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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

Something new has finally been added to this old, tired world.

A mechanical duck picker that really works.

If you don't believe it just wait until this fall and latch onto one. Then you can find out for yourself.

The new piece of sportsman's equipment is the brain child of Scott McKendree, rancher, vaconteur, duck shooter and inventor. And he's really come up with something this time. Called the McKendree Duck Picker the gimmick (which is described elsewhere in the paper today along with pictures) is a little rubber wheel with some 60 specially designed and placed teeth which strip the feathers off a duck like a knife cuts cheese.

Right now Scott has a lot of plans for the picker. Within a year he'll have out attachments so they will work off the home mixer motor. At present it will run off any cheap drill or motor. You can buy a kit with tiny little hand drill and a few buffers and drills and the picker works fine when mounted in the bracket provided. Of you can hook it up to a third or quarter horse motor and get the job done quicker.

He plans to put 'em in auto courts in the duck country so hunters can pick ducks in a spare room instead of using the shower and plugging the plumbing. And in time there'll be a car attachment that will plug into the cigarette lighter on the dash and run your picker right on the ground and let the North Wind take care of the feathers.

Scott has been working on the picker for a good many years, progressing through the various stages of frustration that all embryonic Edisons have to face. He made trial models from everything he could find. Did a lot of hand carving in various rubber compounds, changed the set and style of the teeth and everything else he could think of.

Finally he came up with a working model that would cuff off a duck in less time than it takes to pick him by hand. And from there it was only a matter of time until he got around to putting it on the market.

It's really a little dream of an affair. We went out and tried it out in the initial phases and again when finished and find that for us the days of hand picking are over.

Look for it on the market some time before duck season.

The long arm of the law will reach out for at least 35 miles over the weekend when the state police send a man up to Lake of the Woods to keep an eye on things. Of course there is the fact that under the new laws it is unlawful to drive a boat in excess of 10 miles per hour within 100 feet of the shoreline. And it might be well to remember that this policeman will have a boat of his own on the lake and will keep an eye on things. He'll also be there to enforce all laws, which takes in everything from highway regulations to fire regulations to fireworks enforcement, peace and quiet of the community and the thousand and one other things that the law says must be done—or not done.

Let's hope that no police officer anywhere in the state has to do any more than his normal duty over the holiday. Let's hope that we can have a quiet and sane Fourth of July without accident or incident other than pleasing.

That's all there is to it. You can't tear up a duck with it. The oil in the skin and from the feathers lubricates the wheel and the flesh and while the feathers come

off easily the skin won't break. It's a little dream of an affair. We went out and tried it out in the initial phases and again when finished and find that for us the days of hand picking are over.

CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

By DEB ADDISON

THE OLD STOREKEEPER'S Almanac, "being a complete compilation of special occasions, events and anniversaries, facts, fables, advertising anecdotes and other pleasantries," says that:

July hath 26 selling days.

"Month" promotions: Ice Cream Festival.

"Weeks": Iced Tea Time 10-18; Farm Safety 19-25.

"Holidays": Independence Day.

Standard alibi for the month: "In this heat, you can't drag people downtown."

of July Cowboy Tournament in 1888.

The oldest continuous annual rodeo in America is Frontier Days at Cheyenne, organized in 1897 and held annually since that time.

The most recent Klamath name in the record books is under Champion Saddle Bronco Riders, for the years 1946 and 1947—Jerry Ambler.

The Old Storekeeper puts down that Independence Day is the holiday for July, but he doesn't say anything about the Klamath Basin Roundup. That, naturally, is the big event of the month, in Klamath and the other Western States at least.

Of course, Independence Day is the most important of all holidays to Americans. Some people forget that, in thinking of Fourth of July festivities.

Our own earliest recollection of a rodeo has to do with a long, tall bronco buster by name of "Skeeter Bill," a Shetland pony on the track waiting to be ridden by any kid who wasn't too bashful, a basket of baking powder biscuits filled with pressed chicken and a real orange.

The floodlights have taken some of the real feeling—that goes with eating peanuts and watching someone else sweat on a sunny summer afternoon—away from rodeos just as it has from baseball and football. But it has put more people in the stands at roundups just as it has at baseball and football games.

You still can take your choice. For the next two days there will be evening shows at the Fairgrounds. Saturday, Independence Day, will have the good old afternoon event.

You can take your choice, and we suggest that you do. Go to the Klamath Basin Roundup and look around you. It'll give you a better understanding of a part of the Basin that you can't actually see in any other way. Besides that, you'll have fun.

There are city folks, and no doubt some country folks too, who smile politely or even curl a lip at the mention of roundup or rodeo.

For their benefit we'd like to remind that the rodeo is strictly a grass roots celebration. It's as American as Independence Day, as self and as Western as a cow horse.

Rodeo is one of the few sports to spring from an actual occupation. Every rodeo celebration like the Klamath Basin Roundup has sprung from the dust of a million roundup corral. The rodeo is the outgrowth of the impromptu contests that were staged at the close of the big early day cattle roundups.

The first rodeo of record wherein cash prizes were awarded the winning contestants was staged at Pecos, Texas, July 4th, 1885. The first rodeo box office was opened in Prescott, Arizona, for the Fourth

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By Jimmy Hatlo

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BUT THE FIRST SIX MONTHS ARE THE TOUGHEST—SO WHO DOES THE DIRTY WORK WHILE THE TWO GENIUSES HOLD THEIR OLD JOBS? LOOKY—

CWON! WE'RE LATE!

TAKE THE CALLS! DELIVER THEM ORDERS! SEND OUT THE BILLS! CLEAN THE PLACE! SEE YOU FOR SUPPER! BYE!

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THANK AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO JANET ROICE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

TOWER TALK



with the Ground Observer Corps

By EDNA HALL

An item of interest taken from the Oregon Ground Observer Corps paper reads as follows:

"Every so often the Air Force makes practice flights to test the efficiency and capability of our air defense network. Recently several of these test runs were made and although we are not at liberty to disclose the exact results, we can say that we were very pleased with the reports from our ground observer posts. They did very well and practically all of the posts reported these flights. There are several weak points in our coverage and we shall concentrate our efforts in these communities."

While our Klamath Falls Post is not used among those four reporting the most planes for May, it does not necessarily indicate that we are missing aircraft. The four with the highest reporting score are located directly in the airways in the Willamette Valley.

A sharp gain has been registered in observer posts and volunteers throughout the country this month. Enrolled volunteers have increased from 376,933 to 391,254—a gain of 14,321. An approximate 48 out of 180 observers have become inactivated in the past month in Klamath Falls. This is due to vacations, inadequate transportation, people moving away, etc.

Every day we hear statements by the armchair strategists minimizing the importance of the ground observer corps. Volunteers are ridiculed with such clever names as "Bird Watchers," "Flash Gordons," etc. Frankly, we consider these people pitifully ignorant. Some uninformed individuals believe the GOC obsolete. Qualified men with a broad knowledge of our air defense system feel that the GOC is an indispensable part of our preparation for and prevention against possible attack by air. It is an established fact that radar cannot spot every enemy plane, especially the low-flying ones. Radar cannot tell us the number or kind of planes. Only the eyes and the ears of ground observers can fill that gap in our defense network.

Navy Yeoman 2nd Class Jay H. Peterson, now serving in the Navy's Recruiting station in Seattle writes "I would very much like to be-

James Marlow

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sir Winston Churchill had been at the heart of the world so long it was hard to accept the sudden news that he had to take a month's rest, which meant his clock was running down.

Information from Britain about his condition has been vague. Fatigue, it was said, So he may improve and return to his duties. Or he may not. And if he does not the English-speaking people have lost a rallying-point and a shield.

He had stood equally indomitably against the darkness of fascism and the medievalism of communism. In his own eloquence and courage he symbolized the British character.

More than that he symbolized the indestructible and untortured human character which rises to its fullest development in a free society, for which Churchill fought against the enslaving tyranny of right and left.

He was a genius, born in an island which has produced more than its share of geniuses who had character and courage and eloquence. But the vitality of any nation is not unlimited. History is full of nations which lost theirs.

It is possible that a great man, by sheer force of will and leadership, can pull a whole people, even a tired people, up to a height. Unity and determination they could not have achieved without him.

It is also possible that a man who appeared to be providing supreme leadership, like Churchill, was only reflecting the tremendous will of his people who gave him popular support because he so truly represented them.

How much of Britain's achievements these past 14 years was due to Churchill and how much to the British people themselves may remain one of the unanswered questions of history.

The answer may be found if Churchill cannot return to his old position of leadership. For that would be a test of the British people. He was such a towering figure no one of his stature is in sight to take his place.

The British people must find from among themselves new and younger leadership. If they still have their great and ancient vitality undiminished it will prove itself in their ability, under new leadership, to change the world and even prosper through the changes.

In Churchill's lifetime the British fought two world wars, saw their empire fall apart and themselves descend from a truly No. 1 world power to a power second to that of the United States and Russia.

Still, as a people, they remained intact, avoided chaos and confusion, and stood firm against the two powers, Germany and Russia, which they knew would have destroyed the freedom they had spent

SAM DAWSON

EDITORS NOTE: Business will continue to boom during the second half of this year, businessmen believe. They see little slackening in the flood tide of production and sales. Sam Dawson, AP business news writer, outlines what's ahead in this second and last of a series of articles on the state of business and industry this year.

NEW YORK (AP)—Business steps into the second half of the year at a lively pace. Most businessmen are betting that Christmas will find that pace slackened only slightly if at all.

"The only signs of recession are in a few persons' heads," the president of an eastern railroad scoffs.

Bankers expect business to hold at a high level during the second half and see no "immediate indication of a slowing down," the American Bankers Association reports.

Government economists insist that after the usual summer siesta—with many plants closing for mass vacations and repairs—business will pick up in the fall and keep to a fairly fast clip the rest of the year.

This optimism of the majority isn't universally shared, of course. Four supports of the boom in the past are being watched now for economic termities: Auto production, housing, farm income, and defense spending.

Auto production—hitting a record high in the first half—may slow down by fall, although the big companies deny this. Used car dealers already are complaining of slow sales and growing inventories.

Steel companies—Also doing a record business, much of it with Detroit—say orders on their books will keep them busy to the end of the year. They report no slowdown yet in orders from auto makers.

Home building is slowing down just a little. Some in the building industry expect that it will be centuries obtaining.

The post-Churchill leadership, to be successful at all, must have popular support. But what direction will it take: Left or right? Churchill is leader of the Conservative party, which had been beaten by the Labor party after the war and ever since Churchill's Conservatives beat them the last time, the Laborites have considered themselves out of power only temporarily. The Labor party itself is split into factions, one wanting Britain linked to the U. S., the other less friendly in this direction.

If Churchill should not return to his place at the head of the government, his Conservatives will run the country. Perhaps the first test of where the people want to go will be at the next British elections.

harder to find mortgage money and interest charges will be higher. Construction costs won't ease much. Demand for new homes won't be as pressing. Old homes will sell at lower prices.

Business, on the other hand, plans in the next three months to top by 13 per cent last year's expansion of plants and equipment.

Farm income will be smaller this fall than last. Prices for most farm products are lower than a year ago. And huge surpluses of some commodities, overhanging the markets, already makers of farm machinery are cutting back production schedules.

Defense spending will continue high—the big hanger of appropriated but unspent sums assure that. But some lavish military spending plans are being trimmed. Cancellation of orders will shorten the work week, or even mean layoffs.

Jobs will be at a peak this summer, but could be a little less plentiful by year's end. The work week may shrink, bringing down average weekly earnings from their present record high of \$71.05. Wage increases this spring and summer have been a little more modest than in previous years.

Personal incomes, rising through the first half, aren't likely to go up much more. The pace was definitely slower at mid-year.

The cost of living—fairly stable during the first half—is likely to be less galling. Rents and services may be a little more costly.

But food is back to a seasonal pattern—surpluses holding down prices.

\$9,600 a Year, Nothing To Do, Jobholder Says

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dr. Thomas R. Fisher says the State Department provided him with a title and a \$9,600-a-year salary in February, 1952—but since then nobody has given him any specific work to do.

Dr. Fisher, former Syracuse University professor, is assistant director of education and training for the Technical Co-operation Administration "on paper," he told a House government operations subcommittee yesterday.

He also said:

He never had more than a three-minute conversation with his superior, Dr. Frank E. Sorenson, who resigned a month ago as chief of the education section.

He was never told what TCA's formal educational plan was.

Sorenson was absent from Washington 34 per cent of the time, while "a great variety of people or sometimes nobody" ran the section.

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