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BILLBOARD



By BILL JENKINS

With the old time pictures drawing so much interest we thought we'd run one right here that we know all about. The gentleman at the head of the column proudly displaying the fish is Frank Corpening, one-time owner of the old Escondido Inn at Olene.

Leo Donovan, who is also an ex owner of the property, sent in the picture, along with a few others which will appear in subsequent issue of the paper.

Present owner of the remodeled property is Dr. A. O. Roenicks, who calls it the B-R ranch.

As this is written (Saturday) it looks like spring is with us again. And high time. That's the worst of it, you get a little good weather early and it spoils you for the rest of the spring months. But I guess we're safe. Even Lewis Kandra was feeling fairly optimistic the other day when he dropped in. And he ought know.

If anyone is still singing the blues about business around here I hope they noticed that little story the other day about construction in Klamath Falls being up by 336 per-

cent. That should tie the can to at least a few of these persistent rumors that times are bad.

The fishermen up around the Westside road aren't having very good luck. Out of thirty five cars checked the other day there were a very few fish. But then I suppose a lot of 'em were snaggled after the check was made. And, after all, it isn't the amount of fish caught that counts, it's the fun of going out after 'em.

A letter in the mails this morning from Mrs. Mae Gale, Bonanza, who has been spending the winter in Phoenix, she spotted the fish picture and wrote in to comment on it. She agrees that the man in the middle was Hub Wakefield, and spots the one on the end as A.E. Gale. Says the time was about 1917.

You'll remember we ran a series of pictures furnished us by Mrs. Gale of the old days, one of which was a picture of her husband, A. E. Gale, on a fishing trip to Diamond Lake in 1921.

Thanks, Mrs. Gale, for your interest. She says the weather down in Arizona is fine, but that she'll be glad to get back to "good old Klamath."

FRANK TRIPP

Let's see what happens when there's only an hour left to the deadline and you haven't an idea for the next spam you've got to write; or else have another guy's column tucked in your space. Failing is as dangerous as a bank defaulter taking a vacation.

Well, I did have a strange yarn, yesterday right here in Room 402, where Fanny and I have loafed away many refreshing weeks over the years. We should own 402 by now, only Clifton just stamps the bills "paid" and hasn't applied it on the purchase price.

It's a true story, and provable, says Bill Elkner, about another sawbones who used to be here. Seems one night when he closed his office a strange man got on his steps in the dark. "I want to talk to you," said the man.

"My office hours have ended. I'm in a hurry," protested the doctor.

"But you've got to hear me, doc, it's terribly important. I'm going to kill a man."

"Kill a man? Who, and why?" "Slim Podstow, who in Shortsville," he's been playing with my wife."

"You don't want to kill anybody. Go on home," advised the unimpressed doctor.

"The hell I don't. I'm going over there and kill him right now." Whereupon the outraged husband pulled a revolver out of each coat pocket—two of them.

"Well now," said the doctor, "if you're determined about it, I'm going over Shortsville way; hop in my car and I'll take you along."

"Wait a minute, let's talk about it," said the man.

"I think we ought to talk it over a bit more, doc; that's what I wanted to see you about."

"What's there to talk about? You've made up your mind; get to it," was all the cooperation he got.

"I know, doc, but you've got me to thinking. Now suppose—"

"There's nothing to suppose; look what he's done to you. You sit right still," said the doctor, slowing his car. "I've got to make a short stop here—won't be a minute."

When the doctor returned, the man was running down the road, leaving it away from Shortsville like a deer.

"How could you be sure he wouldn't kill Slim Podstow?" friends asked when they heard the story.

"Cause he had two revolvers," was the only reason they ever got out of the doctor. Anyway, Slim is still living.

From hereabout comes the story of the absent-minded undertaker. Jester Elkner is full of 'em, stories I mean. Apparently sometimes when we quote the bromide, "Don't he look natural?" there's something the eyes don't see.

An easy way to get a coat on a late departed is to rip it up the back. Careful tucking and the job looks perfect. A bit of mortician technique off buried with the doctor's mistakes.

This rural mortician was quitting the stricken abode, and couldn't find his coat. Search finally located it on the corpse. Pondering his plight, the undertaker faked further duties, ripped the deceased's coat up the back, retrieved his own, took it home for his wife to sew up the back. He could fulfill the rest of his contract on the morrow. Nobody had noticed the substitution; everything still "looked natural."

With these few lines I hope the good Clifton folks, who have complained of my neglect to publicize them, as did Heine Clune when here, are satisfied that I

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN MCLEOD

In our last column I pointed to several examples of where final costs for water projects have vastly exceeded the authorized costs upon which the projects were started. As a basis of policy, the Outdoor Writers Association has made the demand that this particular issue be thoroughly brought into the open because those who foot the bill have a right to know, within some close limits, what the cost of the various schemes will ultimately become. The Outdoor Writers resent the half-truth representations made in practically every preliminary plan and estimate of projects which at the time of their inception it is known they will be expanded, enlarged, and faced with compounding, pyramiding figures. The writers lay the blame directly upon the doorstep of Congress for this situation.

I have given the Trinity River Diversion story, in an earlier column of this series, as it has unfolded so far and mentioned the great rapidly at which preliminary estimates can be compounded. When the Bureau of Reclamation asked for authorization of this project they started the ball rolling high at \$200,000,000. The Bureau cannot plead ignorance of expanding costs in this instance, because, when they filed for the water rights they were forced to reveal the funds they were holding up their sleeve. As is the case of many such other proposals the story presented for authorization was just the "Initial Phase."

There must be some protection to the American public against agencies running hog-wild, boosting plans and costs, pleading additions to the theory that the additions are necessary "to save the investment" of money already spent. The lack of full presentation of what is ultimately contemplated at the time authorization is requested, the fabulous preliminary underestimating of costs, the doubling, trebling, quadrupling of costs over those on which Congress has authorized the project, are conditions the Outdoor Writers feel are outrageous and intolerable.

Therefore as a matter of policy the Outdoor Writers state:

"It should be an unvarying requirement that such agencies as the Army Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation present both the final and inclusive plans of a project in all ramifications before authorization is given. Final costs be estimated with only a narrow limit of variation in plans and costs allowable, furthermore, a deviation beyond that limit shall not be made except for full resubmission of plans and estimates and reauthorization."

The Outdoor Writers, likewise believe that it is wrong to let the agency which proposes a project become the final judge and jury and therefore they have stated as a part of policy:

"As either a part of this policy, (the paragraph quoted above), or as a major alternative, there should be set up an impartial board of review to judge the soundness, feasibility, and economic values involved in any project. The judgement of such board shall final costs be estimated on the initial proposal before authorization but shall also govern throughout."

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out the constructional period of the project."

The path before anyone who discusses water and water use is not a smooth one. It is a rocky trail beset with conflicts all along the way. In an earlier column I mentioned the controversy between those who are fully convinced that water management must start with full utilization of watershed management facilities and the downstream, "Big Dam" advocates. In this controversy we have a half-truth illustration of the "engineering" constructional approach of "doing something" with water, and the opposite thesis of not trying to overpower Nature and "harness" natural forces but trying to fully utilize potentials in the natural forces and facilities present.

In starting water management by conservation methods applied to an entire watershed, man is working with and putting to use the natural forces of nature. By the other, downstream approach, man is trying to impose statutes, court decrees, blue prints and mechanical devices to make nature fit into the template of man's desires.

Nature has the final word when the works of man are contrary to natural law.

One example will suffice—until and unless the natural facilities of watersheds are fully used and enhanced, in conformity with natural law, every downstream reservoir will become a mud flat and reservoir sites are not expendable. And even from the hour a reservoir is put in operation, siltation of the river channel above the reservoir will occur, waterlogging of adjacent lands will result, more disastrous flooding-out of communities above the reservoir will follow in valley land locations than will be stopped downstream below the dam. The Outdoor Writers propose:

"As a basic policy, all natural facilities and functions contributing to water resource management should be given highest precedence; constructional features should be adjuncts to this basic Natural-force planning."

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Telling The Editor

NOT TRUE
We would like to tell the people of Klamath Falls that we have received absolutely no public assistance since our house burned down. We have provided every bit of food and lights etc., that our family has had.

The help that the people of Klamath Falls sent to Keno went to the Korean war relief and never was given to us. Mr. Fields and myself have had part time work to help with car payments and school supplies.

The help that we received here came from the Klamath Falls Exchange Club. Any one who thinks it's very of their business may come out to our house and see if we actually have anything that we were given, by them, if we have it and you think we don't need it we will be glad to return it. The lumber Mr. Fields worked for, Dr. Ralph Stearns gave us two windows and Lorenz gave us windows. The Kalpine Lumber Company also gave to help.

Now the noney person who was too cowardly to sign their name to a post card written to Mrs. Strauberg of Keno, asking her to call the Klamath Falls credit association and that we had filed bankruptcy in 1952, that we had received welfare for the past 20 years and that we took all we could get from people then men money people to definitely lie.

We have had to accept help two or three times in the past four years, before that my husband was steadily employed by one company. As for the bankruptcy it is perfectly true and was absolutely necessary. It's also true that it was the second time. The first time was from bad advice but the second one was necessary. Now a collection agency has filed a suit for a judgement we have no job and if our wages are to be attached we will find it impossible to keep on if we find one. Our kids have taken the shurs that they were living on charity long enough and I want noney people to know that we are not accepting welfare if we starve.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. George Fields
703 Wocus
P.S. If anyone don't believe we are not getting public assistance they may call the welfare office.

Vet's Mailbag

Paced with an increasing load of long-term, chronic hospital patients, Veterans Administration is studying new concepts of care for its veteran hospital population. VA has reported to the Congress.

With more than half of its approximately 104,000 hospital patients suffering with chronic ailments, VA reported they had been hospitalized for a year or more. The report said that new admissions to hospitals under the VA program had shown a steady decline since 1949-1950, when 577,525 were admitted, to 468,349 for 1952-1953 fiscal year.

Due to the increasing number of chronic patients, VA said, the average monthly rate of patient turnover was only 36 per cent in 1952-53, as compared with 45 per cent in 1949-50.

World War I veterans made up 41.6 of the average daily patient load; World War II veterans accounted for 46.7, and other accounted for 11.7 of the load. Of the 104,482 daily average patient load, 49.3 of the patients were over 50 years of age, with five out of every eight patients having tuberculosis or neuropsychiatric disabilities.

Paced with the increasing num-

ber of older chronic patients, VA has intensified its work in physical medical rehabilitation and is increasing its emphasis on care of geriatric patients. VA said that it is using many relatively new rehabilitation methods, and some still are under test.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q. May a seller charge me more for a house than it has been appraised for by the VA, if I buy it with a GI loan?

A. No. Under the law, the purchase price may not exceed the reasonable value determined by VA appraisal. It is illegal to pay more.

Hans Norland Auto Insurance, 627 Pine St.

ST. JOSEPH TABLET MARI FOR CHILDREN DOCTORS APPROVE

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James Marlow

WASHINGTON (AP)—In the past 10 days Sen. McCarthy has been under the most intense cross-fire of his eight Senate years. Another man might have been shaken, shocked or stopped. Not McCarthy.

He's still fighting. As events pile up it seems his political life may be at stake. Here are main events of the 10 days.

March 2. Leonard Hall, chairman of the Republican National Committee, visits President Eisenhower, comes out saying he can't go along with the Wisconsin Republican senator when he attacks those fighting communism just as "conscientiously as he is." A few weeks before Hall called McCarthy a party asset.

March 3. Eisenhower, at a news conference, mildly criticizes McCarthy for his handling of witnesses. McCarthy replies in effect he'll handle witnesses as he sees fit.

March 4. Secretary of Defense Wilson says "just damn Tommyrot" to charges that the Army coddles communists.

March 4. The White House says hundreds of telegrams pour in after news conference, run 9 to 1 in the President's favor. McCarthy says letters and telegrams to him run 95 per cent in his favor.

March 4. Republican members of McCarthy's committee dress down Roy Cohn, committee counsel, for allegedly intervening with Army for special treatment for G. David Schine. Schine was Cohn's associate on committee until drafted. The committee's Democratic members ask the Army for a report on this.

March 5. McCarthy quietly withdraws a two-million-dollar libel suit against former Sen. Benton (D-Conn.), who said McCarthy was unfit to sit in Senate. McCarthy says his lawyers could find no one willing to testify he believed Benton.

March 5. John P. Kane, special assistant to Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens, resigns, saying his chief has not had "fighting support" in struggle with McCarthy. McCarthy-Stevens feud, begun when Stevens said McCarthy "abused" a general, has set 10 days' events in motion.

March 5. McCarthy flies from New York to Miami to consult, he says, with his investigators.

March 6. Also in Miami Adlai Stevenson, on a nationwide radio-television hookup, attacks McCarthy and Eisenhower for not being tougher with McCarthy.

March 7. McCarthy says he'll demand networks give him free equal time to reply to Stevenson.

March 8. The networks turn down McCarthy, grant Republican National Committee freedom to answer Stevenson. Eisenhower had reportedly suggested it. Blocked, McCarthy threatens the networks will give him free time or "learn what the law is."

March 8. A highly placed Republican, insisting his name not be used, says Eisenhower administration made decision to get McCarthy off front pages.

March 9. Sen. Flinders (R-Vt.) scorchs McCarthy in Senate speech, saying McCarthy "is doing his best to wreck the party."

March 9. Sen. Saltonstall (R-Mass) steps across floor McCarthy may have thought he had blocked out for himself; investigation of communism in the armed forces. Saltonstall says his Armed Services Committee will investigate it.

March 9. Edward R. Murrow, CBS commentator, devotes 30-minute program to McCarthy. Network reports later being swamped with calls and telegrams overwhelmingly in favor of Murrow.

March 10. Eisenhower at his news conference publicly praises portions of Flinders' speech attacking McCarthy. Flinders reveals he got "nice letter" from Eisenhower.

March 11. McCarthy calls as witness a middle-aged Negro woman, Mrs. Angie Lee Moss, suspended from a communications worker, saying he was going to show how Army handled a Communist. Mrs. Moss denies ever being Communist. Sen. Symington (D-Mo) says he's inclined to believe her. She says two other women by the same name live in Washington.

March 11. On time provided by a radio commentator, Fulton Lewis Jr., who asked questions which McCarthy answered, the latter flamed back at Stevenson, Flinders and Murrow.

March 11. The Army gives inquiring senators report claiming McCarthy and Cohn both interceded for Schine and that Cohn threatened the Army and Stevens if Schine didn't get special treatment.

HAL BOYLE

ABOARD THE MAURETANIA AT SEA (AP)—A baby girl is almost as rare on a pleasure cruise as a baby elephant.

When my wife booked passage for three on an 18-day voyage to the West Indies and South America, the Cunard Line agents were perturbed to learn that the third member of the family was our 8-month-old daughter, Tracy.

"We are well set up to care for infants on our transatlantic voyages," they said. "But, frankly, we don't encourage the taking of infants on a long tropical pleasure cruise, and it is rather unusual, to say the least."

This upset us. My wife, Frances, had looked forward to this cruise for years—as kind of a late honeymoon to take the place of

the one we couldn't afford when we were first married. But Tracy had come as a late surprise in our lives, too, and we would have turned our backs on 18 days in paradise if it meant leaving her behind.

"Why, they forget so quickly at that age," said Frances. "Tracy probably wouldn't know us when we returned, if we went on the cruise without her, and that would break my heart."

When we told the ship line officials we either had to sail as a family trinity or forget my wife's long dream of a cruise, they reluctantly agreed to let us sail with our baby. She agreed not to eat her baby-sitter's life preserver or try to enter any tinummy tournaments in the lounge.

Tracy embarked with the fanfare of a movie queen, minus the dark glasses. There were seven native diaper bearers in her entourage.

Children don't get seasick until the age of two, so Tracy, who can't walk and refuses to crawl, was one of the first passengers to get her sea legs. She fell asleep on her stomach while friends were telling her "bon voyage."

That night at a gathering to meet the ship officers, the chief steward said:

"Did you notice we were several minutes late in sailing this morning? Do you know why? We were held up waiting for a case of baby food for your daughter to get aboard."

The next day as we were pushing Tracy around the promenade deck in her stroller, another ship's officer bent down, and said:

"So you're the little lady that delayed our sailing 16 minutes." He chuckled her under the chin, and smiled. "Promise you won't ever do it again."

I suppose all proud parents are told this as a joke—that the ship's departure was delayed to get their baby's food aboard—but when I tell Tracy about this some years from now I'm going to treat it as gospel truth.

"When you were 8 months old you kept a 35,000-ton liner and 1,300 people waiting," I'll tell her. "Now don't you think it's about time you learn to be prompt?"

No one has gotten more out of the cruise than Tracy. The crew couldn't have pampered her more if she had been the daughter of the Cunard Line's board chairman. Our room steward, Jack Barnes, a father himself, treats her as if she were his own.

Babies hate a change of routine as much as grownups do. They're really very conservative. But Tracy adjusted to shipboard life with in a day. We were afraid to take her ashore at any of the ports, but she didn't mind. She has had a high time in her crib or on deck flitting with Barnes and learning to play patty-cake with the young stewards, Miss Heather Butler, who has a heart for children.

Tracy, for patty-cake, caking her hands nearly raw, has learned to speak with a British accent. Her first word was "cool!", which, as everybody knows, is a Cockney expression of wonder or surprise.

Everything brings a "cool!" from her—flapping gulls, a sudden breeze, the foam in the ship's wake, or the passengers who stop to chat with her. They have been wonderful to her, for she is the only baby between her and land.

"Doesn't she look exactly like her father!" exclaimed one of two women who passed us on deck. My pride—expanded chest collapsed when, as they strolled on, the wind blew back the remark of the second woman. "But she'll probably outgrow it."

Tracy will end this unremembered first voyage of her life with at least two distinctions. Capt. A. B. Fastling had her as one of his guests at a party in his cabin, and said she was the only one who showed up barefoot.

As for the other distinction, Tracy sailed with only four teeth but will end the cruise with five.

No other passenger can make this claim.

SENTENCE

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)—The government announced Saturday former political police chief Lt. Gen. Gabor Peter, purged from his job 14 months ago, has been sentenced to life imprisonment on charges of "anti-state and anti-people crimes."

"Gesundheit!"

Such an invocation following a sneeze

was once thought

to prevent the

expelled devil from

re-entering the body.

A cold may be a forerunner of serious illness.

Neither incantations nor invocations are a hundredth as effective as a consultation with

your physician when a cold or cough persists.

He will know exactly what to do. We are able to supply the medicine that may be needed.

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