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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

Klamath Falls is on the spot again. That spot in the news that we like. A call from Doc Woods this morning informs us that the first annual Sportsmen Association-Herald and News Sportman and Landowner of the year award event was reported in Outdoor Life under their "The Gist of It" column. Gave full details as well as an explanation as to why the local group was doing it.

We sincerely hope that this is a step in the right direction and that landowner-sportsman relations will continue as a factor high on the list of public interest. We're living on what might be termed the last frontier. We still have vast areas of land where hunting and fishing are to be found in abundance. We have a population that leans toward outdoor sports in these lines.

All we have to do is take a look around us at the areas where the hunting has almost been stamped out. And largely because of poor sportsmanship — on both sides. Let's not let that happen to us.

A couple of pretty well known bartenders around the Basin are in new spots now we find. Lee Gillette

has taken over the Midway Tavern out Merrill Road way some time ago but we hadn't seen him for a long time. Seems to be doing fine and having a good time. And Deke Spearling, who has been running the day shift at the Willard's Ponderosa Room will take on new duties as the boss man, waiter, bartender, glass washer and bar polisher at the Winema's new tap room when it opens around the first of the month. A real one little spot. And all done up in Klamath's newest product — WTC hardware.

Anyone who says Klamath River trout aren't fit to eat is a liar. We can prove it. Bill "Fishin'" Hunt gave us a few samples the other day and if there are finer fish to be had anywhere we'd like to know where.

There is every reason to believe that if the proposed Copco dams are put in it will add to the fishing rather than destroy it. They would result in a series of long, deep lakes, with plenty of flow, food and everything else you need. And we strongly suspect that regulations will provide for adequate fish landings at each point. Maybe even including construction of one at the old site. Hope so, anyway.

ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN McLEOD

When bureaucracy goes out to find justification for a project, it can develop some wonderful examples of "baffle-gab" that are virtual classics. The lexicon of the bureaucratic economist has no such word as "liabilities," only "benefits." And, when writing about "benefits" the fine art of "baffle-gab" rises to its highest peak of perfection.

In the Trinity River report, "benefits" are dealt with at length for upon these "benefits" rest the justification of the project. In the report we learn that there are many kinds of "benefits" — take power as an example, the report states: "Power benefits to the Nation fall into two classes: tangible benefits, which can be expressed in monetary terms, and intangible benefits, which cannot be so expressed. Tangible benefits result from Trinity River Division power sales to customers in a competitive market along with additional benefits derived from resale and use of this power."

These "benefits" are divided into two groups, the first of which the Bureau economist calls "Extended Benefits." These "benefits" are described as "representing a proportionate share of the retailing utility's benefits from the resale of project power to ultimate customers at retail distribution rates."

The second kind of "benefit" is called the "Utilization Benefit" which is described as "representing a proportionate share of the increased value of goods and services resulting from final utilization of project power."

Then the report goes on to state: "Competitive market value of project power is determined by evaluating the cost necessary to produce power at the cheapest alternative justifiable source." I should have underscored this statement in the light of what actually came later.

This "competitive market value" is stated to be "composed of two elements." The first element is called "The Direct Benefit." This "benefit" is stated to be "representing the revenue paid to the Bureau." The second element is called the "Savings Benefit" which is considered to be "savings to customers in buying from the Bureau instead of from others."

Then the report continues "The savings benefit along with the extended benefit and the utilization benefit" is classified as an indirect benefit."

With this introduction into "benefits" I hope that you have been properly impressed with the fact that here are only "benefits" in this project and no liabilities. "What?" I hear some one exclaim! "I find one 'negative benefit'! Yes — \$17,300 a year, an annual 'negative benefit' caused by flooding agricultural lands in the Trinity Reservoir site — a 'benefit' none the less even though it is

a "benefit" in reverse, I wonder if this "negative benefit" is the sum of money that was proposed to compensate Trinity County for lost tax revenue to be paid out of project funds?

Everything "benefits" by this construction is the statement of the Bureau, even fish and wildlife. The Fish and Wildlife Service did a most interesting job of finding "benefits" in the Trinity diversion project. Even though sixty per cent of the fish lost forty per cent of their spawning ground the Fish and Wildlife Service found no liabilities but came up with benefits to the extent of \$136,400. At the Weaver-Vision meeting on the Trinity Diversion, California sportsmen appeared to take a dim view of the report of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Years ago I listened to one old professor lecture on the proper way to get your point across is to be redundant in the use of the specific words that tell the point you are attempting to make. I expect that perhaps these boys must be ex-students of his from the extensive use of the word "benefit" as it appears in the Bureau's report of justification of the project.

The Bureau is working hard to sell its services to the people and especially now in California since there is rising criticism on the part of many influential leaders who are looking critically at the cost. The State of California is seriously considering having the Central Valley Project transferred from the Bureau to the State, if such a program should go into effect it would seriously effect the Bureau of Reclamations staff for they would be out in the cold and it will not be easy to find places for much of the specialized personnel.

The Bureau must find a new project that would justify its staff and overhead remaining on in the Golden State. The diversion of the Trinity appears to offer one opportunity to keep the Bureau in business there.

QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds



"... If the Herald & News Want As said she was a bird dog—how come she chases skunks?"

They'll Do It Every Time

J. LUCID TOMES, THE WRITER, GOT LITERATURE'S HIGHEST AWARDS FOR... WELL, LISTEN...



By Jimmy Hatlo

HOWEVER...LEND AN EAR TO GOOD OLD J. LUCID WHEN TESTIFYING AS A MATERIAL WITNESS...



James Marlow

WASHINGTON (AP)—With the nation observing him through the narrow eye of a TV camera, Sen. Mundt, the chubby Republican from South Dakota, said almost genially: "Everybody is on the spot."

No matter who else is lying in the row between Sen. McCarthy and Pennington officials, Mundt was stating a fact as he opened the Senate's extraordinary inquiry into the dispute yesterday.

There's been nothing like this case in which the whole country, deeply divided on the subject of McCarthy, is watching for evidence of truth or confirmation of a prejudice.

While the careers of the Army officials or McCarthy may be wrecked before this is over, the seven senators conducting the inquiry can suffer damage, either to their reputations or later at the polls.

With partisanship in the case strong as it is, fairness of the senators making the investigation is expected if the public is to form an impartial judgment.

Mundt, acting as chairman, showed his vivid awareness that all of them had a stake in the case by saying: "It is our joint determination to conduct these hearings with a maximum degree of dignity, fairness, and thoroughness."

If this sounded self-conscious, it was understandable; other members of Congress and newspapers were expressing doubts that this committee should handle the investigation of its own regular chairman, McCarthy.

But at least Mundt's assurance of fairness was extraordinary in itself. It is a rare day in Congress when an investigating committee feels it necessary to pledge impartiality beforehand.

Mundt, in addition, said that this investigation is extraordinary for more reasons than that.

Besides being the most widely televised congressional inquiry in history, it has a suspense unmatched by major investigations of recent years.

No one can predict the outcome. McCarthy may emerge stronger than ever, or he may come out of this ruined politically. He never before faced such a test for his political life.

It is in a dramatic role here: as one man who forced a showdown with the Army. His following may increase enormously, or dwindle away.

The Army officials may emerge with their reputations intact or even strengthened. Or they may turn out to be pretty shoddy.

Most of the nation outside Washington has had to form its judgments about McCarthy, for or against him, in a few speeches here and there, a few TV appearances when he had a prepared statement and therefore everything in his favor, and in printed reports of his doings and his statements.

Now day after day on the TV screen the nation can look into his face and watch him operate and judge his fairness, his tactics and his veracity.

There was great anticipation about the Senate hearing given Gen. Douglas MacArthur after former President Truman fired him as commander in the Far East. But there wasn't much suspense about it.

No matter what the investigating senators thought, everyone knew

HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Items from an oddity almanac: Ladies will always have problems, but one problem the 20th century took from them was the task of lacing up the old-fashioned corset.

Robert E. Key, a brassiere manufacturer, who has been doing some research on this topic, estimates that since the two-way stretch undergarment replaced the corset some 117,763 whales have been spared. He also figures enough structural steel has been salvaged to erect another Empire State building and provide every 8-year-old child in America with a roller skate.

The brassiere, incidentally, preceded the corset. It was developed by the ladies of Crete and Minna about 5,000 B.C. As if Marilyn Monroe cared!

The country store really has grown up in America. A wife now can get in an airplane and fly to the scene of her marketing. The cross country shopper center, a 30 million dollar development by Sol G. Atlas in Yonkers, has landing facilities for customers who wish to come by helicopter. "Junior, fly down to the supermarket and get mother a loaf of bread."

Almanac science department: Visitors to the Egyptian pyramids often wonder how these enormous stone blocks could be put into place without the use of modern engineering equipment. Scientists now believe the stones were hauled on rollers up huge ramps of sun-dried brick by swarms of slaves. No one knows the toll of lives it took to build these tombs for Pharaohs.

Sophisticated people don't always have sophisticated palates... The Riz restaurant, now in the Carlton House, has been a rendezvous point for gourmets for decades... But Charles Silvani, the maître d' hotel, says that of its hundreds of menu items these are the most popular... Roast beef, boiled beef, corn beef hash, chicken hash, apple pie and vanilla ice cream... They also were the most popular back before World War I...

Do you let a minor handicap get you down? Then think of Ludwig Von Beethoven and quit feeling sorry for yourself. Most people know that Beethoven composed much of his immortal music after he was deaf, but do you know how he did it? He held a wooden stick in his teeth and pressed it against the keyboard of his piano. The sound vibrations carried through his teeth to the bones of his skull and thence to his inner ear...

Have you noticed more cash in your pockets lately? ... If you haven't, maybe you aren't getting your share... Economists say the total money supply now is more than three and a half times what it was only 15 years ago... but they don't say where it all goes...

Almanac romance department: How much outside help do young married couples really need... Well, the Concord Hotel at Kalmesha Lake, N.Y., has added a staff psychologist to advise honeymooners... We still like the late E.W. Howe's definition of a honeymoon... He said it "is a good deal like a man laying off to take an expensive vacation and coming back to a different job"...

Almanac long range weather forecast: A hot air wave, centering in Washington, will extend over the rest of the country for the next few months, abating with the adjournment of Congress.

COFFEE PRICE

CHEBOYGAN, Mich. (AP)—The price of coffee will zoom to \$595 a pound for one week in Cheboygan. But the car dealer who is offering the high priced brew material says a 1949 used car will go with each pound.

Northwest History Highlights

By DAN E. CLARK

Today's Question: What Official Positions in Oregon Were Offered To Abraham Lincoln.

Abraham Lincoln was a member of the lower house of Congress from Illinois from 1847 to 1849. When the Whig party won the presidential election of 1848 Lincoln apparently hoped that he might receive an appointment from Zachary Taylor, the Whig president. The position which Lincoln desired was that of commissioner of the general land office, but he was disappointed in his hopes, for the appointment went to another man. During the summer of 1849 Lincoln's friends tried to interest him in the position of secretary of the Territory of Oregon, but he declined to be considered. He suggested the name of his friend, Simon Francis, for the position, but nothing came of it. Later Francis, who was a newspaper editor in Springfield, Illinois, came to Oregon and for about a year was the first editor of the Morning Oregonian.

Later in the same year, 1849, Lincoln's friends promoted a movement to secure the governorship of the Territory of Oregon for him. Evidently President Taylor was ready to make this appointment. It is said that it was suggested to Lincoln that Oregon would soon become a state and he might be elected to the United States Senate. Again, however, he declined, and the strongest reason for his declination seems to have been Mrs. Lincoln's unwillingness to move out to the far west. It is interesting to note that Edward D. Baker, one of Lincoln's close friends, came to Oregon in 1850 and was elected United States Senator.

After Lincoln's refusal the governorship of Oregon Territory went to John P. Gaines. He made the long trip to Oregon by sea, taking nearly nine months, and did not arrive in Oregon until August, 1850. He was plunged into controversies almost from the beginning. He was a Whig in a territory of which the legislature was overwhelmingly dominated by Democrats. To make matters worse he was somewhat pompous and aristocratic, and thus his every act aroused resentment and bitter attacks on his character and abilities.

Whether Lincoln, being also a Whig, would have fared better is a subject for speculation. It is certain that his own career would have been quite different if he had accepted the governorship. It is also probable, if not certain, that the history of the United States would have been very different if he had transferred his interests to the Pacific Coast.

Clip and paste in your history scrapbook. (If you have a question you would like answered, about Oregon or Northwest history, mail it to Dan E. Clark, care of Herald and News.)

Wing Tips

Here we are again, bringing you some of the highlights of the CAP. We'd like to explain about our financing and bring you the highlights of our own squadron activities.

CAP is almost entirely self-supporting. CAP and CAPC buy their own uniforms and earn and raise their own money for squadron activities. The CAP gets only a drubbing of money from Washington. The Air Force supplies a twin-engine Beechcraft for each liaison office and lends several hundred obsolescent planes to the CAP for orientation flights, etc. On A.F. ordered missions such as air search and rescue, members are reimbursed fuel and lubricant used.

A regular Air Force officer with a tiny staff sits in each of the CAP's 52 wings. The 52 wings include the 48 states of the union, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Alaska, and the District of Columbia.

Tuesday, April 6, Col. Jordan, Oregon Wing Commander, Capt. Ramsdale, USAF, liaison officer for the state of Oregon, and others of the wing staff came down from Portland to help with the organization of the senior CAP squadron. We were very sorry that we could not meet them.

At our last regular meeting, drill was held, emphasizing basic turns or faces that would be used at the summer encampment. After Lt. Peery read a letter from wing headquarters explaining a 6011 summer camp, a class in Morse code was held, followed by a movie, "Wings Over France." It was announced that the girls, with the boys help would hold a rummage sale May 7 and 8, at 525 1/2 South Sixth Street to help pay their way to camp in June. Rummage may be taken to the meetings or will be picked up by calling 2-0645 or 8700, after school, or on Saturdays.

We welcomed two girls who were visiting our meeting. We had 15 boys, eight girls, and five adult members in attendance at our meeting which is held on Monday evenings, starting at 6:45, at Altamont Junior High. We were very glad to have Mrs. Shirley Winteringer, who is going to help us, with us at our meeting.

Vet's Mailbag

Post-Korean veterans, released from military service before August 20, 1952, had better start making plans now if they intend to enroll in Korean GI bill training before a fast-approaching deadline. Veterans Administration warns.

Under the law, these veterans actually must begin training before this coming August 20, in order to continue afterwards.

For many of the veterans, summer terms in school — getting under way in about two months — will be their last chance to start Korean GI training in time. Next fall's school terms begin too late.

Once a veteran has decided to train under the Korean GI bill, he must choose the school and course he wants. He must make certain that the course is GI-approved. Any VA Regional Office can furnish him information on this point.

Then he must be sure that the school will accept him for training. His next step is to file an application for Korean GI bill training with the VA, or with the approved school in which he wishes to enroll.

Since all these steps take time, veterans should act promptly to avoid disappointment.

VA reminded veterans that the August 20 deadline applies to veterans planning to take on-the-job and on-the-farm training, as well as to those who intend to go to school.

This August's cut-off date applies only to veterans who left the service on or before August 20, 1952. VA said. Veterans separated after that time have two years from the date of their separation in which to begin Korean GI training.

These cut-off date rules apply only to veterans planning training under the Korean GI bill. They do not pertain to veterans enrolled under the original World War Two GI bill.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q. Recently I made an investment that netted me several hundred dollars. Could I use this money to pay off part of my GI housing loan? If so, will my lender charge me a penalty for doing so? I understand some do.

A. You may use the money to pay off part of your GI loan, and under the law, the lender may not charge you a penalty for doing so.

Civil Defense Advice Given

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The administrator of the nation's defense transportation administration proposes: If there's an atomic attack, walk five miles an hour out of the main danger area.

James K. Knudson, who is also a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, told a civic organization yesterday.

"Able bodied men, women and children can, if necessary, walk about five miles an hour. Assuming a two-hour warning, this would get most people out of the center of large cities and into environs.

"Here, if evacuation were carried out in military precision and with available transportation systems being used, large numbers could be taken to safety limits."

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