said. "We won't have to wait for a revised budget from

Government May Take Over Crop S...

By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman predicted Friday the government will have to take over more than half a billion dollars in crop surpluses during the coming fiscal year.

These crops will flow into government hands under price support operations because of prospects, he said, that prices will be down to minimum levels guaranteed growers.

The President estimated in his annual budget message that the government's investment in farm commodities would be around $1,576,331,000 by June 30, 1954. It now is slightly more than a billion dollars and is expected to reach about $1,282,744,000 by the coming June 30 when the present fiscal year ends.

Farm prices have dropped 12 per cent during the past 12 months and are now four per cent below the parity goal of federal farm-aid programs. Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices declared by law to be equally fair to farmers and those who buy their products.

SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP) — Businessmen have a double stake in the budget that Congress will work upon in coming weeks.

On the spending side—much of the billions of dollars that will be spent on defense, public works, and the like will go directly to manufacturers and service industries, while billions of dollars that go in veterans' affairs, from farm price support, for government payrolls, will eventually find its way back to businessmen in payments by their customers.

So business will watch closely to see where spending cuts are made.

On the income side—business puts up directly a large share of the taxes that flow into the U. S. Treasury, while its customers pay higher prices for products on which hidden taxes and excise taxes are laid (and may buy fewer of the industry's products in consequence); and customers also find their purchasing power whittled by high individual taxes.

So business will watch closely for chances of coming tax cuts.

Most businessmen seem confident that Congress will cut the budget which President Truman placed before it Friday.

Almost unanimously they approve of economy and less spending in principle—but individually many of them may protest if cuts are proposed in the programs which would give them a good customer in the government.

Most businessmen seem confident that Congress will let the excess profits tax expire next June. And some of them hope that individual income tax rates and some excess taxes may be cut at the same time, thus giving customers more dollars to spend at the store.

But how to cut taxes and balance the budget is a problem which businessmen fear will be more than Congress (with its long record of log-rolling on pet spending plans) can accomplish easily.

Businessmen look on the Truman budget as a stop-gap, until the Eisenhower budget is ready—probably weeks away. But they will find in the Truman budget the details on spending programs where cuts could be made—and can see who would be hurt if they were made.

Spud Exhibit In Merrill

An exhibit of some 70 varieties of seed potatoes which won blue, red and white ribbons in the recent Dominion Field Day is to be set up in the Merrill Recreation Hall Tuesday evening, with Klamath Basin potato growers invited to inspect them.

The exhibit is to open at 8 p.m. with movies.

It is being sponsored by the Northern Seed Potato Co., Limited, of Vancouver, British Columbia. Manager Charles H. Bradbury of the company will be present during the exhibit, as well as Dominion Seed Inspector Ben Lawson.

Arrangements are being made here through Bob Cheyne and George Burger, local potato men.

The spud exhibits are of all top grade, prize winning samples and other interesting varieties, which the local men said should be of interest to all persons interested in this field.

Huge Lumber Sale Reported

MEDFORD (AP) — The largest lumber transaction on record in Southern Oregon was reported Thursday with sale of 20,000 acres of timber and mills at Tiller, Central Point and White City.

Elkton Bregman and his brothers bought the property from the Southern Oregon Sugar Pine Corp. and the White City Lumber Co. The former owners indicated the price was more than 7 million dollars.

Bregman already has large lumber interests in the Los Angeles area, and owns mills at Canyonville, Riddle and Miracle Creek in Douglas County.

Bregman said he planned to expand his new holdings, which already produce about 100 million board feet of lumber annually. Bregman said he would add another mill at White City, one that could produce 125,000 board feet daily.

The timber he acquired is in Siskiyou, Jackson, Josephine and Douglas Counties.

The sellers kept most of the White City industrial area, where 14 other firms are located. Bregman acquired about 90 acres of property there.

Assicoated with him are his brothers, Warren and Stanley, of Cottage Grove.

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Nursing Home Gets Letters

Klamath County's Nursing Home, on Summers Lane, has been the recipient of more than 150 cards and letters from all over the United States and Canada since it was presented over a nationwide hookup of the American Broadcasting Company as the Breakfast Club's Sunshine Shower.

The broadcast, emceed by Don McNeil, was heard in this area over station KFLW two weeks ago.

The idea of the Sunshine Shower is the rain of cards and letters from people throughout the country to the patients at old folks homes and nursing homes everywhere. They are mentioned individually on the nationwide program.

There are 58 patients at the Klamath Home. Many of the letters and cards they have received are colorfully pictured, some with hand-drawings by the writers of the letters. Supt. and Mrs. Jack Smith report several of their patients may be replying to the senders of the letters.

Workers Get Large Sums

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Cudahy Packing Company has paid 885 employes $1,200,000 in severance for layoffs from May 25 to Sept. 27, 1952, the CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America reports.

The layoffs came as the company shut down its packinghouse operations here, according to the union's regional director, Arthur E. Morrison, who explained that they were due to prohibitive operation costs in unsuitable buildings.

The plant was closed until a new location and new facilities are provided, Morrison said yesterday, "and that's why we consider this a layoff and not a discharge." He said severance payments average $1,000 to $1,400, since nearly all the workers had been long-time employes.

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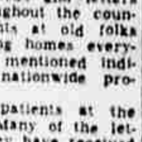
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