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CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

By DEB ADDISON

RETAIL MEMO:

It says that garden supplies will reap a real harvest in '53; that America's army of backyard farmers will be bending their backs more than ever; that garden supply sales are expected to exceed the present annual billion dollar volume by 20 per cent—according to Retailing Daily, on the Garden Supply and Power Equipment Trade Show in Chicago this month.

Time payments on power equipment may raise the total volume another 10 percent. Toe anticipated increases in garden supplies are the result of a basic change in consumers from class to mass markets caused by higher average income levels, more leisure and home building operations in suburban areas which provide garden and lawn space.

When you consider that nearly half of the people of Klamath Falls live outside the city limits; that about two thirds of the people of Klamath county live outside of "city" conditions; that about three fourths of the people of the Klamath Basin live outside—when you consider that we're having March weather in January—well, it looks like this should be a good place and time for (advertising) garden supplies.

And that brings up the question: Does anybody actually know why nearly half of the people of Klamath Falls have chosen to live outside the corporate city?

Was it because they couldn't find lots or homes inside? Price of property? Building and living restrictions? Taxation by the city? Or just the desire for elbow room?

Somebody will have to answer those questions before there can be constructive consideration of suggestions, by suburban or city folks either, that outside areas become part of the town.

The feast-or-famine dinnerware industry may be looking at its most bountiful table since 1948, says the Wall Street Journal. (Is that because more bountiful gardening will call for nicer plates to serve the feast on?)

Many merchants noted the rising popularity of the new "outdoor style" dinnerware at the recent pottery show in Pittsburgh.

Such items as colorful plaid dinnerware were strong sellers. Odd shapes—triangular plates and saucers—got a lot of attention. Potters say they are out to keep pace with the casual trend of American life.

Casual living seems to bring more casual assumption of obligations.

In 1945, the ratio of new installment credit to total personal consumption expenditures was 3.9 percent. This percent has been 10.8 in 1940. In 1952 it amounted to 11.7 percent. These are Commerce Department figures.

Part of this increase is attributed to larger sales of goods that customarily are sold on installment credit, such as automobiles, furniture and household equipment.

The Dun & Bradstreet weekly wholesale food price index, representing the total of the price per pound of 31 foods in general use, was unchanged last week from the week before, and was 5.3 percent below last year.

SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP) — Prices of farm products are skidding again. It even shows up in lower prices on some items at the grocery.

The reason: huge supplies.

Almost 30 per cent more wheat on hand than a year ago. Corn supplies up almost one-tenth. A record number of cattle fattening in the nation's feed lots. Farm stocks of feed grains 10 per cent bigger than last year.

So, many a farmer is wondering if the history of the twenties is to be repeated. Back then the farmer had his own private depression before it started for the general public.

That's what is back of all the ruckus now in Congress.

Some congressmen from the farm belt want to raise the level at which the government supports farm prices.

Others think the government should start now buying up foodstuffs to bolster the prices for what the farmer still has unsold.

It's likely to be one of the knottiest problems of the early days of the new administration. Farm price support will come out of tax money — at a time when most people, including farmers, are crying for economy and tax cuts.

But if farm prosperity goes sour, little by little it might spoil the boom for all the economy.

City folk think the price of food is still too high. So firm is this conviction that it has little effect to tell them — as all connected with the food industry are constantly doing — that the cost of farming, of transporting foodstuffs, of processing and packaging food, of distributing it, and of selling victuals at the grocery, all have gone up in recent years. The city man still thinks he pays too much to eat.

The farmer, on the other hand, is well aware of the rise in his operating costs. He knows how expensive modern farming is — the machinery, the fertilizers, the sprays, the labor. He also knows the spread between the price he gets for foodstuffs and the price the consumer pays at the store.

And with the present weakness in farm prices, he sees his income shrinking. The golden decade when all the world wanted his produce and was willing to pay ever increasing prices for it seems to be drawing to a close.

JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—The present burst of anti-Semitism behind the Iron Curtain probably will drive some more Communists out of the party here and in Western Europe.

The traditional reasons for Communists quitting the party in this country have ranged from disillusioning shock to gradual distaste, disagreement, loss of interest and final belief communism was a bumbug.

The American party has lost members for new reasons in the past few years. J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, lists them this way:

Increasing awareness of the true, conspiratorial nature of communism; the congressional investigations, and fear of prosecution as a result of conviction of some of the top Communists.

In his most recent statement on party membership, made last summer, Hoover said there were 24,647 known Communists, a drop from 43,217 in 1951.

It has been estimated that the party over the years had more than 700,000 members who are now ex-Communists.

Members and fellow travelers have been shocked away from the party from time to time by some Russian move which they seemed to believe couldn't happen till it did.

For example: when Russia signed the nonaggression pact with Hitler's Germany in 1939, opening the door for World War II. Until that moment Russia had posed as the bulwark against fascism.

Others, who kidded themselves Russia was the peaceloving nation it claimed to be, went out the door when the North Korean Communists invaded South Korea. They knew it couldn't have happened without Russia's okay.

But through the years Russia had represented itself as the one nation, in a world where Jews had been persecuted for centuries, which would not permit anti-Semitism.

If party members had doubts, because of stories of anti-Semitism that leaked out, Stalinists could always point to the Soviet Constitution of 1936:

In Article 123 of that document mistreatment of the Jews is plainly forbidden. It says racial discrimination is a punishable crime.

But the stories permitted to come out from behind the curtain in recent months make it clear that anti-Semitism has become now a policy of the Kremlin.

Attacks on Jews have begun in Eastern Germany, the satellites, and in Russia itself. The Russians have allowed these stories to be transmitted to the outside world through their very careful censorship.

It is clear the Russian leaders want these events to be known for exactly what they are: attacks on Jews because they are Jews.

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They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

British Jet Records New Speed Mark

DARWIN, Australia (AP)—Britain's Canberra jet bomber, already the conqueror of Atlantic speed records, racked up a new official England-to-Australia mark today.

The speedy twin-jet whizzed down at this North Australian port at 4:07 p.m. (1:37 a.m., EST), just 22 hours and 1 minute after leaving London.

Its actual flying time for the 8,608-mile trip—unofficial so far—was 19 hours and 1 minute.

This more than halved the previous official record listed with the British Air Ministry of 43 hours 35 minutes, clocked by a four-engine Lancaster bomber in August, 1946.

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It also bested the 19 hours 12 minutes flying time in which another Canberra jet made the trip last March 16, but that flight was not clocked officially and the plane en route stopped over in Singapore for 48 hours.

A two-man Royal Air Force crew on today's flight was Flight Lt. Leslie Morris Whittington, 29 and a veteran test pilot, and his navigator, Flight Lt. John Anthony Brown, 30.

They left London yesterday at 8:36 a.m. British time (3:36 a.m., Tuesday, EST) and stopped en route three times for fuel — at Fayid, in the Suez Canal zone, at Karachi, capital of Pakistan, and in Singapore. In all they spent only three hours on the ground, the longest stay an hour and 16 minutes in Karachi.

En route they also collected another official record, eclipsing the old London-to-Karachi mark. Their time of 13 hours 18 minutes bettered a previous record of 18 hours 53 minutes for the 3,921-mile run set in May, 1949, by a Sea Fury.

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The British Ministry of Supply, in announcing the trip yesterday, stressed that the record try was only a secondary mission. The plane, they explained, is destined for secret experimental work at the Commonwealth Guided Missile and Rocket Testing Ranges at Woomera, in the heart of the Australian desert.

Another Canberra — the craft is the world's first twin-jet bomber—conquered the Atlantic last Aug. 26. That day the bomber made the first double crossing between sunrise and sunset, from Ireland to Newfoundland and back, and set a new east-to-west mark in the process.

The pilot refused to disclose the top speed of today's flight but said they were making the trip at over 40,000 feet and using oxygen to breathe all the way.

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BY BOB

I did something the other day I've never done before. I entered a national contest. I had read a story about a man who clears more than five thousand dollars a year just by winning contests. Fired with ambition, and an inherent love of money, I frenziedly searched all the magazines around the house for contest information. I finally found two to my liking: the Chrysler Corporation's offer of five new Plymouths as first prizes, and the General Motors "Better Highways" contest. For writing an essay on how to better plan and pay for our highways, they're willing to part with $25,000 first prize money. And the least I can win is $500. If I win, that is. Unlike the drowning man clutching at a straw, I can only say, "That ain't hay!"

Overheard in the Ponderosa Room:

"She's not only two-faced, she's an octo-puss!"

Ruefully, Sam Jones surveyed the rows of rabbit hutches which filled his back yard. Stacked four high, they stretched for at least a hundred yards in all directions. "Damn rabbits," Sam commented bitterly, "never know when to quit. Start out with two and in no time you got a hundred."

Sam trudged wearily into the house. He sat at the kitchen table and began figuring how much the feed was going to cost this month. And the cost of a helper to feed the rabbits and clean the hutches.

Finally, in disgust, Sam looked at his wife. "Sary," he said heavily, "I think we'll have to get rid of them damn rabbits. They cost too much to keep."

Sary glanced up and said bitterly, "If'n you'd of listened to me in the first place, you'd never of been in this fix."

Sam shrugged sadly. "Yes," he sighed, "I guess I'm lucky to come out alive from such a hare-raising experience."

I have a book at home called "The Writer's Market." In this 400-page book are listed all of the major markets for the written word. There are five pages of song publishers, which makes one wonder why it should be so hard to get a song published. There are three and a half pages of trade journals devoted to brewing and distilling.

No matter what the subject, there has been a book written on it. Why does a Springbook spring? Who was Saint Swithin? What kind of a noise annoys an oyster? If you have the patience you can browse through the library and find the answer to anything.

It's a wonderful age.

There were three hermits living in a cave. They did nothing all day but sit in the entrance and stare out at the scenery. One day a horse trotted by.

"That's a pretty brown horse," remarked the first hermit.

Six months later, the second hermit said, "That wasn't a brown horse, it was black."

Six months later the third hermit said, "If we're gonna have all this bickering, I'm leaving!"

Alan Hynd, the famous chronicler of crime, turned a neat phrase the other day. He said, "1910; those were the days when a dollar was a dollar, instead of a dime plus taxes!"

Gunners Fail In Gas Blaze

By DOUGLAS STARR
Via Ship-to-Shore Phone

ABOARD A PATROL BOAT, in the Gulf of Mexico (AP)—Weary men battling two multimillion-dollar offshore gas well fires worked doggedly today to complete a metal boom to yank away a pipe spurting flaming gas dangerously near three other wells.

The boom was started after more than 30 shots from a 75-millimeter recoilless rifle failed to blow away the 11-inch-thick steel pipe. More firing was scheduled today but the strategy was switched because the wind was expected to shift and endanger the platform from which four Army infantrymen were firing the rifle.

One of the wells exploded Sunday and the other caught fire Monday. Both are on a wooden platform erected on pilings driven into the gulf of Mexico 10 miles from the Louisiana Coast and about 90 miles southeast of New Orleans.

If the metal boom doesn't work, two other plans are on tap.

The first would be to place the 75-mm. rifle on a boat and move in on the target from upwind for another try.

The second would be to drill another well and tap the burning well at its source about 10,000 feet down in the earth. A spokesman for the Pure Oil Company, owner of the burning wells, said this probably would take from four to six weeks.

The infantrymen from Camp Polk, La., hit the T-shaped pipe on top of the well repeatedly with high explosive, armor-piercing ammunition but could not blast it away.

The weakened "T" pipe—Actually a square steel forging with a hole bored through the center—directs the flow of gas from the well. Flames spewed from the ends of the crossbar of the "T" and gave the appearance of two huge blow torches.

The roar of the flames sounded like 100 freight trains and the night sky was so bright a newspaper could be read a mile away. The glow could be seen 18 miles away.

Firefighters hope that if the "T" is blown away the flames will shoot straight skyward and relieve the danger to the three adjacent wells.

It would also allow them to come in and cap the burning wells.

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Salem Legislature Sessions Are Now 'All Businesslike'

By ESTHER GEDDES

"What is it really like in Salem during the legislature? Is it as rough as the stories we hear about it would indicate?"

We often hear such questions from acquaintances at home who read or hear tales of the irresponsible drinking and carousing among the people who for one reason or another gravitate to Salem when the legislature is in session.

"Sometimes I am almost sorry that I can't paint any lurid pictures of the scandalous occurrences and disgraceful behavior of members of the legislative contingent. It seems rather dull to relate a series of committee meetings and hearings and sessions and teas and dinner parties without the colorful (if not admirable) events which many people associate with the political back-of-the-scenes activities. I won't say that there is no drinking—in fact there are some who over-do it—but there are just as many who are not interested. Many of the fine members of the legislature and their wives are well known for their ability to make a real contribution to the session and have a fine time also while steering clear of the drinking parties. Senator and Mrs. Hitchcock are notable examples of this group.

Last evening I heard a veteran lobbyist discussing this situation. (Incidentally the name lobbyist is not in the best usage—"legislative consultant" is preferred). He had been in Salem for nine sessions of the legislature and while he admitted that he was getting old felt that that could hardly account for the progressively more decorous legislatures.

I thought he was almost wistful when he described the old days. "I can remember my first sessions when it was the exception to have an uninterrupted night's sleep. People would come along the hotel halls and pound on your door at two o'clock in the morning and perhaps stay until four or five—talking, singing, laughing and in general having a noisy time. Some of the hangovers were pretty evident the next day and even in legislators were conspicuous by their absences. There was an entirely different atmosphere and type of person in Salem then."

One hostess who recently entertained the Senate remarked that she had never served so much coke and grape juice at a party in her life.

A newspaperman who was making the rounds of the night spots and eating places around town hoping to pick up some bits of information or interesting leads, complained vociferously that every place is deserted as far as legislators are concerned. "It used to be a sure thing to run into a group from the state house any evening at one of the night spots, but they seem to be hiding out this year. Every year gets worse." He lamented.

No one seems to have any explanation for it. I don't think the legislators average any older than they ever did — perhaps the increased number of wives accompanying their husbands to Salem has something to do with it. At any rate, it would seem that some of the loudest denunciators of the wildness and excessive drinking in Salem are people who remember the old days and haven't checked up lately.

Malan Seeks Dictator Powers

CAPETOWN, South Africa (AP)—Prime Minister Daniel F. Malan has asked Parliament to vote him extraordinary powers to suspend laws and govern by decree whenever the government thinks public safety or order is seriously threatened.

A bill to accomplish this was published yesterday after its introduction in the South African House of Assembly, Parliament's lower chamber.

Debate on the bill is scheduled to begin next Monday in the House, where Malan's Nationalists have a majority. The government majority apparently assures adoption of the legislation.

The bill empowers the governor general, at the government's request, to proclaim the state of emergency upon action, or threat of action, by anyone seriously endangering public safety or order.

The governor general also could declare a state of emergency if, in his opinion, the ordinary law of the land is inadequate to assure public safety.

Proclamation of the emergency state would empower the government, or its designated agents, to suspend almost all laws.

The legislation stemmed from widespread opposition to the Nationalist policy of strict racial segregation and the campaign by nonwhite organizations of systematic violation of segregation regulations.

Service Flags For SP Men

Honoring the more than 3,300 men and women of Southern Pacific and affiliated companies who have joined the nation's armed forces since the end of World War II, and especially the 35 who gave their lives in that service, the railroad today announced that Service Flags soon will be exhibited at its principal offices over the country.

In making the announcement, President D. J. Russell said that through the Service Flags the company's 95,000 employes will honor the memory of railroad associates who made the supreme sacrifice, and pay tribute to those now serving with the armed forces, particularly in Korea, as well as those who have been in the armed forces at various times since August, 1945.

"It is most fitting," Russell said, "that we turn our thoughts in deep respect to the contribution the youth of the nation is making to preserve the rights and principles so cherished by the American people."

One Priest In Purge

LONDON (AP) — A dispatch from Warsaw said Wednesday only one Roman Catholic priest, the Rev. Josef Lelito, is among the three men a Polish military court has sentenced to death on charges of spying for the Vatican and the United States.

The condemned Michal Kowalik, described as a priest in Associated Press accounts from Warsaw cables and London-monitored Warsaw radio broadcasts of the six-day trial and its outcome, was identified in this dispatch as a layman.

The court sentenced Kowalik Tuesday to die with Father Lelito and another layman, Edward Chanclica. Three other priests and a woman drew prison terms.

Pumps Try To Halt Slides

ASTORIA (AP) — Two pumps have been installed on Astoria's "moving hillside" area in an attempt to draw off rain water which has caused more than a foot of earth slippage, endangering homes and cracking streets.

Members of the Matt Alskog family have already been moved out of their home by the Red Cross because the movement has twisted the underpinnings of the house. Some other homes are believed in danger although city officials report very little movement the last two days.

Mamie Starts Polio Drive

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower last night made the first contribution to the "Mothers' March on Polio" drive now under way throughout the nation.

This drive is part of the 1953 March of Dimes campaign to raise funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The new first lady gave a $10 contribution for herself and another in the name of her mother, Mrs. John Sheldon Doud.

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