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CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

By DEB ADDISON
RETAIL MEMO:

Sales of luggage perked up last week as consumers finally started spending after excise taxes on this merchandise were cut. So reported retailers at the Luggage and Leather Goods Manufacturers of America show in New York, according to the New York Times.

Careful ordering during the last six months by merchants has kept inventories in line, and goods are needed to prepare for seasonal travel purchases. Larger producers reported good bookings on cowhide and plastic suitcases.

Sleep-and-sit furniture sales are up to 25 to 50 per cent. The business of selling sofa and bed in one piece of furniture is growing to the extent where dollar contribution of this merchandise to bedding departments is running from 20 to 35 per cent, reports Retailing Daily.

Chief reasons for the 25-50 per cent gain registered in the last two years: 1) Increase of smaller homes; and 2) improved styling. Significantly, the increase in dual sleep furniture business in 1953 shows it was plus business for bedding departments, with "regular" bedding business still heading up.

America is sitting-and-sleeping better than ever.

TIPS AND TRENDS in the news: Fix-it-yourself is a mushrooming kind of business. Repairs done at home have spread to autos, farm

equipment, household appliances. Automotive Parts Rebuilders Assn. says their business is being boosted by these sales. A Georgia farm equipment dealer says he already has sold more spare parts in '54 than in all '53.

Advertising volume has pulled a switch. With most other business indices down from year-ago levels, Printer's Ink Magazine's general index shows a cumulative gain of 17 per cent for January and February.

Auto dealers are harking back to old fashioned selling. This month one big auto maker is having every one of its dealers and salesmen make six demonstrations each working day. They're pushing a campaign to get car owners to take a demonstration ride—a plea not heard too often in recent years.

(Note: Selling is neither old fashioned or new, but complete, courteous selling is as thrilling as a ride in one of those new hot rods.)

COST OF LIVING MEMO. The Dun & Bradstreet Daily Wholesale Commodity Price Index of 30 basic commodities was 277.14 on April 8, compared to 278.76 a week before.

The weekly Wholesale Food Price Index, representing the total of the price per pound of 31 foods in general use, dropped two cents last week to \$7.40. This is 17.1 per cent above the corresponding level of last year.

ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL by KEN McLEOD

John Muir remarks about the Indian hunting the wild sheep and since his observations were made during the period immediately following the Modoc War he was much closer to this phase of aboriginal life than many writers who followed. Muir states:

"The Modoc and Pah Ute (Pawnee) Indians are, or rather have been, the most successful hunters of the wild sheep in the regions that have come under my own observation. I have seen large numbers of heads and horns in the caves of Mount Shasta and the Modoc Lava Beds where the Indians have been feasting in stormy weather; also in canyons of the Sierra opposite Owens Valley; while the heavy obsidian arrowheads found on some of the highest peaks show that this warfare has long been going on.

"In the more accessible ranges that stretch across the desert regions of western Utah and Nevada, considerable numbers of Indians used to hunt in company like packs of wolves, and being perfectly acquainted with the topography of their hunting grounds, and with the habits and instincts of the game, they were pretty successful. On the tops of nearly every one of the Nevada mountains that I have visited, I found small, nest-like inclosures built of stones, in which, as I afterwards learned, one or more Indians would lie in wait while their companions scoured the ridges below, knowing that the alarmed sheep would surely run to the summit, and when they could be made to approach with the wind they were shot at short range.

"Still larger bands of Indians used to make extensive hunts upon some dominant mountain much frequented by sheep, such as Mount Grant on the Wasatch Range to the west of Walker Lake. On some particular spot, favorably situated with reference to well-known trails of the sheep, they built a high walled corral, with long guiding wings diverging from the gateway; and into this inclosure they sometimes were successful in driving the noble game. Great numbers of Indians were of course required, more, indeed, than they could usually muster, counting in squaws, children, and all; they were compelled, therefore, to build rows of dummy hunters out of stones, along the ridge-tops which they wished to prevent the sheep from crossing. And without discrediting the sagacity of the game, these dummies were found effective; for, with a few live Indians moving about excitedly among them, they could hardly be distinguished at a little distance from men, by anyone not in the secret. The whole ridge-top then seemed to be alive with hunters."

Muir's explanation of the rocky inclosures up on mountain ridges becomes the most logical solution for some of the Indian structures. It is stated that such a structure is to be found on the top of the high ridge known as Moyina east of Klamath Falls. A similar structure is to be found at the top of Union Peak in Crater Lake National

Park, which raises the question of whether or not the mountain sheep was at one time a resident of the area and was hunted by the Indians there.

J. C. (Cap) Rutenic, for many years a resident of Klamath Falls and a student of Indian life once told me a story of how the Modocs hunted mountain sheep in the Modoc Lava Beds. Cap Rutenic was interested in the Modoc War and to familiarize himself with the country made numerous trips into this interesting area. On many of such trips he would take three old Indian survivors of the war with him, Peter Schonchin, Ben Lawver and Henry Hudson. Cap and his Indian friends would scour the battle ground for places where incidents occurred. One day they discovered a rift at the bottom of which the bunch grass grew strong and thrifty and in the semi-lava cavern there were several skulls of mountain sheep.

Peter Schonchin, immediately recognized the spot as a place his family used to hunt mountain sheep seated on a lava boulder in the rift, clutching one of the sheep skulls in his lap, tears rolled from the old Indian warrior's eyes as he told Cap the story of how as a child he helped his people hunt sheep at this spot. The Modocs well knew the habits of the sheep and how the sheep liked to come to this favored place to feed so they would lie in wait till a band entered the rift, then quietly surround it. At one end there were a couple of low spots through which the sheep would rush if properly surprised by the Indians, a task assigned to the children and squaws. The men would assemble at the spot where the sheep would rush out. At a given signal the squaws and children would rush up to the rim of the break in the lava from one end and the sides and the startled sheep would dash out into the ranks of hunters.

Fair Work Bids Asked

TULELAKE—Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the 10-A Agricultural Association, 334 Main Street, Tulelake, until 7:30 p.m. April 21, on construction of cattle barns and judging ring, a comfort station and for the plowing of approximately 35 acres of land, and the "cozing in" of three cross ditches and one head ditch.

Bids were called for by William C. Whitaker, secretary-manager of the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair, technically known as the 10-A district.

The improvements, state it, will be made on the 25 acres of ground allotted recently for fairgrounds south of town.

The buildings are expected to be ready and the grounds seeded to grass, in time for this fall's agricultural fair and Rotary sponsored Junior Livestock Show.

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CHARLES EDWARD HOYT

BASIN BUILDERS

By RUTH KING

Charles Edward Hoyt, 82, builder and owner of the old Port Klamath Hotel, who came to the upper Wood River country about 1890 or 1897 is young at heart... so young that the only car in Klamath Falls that caught his fancy on a recent buying spree was a "tomato-red" convertible, the slickest little Ford that ever rambled down a country lane or caught fair woman's eye upon a city street.

Ed Hoyt, who "remembers when", the trip to Crater Lake took many hours from the "fort" to the rim—when men played poker all night for high stakes in a room in the old saloon owned by Hoyt and Jim Wheeler and three Chinese kept strong whiskey in a barrel, to sell by the drink or the gallon, was born in San Luis Obispo, March 14, 1872.

He and the late Mrs. Hoyt ran the hotel for 11 years. The late E. H. Harriman, who was a busy man, arrived one day for a trip to the scenic wonder atop the hill. He wanted to make the run up and back the same day. Ed Hoyt, who also owned the livery stable and had a fast team, delivered the railroad potentate to a spot where he could see the lake and brought him back down the hill in record time—for that little feat, Harriman sent him a thoroughbred stallion.

Hoyt sold the hotel, then ran cattle on the place now owned by Lloyd Nichols, he cut meadow hay for logging camps and sold it for \$18-25 a ton, baled and delivered—today he owns one of the finest ranches on the big marsh. Let's someone else do the farming while he keeps the hottest little house along the highway, gardens a bit and reads a bit—he hasn't smoked since the days he wrangled "hoses"—isn't retired—just doesn't work as hard.

He's an honorary member of the Wood River pioneers, a niche filled only by men and women whose first 75 years are history—you'll be seeing him at the "old-timer's" picnic, come August 16, at Port Klamath, where aspens sigh be-

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Art Group Will Meet

The Klamath Art Association will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Community Lounge, 228 N. 8th St., 8 p.m., April 15.

Of special interest to all attending, will be the visit to the weekly craft classes being held under the instruction of Mrs. B. B. Blomquist, which will be in session at that time. The class has been turning out interesting pieces of work in both textile prints and plasters which will be on display.

Mrs. Catherine Brumbaugh will give a report on the progress being made for the annual summer work-shop. Sketching and painting will be taught during the first two weeks of August under Gordon Kessler of the Klamath Art Department of the public schools.

The second session this summer will be during the last half of August, when sculpturing will be taught under R. L. Sponenberg, head of the sculpturing department at the University of Oregon.

Everyone is urged to attend this Thursday night meeting.

Navy Fires Red Suspects

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy has dropped 21 officers and four enlisted men since 1950 on grounds that they had Communist connections.

Vice Adm. James L. Holloway told the House Appropriations subcommittee that they were either discharged or permitted to resign under conditions other than honorable.

Holloway, chief of Navy personnel, testified before the committee in February during hearings on the Navy budget for the year starting July 1. His testimony was made public Wednesday.

There was no elaboration of his statement, made in response to questions.

Klamath In Blood Donor Honor Spot

The "Bleeder's Digest" for April announces that Klamath Falls won the "Bottle-buster" honors for March in the territory served by the Portland Regional Blood Center of the Red Cross, with the 459 pints contributed in one day at the VFW sponsored visit on March 30. It was followed by a PTA-sponsored mobile in Portland which collected 441 pints in a one-day operation. The March 29 operation at Merrill, sponsored by the Moose Lodge, and at Bonanza with the women's group of the Farm Bureau brought the county's total to 283 pints.

Total collection throughout the region in March was 7832 pints; 3223 pints were furnished to the Department of Defense, and the balance used by civilian patients within the region. Fifty-two pints were supplied to Klamath County, to meet local needs. Barnes Veterans Hospital in Vancouver received 105 pints and the Veterans Hospital in Portland received 152. The program supplies blood for the patients in 78 hospitals within the region. Recipients pay the cost of laboratory work in cross-matching and infusion, but no charge is made for the blood.

The local Red Cross chapter has

been advised that the Bloodmobile will return June 21 and 22, 1 Klamath County.

School Boards Meet, Talk Resignations, Elections

School boards of Klamath Union School, and city elementary districts, meeting in joint session, April 12, concentrated on resignations and elections of faculty members in the various schools in the system.

The elementary board allotted \$800 from this year's school budget, and a like amount from the 1953 budget, for the grade school's share of the Child Guidance Clinic work in Klamath County. The fund is handled through the office of Dr. Seth Kerron, Klamath County Health officer.

Joint committees appointed by the elementary and the city council will investigate the sanitary condition at Pelican School to decide the question of installation of a new septic tank or connection with the city sewer system.

A grade point average of KUHS students, and a report of the excellent work accomplished by those

attending the University of Oregon was read.

Resignations of Paul McCall physical instructor, Clara Shepard, home economics teacher, Walter Smith orchestra director and Ruth Zuelke, art instructor, KUHS were accepted. McCall, head basketball coach, will go to a coaching job in Portland. Smith goes to the University of Oregon for graduate work and Ruth Zuelke will work with the armed services in Europe.

Re-elected to position in KUHS were Lido Botti, English and Journalism; George Keough, English and social studies; John Killian, commercial; Raymond Labos Spanish; Winetta Lamont, and Lilian Johnston, commercial. All were on the staff last year.

Resignations of Joyce Barrett, grade 5, at Riverside; Henry Decker, grade 7, Pelican; Ladona Decker, grade 1, Mills; Florence Perkins, grade 1, Mills; and Marcella Studebaker, vocal instructor at Mills were accepted.

Elected to elementary staffs were Maurice Anderson, returned from Lake Grove, Oregon, after teaching at Fairview, Ann McLaughlin and Goldie Peterson, graduates of Southern Oregon College.

Identity Of Bodies Told

County Sheriff Murray "Red" Britton reported late Wednesday afternoon that the body of the man recovered from the Williamson River Tuesday, April 12, has been identified as that of Joseph Wilson, 32, a resident of Chiloquin. He was identified by Ben Jones, also of Chiloquin, at the autopsy held Wednesday afternoon by County Coroner George Adler. Jones had helped raise Wilson from boyhood and identified him by a scar on Wilson's left hand, an old stab wound in the upper abdomen and a tattoo on the left forearm.

Dr. Adler reported that Wilson's body bore no head wounds or other marks of violence. However due to the badly decomposed state of the body final cause of death will be announced following a more thorough investigation by the sheriff's office and the state police.

Wilson was last seen on November 3, 1953, and is presumed to have been dead since shortly after that time.

The sheriff also reported that the body recovered 8 miles north-east of Beatty Tuesday was identified at the autopsy held by County Coroner Adler as that of Joshua Foster, 62, a resident of Beatty. Dr. Adler reported that Foster died of natural causes and had been dead for about a month.

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