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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

Who said that modern man isn't as handy in the woods and on the waters as the pioneers?

Last weekend three of us, myself, George Clark and Martin Ramsey, furnished the appetizers for a Sunday dinner at Rocky Point and did it all just like Daniel Boone would have had to happen to be on hand.

Started off with a fish caught by Martin and a fire built by someone before I got there. Then George, showing his wilderness upbringing, cut a good willow pole and split it down the middle. We wedged the fish in the cleft, braced it up with a cross piece to keep the fish more or less even, tied the pole together firmly and grilled the fish, a nice big rainbow, over the open fire.

As I said, it was all done strictly according to wilderness tradition. Of course there were one or two things the pioneers didn't have. An outboard motor was used to catch the fish, along with a bamboo pole and a good reel. And, after our efforts to bind up the pole with bark failed—the darn stuff kept breaking off short—we used a pair of pliers. And of course we had matches to keep the fire going. But outside that it was pre-Daniel Boone stuff.

Oh yes, one other thing. The women in the crowd also turned out a roast, mashed potato, bean and country gravy dinner, along with fresh baked bread. Just in case.

ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN McLEOD

The Modoc War is the Klamath Basin's most outstanding historical event. It is a phase of our historical development that interests every person who comes to our area and we have had numerous requests for information as to a reliable account of the event. Unfortunately, so far, there has been no accurate written account of the war, which is free from error and is not biased in its mode of presentation. The person who attempts to understand this event, therefore must continually be on his guard lest he accept fiction for fact in the several books that have already been published about the incident. The true story of the Modoc War is yet to be written, but whether it ever will, remains the question.

From time to time, this column has sought to pass on to its readers, such new material as may be uncovered, regarding various events of the war. Some time ago I came across an account of the rescue of Mrs. Brotherton and children, written by O. A. Stearns, which makes a contribution to the story of the Modoc War. Stearns' account gives us a clear picture of an event that is particularly important and about which, a considerable amount of fiction has been developed.

Mr. Stearns writes:

"It was on the night of the 30th of November, 1872, the second evening after the disastrous attempt on the part of Capt. Jackson, with his troop of cavalry, assisted by some dozen settlers to surround Captain Jack and his band of renegades, that a party of seven citizens under Captain L. D. Applegate left Linkville to warn the settlers of Upper Lost River, Langell's Valley and Clear Lake of their danger."

POET'S CORNER

A Little Piece of Poetry to "My Friends"

When I quit this mortal shore
And move 'round this world no more,
Don't weep—don't sigh—don't sob
I may have struck a better job.
Don't go and buy a large bouquet
For which you'll find it hard to pay.
Don't mope around and feel all blue—
I may be better off than you.
Don't tell the folks I was a Saint
Or any old thing that I ain't,
If you have jam like that to spread
Please hand it out before I'm dead.

If you have roses, bless your soul,
Just pin one in my buttonhole.
While I am alive and well today
Don't wait until I've gone away.

Walt Miller

Robbers Delay Mail Delivery

ATHOL, Mass. (U)—Thieves yesterday came close to doing what neither rain nor snow nor dark of night cannot. They almost stopped the U. S. mail.

The robbers who stole the four wheels off rural mailman William Peacock's car delayed the swift completion of his appointed rounds.

But William Kelly, a neighbor, took over mail delivery for the day.

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By Jimmy Hatlo



HAL BOYLE

KANSAS CITY (U)—Anybody who goes back and sits on the front porch of his boyhood will find he really hasn't learned much about life that he couldn't have found out if he had never strayed from that porch.

Any single city block in America, over a period of time, will reflect all the major joys and sadnesses, the defeats and victories, that a man will encounter if he travels the whole wide world to study the fabulous human race. I am sure this is equally true of a city block in Naples, Tokyo, Moscow, Berlin, Paris or Buenos Aires.

The other night I sat alone under a bright moon on the steps of an old white house my father, now dead, bought 33 years ago. I looked up and down the silent street and wished God had made me a novelist.

For every darkened home along that 600 feet of asphalt cried out with stories of lives, twisted or firm, that would be remembered by many millions—if only Thomas Wolfe had lived in one of the houses, or Balzac, or Thomas Hardy, or Tolstoy.

It is only an average middle-class street—no different from ten thousand others—yet in only a single generation what power of passion, for good and bad, it has seen!

Every sin that Moses fought against had been committed, and many more, by the people who dwelt there—from wife theft to homicide, suicide, adultery, bribery, robbery and neglect of parents. Yet at any time in the last 33 years I have known this one block there were always—and still are—homes where Jesus Christ could come and feel that, after 2,000 years, he was not forgotten.

Just sitting there in the moonlight, looking up and down the street, I could see:

The house where an old lady, bowed with the woes that come to a woman when her children go wrong, met death bravely and graciously.

The house where husband and wife, locked in an indomitable martial duel, never spoke to one another. Through the years the wife, when dinner was ready, would say to the nearest of a half dozen kids, "Tell your pa the food's on the table."

The house where lived the first bright friend of my youth, who coughed out his young life all alone on a farm before he probably even could spell tuberculosis.

The house up the street where madness dwelt, and the echoes seemed eerie after twilight.

The house down the street, where a sweet girl of 16 parlayed a new porch swing into a marriage with the handsome neighborhood drug-store clerk, who later, in the madhouse, talked his dad's into buying porch swings.

Oh, and there was the house where the old lady made a scandalous fool of herself over the young boarder. . . . The house where the Indian medicine quack used to stir up his brews. . . . The house to which the drunken mother used to weave back late at night to the little girl who had left unguarded. . . . The house of the little boy who coasted down the hill on a sled and ran under a street car.

To make way for a school they have torn down the brick house of the deaf-and-dumb pal of my boyhood—and the little white cottage two doors away in which he lovingly reared some fine kids who could both hear and talk.

Sitting there in the moonlight, I could recall well the sins and gossip of the elders from the time of my childhood. But of all the scores of children who had played on that brief stretch of pavement, I could remember none who was a juvenile delinquent or ever had been sent to jail.

When I mentioned this to my mother, who loves the old neighborhood—although for 32 of the 33 years she has lived in the same big white house she has threatened to sell it and move away—she said: "Wouldn't it really be a terrible world if people weren't getting better?"

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QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds

Medical science has known for many years something about these glands of internal secretion and of the hormones which they produce. However, the discovery of the extraordinary effects of these hormones on many actions of the human body and on some of the body's diseases has caused a great deal of excitement among medical men.

Unfortunately, this gland can also become the site of a tumor. In this connection one correspondent wrote that her husband had had such a tumor removed, and although his vision had been seriously impaired before the operation, it was almost completely restored afterwards.

However, the operation resulted in some change in his features and other complications, although he has continued to hold a responsible position and outwardly to lead a normal life.

This was indeed a serious operation, but apparently the whole tumor was removed, although the pituitary gland was removed with it, no doubt. It is not possible to transplant a new pituitary gland, so that quite possibly in the future it will be necessary to supply the patient with some of the hormones which the pituitary ordinarily secretes.

This is a problem for the physician, the patient and his family to meet with the greatest intelligence and courage.

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Telling The Editor

Again this year Gust Vourchis, 834 Oak, sent sweet pea seeds he had raised himself and also wild flower varieties to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt on the anniversary of the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

From Val-Kill Cottage, Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York, came this letter to Gust:

May 10, 1954.

Dear Mr. Vourchis:

Thank you very much indeed for your thought of me. I am delighted to have these seeds and deeply appreciate your kindness in sending them to me.

With all good wishes and my Very sincerely yours (signed) Eleanor Roosevelt

KF Students Visit College

Two Klamath Union High School music students, Jewell Shannon and Florence Lampropoulos, who received honor scholarships for Pacific University's "Music in May" returned Sunday from Forest Grove. They spent Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week receiving intensive orchestra training under John Barnett, assistant conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

Jewell was concertmaster for the orchestra of 90 students, and Florence was her assistant. The scholarships were awarded on the basis of the girls' performance with the KUHS orchestra during the Southern Oregon District Convention in Ashland several weeks ago. Only four scholarships were awarded for the "Music in May" weekend which was for high school students in the entire Western area of the United States.

A total of 400 students were present for the festival which consisted of band, choir and orchestra groups.

Jewell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shannon, 5120 Miller Avenue. Florence is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lampropoulos, 243 East Main Street.

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James Marlow

WASHINGTON (U)—Negroes now will try to end segregation in places set up with tax funds, such as hospitals, bathing beaches, state parks and public housing.

A representative of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) said this effort will be made on a broad front.

The Supreme Court yesterday paved the way for this with its landmark decision outlawing segregation in the public schools of the states on the ground that it violates the 14th Amendment.

That amendment says all citizens must be treated equally. But for 58 years, until yesterday, no court had said segregation by itself was wrong.

Since 1896 this has been the position of the court: even though Negroes were segregated, there was no violation of the 14th Amendment so long as they received treatment equal to that given whites. The 1896 doctrine was based on segregation in railroad passenger cars.

For years Negroes have been lurching toward yesterday's ruling by appealing to the Supreme Court against various forms of segregation imposed on them.

They had argued over and over, and won case after case, that it's a myth to think segregated Negroes get equal treatment with whites.

But for 58 years the court had never overturned that ruling of 1896 by saying segregation of itself is unconstitutional.

It knocked out segregation on interstate buses and trains but limited itself to saying Negroes were not getting equal treatment on segregated trains and buses.

In 1950 the court said Texas and Oklahoma must let Negroes into their graduate schools, but again only on the grounds that Negro graduate schools in those states were not equal to those for whites.

With the Supreme Court sticking rigidly to the doctrine of "separate but equal" laid down in the 19th century, the NAACP felt it had to move slowly in trying to get segregation itself declared unconstitutional.

If it had made its pitch—in the cases of the buses, trains and graduate schools—solely on the grounds that the segregation involved violated the 14th Amendment, then—

The court might have stuck to the 1896 decision and thrown out the cases on the grounds that segregation was not unconstitutional. So inch by inch the fight was made to get rid of segregation by arguing that Jim Crow on buses, trains or graduate schools meant unequal facilities.

Then a couple of years ago the NAACP, together with some Negro and white lawyers not connected with it, took the big step:

It asked the court to rule that segregation of Negro children in public schools—whether or not the schools were as good as the white children's—was unconstitutional by its very nature.

If the NAACP had lost on this gamble its efforts to wipe out segregation in schools might have been set back 10 to 20 years until the mood of the country and the membership of the court had changed.

Yesterday's decision—meeting the issue of segregation head on and declaring it wrong—meant the court had opened the door to one suit after another to end segregation in publicly financed places.

The NAACP has been anxious, for instance, to wipe out segregation on public beaches. But, because the court had been following the separate-but-equal doctrine, the NAACP had been arguing that beaches for Negroes were not the equal of beaches for whites.

U.S. Diplomats Convinced Russians Behind Current Central American Trouble

WASHINGTON (U)—American authorities said today they are convinced Moscow has turned loose Communist agitators to foment strife and chaos in volatile Central America.

This belief, U. S. Diplomats said, is based on recent developments in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Honduras and climaxed now by an apparently large shipment of arms to Guatemala from Communist-controlled Mexico. Once a Communist port but now incorporated into Red Poland.

The State Department announced late yesterday that an unspecified quantity and type of arms now are being unloaded from a cargo ship of Swedish registry at the Guatemalan port of Puerto Barrios.

The announcement said that: "Because of the origin of these arms, the point of their embarkation, their destination and the quantity of arms involved, the Department of State considers that this is a development of gravity."

For a number of years the United States has blocked all arms sales to Guatemala. It has repeatedly charged too that Guatemala is the center of Communist agitation in Central America and that its government is "playing the Communist game."

Looking back over unrest in Central America during the past six weeks, American authorities said they believe the signal for this activity came from Moscow late last year.

At that time, they recalled Guatemala's three top Communist leaders visited Moscow.

Since then, they said, these events have occurred:

On April 3, Nicaraguan exiles from Costa Rica unsuccessfully tried to assassinate anti-Communist Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza.

Somoza has ruled Nicaragua for about 20 years and his death, officials said, would cause a political vacuum and a prolonged political upheaval. He is also regarded as one of the most active anti-Communist leaders in Central America and an arch-foe of Guatemala.

Subsequently a cache of arms was found along a lonely stretch of the Pacific coast of Nicaragua. Included were 2 submachineguns, 20 hand grenades, 4 automatic pistols and 40 rifles described as bearing hammer and sickle markings.

At the end of April, almost all of the banana workers, numbering over 20,000, in the northern sector of Honduras went out on a wildcat strike. Workers in shops, telephone exchanges and hospitals also struck, paralyzing the entire area. Guatemala lies just to the north of Honduras.

The Honduran government threw three newly arrived Guatemalan consuls out of the area and last week Secretary of State Dulles suggested they may have triggered the walkout. The strike has been well disciplined with little or no violence, but it has been endorsed by the Communist-dominated General Labor Confederation of Guatemala and the Communist-run World Federation of Trade Unions.

"We feel even more clearly," said one U.S. official who asked not to be named, "that there is a degree of activity in Central America that cannot be explained by sources within the area itself."

Girl Scout Achievement Night Held

MALIN—Malin Girl Scouts and Brownies held their annual achievement night Thursday, May 13, at 8 p.m. in the grade school gymnasium.

Parents and friends of the girls were invited to share the evening to witness the presenting of awards made by Girl Scout leaders from Klamath Falls, Mrs. Lola Burnett, Mrs. Fred Goetler, and Mrs. Art Moore, president of Girl Scout Leaders Association.

Girl Scouts of Troop 48, led by Mrs. Amy Kolkow, were presented with the following proficiency badges: Carol Vacknitz, life saver, first aid, good grooming and outdoor cook; Phyllis Kirtley, life saver, first aid, good grooming and outdoor cook; Donna Derry, housekeeper, musician, first aid, good grooming and outdoor cook; Yvette Chilcote, outdoor cook, good grooming and first aid; Jaunita Kolkow, painting, drawing, first aid, good grooming, outdoor cook and musician. The only one to receive her first class badge was Nancy Kolkow, who also was awarded badges in dairying, life saving, outdoor cook, good grooming, and farmer.

Brownies receiving their year pins were: Adella Cacka, Ruth Cook, Linda Day, Shanna Hinz, Linda Ingram, Catherine Kenyon, Gwen Kirkpatrick, Mona Lyons, Judy Madden, Carol Micks, Lois Owens, Linda Reber and Mildred Southerland. Judy Baumgart was presented with a Brownie pin as a new member.

Mrs. Florence DeMerritt is Brownie neighborhood chairman and Brownie leaders are Mrs. Helen Hinz, Mrs. Lee Reber and Mrs. Georgia Gentry.

Following awards, each group presented a skit or stunt and refreshments were served by the mothers.

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