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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

Shasta Sam can drop dead as far as this column is concerned. And stay that way.

Shasta Sam being a mythical character who emerges from his Redding cave occasionally to utter a few banalities regarding the current events.

His latest effort was to shed a few copious tears over the fact that 6700 acres (his figure) of land in the Tulelake Basin was to be homesteaded.

According to Sam this means that there will be less duck feeding areas, therefore the ducks will fly south earlier in the year and catch the rice growers where the hum is short—and the rice, presumably, long and ripe. Then, says Sam, the government will have to buy up more ground for refuges and feeding grounds and will pay more than the homesteaders are worth.

Nice thoughtful attitude, Sam. Your touching concern for the fate of the rice growers has me almost in tears—so silly jerk.

I suppose it hurts them worse to lose a few lousy grains of rice to the invading ducks than it does the farmers of the Tule and Klamath Basins to lose an equal amount of grain, barley, clover, etc.

I assume that the idea solution from your standpoint would be to hold all the ducks on the vast grainfields of the Klamath country until you had your harvest in and then let them come on down so you ten gauge magnum cloth heads could go out and enjoy your hunting slaughter.

Year after year there is a long line of cars from the valley areas of California pouring into the state line area just about the opening of duck season. Grain buyers? Rice merchants looking for fresh lands? Heck no! Duck hunters coming in to enjoy some of the most impressive duck and goose shooting to be found in the Northern Hemisphere.

After, presumably, having gotten

their rice crop in and safely under cover.

It might be well to add one word of advice to the friends of Sam when they come up for their hunting—better not mention where you come from. Might be dangerous. Up this way we think pretty highly of our crops, too. And we don't like California throwing off on us and wanting us to take the beating while they reap the harvest.

Good old Shasta Sam follows up this inane rambling with a pointed plea to the gods of the weather—“Too much! Too much! The rainfall here is almost twice normal; seems to me you might rest a while and give us a few days of sunshine.”

That's his plea, as printed in the January 10 edition of the Record Searchlight, Redding's newspaper. Along about next week the same editorial column will be carrying on the fight to steal the state of Jefferson's water and funnel it down to Shasta lake so Shasta County and Redding can have more power in order to locate there industries that ought to come to the state of Jefferson—where the water falls and runs down the rivers to make power. While the state of Jefferson divides its time between beating off herds of ducks and hunting stray waterholes in the desert that the three lower Californians have overlooked in their grab for water.

There's another small point where some of the Central and Southern Californians might be surprised. Up here in the Klamath Basin (The State of Jefferson area if you remember it—Klamath Lake, Siskiyou, Modoc, Trinity, Del Norte and Humboldt counties) we intend to fight for our water. We don't aim to shrug our shoulders and let our water go in order that every two-bit, half acre San Fernando Valley ranch be assured of a plentiful supply of water for its swimming pools.

Nuts to you, Shasta Sam.

CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

By DEB ADDISON

This is just a word to all you harassed parents of small children who forever are having to say “no” to the Worry Wart on another dime for a candy bar.

You know, and Junior and Sister know, what the dentist said: Lay off the candy bars and sweets and you won't have so many cavities in your teeth.

This is just to back you up. It comes from the Illinois State Dental Society.

At its 88th annual meeting, the Illinois society, after numerous resolutions, therefore resolved that: “The Illinois State Dental Society go on record as condemning the sale of candies, gums and sweetened beverages in all primary schools in the State of Illinois and favoring substituting therefore such sugar free foods as nuts, potato chips and milk.”

As far as we know there are no such things sold in Klamath primary schools. But kids are kids, and they're after the sweets at every turn. The point is, as pointed out in one of the whineases, “that the intake into the mouth of refined sugars and foods made therefrom are the primary contributing cause of dental caries,” and it's a never ending struggle for Pa and Ma to keep saying “no.”

If the youngsters want to have their teeth and eat candy too they'd better get on the boat and push the fluoridation of Klamath Falls water. Fluoridation should do enough to prevent dental caries in children that a sweet now and then would never be noticed.)

You may not know it but we have a nationally famous real estate broker in our midst. Refer-

ence is to “Pat” Howes, Realtor.

The February issue of “Real Estate Copyscope,” published by Howard Parish, the leading “wax-ad” authority of the country, features and has the first two pages devoted to recent advertising of “Pat” Howes.

(This advertising all has appeared in the Herald and News, thank you.)

It says that “giving a full word picture” is of primary importance in producing the grand results which “Pat” Howes enjoys.

Howard Parish, incidentally, is not an entire stranger to Klamath. He stopped here several summers ago while on a vacation tour with his family. We met up with him at Rotary Club and then spent most of the afternoon talking shop. He was back here again a couple of summers ago to attend the meeting in Klamath Falls of the Western Division of ANCAM (American Newspaper Classified Advertising Managers).

Our classified manager, Hubert Totton, sometimes known as Uncle Buck, is known in ANCAM circles as Bill. Full name: William Hubert Totton.)

Speaking of national distinction, Greer Drew will tell you at the drop of a Sletson that his outfit (Drew's Mammoth) is one of 13 retailers listed nationally by Hy-Er's Cowboy Boots—one of the only two in Oregon.

What interests us is that Greer says cowboys come here from Burns to Eureka to get the boots. That's what was meant the other day when we said that it takes a big trading area to support a fine “business plant”; it takes a fine selection of goods and services to bring people in a hundred miles to do their shopping.

Demo Still Running Navy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat Francis P. Whitehair, his letter of resignation apparently gone astray, was still under secretary of the Navy today.

Yesterday, in fact, he seemed to be running Navy business although the man designated for that interim job, Assistant Secretary for Air John F. Flobers, was at his Pentagon desk.

The Pentagon and the White House, like two outfielders going for the same fly ball, somehow let Whitehair's resignation get lost.

The Pentagon was certain the Truman administration appointees, had gone to the White House early this month.

But President Eisenhower's aides expressed surprise. They said the White House had assumed Whitehair had been designated as the Navy official who would remain as acting Navy secretary

until that post was filled by the new Republican administration.

It was the Pentagon's turn to be surprised. Flobers, not Whitehair, had been designated interim Navy boss by former Secretary Dan Kimball and former Secretary of Defense Robert Lovett.

At the Defense Department, it was said Kimball had sent Whitehair's resignation, together with his own and other Navy resignations, of October 1952.

On Jan. 5, Lovett's office transmitted to the White House resignations to Lovett's office on Dec. 19, officials affected by the change of administration. Also sent were the names of three service deputy or assistant secretaries recommended to stay on in the interim.

No one seemed clear about what happened to the Whitehair resignation.

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By Jimmy Hatlo

BUT WHO IS IT THAT ALWAYS MISSES THE COLLECTION BASKET, SUNDAY MORNINGS?

ALING PLING

THANK AND A TIP TO THE HATLO THAT TO JOHN H. SHANNON, ST. LOUIS, MO. (REUTERS)



Truman Takes Private Life in Stride

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP)—That fellow you couldn't help bumping into all over Jackson County today was Harry S. Truman.

Just to look at him, strolling along the sidewalks with an infectious grin on his face, you would never guess three days ago he was president of the United States. If you hadn't seen his picture in the papers, so often.

The new ex-president was taking the problem of adjustment after nearly eight years in the White House, with all its attendant burdens, in easy stride.

And so was Jackson County—Kansas City, where he has his new private offices, Independence, where he and Mrs. Truman live in the big white frame house on North Delaware Street, and Grandview, where his family has a farm.

When you consider that this 63-year-old man, with his blue eyes twinkling beneath his thick leaved spectacles, came home only Thursday night after turning over the

White House to Dwight D. Eisenhower, you had to admit that the adjustment was coming along fast.

This reporter bumped into Truman at his offices on the 11th floor of the Federal Reserve Bank Building where the ex-president tackled the job of answering hundreds of letters and telegrams.

I feel like a country boy in the big city again,” Truman asserted.

He said that he didn't know what kind of job he would take and wouldn't make a decision for some time on the many offers he has received.

“But I won't do anything that would reflect on, or commercialize, the great office I have held,” he said.

At the present time, he added, he does not consider there is any possibility that he will run for congress, and he doesn't think that he will seek any office again.

What he would like to do is to get away with Mrs. Truman and his daughter Margaret for a long

rest. After all, he pointed out, practically everybody else who participated in last year's hectic political campaign has done so.

The most noticeable thing about Truman when you run into him in Jackson County nowadays is the absence of the Secret Service body guard that surrounded him when he was president.

But he does have two bodyguards, both former members of the 13th Division of the 129th Field Artillery, which Truman commanded in France in 1918.

They are Sgt. Arthur Bell, a member of the state highway patrol who was assigned to guard Truman during a period of adjustment, and Lt. Fred Deffen, of the Kansas City police department, to look after him when he goes into Kansas City.

Truman's big interest now is to see construction get under way on a library and cultural center on the family farm at Grandview to house his presidential papers and serve as a student research mecca.

He invited reporters to join him at Grandview today to look over the site of the proposed library for which private funds now are being sought by personal friends. The project is estimated to cost 1 1/2 million dollars.

The ex-President after driving to nearby Kansas City from Independence yesterday in a state highway patrol car walked over to the Muehlenbach Hotel for lunch. Almost anyone who wanted to, strolled into his office to shake hands and ask questions. As he told one old friend:

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