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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

Another Klamath Falls boy has broken into the news. This time it's Charles Thurman, who gained fame by plunging into the cold surf at Ocean Beach (California) and dragging a fellow by the name of Jack Jackson to safety when he was being dragged out by a rip tide.

Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thurman of 3307 Hilyard, is a 1946 graduate of KUHS, a '50 graduate of OSC and is now a CPA in San Francisco.

Charles was in the air force until this past spring.

Good for Charles. These KF boys always come through in the pinches.

People who believe in the annual migrations of birds as signs of seasonal changes are sitting pretty in the knowledge that this will be an early spring. Reports from over Warner Valley and Summer Lake way tell us that the snow geese are there in the hundreds of thousands, and early.

Norman Minnick reports an estimated 110,000 of the geese in the Warner region in late February, while some 30,000 were totted up in the Summer Lake area.

Wish they'd had that many on open shooting grounds last fall.

Up in Washington there is a dam which has a log ladder built into it. To get logs down the river despite the dam. It seems strange that we can get improvements of this kind so easily and yet have to fight so hard for fish ladders on our dams.

Maybe fish don't make as much money for some people as logs do, and maybe we don't build houses out of 'em, but it seems to me that they are still pretty important.

Food for thought, anyway.

Back in Columbus Ohio, Mumm, Mullay and Nichols have thrown up their hands in defeat.

They don't know where the term "green thumb" came from.

Do you?

If you do you can write to M.L. Mullay of that firm in that city and pass the word along. Your reward will be in heaven for relieving these gentlemen of a distressing problem.

Seems that they have done a good deal of researching and to date have failed to come with anything definite. In fact, they can find no mention of the green thumb prior to 1925. That sort of kills the antiquity angel.

They can't even find the author of the familiar verse:

"Denied are the secrets of soil, seed and weather,
To thousands who struggle to put them together,
But certain as morning, success seems to come
To those chosen people who have a green thumb."

In case you are an authority on this let the boys back there know. Or drop us a line. We'll see that they get the information.

While I don't suppose it has anything to do with the old saying, I know why gardeners have green thumbs. Or at least why I do. It comes from dropping rocks on my hands, or catching my thumb in the works of the lawn mower, or banging it with a shovel, or pinching it with the pruning shears—any little thing that will result in one of those bruises that turns a beautiful shade of green just before going into the black and having the thumb nail fall off.

I seem to spend about as much for various salves, basalms and ungents as I do for fertilizer.

And with the same results.

Charley Thomas, who knows a good deal of the early history of this country, called yesterday to add his voice to the identifications on the five fishermen we ran recently. He says it was Joe Smith alright, the ex-chief of police, but the fellow in the middle was Earl "Mutt" Sharp, who was a stonemason here, later took over the Eagle Club and left town some years ago. Charley agrees that it was Louie Martin on the ground, along with Biehn, but couldn't identify the man on the right, who has been tentatively named as Oscar North. Several people have taken the center figure to be Clay Hennis.

It's a lot of fun trying to pick out the old timers in these pictures. And an indoor sport we hope will continue.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M.C.
4th District, Oregon

Never did I think it would ever be my lot to see a miracle occur—but I did. I saw four people with four automatic pistols fire 30 or more bullets directly into the midst of some 260 members of Congress and floor employes in the House chamber with the miraculous result that no one was killed and only one person was really critically wounded. Three of the assassins fired almost continuously for what seemed to be more than a minute. The fourth did some firing, I think, and perhaps reloaded some of the guns for the others. He disappeared from the gallery before the shooting ended.

Where was I while this was going on? As it happened, I was perfectly safe but standing where I could see it all very clearly. However, I only saw the beginning and the finish. Some five minutes before the shooting started I had made a short speech in what we call the "well" of the House and had then taken a seat right behind the committee table because the Rules Committee, of which I am a member, was handling the bill then under consideration. One of the doorkeepers then came to tell me that a visitor wished to see me at the main door—which is at the opposite end of the center aisle from the speaker's rostrum. I was standing back of the rail near that door awaiting the result of a vote which had just been taken when I heard the first shot—and out of the side of my eye saw the gun flash. Instinctively I dropped to the floor. After lying there for perhaps a minute while the popping was going on, I finally decided that it must be a crazy demonstration by some kids with cap-pistols — it sounded like that—so I stood up again and watched the end of it. I saw one of the men cease firing and start out the door. I saw the woman finish her shooting and unfurl the flag. Then, backing up into the corner was the short man still attempting to shoot but he was apparently having trouble with his gun which at that time was pointed toward the floor. At that instant the man who was "relaxing" in the visitors gallery dashed up the corner steps and facing the gunman threw his arms around him, hauling him down the steps and out the gallery door.

It was not until some minutes after that, in fact not until I walked back down toward the well of the House and saw Congressman Bentley on the floor bleeding, that I realized real bullets were fired. I don't know why it was but the shots did not sound like any gunfire I have ever heard. The noise was that of small fire-crackers or toy cap pistols.

It was a terrible incident. The only good thing about it is the fact that as this is written it seems certain all who were struck with bullets will fully recover. Representative Bentley of Michigan is, however, still in a serious condition.

The House is about to begin working on the big bills of this session. The second regular appropriations bill has been completed—the one to provide money for the State, Justice and Commerce Departments. Next will come the tax code revision bill, an excise tax bill, the big federal-aid highways bill and the first bill of the President's health program is ready. As I heard Majority Leader Halleck remark—we are about to start running in the big gear.

Accused Forger Ordered Held

George Ward Bevel, 54-year-old accused forger, was ordered held for the County Grand Jury late Thursday when he was arraigned before District Judge D. E. Van Vactor. His bond was set at $2,000.

The defendant is accused of passing a forged check for $20 at Gigler's Market. Andrew Gigler, manager of the market, took Bevel into custody and brought him to the City Jail.

CHARACTER COMES FIRST

MORE AND MORE BOSSES, banks and business houses look at a man's credit rating as a clue to his worth. "Character comes first with us," one personnel manager said, "right or wrong we judge a man or woman by the way the bills are met. With us a good credit rating is worth a million dollars."

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ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL
by KEN McLEOD

Sooner or later in any discussion of water problems we must come to the subject of the reclamation of Western lands and in any such discussion we will undoubtedly become involved in controversy since this problem possesses more facets than one can imagine.

Reclamation was a problem the Western writers of the Outdoor Writers Association had to give considerable attention and thought in framing a policy statement for the national association. It was recognized that bringing water to semi-arid lands of the West through irrigation installations is by itself, a laudable objective and that the good accomplished by such projects was unquestioned. Then came the, "however," which becomes the qualifying factor in any such discussion. For there is serious question in this "however" as to the justification of many gigantic, costly water-using projects now being proposed and being developed under the "mask" of reclamation.

Most, if not all, developments that impound water and release it for irrigation uses, that can be justified on the basis of farm values secured, have been built long since. Within recent years, because the lands supplied with water cannot produce enough values to pay for the Big-Dam schemes of Reclamation, hydro-electric power has been added and made to carry the bulk of the costs of the projects. Analysis of many proposals for projects made by the Bureau of Reclamation will show, and show without question, that they masquerade as irrigation schemes while they are in fact, federal public power projects and should be presented in all honesty as just that — public power proposals.

The word "reclamation" is a "sacred cow" in the minds of many residents of the West, and particularly with some "leaders" and delegations of Western states in Congress. Anything given the name of "reclamation" at once gathers a claque of boosters crying out in support of almost any fantastic scheme dressed up in the magic phrases of "making the desert bloom." A favorite argument for more and more fantastic and superlative engineering schemes labled "reclamation" is that we must hurry, hurry, hurry to bring desert acres into tillage "to take the place of farms being abandoned in the Eastern states."

The writers condemn this program of sophistry and hysteria designed to soften the American taxpayer so that he will be willing to pay the costs of fabulous reclamation schemes that are the aim underlying such reckless assertions.

All citizens, can and should give support to reclamation projects justifiable on the basis of net productive values in relation to costs. But all citizens should severely question the state of mind that goes "all-out" and "overboard" when a project is proposed and support for it is being necessary to meet future demands on farm production.

Cold analysis at once brings one face-to-face with the fact we are already producing troublesome surpluses with land now tilled, hundreds of thousands of acres are being forbidden (by law) to be cropped in these surplus commodities. Good farm land will not be denied its right to production so it will turn to other crops and perhaps other surpluses are in the offing to result in more laws, more controls, until eventually we have a controlled agriculture — Is this what agriculture is striving for?

They claim it is necessary to build mighty power projects to subsidize irrigation of lands now low in productivity to meet the long-range future needs for food and fiber, is fallacious.

At the greatest extension, at a cost of unknown billions of dollars, the lands which might be irrigated in the West would add only some 16,000,000 acres to production.

The nation originally had 600,000,000 acres of farm land. We have lost 100,000,000 acres through bad land use practices. We are losing productive land now farmed at the rate of 100,000 acres per year.

With a 6,000 net population increase per day, the addition of 16,000,000 acres of irrigated land to total production would supply the increase of our national population for but a few years. That is not answer to meeting the future agricultural requirements of the nation.

The answer to meeting future farm-product demands of the nation lies in the 500,000,000 acres now tilled and farmed. A tiny fraction in increased production on this vast acreage would surpass all potential production that can be secured through bringing new land under irrigation—at fabulous costs.

"It has been stated by unassailable authority, "that by the known and proven methods" the production on existing cultivated fields can be not only doubled but at least quadrupled. Therein lies promise of the future to meet the needs of our greater population.

All this controversy on reclamation and power has led the outdoor writers to state:

"Irrigation projects that can be justified as such are a vital need throughout the western third of the United States. But they can be justified as projects to make land productive only when the cost to the nation is at least equalled by the productive return from the lands brought into cultivation through irrigation. The assurance that a project can be so justified must be secured by cold-blooded accounting and estimating — not masked and decorated in super-multiple-purpose statements so involved and intricate they cloud and hide the actual, true position of irrigation in the scheme."

Yearling Trout To Be Released

Through the cooperation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Game Commission will obtain approximately 10,000 yearling rainbow trout from the federal station at Hagerman, Idaho, for release in Anna River and Drews Reservoir in Lake County.

The fish will be picked up on Wednesday, March 10, and transported to Lake County that day. Two large Game Commission planting units and another unit provided by the Fish and Wildlife Service will be used to transport the fish.

The Hagerman Hatchery is one of the largest federally-operated trout hatcheries in the country.

It is planned to partially anesthetize the fish in at least one of the loads to determine what variation there may be at the end of the haul in the condition of fish in that load as compared to the other loads.

Sam Dawson

NEW YORK (AP) — Easter and Congress may team up to give some merchants and manufacturers a lift—a late Easter (assured) and a fast-acting Congress (a probability), that is.

And some of the rest of us would get the thrifty opportunity we've been waiting for to buy some things we want.

At stake: The speed with which Congress acts to cut excise taxes on a number of goods you might like to buy while the sap of spring is rising. A tax cut before Easter, businessmen hope, would spark buying all down the line.

The U.S. Treasury figures the slash voted by the House would lose it almost one billion dollars a year in revenue—a sum it's loath to kiss goodby while it's already running in the red.

Merchants and manufacturers think the bill now before the Senate would increase their sales by at least twice that much. They make jewelry, sporting goods, luggage, cosmetics, furs, handbags, cigaret lighters; or they sell theater, airline, bus or train tickets or service telephone and telegraph messages.

Most wistful are the ones the House says shouldn't share in any tax-cutting this year — those in the auto, tobacco, distilling, brewing and gasoline business.

They think sales would jump if taxes were cut, since the average consumer would translate this freely into a price cut. A drive is on to get the Senate to see it their way.

Easter comes late this year, April 18, so there's still time for excise tax cutting to boost retail sales. Merchants report a definite buying slowdown while customers watch Congress.

Some merchants are trying to overcome this by announcing they'll refund to present customers the amount of the tax involved should it be cut between now and April 1, or even the end of April.

Some merchants fear the Congress might delay too long for the cut to mean much to them until fall. Fur buying, for example, grows less urgent as the warm weather approaches.

And some merchants have their fingers crossed, remembering that if Congress cuts the taxes, the President could still veto the bill.

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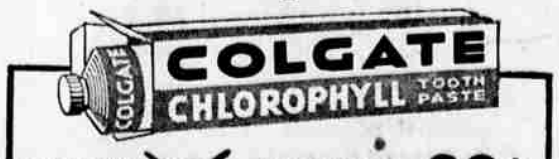

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HENRIETTA HORN—Moosehaven committee chairman of Women of the Moose, chapter No. 467, joined the lodge October 17, 1944 and has sponsored four candidates.

Mrs. Horn Presents Program

The Moosehaven Committee, Women of the Moose Chapter No. 467, presented a "Chapter Night" program at Moose Hall, Tuesday March 2. The meeting was called to order by acting Senior Regent, Ruby Bell in the absence of the regular Senior Regent, Kathleen Hepburn.

Following opening ceremonies, Moosehaven chairman, Henrietta Horn, was escorted to the senior regent's station and introduced to the guests. She introduced her committee; Jeanie Brown, Mildred Helm and Dorothy Hoppe, and commended them for having served the committee faithfully throughout the year.

This program completed the year's activity for Moosehaven. A warrant will be given to Moosehaven, home of the aged, by the committee.

Mrs. Helen Nicholson of La-Pointe's elaborated on styles and colors for the spring season by Carolyn of New York. A movie in color was shown by Erik Carlson of Underwood's Camera Shop. Vivian Donner, famed newspaper columnist and movietone speaker did the commentary for the movie.

Candidates initiated in honor of the Moosehaven Committee were; Lorraine Buck, Neta Nork, Blanche Howard and Nellie Shepard. Sponsors in same order were: Arvilla Johnson and Winnifred Berger, each having two candidates.

Refreshments were served to 50 guests in the lounge by the Moosehaven committee. Tables were decorated with a St. Patricks motif.

Warner Skiing Very Good

LAKEVIEW — District Forest Ranger Don Peters said today that skiing in Warner Canyon was very good and was expected to stay good over the weekend.

There were eight inches of fresh snow and the temperature was very cold. The ski tow will operate from 1 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday. The snack bar will be closed both days.

Garden Tips

By E. G. GARDENER

Here's a tip or two straight off the shovel. If you haven't heard about the meeting on landscaping marterial that's being held the last Thursday of this month, get your red pencil out and draw a ring around March 25. It will be held at the Exhibit Building at the Fairgrounds.

As I heard it, the project started with the Fairhaven Home Extension Unit as a special meeting, but the interest in it proved so wide-spread, that the committee in charge has extended an invitation to all other interested people, including the garden clubs of the district.

There will be announcements later in the paper, but you can always find out details by calling the home extension office in the federal building.

March 17 is just around the corner, and of course, all good gardeners, whether they are Irish or not, should celebrate the day by planting their sweet peas. Maybe you've been fore-handed enough to have them in the ground already. Sometimes that works, and sometimes it doesn't. We put ours in last fall—half a row, that is. And so far they have done just fine. They're about two inches tall now and will need stringing soon.

Another job that needs doing, is to loosen up the mulch around your perennials, especially if you used leaves. Don't take it off—just break it up so that the air can keep them from smothering.

Have you noticed how hard the ground is baking? In the spots where the mulch has either blown off, or there never was any, the ground has cracked and hardened until the roots are exposed. Actually, I think that most of the so-called winterkilling, takes place in the spring.

Now that this last rain has softened up the surface again, I'm planning to get out just as soon as I can and begin breaking up the surface before it can bake again.

Iris especially, will need attention. Growing as they do on the surface of the ground they are especially open to heaving. It's a good idea to check the rhizomes now for rot. If it hasn't gone too far, a sharp knife will cut out the affected places and the healthy parts will carry the plants through.

It's a good time to check the tags on your named varieties. If you are just beginning to be interested in gardening, don't make the mistake of losing the names of your plants. That's something that grows on you as you get more experience. Many's the time I have wished that I could remember the name that I threw away because I thought I wouldn't want it.

QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds

". . . soon I'll be selling the parakeets I raise with Herald and News Want Ads - I planted the bird seed today!"

Game Biologist Studies Streams

H. J. Campbell, Game Commission biologist at La Grande, recently completed investigation on Eagle and Catherine Creeks in Union and Baker counties to determine the effect of dredging operations on fish and other aquatic life. Campbell reports that losses of hatch chinook salmon eggs up to 900 per square yard can be expected where dredging takes place in stream areas used by spawning salmon. In addition, a large volume of aquatic food is destroyed.

Further work will be done to determine the period when chinook fry would not be vulnerable to dredging before the high water period bgins.

Game Commission field men have investigated numerous operations this winter, any one of which could have an injurious effect on fish life. The evidence obtained by Campbell points up the need for close coordination of all water-use activities.

Robber Loses More Than He Gains

CHICAGO (AP)—A robber got $10 in a store holdup yesterday but it cost him his 1953 Cadillac, his gun, his glasses and his cap.

Carlo Ingo, 47, a clerk in a 24-hour shopping center, told police the robber held him up in the store and fled.

Ingo said he seized a pistol kept in the back room of the store and gave chase in his own car. He curbed the getaway car three blocks away and opened fire, shattering a window. The occupant got away on foot.

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