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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

Something new is always being added. Coming down the street the other day I noticed that the fancy little tents the phone crews use when working at the top of a pole have moved up a notch. Instead of the old fashioned canvas covers we're used to they are now using slick plastic rigs. Should give more light and allow the boys to see out.

Ice skating in Klamath Falls has been a spotty thing for the past couple of years. It must be a major headache to the recreation and park men who have to try and maintain the big rink. No sooner do we get a good hard freeze that puts everything in shape than we get a sudden thaw. Or a heavy snowfall that covers it up and roughens the ice.

The weather seems to have it in for the lovers of the twin blades. Maybe next winter will see some skating weather and we'll get in at least a couple of straight weeks at the sport. In the meantime, thanks to the chaps who have done so much work to keep the rink open every possible minute during this uncertain weather.

Signs of summer in the news. A dispatch from the Modoc forest tells us that ninety five acres of skid trails and landings have been seeded to grass as an erosion measure. That's just the much more grass to hold the dirt in place as well as furnishing feed for livestock and game.

Neal Rahm, straw boss of a lit-MoDoc, is even gonna learn a lit more about things by going down to Albuquerque to attend a meeting of the Society of Range Management.

In the old days the cattlemen and others got together and talked over how to grow more grass. They still do it, at meetings like this one, but now they refer to it as "range improvement, revegetation and other improvements" instead of just "growin' grass."

The same release tells us that in Alluras the rain gauge recorded 2.63 inches during December. It brings the season total to 8.04. The five-year seasonal average for the area is 4.71 and total precipitation at the end of December, 1951, was 6.35. So you now know where Alluras and area stand regarding moisture.

The sign of spring? Last Friday, yesterday, we saw a boat with a lone fisherman aboard slowly trolling along the edge of the ice in the Upper Lake. Could be.

Coming to work every morning, or almost every morning, we notice the hardened fishermen get out their gear for the day. They come out to the lake all equipped with rods, reels, bait and enough P.esto lora to keep a warm fire going while they sit and wait for a strike. Be glad when summer comes.

TELLING THE EDITOR

TRUBLE

EUGENE—One night my daughter, Maydene, who is now 14, was baby-sitting for a cop's children. The phone rang and when she answered it, she found she was talking to a man who was drinking. He wanted someone to talk to and she talked to him about prayer. He had told her he was going to take some sleeping pills and end it all and she was frightened and she phoned and told me. I phoned the cop and told him. He told me the man's name and although I had never seen him, I knew he was a high school buddy of my husband. I told my husband and he went down and spent the night with him. The man was quite drunk but he had resolved to quit drinking. He wouldn't take the stuff when my husband was there but during the day the drunks of the town would bring it to him and he couldn't refuse.

One time one of our prominent businessmen brought him spiked stuff. If he had gone that night he would have been o.k. but that just started him all over again. A neighbor signed a complaint and he was taken to the alcoholic ward in the state hospital. He was there a month when they paroled him to himself which cost him \$300. In order to raise the money he signed his home over to the neighbor who signed the complaint and who also owned his home which he was buying. When he returned home he found he had lost his car. He started drinking again. We went down to stay with him. My husband stayed all night. He was quitting and was getting o.k. We stayed with him all night so he wouldn't drink. When we went to see him the next night we found his neighbor had sent him over there again. She wanted to get his place so she had him sent over there and it is killing him. He can't stand to think he is in an insane institution when his trouble is drinking.

I just can't stand by and try to do nothing about it. The doctors would parole him to my husband now. We have a family of five children. Our old house is bursting at the seams. We have four beds in one room, so it is impossible for us to keep him unless we could find a trailer house cheap or something. If he doesn't get paroled he will have to be there six months.

I dreamed of it all the other night and got up and wrote this poem and thought I'd send it to a paper like yours.

Beulah Aydelott Curtis

Dear Heart, are you full of sweet expectation?
Do you shine with that glorious glow
Of the star that shone o'er the stable
Of the Christ Child long ago?

You are? Ah, then you will listen
To a story—tragic but true
Of a man in a state institution
Embittered, dejected and blue.

Dear Heart! This man is not crazy,
He has a brilliant mind.
His disposition is loving and
If you'd take the trouble you'd find
He has the soul of a poet.
With music he turns night to day,
But his sensitive soul is in anguish—
He feels he has no right to pray.

For when he lost loved ones and money
His grief overpowered his control,
And he turned to the one he thought
was his friend,
But was a traitor—King Alcohol.

His friends one by one have all left him
And when his mind grew dizzy
and dim
They sent him to the state institution
Just to get rid of him.

Ah, Christian Heart! To the rescue!
Hurry, before it's too late
Share with this man and help
save him
From his terrible, terrible fate.

They'll Do It Every Time



Highlights of Northwest History

By DR. DAN E. CLARK
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No. 3

Today's Question: Who were the first fur traders in the Upper Columbia Country?

The first fur traders in the upper Columbia country consisted of a small party led by David Thompson, who was not merely a fur trader, but a geographer who made maps of the region which were amazingly accurate. These men were employees of the North West Company, one of the Great British fur trading companies in the far north. In 1807 Thompson crossed the Rocky Mountains by what was later known as Howe Pass and reached the headwaters of the Columbia. He was accompanied by his half-breed wife and family and a small party of employees, including his clerk, Finan McDonald, who was destined to play an important role in the fur trade of the Pacific Northwest.

That same year, 1807, he built Kootenai House near Lake Windermere in what is now British Columbia. This was the first trading post in the Columbia basin. Two years later he built Kullyspell House on the North shore of Lake Pend d'Oreille in northern Idaho and Saleesh House on Clark's Fork of the Columbia in Montana, and in 1810 either he or Finan McDonald established Spokane House at the mouth of the Little Spokane River in Washington.

Thompson now decided to explore the Columbia River by its mouth and early in July, 1811, with a few Indians and five French-Canadian boatmen, he set out downstream. At the mouth of the Snake River, he posted a notice that the region belonged to Great Britain. A little later he met an Indian Chief who displayed an American flag which had been given him by Lewis and Clark. He also learned that Americans had established a trading post near the mouth of the Columbia. Nevertheless, he continued his journey and on the afternoon of July 10, after having shaved and spruced up a bit, he and his men reached Fort Astoria. After spending a few days at the fort, he went back up the river, and in the following year crossed the mountains and abandoned the fur trade.

Tomorrow's Question: What was the first American Settlement in the Pacific Northwest?

Clip and paste in your history scrapbook. If you have a question you would like answered, about Oregon or Northwest history, mail it to Dr. Dan E. Clark care of this newspaper.

GI Says He'll Return Medal

By JIM BECKER

WESTERN FRONT, Korea (AP)—A shy farm boy private from Nebraska who was awarded the "Silver Medal of the Crown of Thailand" reckoned today that he would give it back "if that's what the Army wants."

"I'd kind of like to keep it for a souvenir," Pvt. Walter M. Johnson admitted wistfully. "But I'll keep it or give it back whenever the Army says."

Johnson, 21, of Greeley, was hustled from his front-line position and flown to Seoul a few days ago to accept the medal at a spit-and-polish ceremony. He had been in Korea only two months, and had never seen a Thai and did not even know where Thailand is, he said.

The Army today solved the mystery.

Another private named Walter M. Johnson, who was rotated back to his home in Applington, Ia., last June.

The Iowa Johnson served with a U. S. regiment which was associated with the Thais.

Col. Edward E. Farnsworth Jr. of South Portland, Me., top American liaison officer to the U. N. forces in the Far East, explained the mixup.

He said the Thailand government some time ago submitted a list of U. S. soldiers it wanted to decorate. The list carried no serial numbers and some of the names were jumbled. The Iowa private had gone home, and the Nebraska farm boy with the same name got the medal by mistake.

"I told them it was all a mistake all the time," Johnson said.

Ft. Klamath Church Competes

FORT KALMATH—The Methodist Church has entered the Oregon Town and Country Church Improvement Project for 1952-53 a statewide contest which is now being conducted under the auspices of the Town and Country church committee of the Oregon Council of Churches. It is open to any rural church, whether Protestant or Catholic, and will close on June 1, of this year.

Purposes of the project are to encourage country church groups in Oregon to improve exteriors and interiors to church buildings, and grounds and equipment; to stimulate interest in church programs and increase attendance, and to aid growth of helpful cooperative service of the church to its community.

For the contests, churches are placed in three categories—first, those which are located in open country areas; second, churches in communities which have a population up to 1000 people; third, churches situated in communities whose population number from 1001 up to 2500. The local church is competing in the second division of the contest, that of a church located in a community of not over 1000.

Through the cooperation of the Sears Roebuck Company Foundation, cash awards will be given winning churches, as follows: first prize, \$200; second, \$135; third, \$75. In the event that there are more than ten churches entering the contest in each class, these awards may be extended further than third place, contingent on the judgement of the scoring committee. It is stated.

The local church board, which prevented.

In mid forms there may be only inconspicuous signs, such as poor healing of wounds, a tendency to certain infectious diseases, easy bleeding when cut, and increased susceptibility to ulcers of the stomach.

This type of scurvy can be discovered only by making chemical examinations of the blood or urine for ascorbic acid.

When insufficient quantities are found, the condition can be remedied readily by adding more vitamin C in the diet. Today's scurvy, vanishing disease in all countries, whose inhabitants eat a reasonably balanced diet.

PESCIA, Italy (AP)—Walt Disney has remembered Pinocchio the puppet, whose story he once portrayed in a movie.

The committee in charge of arrangements for a Pinocchio memorial in this tiny town where the story of the puppet was written announced Saturday it had received \$150 from Disney towards the cost of the monument.

School children all over the world have been pouring pennies into the fund and getting in return a Pinocchio Certificate entitling them to tell one harmless lie weekly.

The monument fund is expected to be completed by spring.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Sometimes people will vote the easier of their own crackers.

That may be the case with the nation's college students, who have decided to abolish the two-planet system in football, thereby threatening mass seasonal unemployment in one of the more popular forms of American outdoor art.

The pigskin lycans may know what they are about. But in another popular national pastime—the great game of politics—there is no rush to follow their example.

No politician has raised the cry: "let's cut back to a one-planet Congress and save money!"

The mere thought is enough to give a professional politician the shakes. He knows that if you cut out too many jobs you can destroy a line political machine.

The same thing is probably true of a good football, too. And that is the risk the rules makers are in turning the clock back and voting to return to nose and buggy football.

This will have a college to play its schedule with only one team instead of the two now used—one for defense, one for offense.

The whole business is a clear retreat from the American goal of plenty—more jobs for more people for more pay at shorter hours.

The football authorities have a number of public and private reasons for their action.

1. The two-planet system has turned football into a three-ring circus.

2. Many small—and some large—colleges find it too expensive. They can't afford to hire so many players.

3. It turns out athletic specialists rather than all-around athletes.

These arguments echo as loudly as a tin snail back. They are based on the unromantic theory that it is possible to make football into an industry and still keep it as a sport.

The truth, of course, is that football is a big competitive business. The more a football game resembles a three-ring circus—such as the end-of-the-season bowl games—the bigger is its boxoffice draw.

Modern two-planet football has a faster, sharper tempo than the logging, exhausting game of yore. The public likes action, and many fans have forgotten how dull the game could get in the old days.

Should General Motors quit making motor cars just because some other business firm only has enough money to turn out bicycles? Hardly.

The same is true of the football industry. It is time to divide the big college firms from the little ones.

If small colleges are unable to draw a good gate because they are financially unable to stock a full supply of able players, then they should abandon football and field a chess team—or go back to education.

The present retrenchment program is no answer. It just means fewer jobs for a lot of fine young fellows willing to hit that line for dear old alma mater—and cash.

The big colleges will still get the cream of the crop, pay more for them, and still get the profitable crowds.

The smaller colleges will get the low-priced cuts. And the games will be so lousy they will play in empty stands. For how can a poor, bewildered college football player give his best when he knows that on his return home he will get this greeting from his wife:

"Look at you, all bruised and beat up. And for what? You're playing for peanuts—when our kids need shoes. I should have married a basketball player."

What with smaller squads, growing unemployment, smaller salaries... slower games... the danger is that the experts may have voted present-day college industrial football into a ruinous downward spiral.

Do they want the game to go back to the amateurs?

Even the coaches will have to ration their cover if that ever happens to football.

Oregon 'Baby Sitter' Aims at Tax

By ESTHER GEDDEN

NALEM—The law-making machinery always seems sluggish during the first few days of a legislative session. Often this is because of the slight delay in getting bills through the printers' hands. However as the first few bills appear it is sometimes possible to pay more attention to them than later during the session when the flood of measures descends.

One bill which may be of interest to many has appeared among the early House bills. This one is being called the "baby-sitter" bill and stated simply is aimed at permitting the deduction of wages paid for child care and house help from income tax (at state level) where such child care is necessary to allow the mother or father as the case may be to go out and earn a living.

Undoubtedly there have been many cases of hardship caused by the fact that a mother, perhaps a widow, who is responsible for the support of her family cannot deduct the wages she pays for house help, which she must have in order to earn that living. Sometimes there is very little left over after the wages for the housekeeper and the usual taxes are paid.

I do not know how the committee on taxation will react to this measure. The amount of money which will be lost to the state will be comparatively small, and in-

Teller Bluffs Bank Robber

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A man who tried to hold up a bank left empty handed because he didn't want anything but \$50 and \$100 bills.

Teller Pearl Phillips told police the man handed her a note yesterday reading: "Give me all the \$50 and \$100 bills. Do not give an alarm."

Mrs. Phillips tried reasoning. It worked. She said she had just returned from lunch and had only a few dollars at her window. The man expressed disappointment, turned and walked out of the bank.

Committees For NW Men

WASHINGTON (AP)—Eight Pacific Northwest U. S. Representatives were assigned to House committees Friday as the shift in control in the House from the Democrats to the Republicans was completed.

The assignments are subject to House confirmation Monday, normally just a formality.

Four committees, appropriate rules, ways and means and House administration, had been selected Wednesday.

The assignments announced Friday include:

Armed Services—Norblad (R-Ore.).

Veterans Affairs—Mack (R-Wash.).

Interior and Insular Affairs—Westland (R-Wash.) and Pfost (D-Id.).

Tollison (R-Wash.) and Fisheries—Molten (R-Wash.).

Norblad, and Magnuson (D-Wash.).

Public Works—Mack and Angell (R-Ore.).

Commerce—Pelly (D-Wash.).

BED-WETTING IS A SYMPTOM

It has been definitely established that bed-wetting is a symptom of an emotional maladjustment, which can be caused by any of a multitude of simple emotional disturbances.

What is of even greater importance than the cause, however, is the effect in the life of an individual. A bed-wetter often develops introverted habits because of the embarrassment he feels, or, in other cases, he becomes overly aggressive to compensate for his weakness. In the latter case, he reassures himself every time he opposes authority or acts the bully.

Obviously, other unpleasant behavior traits can develop because bed-wetting is socially embarrassing and thus causes a person to feel insecure about his capabilities.

Fortunately, bed-wetting can be corrected and often within a few days. The Oregon Psychological Research Foundation has developed a system of treatment which corrects bed-wetting in ninety-seven out of every hundred cases. (The other three can be cured, too, but they may require more time).

For information about how the OPRF system can help your child—call BE 4364 or write: The Oregon Psychological Research Foundation, 1019 S. W. 10th Ave., Portland 8, Ore.

Trainmen Hold Vote

A mediation election was concluded yesterday afternoon by trainmen of the Great Northern Railway between the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen (BRT) and the Order of Railway Conductors (ORC) to determine which union shall have a contract with the company.

The election was held at the GN depot on S. 8th, by Mediator Charles Wahl with the assistance of H. L. Wade and I. K. Van Hook, GN employees.

The voting was system-wide. Ballots are to be taken to St. Paul, Minn., for counting.

CORRECTION

Record's column listing "On the Chryse" as named in a lawsuit brought by the Owens Adjustment Service was incorrect. The law, Chryse and Patricia Chryse, Dale corrected item appears in the records today.

Marines May Need Draft Aid

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Marines may have to turn to the draft for help, because nearly half the corps' 230,000 men will be rotated out of the service this year, the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee said yesterday.

Red Cross Seeks \$93 Million

NEW YORK (AP)—The American Red Cross has set a \$93 million dollar quota for its March fund drive—eight million above the 1952 goal and the biggest yet except in wartime.

Campaign Chairman Leroy A. Lincoln announced the quota to 13 regional vice chairmen here yesterday.

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