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## CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

By DEB ADDISON

**KLAMATH PRODUCTION Credit Association** will officially celebrate "20 years of service" for sound growth of agriculture tomorrow at its annual meeting at the Klamath Falls Armory.

The country folks will come to town for the observance, as they should, and the city will welcome them with "guest car" parking stickers, as it should.

KPCA members are proud of the 20 year record of their organization, as they should be.

Klamath Production Credit Association, as the name suggests, is in the business of financing the production of farm crops — crops grown in the good earth and on it.

Some KPCA members will point out that the framework of the congressional act that provided for the organization of such associations is the work of that lost and nearly forgotten tribe of Republicans of pre-New Deal days.

While it was a government financed organization at the start, all members will tell you that it has been entirely owned by farmers and cattlemen of Klamath, Lake, Modoc and Siskiyou counties since it paid Uncle off on January 2, 1949.

It's local money that enables local farmers to finance a year's production. There was a time when some people libeled the KPCA as about competing with private, tax-paying financial institutions. Their answer then was that when it was organized, existing banks were unable to provide the kind of financing that farmers needed. Now they laugh it off with the answer that KPCA is privately owned and pays taxes like people.

Twenty members will be honored for 20 years of membership. They are W. L. Bell, Orv Campbell, Charley Cross, John Craven, Martin Green, Ed Geary, Gene Hammond, John Kandra, Bill Kirtledge, Fred McMurry, James McCreffe, John N. Schneberger, George Stevenson, John Taylor, Frank Toffel, J. L. Truett, the Paisley Jones Ranch, Judge Reeder, Dan Schumacher and Lee Dixon.

Lee Dixon has the distinction of having belonged to, and been in the territory of, three different

production loan associations in that 20 years without ever having moved. At the start KPCA's territory didn't extend down into Modoc and Siskiyou counties as it does today.

The 20 years have been Ulys Reeder and Ed Geary contribute to public affairs through tours of duty in political bodies. The Hon. U. E. Reeder is county judge, of course, and Ed Geary is back in state politics as candidate for speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives.

He is in name, if not in person. He is one of the 20-year members who will be honored, as a 20-year director too, in name but not in person on account of his being "down under" at present seeing how the New Zealanders grow grass.

It has been an ambition of this writer, for all of these 20 years, to sell the association some advertising. We've told them that they'd never be "people", in spite of paying off Uncle and starting to pay taxes, until they did like other businesses and told the story of what they had to offer through advertising.

Well, when KPCA moved into its own building at Ninth and Klamath, the board of directors okayed an ad to invite everyone in to see the place. One invitation ad and then, no dice!

Now, having attained 20-year stature, believe it or not, the board okayed another and telling of the 20 years of progress and honoring the 20-year members. You must have seen it yesterday. It was opposite the comic page.

Whether the absence of Ed Geary had anything to do with the softening up of this hard-shelled bunch of farmer-directors is entirely problematical. It may have been the break that got us, in or it may have been purely coincidental.

At any rate, we hereby attest that the members, directors and the association as such have finally qualified, unqualifiedly, as "people."

We salute Directors Geary, Campbell, Hammond and Kirtledge, Sec.-Treas. Lee McMullen, and the other 20-year members and their China anniversary—and we hope and expect that come 1974 we'll sell 'em another ad.

## HAL BOYLE

**NEW YORK (AP)** — "Sure, the Irish drank goat's milk," said Mary Pickford. "That's how I have my vitality—because my ancestors drank goat's milk."

At 60, "America's Sweetheart" of yesterday still retains the simple charm that once made her the movie favorite of millions.

"I'm the busiest woman in Beverly Hills—or any other hill," she said, smiling, as we sat in the living room of her hotel suite.

"I have a big house to look after, and my husband, Buddy Rogers, and my business interests—and the children, Ronnie and Roxie."

"Roxie will soon be 12, but she's already four inches taller than I am. She's horse crazy. But I'd rather look forward to her being horse crazy than boy crazy."

Mary also is active in half a dozen philanthropic and charitable enterprises. She recently completed her memoirs for McCall's magazine, and said she would like—after 20 years away from the screen—to return in one last film.

"It would be the story of my mother's life," she said, "and end on that day in 1909 when I walked into the old Biograph Studio and got my first movie job."

Mary rose from \$10 to \$10,000 a week in a few years, and piled up millions later producing her own films. This girl with the haunting face of a golden angel also had a cashbox mind.

"But I dislike business heartily," she said. "A lot of career women may not agree with me, but I don't think business is a woman's world."

Her long Cinderella story has had many bittersweet hours. Mary said she had enjoyed so many happy moments in her life she didn't know which to name first.

"But there is no doubt about my most miserable moment," she said. "It was the moment my mother passed on in 1928."

Here is Mary Pickford looking back at her life—a reverie ever made? My choice would be "Gone with the Wind." Of my own pictures, I still like "Tess of the Storm Country" best. I made it twice—in 1914 and 1922.

"The greatest gemmas of the motion picture have been Charlie

Chaplin and Walt Disney. After them D. W. Griffith and Irving Thalberg. Irving had a bad heart. He walked with death at his back. He knew he had not time to waste on trivial things, or things half done. He died young.

"I made 500 feature pictures. . . We do look ridiculous in them today. . . And sometimes I feel like destroying my old films. . . Those awful clothes we used to wear."

"They can't compare with the pictures now, of course. . . But silent pictures did speak a universal language. . . I think we go in for too many sound effects now. . . The great ones avoid super-sound. . . But the great ones are all too few."

"They say the pioneers cut down the forests and made the roads then the gamblers come along and make the money. . . Chance plays so important a part in an actor's life. . . He needs that lucky break in life more than a writer does, or a producer, or a director."

"You know, in all of us are two people. . . I've always been unpredictable, even to myself. . . Nothing really pleases me that I do. . . My real fear is to be left alone in the world. . . Most of my people have passed on. . . Most elderly people are passed by. . . That frightens me."

"But when the Lord loves you, He gives you an insight. . . an understanding. . . And me, whose golden curls are only a memory, looked up with her sweetheart smile of long ago."

## Convicted Killer Calm At Death

**SANTA FE, N.M.** (AP)—White-haired Arthur F. Johnson, 57, died in New Mexico's electric chair early today for the murder of an oil field worker nearly three years ago.

He was executed for the robbery-murder of William Cabrel in a Hobbs tourist court March 4, 1951. He went to his death calmly.

He maintained he struck Cabrel because he had raped Johnson's wife and molested his small daughter.

## They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



## TELLING THE EDITOR

### WE ARE CRITICIZED

In your editorial Wednesday evening, you very ably presented your case against the Portland paper for its "holier than thou" attitude toward our erstwhile "improvement fund."

It was disturbing, though, to note your apparent tendency to whitewash our city officials, who committed this community to the deal with the commercialized racketeers, and what seemed to be a minimizing of their violation of sworn public duty.

In your defense of their setting up "account 307", you stated that prior to its institution, there was monopoly and all slot machines were supplied locally by just one racketeer, with all others excluded.

By all reports and appearances the institution of the "improvement fund" brought to change in that policy. The same old original Klamath slot machine racketeer seems to have exclusive "rights" to this territory regardless—come what may.

Your further stated that from personal knowledge you believe the people who dreamed up "account 307" were good citizens, interested in promoting the welfare of the community, but perhaps led astray by the example set by the "socially correct clubs". I gather that you mean principally the fraternal orders, which operate a club, or bar, or "bona's nest" in connection with their lodge. It is pretty well known that most of these institutions have operated slot machines extensively for years, and have repeatedly violated any law of the state, or statute of their own, which seemed inconvenient, despite protests from some of their members. Those who manage to remain in control of club policies seem to be guided by the two philosophies: "The club can do no wrong" and "The end always justifies the means."

Contrary to your observation that the spawners of "account 307" were prompted by watching the "socially correct clubs", I believe some were far more apt to have been conditioned for their malfeasance by years of membership and active participation in the "clubs".

Your admonitions to "Judge not, lest ye be judged" and "Let him who is without sin, cast the first stone" are acknowledged. I make no claim to being "without sin", but I do have a stone of criticism to cast, and believe every citizen has the right to publicly criticize and judge the official acts and omissions of public servants.

The man whom I consider chiefly responsible for the setting up and operation of "account 307" is the one man who could, and should, have stopped it cold at the council session by declaring the matter out of order and refusing to consider a motion for adoption of the ordinance. As mayor, with full and sole control over police authority, he could have closed down the rackets at any time.

It would be a great public service if you would publish the minutes of the council meeting, at which "account 307" was set up, or that portion of the minutes reciting the procedure on this item. People would then know which councilman offered the motion for adoption, who seconded it, and how the individual councilmen voted.

In an interview with the press a few days ago, ex-mayor Thompson revealed with "utmost candor" that a group of prominent "business and professional men" thought the "improvement fund" was a fine thing. If this group of civic leaders was a fragment of the ex-mayor's very vivid imagination, their names should be published. Men who presume to advise municipal authority on matters of public policy should have no objection to publication of their names. The public is entitled to know just who among us advised the adoption of a "deal" which

has brought us the dubious distinction of being the only city in the state, or may be anywhere, that will have a swimming pool built with substantial help of revenue from officially uninhibited sex expression.

There are lots of us ordinary folks in the community who will always wonder if the people who dreamed up "account 307" were motivated by something more than gaining revenue just for the city. It really requires more naivete than many people can muster to believe that a man will violate his oath of office for no other purpose than to help the community.

So, Mr. Jenkins, in such cases let's not rationalize nor minimize. You too, sir, as publisher of the only local newspaper have a public trust. Please don't use it to cushion the fall of idols with feet of clay, even though just criticism should involve the president of high school Parents and Patrons, the head hooter of the Owl hoots, and the roving ambassador of the chamber of commerce.

There need be no thought of revenge for public betrayal—the Creator has been quoted as saying that revenge is His domain—but let's not condone bad faith. We should try to forgive the trespasses of both friend and enemy, but in no creed are we taught to condone their transgressions.

J. P. (Jack) Linnam  
39 Nevada Ave.

### INDIAN COUNCIL

With all of the government investigations and expensive meetings that have been held regarding the termination of the Klamath Indian reservation, it seems to me that someone should see what a hollow mockery the Indian Council really is.

Or could it be possible that it is being used to make the Indians appear incompetent?

The majority of members that form the council and business committees are like parasites looking for personal gain and a few free meals. They are not the true voice of the Klamath people, as most of the self-respecting members seldom have time to attend those meetings.

The Indian Council is like a cancer that is slowly but surely destroying the reservation and should be abolished.

Minerva Mette  
Chiloquin, Ore.

### HISTORY CHANGED?

Hear me out. I have been a resident in Klamath Falls since 1932. History could easily have been changed if the D.A. had resided in Linkville; but, I doubt if our prominent people would allow the history book to be revised.

I can proudly, truthfully say this city is not a breeding ground for so called vice. Prostitution, yes, but no harm done.

Klamath Falls trudged a long way since the younger days of Linkville. It was accomplished without vice.

If I may add a word or two for the people, we don't earn a living or feed our families by reading law books. The only book we read is on Sunday, in church, the Holy Bible.

I have nothing to comment concerning prostitution, merely the term "vice". The city's law enforcement does quite well holding down the various crimes committed throughout the city and suburbs, regardless what the D.A. says or does.

One man can't whip the world by a flick of one little finger, or have people hop, skip or jump because the master has spoken.

S. W. Tripp  
Klamath Falls

## James Marlow

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—The Senate started 1954 fast. Then it bogged down on the idea of amending the Constitution. Now it's playing by ear.

Right after returning in January it gave quick approval for this country's joining Canada in developing the St. Lawrence seaway.

That was a step it hadn't been willing to take in the past 20 years. This time it was spurred on by President Eisenhower, who backed the seaway, plus notice from Canada she would act alone if Congress balked.

Then the Republican Senate leader, Sen. Knowland of California, trotted out something which Eisenhower didn't approve.

That was the proposal by Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) to amend the Constitution so as to limit the scope of treaties negotiated by the President and ratified by the Senate, and to provide for congressional regulation of executive agreements not submitted to the Senate.

Until Eisenhower took a stand against it, saying it would hamstring a president in foreign affairs it seemed the Senate might approve.

Bricker had a lot of support until then. Then his supporters began to melt away. That didn't stop days of debate though.

That was to be expected: Bricker's amendment involved Supreme Court decisions, treaties, agreements, and acts of Congress going far back in history. It was a lawyer's field day.

Soon it became clear the Bricker amendment had no chance as it stood. Still, there was and apparently still is quite a bit of Senate sentiment for some kind of constitutional restriction on treaties and agreements.

Those who urge it argue like this: states and individuals need to be protected against action by some future president infringing on their laws or liberties.

Just as it seemed the whole idea of an amendment might go out the window, Sen. George (D - Ga) came up with one of his own.

This was a modified version of the one Bricker offered. The White House didn't accept that one either.

But there was a slight difference between the way Bricker offered his amendment and the way George produced his.

For two years the Senate Judiciary Committee considered Bricker's proposal, held hearings, heard witnesses, took its time.

Then it sent to the full Senate for debate a proposed amendment which was not quite what Bricker offered but still bore his name.

The proposal by George, although he may have consulted many of the same staff experts and lawyers who advised the Judiciary Committee, was not the subject of any hearings or committee study. It has been considered only on the floor and in conferences with administration officials.

Now Bricker is saying he and George may get together and agree on language in an amendment both could back.

This attempt to write out a constitutional amendment without 100 more hearings and discussion has been criticized by some senators as a too-hasty attempt to make a change in handling foreign affairs, since the language some day might be given an interpretation not intended now.

Yesterday some constitutional lawyers—like John W. Davis—were quoted as saying they didn't know what the language in George's amendment meant.

In spite of all the present talk there can be no change in the Constitution unless it is approved by two thirds of the Senate and House present at voting time, and 6 of the 48 state legislatures.

Hans Norland Fire Insurance, 627 Pine St.

## Telling The Editor

### UNHAPPY

I was very unhappy with your point of view after I finished reading your editorial in last night's paper on gambling and vice.

Sure, I've lived in Klamath for 18 yrs, and I've enjoyed my games at the golf club, the Elks, and now the Eagles, but I'm not proud of the gambling machines the boys have there. It seems to me that you were trying to change the subject when you inferred that no reforms are in order unless everything is changed at once. You know that it can't be done in that way, and often one step at a time, is all you can hope for.

I don't attend any church, nor do I know any of these local ministers, but at least they should be given credit for attacking what was most obvious sore-spot to all. You would be surprised at the large number of people in town who are growing increasingly suspicious of the local police force and the present mayor. Something had to be done, and your editorial completely missed the boat!

Can it be that you are sulking in your corner because the Portland papers came down here and did something that you should have done first? What's happened to the good old days when newspapers did a little crusading for honesty in government? Can it be that you are getting old, and as you edge along are becoming more bitter and cynical about human values?

I can still remember when you used to have a little fight for decent living in your bones, and you'd stick your neck out for some necessary reforms. What's happened?

My neighbors' wives were in for coffee this morning and they are all mad as hops at your apologetic statements for dishonesty in local government. They all agreed that a few well placed funerals in town would be a good thing.

Don't give them a chance to prove themselves right! Give credit where it is due and let's cut out this trying to cover up a rotten situation. I know you can do it if you want to, but lots of folks are losing all faith in your judgment. You can still win them back if you want to. Let's do better.

I'm sorry I can't sign my name—but I've got to do business with you and I don't want you to get sore at me.

(Editor's Note: The Herald and News refuses to permit sniping from ambush by anonymous writers when the sniping is directed at others, but since this one does his shooting at us we're glad to break our rule and give him the microphone.)

### LEGALIZE?

Just a few lines in regard to the much talked about vice conditions in this city. What a pity that it takes such a filthy, degrading situation as this to get publicity for our city!

Many of us wish to see the clamps put securely on prostitution in our city but everyone knows that closing these houses will not solve this question. As you well know, this sort of thing has gone on for centuries and will continue for years to come or as long as there are human beings. Would it not be better to legalize prostitution in our city and keep these people in their own houses instead of closing these houses and thereby making it possible for these prostitutes to keep up their trade in hotel rooms or rent trailer space in a trailer court and ply their trade unmolessted?

In this case, no one would benefit by this except persons directly involved. Seems like if we have to have such conditions it would be better to legalize this business and collect large taxes on such and make it public. By this I mean let the public know just what this money is being used for. Otherwise if they move to trailer courts outside of the city limits, the city will benefit, in only one way—removing them from the city.

Seems like when we folks voted for the new swimming pool, we understood it was to be paid for out of new tax levies. Well what did they use the money for that has been collected and will be collected from now on by raising our property taxes if the money for the swimming pool has already been donated and as money from these bawdy houses and accepted by our city officials? Really it is quite a standing joke now the "House Jack Built" but "The Swimming Pool that Vice and Prostitution Built."

But closing these houses of prostitution is to endanger the welfare of our women folk in the city, throwing them on the mercy of the kind of persons that patronize these houses.

J. H. Zinski  
Klamath Falls

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## ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN McLEOD

A number of times this column has made reference to Walker in Nicaragua, in telling the Joaquin Miller story, as Miller's life was an influence in the state of Jefferson, Joaquin, in these formative years of his life was greatly influenced by the romantic adventures of his day. Fremont was his first hero, then came Mountain Joe and Walker. With such a set of heroes, how could an adolescent youth with a poet's soul develop otherwise than into the colorful character that made Joaquin famous?

In later years Joaquin wrote a book about Walker. While it is suspected that he met Walker and probably was with him for a short time in the tropics, Miller never would admit, even to his best friend, that such was the case. Yet without a doubt, it was the Walker influence that played an important part in Joaquin's life in the vicinity of Mount Shasta and turned the sentiment of local settlers against him, with a bitterness which followed him all the years of his life.

William Walker, just in case you are rusty on history, became famous as an American adventurer—the idol of all adventure story writers. He was born in Nashville, Tenn., in 1824. Studied law at the University of Nashville in 1838, was admitted to the bar on graduation and subsequently spent a year in the study of medicine at Edinburgh and Heidelberg. He practiced medicine for a few months in Philadelphia and then moved to New Orleans, where he engaged in journalism. In 1850 he joined the stream of pioneers headed for California and engaged in newspaper work in San Francisco, and later at Marysville, where he also practiced law.

However, the adventurer's spirit in him was strong and so on Oct. 15, 1853, he sailed from San Francisco with a filibustering force for the conquest of Mexican territory. He landed in Lower California, and on Jan. 18, 1854, he proclaimed this and the neighboring State of Sonora and independent republic. The abandonment of this enterprise, and Walker resumed his journalistic work in California.

On May 4, 1855, Walker again sailed from San Francisco with 56 followers, this time for Nicaragua, where he had been invited by one of the belligerent factions to come to its aid. In October, Nicaragua seized a steamer on Lake Nicaragua belonging to the Accessory Transit Company, a corporation of Americans engaged in transporting freight and passengers across the isthmus, and was thus enabled to surprise and capture Granada the capital and the stronghold of the opponents, by this action Walker became master of Nicaragua. Peace was then made; Patricia Rivas, who had been neutral, was made provisional president, and Walker secured the real power as commander of the troops.

At this time, two officials of the Transit Company determined to use Walker as their tool to get control of that corporation, then dominated by Cornelius Vanderbilt, and they advanced him funds and supported his recruits from the United States free of charge. In return for these favors, Walker, seized the property of the company, on the pretext of a violation of its charter, and turned over its equipment to the men who had befriended him. On May 20, formally recognized at Washington by President Pierce, and on June 3 the democratic national convention expressed its sympathy with the efforts being made to "regenerate" Nicaragua. In June, Walker was chosen president of Nicaragua, and on September 22 from

alleged economic necessity, and also to gain sympathy and support of the slave states in America, he repealed the laws prohibiting slavery.

Walker managed to maintain himself against a coalition of Central America states, led by Costa Rica, which was aided and abetted by agents of Cornelius Vanderbilt, until May 1 of 1857, when, to avoid capture by the natives, he surrendered to Commander Charles Henry Davis, of the United States Navy, and returned to the United States. In November, 1857 he sailed from Mobile with another expedition, but soon after landing at Punta Arenas he was arrested by Commodore Hiram Paulding of the American navy, and was compelled to return to the United States as a parolee prisoner. On his arrival he was released by order of President Buchanan. After several unsuccessful attempts to return to Central America, Walker finally sailed from Mobile in August 1860 and landed in Honduras. Here he was taken prisoner by Captain Salmon, of the British navy, and surrendered to the Honduran authorities, by whom he was tried and condemned to be shot. He was executed on September 12, 1860.

The tantalizing thought occurring to the historical researcher, did Joaquin and Mountain Joe succumb to the lure of the adventurous spirit of Walker and join the recruits from San Francisco for Nicaragua? Joaquin returned to his beloved Mount Shasta with gold in his pockets, dressed as a brigand, and, with the ambition of building an Indian empire!

## Sacred Heart Notebook

By BEATRICE WALSH

Preceding the junior play at the student assembly, Tuesday, the freshman girls presented a skit on posture. Those participating were Rosalie Pinelli, Theresa Proff, Cara Leltze, Barbara Young, Roberta Vandendole, Theresa Hallinan, Elda Dal Broi, Jeanne Chin, Darlene Brophy, Joan Beard and Violet Matney, with Colleen Lineman narrating. Incidentally, the junior play was greatly enjoyed.

The glee club is now practicing daily for Confirmation services to be held Tuesday evening, February 23. His Excellency, The Most Reverend Francis P. Leipzig, D.D., will administer the sacrament.

Dental care and its importance was impressed on the health class by a movie exhibited by Mrs. Spears, the school nurse.

Latest edition of the "Chimes" was distributed yesterday.

Sacred Heart lost its first game of the county tournament against Paisley by a score of 45-41 in overtime play. The Trojans clashed with Gilchrist this afternoon at Henley.

Classes yesterday and today were considerably speeded up and school was dismissed at 12:15 p.m. so that those desiring to attend the tournament could do so without neglecting any studies.

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