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## BILLBOARD

**Help Wanted Department:** We have a letter here from a Mrs. Audrey Fees who lives over in Ashland, Post Office Box 352, to be exact. She is interested in helping her mother, who was born in Bonanza on November 4, 1889 "or somewhere close to that date."

Mrs. Fees thinks the notice of the birth was in the paper called the "Liber" (of which we have no record) and she would certainly like in some manner to establish the birth in order that her mother can take advantage of a pension plan.

The family home burned, which explains the absence of records, but this notice may also be found in some other old paper. Her mother was named Anna Lambert, and the doctor was a Dr. Hemmaway.

If you can help in any way, both of them would appreciate a line dropped to that Ashland address.

Speaking of writing, if you are in the mood you might drop a line or two to Paul Dalton, care of the Stanford Lane hospital down in San Francisco.

Paul who gets around as much as the next man, will be immobilized there for a few days for a checkup and possibly a little knife work.

Good luck, Paul. We'll be looking forward to seeing you and your cheerful face back in town, but quick.

Shucks, we can't get along without your kind of guy around.

It's a crazy, mixed up world so kids live in.

Free publicity department was called to our mind the other day when black Lillard the fight promoter dropped in. Seems that his wrestle night at the armory fell right on the date that we mentioned the date being noted in the old time picture of 1928.

Don't know how much influence publicity 37 years old does a man, but hope it helped out a trifle.

Unemployment, that bugabear that has been rearing its ugly head all over the place lately, seems to be dropping off. You can't talk it as hard as you used to be able to, in case you ever did.

There will be a good many out of work, unfortunately, in the months and years to come on the Pacific Coast, but that is due mostly to the Westward migration which has topped the industrial building, more than to hard times.

Loren Miller, up from his California stronghold, tells us that he just didn't bear to sit around down there all summer. He's gotta come back up here to God's country.

"After all the cattle are gone," he says, "you can't just sit around with nothing to look at but a bare hill."

We'll welcome you with open arms, Loren. Come back real soon.

John Reber from Malin was also in town passing the good word, not the least of which was "Everything's always alright in Malin."

We agree. Things are. A fine place, full of fine people and with a fine record of civic achievement.

Always a pleasure to drop down there and enjoy the good company.



## HAL BOYLE

**NEW YORK (AP) —** Janet Leigh came here recently and did something probably no other visiting Hollywood actress has done since the late Rin-Tin-Tin was a pup.

She went to Grant's tomb. Didn't just drive by and glance at it. Went inside and looked around.

As most film stars would rather be found unconscious at the bottom of an abandoned coal pit than caught mingling with tourists in Grant's tomb, I asked her doubtfully:

"Did you go to win a bet?"

"No, I didn't," she said, firmly. "I went because I had heard about it all my life, and I wanted to see it. It reminded me a lot of Napoleon's tomb in Paris."

"I've also taken the boat ride around Manhattan Island, watched the ice skaters in Rockefeller Center, been to the top of the Empire State Building, and gone for a walk in Central Park."

She did all this without even wearing dark glasses!

"I like to see famous landmarks," said Janet. "I want to learn all I can about people and cities. Each gives off a feeling of its own, but you have to get to know them to appreciate what makes them different."

What makes Miss Leigh different from many film stars is her enthusiasm. She is in love with being an actress, in love with being a tourist, in love with her fans (she still thinks of them as people rather than a mob), in love with actor Tony Curtis, her husband, in love with life itself.

She's even in love with Hollywood, too, and her brown-flecked eyes light up like a neon tube as she defends it.

"Everyone likes a scapegoat, so they can escape attention themselves," she said, warmly. "That is what Hollywood is to most communities. They like to talk about the awful things that happen in Hollywood, but there are things that take place in their own country clubs you wouldn't even want to hear about."

## Hugh Pruett

The gorgeous planet Venus, although she has been in the western sky after sunset for two months, has just recently reached an apparent position high enough east of the sun to be seen in the twilight. This "goddess of love and beauty" now sets about 1 1/2 hours after old Sol, and in a location somewhat north of due west. Look for this bright object only shortly after the sun has dipped below the horizon.

Mercury, the little messenger of the gods of ancient mythology, is now in the dawn sunset, brilliant Jupiter can easily be spotted as he glows in the twilight high in the sky southwest of the zenith.

Yellow Saturn now rises in the east-southeast around 8 p.m. Red Mars, in about the same location at midnight. This coming summer, Mars will be a brilliant object in the southern evening sky.

For the study of the brighter "fixed" stars, let us observe around a p.m. Spica, twinkling above the east-southeastern horizon, not far from the planet Saturn. Well up in the sky about due east, orange Arcturus is at the southern tip of the Kite, a large figure now lying on its side. Just below the wide part of the Kite — and north of Arcturus — an interesting half circle of little stars forms the Northern Crown.

Far over in the north-northeast, bright Vega is just rising — or will be soon. The early evening appearance of Vega heralds the return of spring "with its resurrections and hopes." Very high in the south, Regulus is prominent.

Turning our gaze toward the western half of the sky, we find brilliant Sirius, the dog star, rather low, a little south of southwest. It is the brightest of all the real stars in the heavens (Venus and Jupiter are not stars).

Above the horizon in the west-southwest, the attractive stars of the large Orion group are conspicuous. The brightest two are blue-white Rigel and, considerably above it, reddish Betelgeuse. About midway between these two, the short line of three evenly-spaced stars immediately catches the eye. This is Orion's belt.

Considerably above Sirius and toward the zenith, the little dog star, Procyon, is twinkling. Still higher, the Twins, Castor and Pollux, are bright. They are only a little southwest of the zenith. Pollux is the southern and orange-colored one of the pair.

Well up in the sky and almost due west, there stands upright a V-shaped figure, the Hyades, all the stars of which are rather faint with the exception of orange Aldebaran. Very high in the heavens, slightly north of west, yellow Capella attracts our attention. The tiny stars in the little triangle below Capella are the Kids.

## ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN McLEOD

John Muir writes about the life of the mountain sheep: "In the months of May and June, the wild sheep bring forth their young in solitary and almost inaccessible crags far above the nesting-places of the eagles. I have frequently come upon the beds of ewes and lambs at an elevation of from 12,000 to 13,000 feet above sea-level. These beds are simply oval-shaped hollows, paved out among loose, disintegrating rock-chips and sand, upon some sunny spot commanding a good outlook, and partially sheltered from the winds that sweep those lofty peaks almost without intermission. Such is the cradle of the little mountaineer, aloft in the very sky; rocked in storms, cradled in clouds, sleeping in this, yet airy, but wrapped in his heavy coat, and nourished by a strong, warm mother, defended from the talons of the eagle and the teeth of the sly coyote, the bonny lamb grows apace. He soon learns to nibble the tufted rock-grasses and leaves of the white spiraea; his horns begin to shoot, and before summer is done he is strong and agile, and goes forth with the pack, watched by the same divine love that tends the more helpless human lamb in its cradle by the fire-side."

"Nothing is more commonly remarked by noisy, dusty trail-travelers in the Sierra than the want of animal life—no song-birds, no squirrels, no game of any kind they say. But if such could only go away quietly into the wilderness, sauntering afoot and alone with natural deliberation, they would soon learn that these mountain mansions are not without inhabitants, many of whom, confident and gentle, would not try to gain their appearance."

"In the fall of 1873, I was tracing the South Fork of the San Joaquin up its wild canyon to its farthest glacier fountains. It was the season of alpine Indian summer. The sun beamed lovingly; the squirrels were nutting in the pine-trees, butterflies hovered about the last goldenrod, the willow and maple thickets were yellow, the meadows brown, and the whole sunny, mellow landscape glowed like a countenance in the deepest and sweetest repose."

On my way over the glacier-polished rocks along the river, I came to an expanded portion of the canyon, about two miles long and a half a mile wide, which formed a park inclosed with picturesque granite walls like those of Yosemite Valley. Down through the middle of it poured the beautiful river shining and spangling in the golden light, yellow groves on its banks and strips of brown meadow; while the whole park was as still with wild life, some of the thickets were yellow, the meadows brown, and the whole sunny, mellow landscape glowed like a countenance in the deepest and sweetest repose."

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## Vet's Mailbag

Veterans who have been rated totally disabled for compensation, pension or insurance purposes for at least 20 years are not subject to reduced ratings under provisions of a new law, the Veterans Administration has announced.

Public Law 311, approved by the president on March 17, 1954, ends future physical examinations of veterans who have been rated totally disabled or permanently and totally disabled for more than 20 years.

Previously, veterans who had total disability ratings based on disabilities other than blindness or anatomical losses could be re-examined with a possibility that their ratings might be reduced.

This new law assures veterans affected, who have been rated totally disabled for 20 years or more, that they will not be deprived of benefits in their old age after they have been accustomed to rely on these benefits for the support of themselves and their dependents.

However, the new law prevents the reduction of ratings for physical reasons only. Veterans receiving pensions for permanent and total non-service-connected disabilities are still subject to income limitations of \$1,400, without dependents, and \$2,700, with dependents, even though their ratings have been in effect for 20 years or more.

## THE DOCTOR SAYS

**By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.**

The eyes are precious possessions and should be guarded at all times.

Q—Please tell me if extreme electric light is harmful to the eyes.

Mrs. G.E.

A—It is hard to know just what is meant by extreme electric light, but any bright light can damage the eyes, though this is usually temporary. Snow blindness is one of the best-known examples.

Q—Is there any remedy or cure, aside from surgery, for nasal polyps? I have already had two operations, and now I am told they are coming back.

L. B.

A—Surgery is, as a rule, the only advisable treatment. The tendency which polyps have to grow back is one of the most annoying features of this condition, and I know people who have had to have them removed many times. Fortunately, the operation is usually fairly simple.

Q—Is it possible to heal radiation burns and how long does it

## Happy Husband Advertises Fact

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—**Classified ad in the Oakland Tribune:

"I am responsible for all debts and obligations of my wife, Virginia, both present and future, and am more than happy to be the provider for a woman who has borne me five lovely daughters and with an overabundance of love and care has made the past eight years of married life the nicest years of my life. On this our eighth anniversary, I wish to publicly express my gratitude. David Rousseau."

Rousseau explained from his San Lorenzo home he chose this way to celebrate his eighth wedding anniversary "just to show that there are some happy married couples in the world."

Q—My sister-in-law states that two sperm must fertilize an egg at the same time to produce identical twins. I am sure that I have read that only one sperm can possibly produce identical twins, and that two fertilize two separate eggs to produce fraternal twins. Mrs. M.

A—You are correct. Identical twins are produced by the division of one egg fertilized by one sperm.

Q—Please inform me if food cooked in aluminum cooking uten-

## Parolee Has Right Answer For Judge

**CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP)—** A 68-year-old parolee appeared before the State Board of Pardons at Rawlins, seeking discharge from his parole.

Gov. C. J. Rogers, a member of the board seeking re-election, said he understood the man had something to say about his case.

"Yes sir," answered the parolee. "I was just thinking that if you don't give me back my citizenship, I won't be able to vote for you this fall."

The man was discharged.

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## Engagement Ring Thief Apprehended

**TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)—** Joe Shanahan gave his girl friend an \$800 diamond ring, but police intervened before the wedding.

They accused Shanahan, 26, of stealing the ring from a home in which he was installing drapery rods.

Now Shanahan has another engagement—with the judge.

## AIR CRASH

**SEOUL (AP)—** The U.S. 5th Air Force said Friday one of its B26 bombers crashed Tuesday night off the west coast of Korea and its four man crew was missing. All names were withheld.

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## Basin Water Supply Said Adequate

Irrigation water users in Southern Oregon can expect adequate water supplies during the next six months. This was the forecast at the 19th annual water forecast meeting held Wednesday in Medford.

W. T. Frost, Soil Conservation Service, Portland, and Dave Bauman of Portland's U.S. Weather Bureau river forecast center, who conducted the meeting, explained the above normal winter precipitation received and present snow cover in the area indicate favorable stream flows and reservoir inflows for this year's irrigation season.

Frost reported snow pack in the Klamath Lake Basin is 113 per cent of average in the Umpqua the Rogue River Basin it is 122 per cent of average and 121 per cent of average in the Umpqua River Basin.

During the September-February period, Klamath Basin received 11 inches of precipitation—average was eight inches, reported Bauman.

Local irrigation and agricultural representatives at the meeting said area soils are "well wetted." No frost or frozen mountain soils were reported.

Irrigation is not expected to start in the Klamath Basin until May. Before the last general storm, some irrigation water was asked for in the Medford area, but none since.

Inflow to Upper Klamath Lake is forecast at 680,000 acre feet during the next six months compared with the ten year average of 450,000.

A heavy inflow has already been received in the Clear Lake Reservoir which now has in storage 219,000 acre feet, compared to 248,000, the ten year average. The reservoir is forecast to receive an inflow of 37,000 in the next six months. This will be 91 per cent of the ten year average figure of 40,700.

Gerber reservoir has 73,110 acre feet now in storage compared with the ten year average of 44,800. This reservoir is expected to fill this season. Estimated inflow for the next six months is 19,000 acre feet. This will be 101 per cent of the ten year average.

The water forecast meeting was a cooperative project of the USDA Soil Conservation Service, the U. S. Weather Bureau and the Oregon State College agricultural experiment station.

## Town Of Merganser Once Rival Of Linkville

**By EDITH R. McLEOD**

Ever hear of the town of Merganser, two miles south of Klamath Falls?

Perhaps not. Most folks would probably look at you blankly if you mentioned it, and possibly suggest that you were mixed up, Merganser being a duck, not a town; and an unpalatable, fish-eating duck at that, with an unusual tooth-edged bill well adapted to catching and holding its slippery prey.

Nevertheless there was such a town. In the early days of Linkville (now Klamath Falls), Merganser was a rival town, its site being about where Kesterson's Mill now is, and where the California-Dallas Highway bridge crosses Klamath River, about two miles down river.

The place was established in 1870, two years before the Modoc War, by J. P. Roberts and Albert Handy, to compete with the nearest village of Linkville. It was the second town founded in what

was later Klamath County, Linkville being, of course, the first.

The story goes that the proprietors of the slightly older town of Linkville did not offer inducements for people to start in business in lines already established, and it was impossible to secure lots upon which to construct businesses which would in any way interfere with lines already established there.

Therefore the competitive town of Lakeport, shortly afterward named Merganser, was founded. The first post office, however, is said to have been called Klamath, and it was in service from June 1872 to April 1873, with Albert Handy as postmaster. On April 19, 1873, the name of the office was changed to Lakeport, with Handy continuing in office.

On May 17, 1875, the name was changed to Merganser. John P. Roberts was postmaster at that time. The Merganser office was closed May 12, 1879. Historians vary as to who was postmaster at the time.

The name, Merganser, was brought about in a peculiar way. The question of a new name for the town was being discussed. Two Scotchmen (one or both by the name of Ennes) happened to be in town and had just shot a merganser duck in the vicinity. One of them suggested the name Merganser, which was promptly adopted.

The first building was Roberts and Handy's general merchandise store with a post office soon established. (Some say Handy was the first postmaster, others say Roberts.) The new town did not enjoy a mushroom growth but it was a busy trading center in a small way, and especially during and after the Modoc War of 1872-73.

Mr. Wallace Baldwin recalled in 1904 that at the time of the war the town consisted of the store, the post office, a blacksmith shop and one residence (Joseph Penning). But another old-timer says that when he visited the place in 1878, he talked with Robert T. Baldwin, father of Wallace, who had a combination saddle factory and residence, and that Robert Baldwin stated that he had been there since before the war.

During the Modoc War panic, armed men picketed the town to guard it from surprise attacks by the Modoc Indians, but the Indians were to busy elsewhere to molest the towns of Merganser and Linkville.

Following the war other businesses were established, including a hotel built by John Gleim, a brewery, and a bridge was built over the Klamath river, a ford having served previously. The town was formally surveyed July 1, of the same year by E. C. Mason, and in 1875 Joseph Penning laid out the township. Mrs. Ida Morner Odell has the original plat.

But the town was doomed to pass into the limbo of things forgotten. Two towns within two miles of each other, in a sparsely settled region could not last. One account says that Roberts and Handy at last secured a business site in Linkville and moved their store to that town, somewhere around 1879. The blacksmith shop moved elsewhere, the brewery and hotel closed down, and by 1880 the town had completely petered out.

The bridge which spanned the river was left to rot and fall apart, the last remnants being torn down when they impeded the navigation of the first steamboat, the Canby, on the river. All traces of the town are gone—it is truly a ghost town without even the ghost in evidence.

## Dorris Hill To Be Improved

Bids for improvement of the Dorris Hill on Highway 97 will be asked for by the state of California on April 28, it was stated by State Senator Randolph Collier at a meeting in Dorris last Wednesday evening.

The plans call for a four-lane highway over the present route, with the hill laid back to give the maximum amount of sunshine to help relieve frosting conditions. It will be a 52-foot roadbed. Also, provisions have been made to increase the sanding crew, Collier said.

It was pointed out that 66 per cent of all trucks travel Highway 97, as compared to Highway 99, according to Frank Tucker, manager of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, who attended the meeting.

The meeting was sponsored by the Butte Valley Grange and the Farm Bureau, and was presided over by Bill Hagelstein.

## Traffic Engineer Given Directions

**WICHITA, Kan. (AP)—** City Traffic Engineer W. W. Rankin got a nickel and some directions in the mail yesterday.

The nickel was from an Arkansas City, Kan., woman who said she tried to put the coin in a parking meter on a recent visit here. The meter was broken so she mailed the fee. The accompanying directions gave the engineer the number and location of the ailing meter.

## QUICKIES

**By Ken Reynolds**

"Hum-m-m! . . . that Herald & News Want Ad was right — it is sharp!"

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