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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS
The dread threat of botulism has reared its ugly head in the Klamath Country again with the discovery last Sunday of some forty four dead swans at Spring Lake.

The thing that makes this year's threat worse than usual is that it appears at first glance to be a form of deep water disease, such as that experienced in the Bear River refuge in the past, and not the usual form of botulism that lurks in the mud of shelving lakes and kills off the dabbling ducks. In this case it is the bottom feeders that are stricken.

Four men, Ken McLeod, Ken Conklin, Doug De Wees and Jim O'Donohue were along on the trip, managed to pick up nine of the big birds and carry them home to Jim's place where he is caring for them. Botulism shots helped some of them but a couple are still in pretty bad shape. On a diet of milk and eggs they are still making it, thanks to O'Donohue and his tireless efforts on behalf of bird life at large.

We learn from talking to the boys that a large portion of the swans along the Pacific flyway have wintered in the Klamath area. As we remember the figures this means that we have at least a goodly percentage of the three thousands swans listed by the state game commission and the fish and wildlife service as wintering in Oregon.

Let's hope that the disease will prove of a limited and fleeting nature. Protection of our wildlife in this category is one of the vital points of future planning. And while we can pass legislation to do

a great many things we can't legislate an end to botulism, nor can we bolster up the waning numbers of swan by passing a law. They can't read.

Weyerhaeuser Timber Company has used the copy from one of their splendid ads as a cover for their 1953 annual report. The one of an eagle approaching its nest with two fledglings waiting the arrival and a background of green and purple mountains leading to a horizon of snow capped Western peaks.

In our opinion this has been one of the most effective and enjoyable ad campaigns we have seen in many a long year.

Standing out on the deck the other night when a half dozen or more pheasant hens sailed down off the hill in a long glide and angled for the grain field below the house. Half way down the entire covey ran into the multiple telephone wires. Such a racket hasn't been heard for many a long moon.

First time I knew that pheasants can cuss almost as well as humans. And feathers all over the place. But apparently no injuries. A couple went down but picked themselves up and flew back up over the hill, seemingly in good health and spirits.

One more fact to add to your fund of useless information: The Upper Lake, when at a normal level, contains something like 120 billion gallons of water.

Just where you might use that information I wouldn't know, but if you ever need it, there 'tis.

ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN MCLEOD

Our last column disclosed how Mrs. Charles Masson, of Dunsmuir, came to our rescue in the location of Soda Springs, which turn out to be the springs at Dunsmuir and not Shasta Springs. Shasta Springs are presumed to be unknown to white men at the time Joaquin Miller was living in the area south of Mount Shasta in 1855.

Mrs. Masson has given us some excerpts from Wells' "History of Siskiyou County" written, she believes, about 1876. Not having ever had the opportunity of seeing this book I wonder if it too was one of our early famous "mug" histories—called "Mug" because the book was sold by subscription and for \$3.00 or so you got your name written in the book along with a copy of it. Back in the '70's we had a number of such subscription histories published. Many historians speak scornfully of them, yet they contain a great amount of historical material that would have been lost to us had not these enterprising publishers been working in the field. Unfortunately the books were purely mercenary, no dinero, no name, and so there have been many names practically or even permanently lost to us from early records.

Soda Springs, apparently received quite a glowing account of its advantages: "Fishing and hunting can be indulged in to the heart's content, and during the summer the capacious hotel is constantly thronged with . . . and so goes Wells' account. Lockhart first settled here in 1852, and in 1855 Ross McClelland built a house here and kept it for several years. He was succeeded by Isaac Fry and Mr. Mannon, who kept a public house."

Mrs. Masson, likewise, has given us the background story of Lower Soda Springs which she has found in the "Dunsmuir News" of Saturday, October 14, 1903. A narrative written by Washington Bailey in his declining years while living at Castella. Mr. Bailey was born in Missouri in 1825. Mrs. Masson quotes from Bailey's narrative:

"I had a brother at that time (1859) mining on Soda Creek; he informed me that there was a beautiful bubbling mineral spring at what is called now 'Lower Soda Springs'. I bought a quarter's right of Amisa Ball who owned the place. There was a wagon road at that time from Yreka to (as I named the place) Lower Soda Springs. The nearest neighbor we had was at Upper Soda Spring on the north. . . I sold the springs to the P. I. Co. who have expended a quarter of a million dollars in building and maintaining the place."

Mrs. Masson writes, "The P. I. Co. was a holding company of the railroad and it was this organization which built the tavern after the railroad went through there." Bailey's narrative continues, "I then went to Susan . . . after losing the hotel at Susan we went on our farm at Castle Rock. That famous spring, the waters of which are being so successfully bottled (in 1905) was the incentive for my buying the place before I left the Castle Rock Ranch. The spring was discovered by two miners who wing-damned the ground for mining purposes. C. C. Hufface and James Cramer were the discoverers. They took out about \$1,400 in gold. I sold the Castle Rock property to a syndicate to Sacramento."

Mrs. Masson remarks: "From

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



AMIT IT PECULIAR HOW THESE BUSINESS TRIPS COME UP JUST AT THE WRONG (OR RIGHT) TIME? THANK AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO VALENTINE VAN TASSEL, 7 WEST FOURTH STREET, CORVALLIS, NEW YORK

JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—It's still a mystery: Just how many disloyal government workers the Eisenhower administration has found since taking over from the Truman administration in January 1953.

The Republicans campaigned in 1952 on a promise to get Communists out of the government. Some are talking of making Communism-in-government a campaign issue again this year in the November congressional elections.

The Democrats, with a large political stake in the actual number of disloyal persons found, have demanded exact figures. Newsweek repeatedly has asked for figures as a matter of public information.

The latest information given yesterday by Chairman Philip Young of the Civil Service Commission, still didn't provide an answer.

He told the Senate's Civil Service Committee 2,427 "security risks" had been removed from the government payroll under the Republicans. But he said he didn't know whether a single one had been fired for disloyalty, subversion or communism.

He had gathered his figures from the government agencies which did the firing after the committee, made up of Democrats and Republicans, asked him for answers.

He said 383 of the 2,427 were persons whose files contained something of a subversive nature. Then he added these people were not necessarily subversive and said he didn't know whether this subversive information was sufficient reason for getting them out of their jobs.

Later Young told newsmen he

knew of no way of finding out whether subversion was the controlling factor in getting the 383 out of government service. A little later Sen. McNamara (D - Okla.) said:

In 1947 former President Truman set up a program for getting Communists or people who might injure the country out of government jobs. It was a double kind of program:

1. Loyalty—This was to get rid of Communists or fellow travelers in any government job or agency.

2. Security—This was to get rid of certain kinds of people—like drunks, homosexuals who might be blackmailed, or blabbermouths.

Last April Eisenhower produced the program. It abolished the two classifications of Truman—the distinction between loyalty cases and security problems—and lumped both in one, called a security program.

Under this a Communist, drunk, homosexual, a person convicted of a felony or misdemeanor or a blabbermouth could be fired as a security risk any place he was found in the government. Whether or not his agency dealt in secrets.

Total figures on those released thus would not show how many were Communists and how many fell into other classes.

Last October the White House, in its first announcement, said 1,456 security risks had been fired. The President on Jan. 7 upped the figure to 2,200.

Newsman asked Eisenhower for a breakdown. He referred them to Brownell. Brownell referred questions to Young. Young refused to answer and passed the ball back to the White House. It's still bouncing.

SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—People are still buying when they think the price is right.

There are few signs of a concerted "buyers' strike"—even on coffee. But there are increasing signs that when consumers think prices are too high they are either waiting, haggling for discounts, or seeking out "bootleg" cars and other goods.

Some businessmen are beginning to wonder if a slitch in time isn't in order—a fresh look now at pricing practices rather than risking the necessity of painful cutting later.

Many manufacturers can make out a good case for the prices on their goods, citing higher production costs and operating expenses. Many retailers hesitate to lower their traditional mark-ups—their costs are up, too.

But if March doesn't bring the business pick-up that they and Washington hope for, other ways of stimulating consumer buying may be in order. And just cutting taxes may not be all that's needed.

Signs of consumer restlessness are growing. The big auto makers complain that "bootleggers" are selling new cars at less than the prices set by the auto dealers.

There are also complaints that while new car sales rose in February over January, they were still eight per cent lower than a year ago. But, expecting good business in a few weeks, both Chrysler and Hudson are calling back laid-off workers this week.

Television set makers report a marked pickup in their sales—after there had been considerable price shaving and offering of new

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Telling The Editor

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This is in regard to the article written about Sheriff's Deputies, which appeared in the paper on February 26, 1954.

Who are we fooling? We the people are fooling ourselves if we think we do not have a duty or duties to perform. If some of the people had done their duties in raising their families, there wouldn't be so much crime.

I believe it takes a lot of love, understanding and less selfishness to make this world a better place to live in. I think we should all help each other, instead of criticizing.

It seems to me that a policeman's job is one of the hardest, unheralded and self-sacrificing. There are not many people who would attempt this job. Therefore we should cooperate whenever possible, for they cannot do the job entirely by themselves. It takes team work to make things run smoothly.

A little pat on the back goes a long ways in making a person feel like doing even better.

We should remember to do our duty to God, our country, our families and our fellow men, then we wouldn't have to worry about crime!!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alvie O. Youngblood
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DEATHS CHARGED

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexico's chief opposition faction, Gen. Miguel Henriquez Guzman's Peoples Party, charged Tuesday that government agents assassinated three party members last week. A party statement said a fourth member also was shot but survived and escaped.

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Hal Boyle

By ED CREAGH
(For Hal Boyle)

WASHINGTON (AP)—Clamp on your earmuffs, people. The wool and tweed boys, sometimes known as the Hi-Fi hounds, are coming to town.

You've met some of them already, chances are. "Hi-Fi," of course, stands for high fidelity. It does not mean, in this case, the quality you esteem in a husband or wife. It means the attempt to make the noise that comes out of a phonograph record sound exactly like the noise that went into it.

Now Hi-Fi, like the drinking of schnapps, can be a hobby, a part-time occupation or a way of life. Also, like schnapps drinking, it's treacherous. You say to yourself, "I'll buy just one more gadget and then swear off"—and the next thing you know you're up to your attic in loudspeakers.

And boy what a financial hang-over!

You can look into this pastime, which is just short of becoming a national craze, all during next weekend if you're in town. The first "Hi-Fi Fair" ever held in these parts is setting up shop in a downtown hotel, and it ought to be quite an experience. If your eardrums can stand it.

For there's one thing about these Hi-Fi hounds—they never can stand having a record-player, to use the old-fashioned term for it, turned down to a reasonable level. The sound volume has to approach a Democratic national convention in full voice or they're unhappy.

Back in the good old pre-Korean war days, when my wife and I lived in New York, we used to drop in now and then on our Greenwich Village neighbor John Randolph, who hadn't yet gone off to be a war correspondent for The Associated Press.

We always had a fine time. John is one of the world's great waffle cooks and he unfailingly played records for us. Without reflecting on his hospitality in the slightest, however, there were two unusual aspects to a Randolph evening:

1. You seldom had any place to sit. His apartment was crammed from kitchenette to window sill with speakers, coils, piles of records, stacks of Hi-Fi trade publications and—in the middle of it all—a waffle iron. I don't know if he had the waffle iron plugged into the Hi-Fi system or not, but I suspect he did. His waffles certainly were, as the Hi-Fi hounds say, in the groove.

2. You couldn't hear John or he couldn't hear you. All you could hear—all the neighbors could hear, for that matter—was Mozart or Edith Piaf of whatever record Randolph had revolving on one of his many turntables. Conversation was reduced to some variation or other of that old gag: "Isn't that wonderful?" "What?"

"I said, isn't that a wonderful record?" "Still can't hear you." "I said—you're shouting at the top of your lungs now—" "Isn't that a fine recording!" "Can't hear a thing you say—this conounded record makes too much noise!"

If I sound envious of the Hi-Fi hounds with their "woofers," which are big speakers to catch the low notes, and their "tweeters," little speakers to pick up the high notes, it's because I am envious. I'd like to put together one of those fancy outfits, too. Trouble is I can't afford the 16-room house with soundproofed walls that really should go with a Hi-Fi system.

Excise Tax Cuts Predicted Despite Ike Disapproval

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee appeared primed to buck the Eisenhower administration today and approve a cut in more than a dozen major excise or sales taxes.

Republican and Democratic committee members predicted an almost unanimous vote for a bill introduced yesterday by Chairman Daniel A. Reed (R-NY) to slash all excises now above 10 per cent down to that level.

Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey in a statement last night said the government could not afford such broad, sweeping reductions now.

While cutting some excises, the bill would cancel indefinitely reductions set under present law for April 1 on liquor, tobacco, gasoline, automobiles, beer and wine.

The two actions would almost balance out if the House and Senate go along. The new cuts would reduce revenues almost one billion dollars a year. Killing the scheduled reductions would retain present revenues of about \$1,100,000,000.

The Eisenhower administration had requested that the scheduled reductions be canceled, and originally had opposed any loss in revenue from excises. After Reed introduced his bill, Humphrey said

the Treasury was prepared to go along with cuts in a few selected excises "where industries were being badly hurt by especially high rates."

But he said the administration could not support across-the-board cuts of up to one billion dollars proposed by Reed. Republican leaders, however, said they did not expect an all-out fight by the administration.

Humphrey praised cooperation between the Treasury and the committee on other issues. Only yesterday, the committee voted 22-3 to approve an administration request to cancel two billion dollars in annual corporation income tax cuts, also scheduled under present law for April 1.

The recommendation to retain the present top corporation rate of 52 per cent, rather than permitting it to decline to 47 per cent, was thrown into an 800-page bill to overhaul most of the nation's tax laws. House leaders plan to bring the excise bill to the floor first, probably early next week.

Reed's bill would cut to 10 per cent, effective April 1, these present excise rates:

The 25 per cent tax on long-distance telephone calls and leased wires, saving taxpayers an estimated 250 million dollars a year.

20 per cent "luxury" tax on furs, jewelry, cosmetics, women's handbags and luggage, saving an additional 250 million.

20 per cent tax on admissions to movies, sports events, night clubs and other entertainments, saving 175 million.

20 per cent tax on cameras, photographic equipment, light bulbs, club dues and safe deposit boxes, saving about 57 million.

15 per cent tax on local telephone bills and domestic telegrams, saving about 123 million.

15 per cent tax on rail, bus and air passenger fares, saving 87 million.

15 per cent tax on pens, mechanical pencils, lighters, and sporting goods, saving about 7 million.

Federal FEPC Bill Eyed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate hearings on a bill to set up a federal fair employment practices commission wind up today with its sponsor conceding that any effort to enact it would "face a filibuster."

Sen. Ives (R-NY) said, so yesterday when Walter Reuther, president of the CIO, was in the witness chair endorsing the bill introduced by Ives and 19 other senators. Five witnesses were scheduled to testify today, two of them representing church groups.

Ives' bill would set up a federal agency which could force employers not to discriminate against job seekers for race, creed or color, while stressing voluntary methods.

Reuther, recalling that Southern senators had threatened to filibuster against an FEPC bill, told the labor subcommittee many Americans "are sick, tired and disgusted" with a campaign promises about compulsory FEPC while Senate rules permit filibusters that would kill FEPC.

"We've got a great problem there," said Ives, who also heads the subcommittee. "We face a filibuster."

Nevertheless, the New York senator said, he considers it important to "keep pushing and pushing." He said he believes Congress eventually will put through legislation to guarantee against discrimination in employment.

QUICKIES

By Ken Reynolds



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