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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

Ran into Joe Steele, the Pine Grove rancher, the other day and learned that our late farm editor, Malcolm Epley, Jr., is now the proud father of a bouncing boy. Named Mark Steele Epley and a native of Portland, due to the family's move.

That leaves Joe a grandfather twice. Can't see any extra grey hairs, though.

Mildest comment on our "unusual" weather to date came from Loren Miller Jr., the other day when he was carefully holding himself down to saying only that it was "peculiar." Such restraint.

Anyway, ranchers are no different than all the rest of us. He was on his way back up to the Port where he had to tackle the job of mowing a couple of lawns. Rancher or banker, businessman or ditch rider we all have to mow lawns. What's known as being equal, if not free.

Driving around the highways now and then as we do a strange thing has occurred. What happened to the old fashioned car horn on the highway? You never hear 'em any more except when the jerk behind you starts to blat the minute the light turns either red or green as the case may be.

But out on the open road car after car will pull up and pass with only the wind of his going to announce the fact.

Suppose people just trust all other drivers, or do they figure they're going so fast it wouldn't do any good anyhow?

Department of correction: The pictures in the Pep Pepper layout in last Saturday's paper were taken by Jimmy Floyd. And, as happens now and then, the credit

line was left off. Our sincere apologies to Jimmy. We didn't mean to do it. And thanks for the pics, Jimmy. They were swell.

Screwball idea department: With the current drive by the Izat Walton league to clean up our highways (don't be a litterbug) and the constant uproar and furor that is created by outdoor groups over the fact that borrow pits along the roads are pretty well lined with beer and whiskey bottles our minds have turned to the problem.

So, why not make our bottles out of a combination of plastics and glass so that when you hurl the old bottle out the window it will shatter on the rocks or hard ground, the plastic will dissolve in the sun and rain and the glass seeds will be released to beautify our countryside?

If the government could spare a few men from the scientific work on the atom bomb I'll bet we could get the job done in short order.

Don't be a litterbug, be a bottle buster and Johnny Greengrass at the same time.

Last year Klamath Falls was quite a convention city. Looks like this year is going to be a pretty fair one along that line, too. But we wonder just how long we'll stay in the top spot with our current crime crackdown on? It's all right to stamp out crime and all that, but under the pressure now on we feel guilty sitting down to a friendly canasta game with a wager on the side.

We're still curious as to what will happen the next time Uncle Sam holds a land drawing like those that filled up the Newell homesteads. Technically that's a lottery, and Oregon law frowns on a lottery of any kind.

CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

By DEB ADDISON

"PRINTERS' INK," the weekly magazine of advertising, management and sales, which is one of the top two or three trade magazines for advertising people, each week has a feature called, "The sale I never forgot." The title is pretty much self-explanatory— anecdotes by leaders in the field, which point out how to, or how not to, make a sale.

The May 29 issue carries the story of "one of the very few salesmen ever to rise to a Cabinet post"—you guessed it, Douglas McKay, Secretary of the Interior.

The blurb mentions incidentally, that Doug got his start in the business world as a paper boy. It recounts that after Oregon State and the Army in World War I, he sold Fords in Portland. The competition must have looked tough (that's our guess, not "Printers' Ink") because next he opened his own Chevrolet dealership in Salem.

You know the story from there: Mayor of Salem, state Senator, Governor, now Secretary of the Interior. Maybe you haven't heard his explanation of his second tour in the service, though. He was a captain and then a major in the Service Command Unit in World War II. As he explains it, that second go in the service "released a Wac for active duty."

But getting back to "the sale I never forgot."

One of his salesmen was trying to sell a Chevrolet, still a 4-cylinder car then, to an elderly rancher and his wife.

"We've just sold our herd, and we're going on a real vacation down South and want to ride in comfort, not in a 4-cylinder car," Doug quoted the woman as saying, and then went on with the salesman part of the story:

"I am certain that our car will give you all the things that you want in the way of transportation and comfort, and it's more economical than the others," our salesman replied. "But it won't get us over the road like a 6," said the rancher, "we can afford a 6, and I can't see why you don't have one."

"You really don't need more cylinders, it's what is in the engine that counts," said our man, coming to a halt in mid-sentence as an idea hit him. I could see him from my office. "You have been driving a Chevrolet for years you say, it has always got you there and back. Well, your cows have four legs, don't they? They have always been able to get places, some to places you wish they hadn't. Now if the Good Lord wanted a cow to have six legs, He would have given them to her, wouldn't He? And that goes for a car, too. We've proved the Chevlie will get you there and back on 4 cylinders, so why put extra cylinders on a car?"

They snickered over the comparison.

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ison (McKay related) but it closed that sale. They drove out with a new Chevlie, and it had only 4 cylinders.

Moral ("Printers' Ink" says): Don't knock the competition, offer substitute virtues.

Apparently it's that same feeling for the homespun touch that is making Doug McKay one of the most respected and liked cabinet members.

When the announcement of the appointment of our Scotch governor to the cabinet post first came out, the almost unanimous reaction was: "McKay is a good, honest, regular guy but I wonder if he's big enough for the job?"

You don't hear that any more, least of all from back at Washington. There's some cursing, of course, from those who don't agree with the policies of this administration.

The Secretary meets such attacks with such quick and hearty rejoinders as, "They say I'm the give-away Secretary. The only giving we're up to is to try and give the country back to the people."

That four-legs-on-a-cow business reminds us of the way the late Bill Van Buskirk used to meet criticism of the old Ford transverse springs.

"When you find it hard to be steady on your feet—like when you're standing on the deck of a boat or the bed of a truck or pick-up that's traveling on a rough road—you stand with your feet wide-spread, taking up the shocks and rolls to keep you upright, don't you?" Bill would ask.

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By Jimmy Hatlo



Along Nature's Trail

By Ken McLeod

A bill aimed at preventing abuses of mining claim laws has cleared its first hurdle in Congress. A subcommittee approved a bill sent to the house interior committee the so called "D'Ewart Bill" submitted by Rep. D'Ewart (R. Mont.). This was the first bill upon which the American Mining Congress and the American Bar association have been willing to join with conservationists in an attempt to stop abuses of the mining law, including the use of mining claims to cover timbering operations—by providing that claims be used only for prospecting, mining or processing minerals.

Julian D. Conover, executive vice president of the American Mining Congress, told the committee most abuses "could and should have been corrected by vigorous enforcement of existing mining laws." He added congress may feel it appropriate to:

1. Make it clear that the locator of a mining claim, prior to patent, will acquire rights to such land only for the purpose of exploring or developing, producing or processing minerals.

2. To make possible the use of mining claims hereafter located, prior to patenting, for grazing purposes or for proper timber management.

3. To prevent the use of such mining claims to deny access to adjoining lands.

Raymond D. Holbrook, Salt Lake City, Utah, attorney for the U. S. Smelting Refining and Mining Co., and chairman of the American Bar association's hard minerals committee, said:

"Pretended and invalid locations have cast a cloud of suspicion over unpatented claims, including those located in good faith. If the abuses can be largely eliminated there will be less likelihood of attacks on bonafide locations."

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay, in a statement sent to the committee recommended approval of the bill, with two minor amendments.

With the Mining Industry at last getting behind a bill to clean up its own house there is little doubt that the bill will fail. The many proposals presented by the conservationists to do the job has always been met with violent opposition from the mining fraternity. The steady pressure from the conservation groups however, finally convinced the industry it had better do something about cleaning up the abuses that everyone has clearly recognized, and which reached its height of absurdity in the Rogue River placer claim incident.

While Vice President Conover of the American Mining Congress could easily state that these abuses of the mining law "could have been corrected by vigorous enforcement" he was merely using the expression as a face saving gesture because he well knew the long tedious process required to build up a legal case against a violation. Likewise he well knew that if the government had taken the "vigorous steps of enforcement" he recommended, the American Mining Congress would have very likely been in there blasting the government action as being an

"arbitrary" action of bureaucracy. It is perfectly obvious, therefore, that the problem to clean up the abuse of mining law was clearly a task of the mining world—this, they are now willing to do.

The legal action taken by the federal government against some of the Rogue River placer claims on the 12th of May of this year, apparently turned out to be pretty much of a fizzle as the mineral claimants appeared to be reluctant to appear before the hearing and thus let their case go by default. It took the government over 30 months, however, to prepare the case for the hearing.

The Rogue River hearings involved only the claims that were located within 500 feet of each side of a section of the Crater Lake highway which has been designated as the Alex Sparrow Memorial highway, and within 300 feet of each side of a section of the Rogue River.

These two "corridors" were withdrawn from mineral entry on Feb. 6, 1850. The "withdrawal" was for recreational and scenic purposes. The claims filed in this area prior to the withdrawal action were ones the government was seeking to be declared void. Claims filed after the withdrawal action do not include land in the "corridors" and so were not subject to the hearings, thus there are many hundreds of other filings on timber land in the Rogue River Basin status of which will have to be cleared by legal action.

CRISIS ENDS

JERUSALEM, Israel Section — Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion announced today Israel's cabinet crisis has ended. He said four ministers from the right-liberal General Zionist party who quit because they feared state socialism would be allowed to fly the Socialist flag were rejoining the cabinet.

HAL BOYLE

LONDON (U. S. —) Rain came down on London town and showered a merry-faced elderly lady sitting knitting patiently on the pavement of Trafalgar Square as she waited to see her queen.

As the queen herself is the symbol of empire, Mrs. Hugo Harper was the symbol of all the voiceless millions who have served the British crown in places high and low across the centuries.

"No, I don't mind the rain," she said placidly. "I've known rain before."

She has known sacrifice in her life, too. So has her family. For 200 years the men of her family, as and her husband's family had, as had brought along five young children, Mrs. Harper had no complaint because she had no seat for the coronation. Nor did she seem to mind sleeping on the pavement during her 33-hour wait to see the queen.

"I waited 21 hours in the rain to see her father crowned," she said, "and I waited 14 hours in the rain and snow to see his funeral cortege pass."

"These ceremonies are the center of our lives, the tokens of our empire and the continuity of 1,000 years of history. When everything seems changing all over the world, it is comforting to have a stabilized realm."

"Why do you think these people are here? At the bottom of it is the simple desire to show their loyalty and support for the crown."

A sound truck passed by then, blaring the tune, "Oh, We Ain't Got a Barrel of Money," and the pavement squatters stood up on their blanket mats and laughed. "I know I 'av'n't," said one.

"I was born on the high seas under the British flag, somewhere between India and Canada," continued Mrs. Harper. "Just where I don't remember—I was quite young at the time."

"My father was a doctor, a parson and an army officer. I've lived in India, Bermuda, the West Indies, British Guiana and Canada. My father went to Canada to help the North American Indians during an epidemic in 1914. He's up

in the Arctic somewhere now, tending the Eskimos.

"I married and had three sons in three years, and then my husband was a missing officer, killed in France in 1918. I had two sons in the last war, and both were badly wounded."

"My third son"—a pause, a caught breath, and then more softly—"he was killed by a bomb during a Zeppelin raid over Kent in 1916. There were 16 of us in the house at the time, and 14 killed."

A shadow from this long-ago pain darkened her bright blue eyes, as a passing cloud dulls the surface of a lake, and then the light of pride came into them.

"The only point in all this," she said firmly, "is that the more you serve the more intense becomes your loyalty—the more you have suffered in the empire's cause, the more you believe in it."

She stood at the foot of the towering monument to Lord Nelson who won Britain's greatest naval victory at Trafalgar. And as I looked up at the statue of the famous sea hero he seemed no higher to me than the proud little lady waiting patiently on the pavement.

—Mrs. Harper, heart of empire, loyal servant of the crown.

KLAMATH FALLS — Has anyone else been having trouble with birds flying into their windows?

"I'm not too familiar with this type of bird and their habits, but I believe they are a migratory grouse. They are a little larger than a robin and marked beautifully with black and yellow, and have a large parrot looking beak."

The past two days I have had at least fifteen fly into the living room windows (double strength glass, thank goodness), and crash to the ground injured. Apparently, they see the reflection of the trees in the window and mistake it for the real thing, much to their sorrow—and mine.

I have had quite a bird clinic in my garage and have lost only two birds. My windows are now covered quite artistically. I think, with "Drapery by Herald and News"—and, so far have eliminated casualties.

Jean Coulson
2120 Garden

TAX PLEA

PORTLAND (U. S. —) Eldon E. Balinger, 60, of Salem, pleaded guilty Tuesday to claiming federal income tax exemptions to which he was not entitled.

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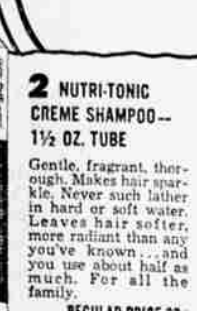
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