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CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

By DEB ADDISON

One swallow doesn't make a summer—I always say—nor does a committee report solve a traffic problem. However the city is harrying along the road to providing better facilities for cars and trucks than it has been before.

...vegetation—concrete and city traffic committee members—met with highway engineers a week ago. Mayor Paul Langley proposed the get together as "favorable."

At H. Baidock, the state highway engineer, said that state men would come here and survey the city's proposal from the standpoint of costs, locations and feasibility. Then our people would meet with the state highway people again.

Then the group will get down to brass tacks, and give-and-take by our informed representatives will be necessary to agreement on an improvement program.

Traffic problems are not peculiar to Klamath Falls, though we do have our own peculiar problems. Topography, railroads and waterways combine to make the town a bottleneck; geographic location gives us traffic that wants to get into town rather than around it.

But indication of how the handling of motor traffic is a problem everywhere is shown in a clipping sent us by Hunt Taylor, former Klamath lumberman.

Hunt's note says, "Read this on plane between Helena and Spokane and thought it fitted in with some of your comments of E.F.'s situation." He enclosed an editorial from the Great Falls Tribune, which points out that the way NOT to solve traffic congestion and safety problems is to temporize or ignore them.

The editorial follows:

Traffic ills are a common problem over this country—in cities, towns and on the vast network of connecting highways. We can learn a lot from other localities about the most effective ways of correcting our own traffic ills. Where corrective measures and practices are

actually in operation we can measure results instead of speculating on what they ought to be.

The larger cities have specialized more on corrective measures because they have to specialize to keep their motor traffic from breaking down completely, and because they have the manpower to specialize.

The New York Times recently sent a reporter across the country to see what other cities are doing about traffic accidents, congestion of moving traffic, parking, pedestrians and a number of other control factors. And the reporter, Joseph C. Ingraham, has written a series of articles about what he found.

It may surprise quite a few readers to learn that he found Los Angeles one of the most alert and aggressive cities in tackling its traffic congestion. All the large cities have found it necessary to clear away a lot of the curb parking to make way for moving traffic and most of them have made extensive use of one-way streets.

Detroit has won firm support and brought unified thinking and ample cash to its attack on traffic safety problems, and the results there are impressive.

Denver has recently initiated a new system for handling downtown pedestrians at busy intersections. At fixed intervals motor traffic from all directions stops and foot traffic moves from all directions.

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They'll Do It Every Time



HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—If life begins at 40, then I am two years old today.

That puts me well into my second childhood on my 42nd birthday.

What nonsense! Life doesn't begin at 40. And most people never go through a second childhood—because they never really outgrow the first one.

Reaching 42 is certainly no special occasion. It's been done before. Usually on birthdays I just lie in bed all day with the covers pulled over my head, enjoying a mild fever of regret at having become a year older.

Not this year. I don't mind it at all. Let the barnacles gather. Who cares?

The best thing in the world is to be 21, happy with a new love and a new job, and able to vote. You are about as wise and free and rebellious and honest as you will ever be. You will never be as certain about so many things again. It is as close as you will probably ever come to being a true adult.

PITIFUL

The worst thing in the world is to be 39. That's downright pitiful. You see before you the incapable corral of middle age, and behind you the lost pastures of youth. What a fearful lever of time, what a hateful teeter-totter. Is a man's 39th birthday! Every fellow who survives that one ought to get a gold watch and a letter of congratulations from the mayor.

But 42 is just another niche in your personal history, a rather pleasant ledge on which to rest and count your scars as you survey the lengthening past and shortening future.

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will be more of a compromise than a discovery. Instead of finding a new color in the rainbow you marvel how the world can contain so many shades of gray.

After 40 you don't attack a problem by trying for a knockout blow. You concentrate on inflicting. And in almost any argument — at home or abroad — you are satisfied with a draw.

At 42 you don't mind so much that teenagers regard you as a dinosaur. You feel they may be lie in bed all day with the covers pulled over my head, enjoying a mild fever of regret at having become a year older.

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Fales Nets

March \$3,000

Jerry Fales, who cried auctions in the Klamath area during the past two years after graduation from a yearning school, recently brought \$3,000 to the March of Dimes in Susanville Calif.

Fales, a Klamath Falls resident who attended school here, sold 177 items at the auction, in the Lassen Auction Yard, for the benefit, sponsored by the Susanville 2030 Club. It took eight hours and 45 minutes to perform the chore.

Fales has returned to Klamath Falls, but will be back here in the near future.

Farm Trees Available

Farmers who want trees from the Oregon Forestry Nursery this year should place their orders with the State Board of Forestry, Salem, not later than March 20, County Extension Agent C. A. Henderson announced today.

Tree-planting stock from the state forestry nursery is available at low cost to farmers and other private forest owners for windbreak, reforestation, Christmas trees and post plantings. Sale of seedlings is limited by regulations to farm or forest plantings.

East of the Cascades Henderson said planting may begin as soon as the ground thaws. Trees offered here are ponderosa pine, Scotch Pine, Lodgepole Pine, Chinese Arborvitae, Black Locust, Russian Olive, Chinese Elm and Caragana.

The forestry department can hold East Oregon shipments until May 1, but all other orders must be placed March 20, Henderson said. Orders are not accepted for less than 50 trees of a single species or for less than \$1. Broads are a little cheaper than conifers, and all trees come postpaid.

Additional information can be obtained through the county agent's office here.

Young Ike Aids Taylor

CENTRAL FRONT Korea (AP)—Lt. Gen. Maxwell Taylor, U. S. Eighth Army commander, was briefed by Maj. John Eisenhower, son of the President—on a tour of frontline infantry positions on the Korean Central Front Friday.

Taylor was taken by helicopter to a command post where he was briefed by young Eisenhower.

Taylor also was driven in a convoy of jeeps to an Allied company position under observation by the Communists in the low hills east of the Chorwon Valley. The post was not fired on during Taylor's visit.

The Eighth Army commander has been spending two out of every three days at the front to familiarize himself with the men, units and commanders.

Falling Farm Prices Eyed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators from Western states will discuss falling farm and livestock prices with Secretary of Agriculture Benson next Wednesday.

Sen. McCarran (D-Nev.) said an effort will be made at a luncheon meeting to arrive at ways to stabilize or slow the falling prices.

Art Association Schedules Meet

The Klamath Art Association will hold its regular meeting Wednesday, 8 p.m., in the Art Room at KUHS. Richard Reinholz, president of the association, and Ruth Zuelke, art instructor at the high school, will present an interesting art movie and Ceramic workshop.

Tentative plans for the annual summer art workshop will be discussed. The public is invited.

Mustard Gas Promises Now to Be Health Aid

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mustard gas—the poison of World War I—looks to some army medical men like a promising prospect to eliminate a disease hazard involved in the use of blood plasma.

An Army researcher said today that recent tests, aided by volunteers among prisoners in several federal penitentiaries, point to this possibility.

That the poison war gas may be used to sterilize blood plasma of the virus responsible for a disease known as serum hepatitis—a liver ailment usually marked by jaundice.

This serum jaundice is both a military and a civilian problem. A whole batch of blood plasma can be infected if any of it is made from the blood of an unsuspected carrier of the virus.

A major difficulty is that there is no known way of telling whether a supply of plasma is infected, so scientists have been seeking a way to sterilize the blood derivative, widely used to treat shock, against any contamination by the virus.

Col. John R. Wood, the Army's chief medical research administrator, said in an interview the Army is interested even though there is a possibility a sugar substance called dextran may eventually replace plasma for certain important uses.

Dextran is known to be free of the jaundice hazard, Wood said, however, that the Army would still need plasma for some uses even if dextran should replace it for others.

The mustard gas treatment, he added, was one of two plasma

Factory Average

WASHINGTON (AP)—The average day of the industrial factory worker in an hour, during the first quarter of 1955, was 1.17 hours, according to a report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) today.

Most of the increase occurred during the first quarter of 1955, when the average day of living and working hours was 1.17 hours, according to the report.

The cost of the report advanced about 1.3 percent in the two year period, from January, 1953, to January, 1955, according to the report.

Part of the increase resulted from a shift in the definition of working hours. On a weekly basis, working hours averaged 1.17 hours more than in the two year period, according to the report.

Anti-Serum Strife Grows

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—The anti-serum strife in Austria has become a national issue, according to a report by the Austrian Communist Party today.

The report said the Communist Party is calling for a general strike to protest the disappearance of the party's Vienna office.

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Networks Rally Cause

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7th Junior Exposition Due

The seventh Annual National Junior Livestock Exposition will be held at the fairgrounds in Klamath Falls, Oregon, from March 28 to April 1, according to a report by the American Livestock Exposition Association today.

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By BOB

Probably many of you remember the "dime novels" which were so popular at the turn of the century. These paper-backed books were filled with the riproaring, blood and thunder adventures that many parents of the time thought were a terrible influence on the younger generation. The English had the same problem, only they called the books "penny dreadfuls." Anyway, it looks as though we're going through another phase of that literary lapse. Only the books are costing us two bits and up. Take a look at the covers and descriptive blurbs on any of the fictional twobit books, and you'll see what I mean. But the emphasis is now on sex in equal proportions with blood and thunder. I wonder if our youth is really being corrupted by them? After all, were any of you present-day parents irrevocably swayed by the dime novels?

Anyway, I still like to read the pocket books, principally because most of my adult life has been spent in the company of just such rough-talking heroes and heroines, and I can see a lot of real life in those quarter quagginesses.

Sitting in the Town Club on the other day, I swung around on the stool to greet a friend. But my elbow on the bar and grimed.

"Whata matter?" asked my friend.

"Hit my crazy bone," I growled.

Friend says, "Oh well, just come your hair right and it won't show!"

I surveyed the contents of my pocket the other day. The search revealed the following: wallet, empty; jackknife, dull; pack of matches, half gone; sixteen cents. Might as well throw the money away; it has the least value of all the items.

After watching the symphony perform, and the gyrations of the

man playing the kettle drums, I'm wondering: does his music come from tympan alley?

Whimsy department: Mrs. Jones called her butcher. "Say, butcher," she said, "you trying to clip me or something?" "Why, Mrs. Jones," the butcher faltered, "what do you mean?" "That sausage you sent with my last order. The casing's only half full."

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HUGH PRUETT

Mercury, the elusive little planet which many star students say they have never been sure of spotting, will be in a good position for observing during the next 10 days. If you're clear, the observer has normal vision, and the following directions are carried out, there will be no trouble locating this little world.

You will recall that there are five planets visible to the unaided eye. The positions of Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn are more stable than the position of Mercury. (These planets will be located completely around the world in only 88 days, and being nearer this central luminary than any other planet, always appears not far from the sun and most of the time is lost in the solar rays. When Mercury is farthest east or early spring, it is at its best position for evening observation.

Mercury is now setting between an hour and 1 1/2 hours after sunset and almost due west. At sunset, it will be somewhat south of west. As soon as the twilight is sufficiently deepened, Mercury

will be easily seen low in the sky, and will below and a little to the right of brilliant Venus. The latter will be very much higher in the heavens.

Our little planet is now quite bright and far outshines any other star-like object in the lower western sky. Tonight its magnitude is about "minus one," but will gradually decrease in brightness. However, after a week it will still be quite luminous. Mercury will set latest after sunset, the evening of March 1. After that it will seemingly approach the sun and before many days will be lost in the solar brilliance again.

Let us state a few facts regarding this little world. It is the smallest of the nine regular planets and has a diameter of around 3100 miles. 3600 miles in size are Pluto, 3600 miles in size are Pluto, 3600 miles in size are Pluto. Our earth boasts almost 8000 miles diameter.

Mercury is sometimes seen in the eastern dawn. The ancients at one time did not know this was the same object seen in the evening twilight. They called it Mercury when a "morning star," and when a "morning star."

Mercury is so near the sun that its sunward side is intensely hot. It even seems that one side is continually kept sunward as this little planet circles old Sol. A given area receives about seven times the heat received by our earth. The temperature is hot enough to melt lead. Surely it has very ancient mythology.

In a little atmosphere Mercury was pictured as a handsome thin-cad youth who flew on winged sandals from high Mt. Olympus to carry the decrees of the higher gods to earth's sleeping children.

Telling The Editor

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F. S. Nobles

Izaak Walton Chief Named

James L. O'Donohue was chosen president of the Klamath-Modoc Chapter of the Izaak Walton League at the Friday evening meeting held at the Winema Hotel. Officers of the chapter for the coming year will be: Frank McCleod, Vice President; Ken McCleod, Secretary; and George D. Wardell, Treasurer.

Plans were drawn to have the Camp Fire Girls distribute packets of Johnny Grass Seed to all delegates attending next month's D. A. R. Oregon State convention to be held here in Klamath Falls.

The next meeting of the chapter will be held jointly with the Society of American Foresters, March 13th. At which time, Lyle Watts, retired chief of the U.S. Forest Service will be the guest speaker.

Klamath Girl In Recital

Susan Vandenberg, freshman from Klamath Falls, will be presented in a studio recital at Maryhurst college at 3 p.m. Feb. 24. With two other pianists she will play Bach's Concerto in C Major for Three Claviers, first movement. For her solo number she has chosen a Dance of the Gnomes, Liszt.

Miss Vandenberg is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. David R. Vandenberg, 237 Washington. She is a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy.

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201 U.N. Fliers Saved From Behind Red Lines

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Air Force said today that 201 United Nations fliers, brought down or forced to parachute behind enemy lines, were rescued from the start of the Korean War in June, 1950, through last Jan. 31.

In addition, 78 other fliers were picked up from areas by U. S. Air Force rescue units. The Air Force said other downed airmen had been recovered by the Navy and some had "evaded capture and escaped on their own."

The Navy said it was unable to provide corresponding figures. The majority of the fliers snatched from impending capture

Clerk Snares Top Criminal

EL RENO, Okla. (AP)—A night clerk in the Federal Bureau of Investigation office, whose chief duty is sending out wanted circulars, Saturday caused the arrest of one of the FBI's "ten most wanted fugitives" after recognizing him from a picture he had mailed him to hundreds of offices.

Theodore Richard Byrd Jr., 27, termed one of the slickest hot check artists in the country, was arrested at 2 a.m. here at an all-night cafe, the FBI said.

Robert L. Harvey, who works in the FBI office at Oklahoma City but lives here, called El Reno police after he saw Byrd eating at the cafe. Harvey is the son of El Reno Police Chief Lee Harvey.

D. A. Bryce, agent in charge of the Oklahoma FBI office, said that Byrd had passed more than \$40,000 worth of hot checks in the past few months. He has gotten as much as \$9,300. He is a day and a doctor or Naval officer and asking banks to cash certified checks.

Dodge H'moon In Havana

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Actress Gregg Sherwood and Horace E. Dodge II, millionaire member of the automobile family, planned a Havana honeymoon today after their marriage here in the Dodge ocean-front mansion.

It is not known when the couple would leave for Cuba.

It was the fifth marriage for Dodge, the second for the platinum blonde showgirl. The ceremony was performed yesterday, nine days after the fourth Mrs. Dodge received a one million dollar settlement in a divorce decree.

Dodge is 52, Miss Sherwood, whose real name is Dora Mae Fjelstad, is 29.

SIX KILLED

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Reports received here Friday said six persons were killed, four wounded and 113 houses burned in an attack on the West Java mountain town of Garoet. The attack was one of several this week blamed on a stepup in activity of the fanatic Moslem "Darul Islam" guerrilla movement.

SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—More business—and maybe more profits—are predicted for this year by a number of optimistic corporate executives.

The confident note is sounded by heads of companies in the steel, oil, textile, paper, communications, building and credit fields.

Stabilized oil prices, with world consumption increasing by about five per cent, is predicted by Eugene Holman, president of Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey).

He thinks the profits of his company in 1955 will be as good as in 1954, which he estimates was a little below the record 1951 earnings of 529 million dollars.

D. J. Russell, president of Southern Pacific, thinks his railroad's 1955 revenues should be as good as 1953 and maybe better. He is also optimistic about being able

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Wasn't this the night you wanted prime rib at Molatores'—AH! maybe we could dance after dinner too.

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