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## BILLBOARD

**By BILL JENKINS**

A sad tale of woe from Bert Hall the other day. Seems that he went into a seed store to get a little fertilizer for his lawn and they sold him a guaranteed product. "Same stuff that Major Underwood uses," they said, as they put it in the back seat. "And he's had to mow his lawn twice since he put it on."

"No-," says Bert. "I'm out mowing mine. The stuff's too good."

Having recently acquired a five weeks old pup, Baxter, we are learning a good deal more about the early spring mornings than we knew before. It's really pleasant around five o'clock in the morning, what with the fresh air, the dew on the grass, the geese raising a fuss down on the dike bank and the ducks waking up on the lake. There are quail and pheasant on the hill, bluejays to cuss you out and plenty of outdoors in which to yawn and stretch and wonder why it is that all puppies have a built in alarm. You should try it sometime. In fact, just drop

## ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by **KEN McLEOD**

The Trinity River Diversion plan of the Bureau of Reclamation is now being billed as a \$190 million dollar "wonder." Perhaps the strategists of the Bureau who are skilled in the art of selling "gold bricks" to the nation became concerned over the \$207,334,000 figure they used in their January 1962 report, and now figure that the bargain basement technique is the proper approach in selling the gain to the nation. \$190 million probably sounds small in comparison to \$207 million, however, since the history of the Bureau has continuously disclosed their willingness to underestimate the final cost of projects by more than substantial amounts. I hardly think that they have had a change of policy, now, and especially when they filed for water rights, they disclosed a total cost of handling the water, according to the applications, of \$497,952,000. Such an observation is ample justification in placing a label on the Trinity diversion as being a half a billion dollar project.

There is little doubt but that the engineers of the Bureau can find ways and means for justification of this expenditure of public funds after a half a century of experience. Here is one example from a recent Bureau press release:

"Total payments from Federal reclamation areas in income taxes alone have aggregated more than 1.2 billion dollars since the federal income tax laws became effective in 1916. Additional federal taxes from reclamation areas through gasoline, liquor, and other levies are estimated at an additional \$400 million dollars.

"These are revenues from sources which, but for reclamation would never have been visited by the tax collector because there would have been little, if anything, but desert landscape to tax."

Granting that the areas might not have been visited by the tax collector, there is little doubt, however, that the people now occupying reclamation areas would have been reached by representatives of the Treasury Department regardless of where they had made their homes. In chalking up a net credit of 1.2 billion 400 million dollars, the Bureau apparently assumes that all people now occupying federally reclaimed lands would not have made one cent of taxable income, would not have bought liquor or cigarettes, patronized theaters, purchased automobiles, chewed gum, eaten food, or would not have existed if it had not been for the Bureau of Reclamation. This is the type of much of the so called economic justification thinking that goes on in bureaucratic publicity.

The Bureau of Reclamation has lost a lot of prestige in California due to its boondoggling programs and extra high costs. There are a lot of people starting to

by any morning and we'll have a cup of coffee.

The pup is quite an addition to the family. Gets along fine with the cat, a Siamese, but the cat doesn't get along with him. Doesn't trust him as yet.

The pup is also quite a showoff. First day we had him a couple of firm friends dropped in for an inspection and the dog put on his whole show. He performed a couple of natural functions which we hope to train him to perform on vacant lots in the near future, and then to top of the show he threw up for the people.

Nothing like a dog around the house. Absolutely nothing!

There's also nothing like having a house painted at the same time carpenters are busy ripping out windows to make doors of 'em and the electricians putting in wiring, all the while trying to drown out the sound of the aforementioned pup's outraged shrieking because he was locked in the dog run.

I guess spring is a wonderful season.

## They'll Do It Every Time

By **Jimmy Hatlo**



WHEN THE FIRST BABY ARRIVED, PAPA TOOK AND HAD TAKEN STILLS, CANDIDS, MOVIES, PORTRAITS AND OIL PAINTINGS...

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YOU HAVE THREE CHILDREN? WHICH OF THE PICTURES ARE WHICH?

## Northwest History Highlights

**By DAN E. CLARK**  
Professor Emeritus of History, University of Oregon

Placer mining in eastern Oregon continued for several years, but by 1863 a large portion of the mercurial miners had rushed off to a new eldorado in the Boise Basin of Southern Idaho.

The remaining portion of the story of placer gold mining in the Northwest centers around the rich discoveries in the Boise Basin, and especially in Montana around Alder Gulch, Virginia City and Helena. It is said that about \$65,000,000 worth of gold was taken out of Montana alone.

Today's Question: Where were the principal placer mining regions in the "Inland Empire?"

A small party of prospectors led by E. D. Pierce discovered gold in paying quantities in 1860 near Oro Fino Creek, in the Clearwater country of what is now Idaho. During the winter news of these discoveries reached the settlements, and in the spring of 1861 a mining stampede was under way. Gold fever caused farmers and mechanics in the Willamette Valley to secure pack horses or board river steamers and set out for the gold fields. There was another large exodus from California. Every pan, pick, and shovel in Walla Walla was bought by the eager gold-seekers. The town of Lewiston, at first mostly tents, sprang into existence to serve as an outfitting point for miners. By mid-summer six or seven thousand men were in the region in such thriving mining towns as Pierce City, Oro Fino, and Elk City.

In September, 1861, came news of astounding prospects in the rugged country along the Salmon River about 110 miles southeast of Lewiston. Immediately much of the floating population in the Clearwater region rushed to the new diggings, centered around the mining town of Florence. By November there were nearly 2,000 miners in the district. Those who remained over the winter suffered great hardships, for it proved to be a winter of unusual severity, lasting from December to March. In the mountains, where the miners huddled in rude cabins and dug out, the snow was from seven to ten feet deep, and the cold was intense. Nevertheless, in the spring of 1862 more prospectors rushed to the Salmon River gold fields. The placers there were soon exhausted and the miners went off across the canyon of the Salmon River to Warren's Diggings where new discoveries had been made.

Coincidental with the rush to the Idaho mines were discoveries of gold in the many gulches along the Powder and John Day rivers in eastern Oregon. In the Powder River country the mining camp of Auburn once had a population sometimes estimated at 5,000, but it soon dwindled to nothingness. Canyon City, Elk Creek, Dixie, Olive Creek, and Granite Creek were among the productive camps in the John Day Valley. There was also placer mining along Burnt River and further south along the Malheur River.

There seems to be little question why a lot of Californians are beginning to look closely at the cards stacked against them.

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## SACRED HEART NEWS NOTES

**By BEATRICE WALSH**

Academy nine traveled to Tullake Tuesday, where they defeated the Honkers by a score of 24-4. Trojans play the Bonanza Antlers today, in a home game.

"It Happens Every Spring" was the appropriate title of a movie presented by the seniors yesterday. Senior girls attended a tea April 19 at the Winema Hotel, sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club. Each girl has been given a sterling silver spoon in the pattern of her choice by Rickys Jewelry store.

"Over the Rainbow" is the theme selected for the junior prom to be held May 5. Decorating the gym will be the Juniors' next problem. John Ely has received the \$150 music scholarship given annually to a senior music student by the Mothers' Club. John will major in music at the University of Portland.

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Conference to be held at the Klamath Agency Monday, April 26, will be the climax of weeks of preparation. Representatives from each discussion club and Sacred Heart will be on the afternoon panel. Dino Rezzato and John Ely will represent the Academy, speak "The Bible and Tradition."

## QUICKIES

By **Ken Reynolds**



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FT. BRAGG, N. C. (AP)—An "aggressor" force, 10,000 strong, advanced on this Army base at sunrise today. It was the opening ground move in Exercise Flash Burn, this country's first major atomic defense war game.

Spread through the piney woods of the sprawling reservation were about 5,000 U. S. forces primed to resist the attack. The exercise eventually will have nearly 100,000 troops and airmen engaged in tests of atomic weapons and changing military strategy.

The Air Force's Tactical Air Command is holding a big training exercise, Operation Tacair 54-7, in conjunction with Flash Burn. This will let the Army call for immediate Air Force support.

The first phase of Tacair 54-7 was marred yesterday when a C119 Flying Boxcar blew up and crashed south of Goldsboro, N. C. Two crew members were killed and two others parachuted, escaping with minor injuries.

U. S. forces in Flash Burn simulated atomic explosions will be set off through the exercise.

The U. S. forces bearing the brunt of the first assault are principally the 145th Regimental Com-

bat Team (RCT) of the 37th Division.

In the "aggressor" force are the 278th RCT from Ft. Devens, Mass. and armored cavalry from Camp Pickett, Va.

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