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ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL by KEN McLEOD

Perhaps while we are thinking of the massacre of the settlers on Tule Lake resulting in the first blood being shed of the Modoc War, I should mention the Boddy Massacre inasmuch as this incident has been extremely muddled by various writers. Here again, as in the case of the Brotherton incident, a writer has a choice of versions from which he can select the version that appears the most dramatic to him.

We might start with Meacham, who writes in his memoirs, "We went to the battle of Lost River. After a sharp fight, the citizens having withdrawn to Dennis Crawley's house, the Modoc braves assembled, and through the advice of Hooker Jim, the curly-haired Doctor, with Steamboat Frank and three or four others, started on a mission of vengeance.

"The acts of savage butchery committed by them are well known to the world—how they went to Mr. Boddy's house with their garments covered with the life-blood of their victims, and taunting the women, boasted of their heroism, saying, 'This is Boddy's blood; but we are Modocs; we do not kill women and children. You will find Boddy in the woods. We will not hurt you.'

"Thus from house to house they went, after killing the husbands and fathers until they had slaughtered thirteen persons—Brotherhood, Schiere, Miller, and others, including one small boy, who resisted them."

Dorris Payne in her book "Captain Jack," which is the most readily available popular version of the Modoc War, picks up this Meacham version and writes:

"The first man they encountered was shot down in cold blood. Braving and hacking the man's body, Hooker Jim stripped it and galloped up to the ranch house, where he boastfully flaunted the blood-soaked clothes before the man's wife, Mrs. Boddy."

Then comes the quoted boast and taunts as given by Meacham, then Dorris continues: "Paralyzed with terror, Mrs. Boddy watched Hooker Jim and several others who had joined him as they ransacked her home, taking all the money, guns and ammunition they could find."

We can look for a different treatment of the subject in Jeff Riddle's "The Indian History of the Modoc War," in which Riddle writes:

"The Indians on the north bank of Lost River collected together and decided to kill the settlers. The settlers had all gone home. About ten o'clock a.m. Hooker Jim led the Indians to the settler's homes. By sundown Hooker Jim and his men had killed eighteen settlers, but they never touched a

white woman or child. Bogus Charley told Mrs. Boddy that she need not be afraid of him. He said this just as Mrs. Boddy used to tell it. 'Don't be afraid, Mrs. Boddy, we won't hurt you. We're not soldiers. We never fight white women; never fight white girls, or baby. Will kill you women's men, you bet. Soldier kill our women, gal, baby too. We no do that. All I want is something to eat. You give, I go. Maybe I see white man; I like kill him. No like kill white woman.' She said she gave him flour, sugar and coffee. He thanked her and went on his mission of killing."

Jeff Riddle was greatly influenced by Meacham in the writing of his account of the Modoc War and we find him drawing upon Meacham's writings for a number of passages of his material, however, he did not follow Meacham in the dramatic portrait of having Hooker Jim flaunt "Boddy's blood." Riddle is possibly as correct as anyone can be who was not present in quoting what was said, not by Hooker Jim but by Bogus Charley. Riddle, of course, learned much about the Modoc War from his father and mother and was an unusual person as attested by Albert Samuel Gatschet who made an intensive study of the Klamath Indians, and whose publication, "The Klamath Indians" was printed by the Government Printing Office in 1890.

Gatschet gives the following description of the Riddle family—consisting of Frank Tazewell Riddle, a native of Kentucky, born about 1838; his wife Toby, a pure-blood Modoc woman, born in 1842, and their son Jeff C. Davis Riddle, born about 1862. Among several texts of linguistic importance I obtained from them a circumstantial chronicle account of the Modoc War of 1873, in which Mr. and Mrs. Riddle had served as interpreters of the Peace Commission. Having been introduced to them in Dec. 1875, in New York City, by Mr. A. B. Meacham, late Supt. of Indian Affairs of Oregon, when they traveled with him in the eastern States in connection with the Meacham Lecturing Company, I took down the contents first in English from Mr. Frank Riddle, then added the translation from the other members of the family. The wording of the other Modoc texts was the almost exclusive work of the boy Riddle, who speaks the language perfectly well, and only in the more difficult portions was he assisted by his mother."

The glancing reference to the Modoc War in Jeff Riddle's book is a lasting impression on this boy and which resulted in the publication of his one literary effort "The Indian History of the Modoc War," in 1914 when Jeff Riddle was about 52 years of age.

JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—If Sen. McCarthy should change his mind and walk out, the senators investigating his fight with Army officials would have the choice of trying to make him testify or of doing nothing about it.

The Wisconsin senator says he will be available for testimony unless something unforeseen turns up.

Because the Constitution says a member of Congress can't be arrested during a session of Congress except for treason, a felony or breach of the peace, the senators might feel they could not legally subpoena him if he refused to testify.

Because he is a senator, they might be reluctant to do anything anyway, although a plain citizen who refused to answer their questions would be nailed with a contempt of Congress charge in a hurry.

Senators have never been eager to use extreme measures on one another. They jaw at one another. Sometimes they campaign against one another, but it's a rare day when a senator is expelled or even rebuked.

This kind of consideration for one another is probably a form of self-preservation. Whatever they do to any one of their number today might be done to any one of them tomorrow.

This kind of regard which senators have for senators is more a matter of you-scratch-my-back-and-I'll-scratch-yours than it is of senatorial courtesy, a phrase which gets thrown around a little carelessly. Among political scientists "senatorial courtesy" has a very special meaning limited to a case like this:

The President nominates a Californian for a government job but fails to consult one of the California senators beforehand. The nominee cannot have the job unless the Senate approves. But one of the senators from California objects, and the Senate does not approve.

Senators, being politicians with a normal appreciation for the value of patronage, like to have a

hand in naming a home state man to a government position. For that reason, they like to be consulted, at least, when the President does the picking.

The objecting senator can let his feelings be known without using the traditional phrase of objection: "This nominee is personally obnoxious to me." Sometimes the other senators go along with him and withhold their approval, sometimes they approve over his objections. Senatorial courtesy is not an ironclad rule.

Senatorial courtesy started in the first session of Congress. George Washington named Benjamin Fishbourne to be navy officer at the port of Savannah, Ga. But the two Georgia senators had a candidate of their own in mind and objected. The Senate did not let Fishbourne have the job, although Washington protested.

It may seem like a lack of senatorial courtesy when, during the McCarthy-Army hearings, McCarthy says two of the investigating senators are trying to block his hunt for Communists and one of them snaps back that in effect a crack like that is just about what he'd expect from McCarthy.

That may be discourteous, but it has nothing to do with senatorial courtesy in the technical sense.

The Senate, which has no rule on courtesy, has rules on decorum. For example, a senator is not supposed to speak in a derogatory way about another senator or even about his state. But the worst punishment he can suffer is being made to sit down and stay quiet while, if the other senators vote for that. They don't always do it. Still, that rule applies only on the Senate floor. It does not apply to senators in committees. Some committee rules of decorum are pretty loose.

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HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Peppi Paunzen, one of the Orient's most celebrated bachelors, is now touring America—and has decided this is the place for any sensible man to spend his life.

Least any single girl think this is heart-warming news for her, however, let me quote Peppi on the advantages of living here:

"A man has such a wonderful feeling of freedom. The little pies come in cellophane bags. The bread is already sliced. You can get your laundry done by electricity."

"What possible need is there for a man to get married? It is no longer necessary. He already has paradise."

Peppi, who requests prospective fiancées to fill out a printed questionnaire, has been overwhelmed by the beauty of American womanhood.

"The girls here are the most chic in the world," he said. "Also the most independent. But I have great curiosity to see one at 7 o'clock in the morning. How do they look without makeup? Has this ever been found out?"

Who is this bachelorette who seeks to know about the real face behind the great American female facade?

Peppi is a career refugee. He fled his native Austria to get away from Hitler. He spent several years in Shanghai as an involuntary guest of the Japanese army. He was squeezed out of China by the Communists.

For the last four years he has been manager of the Press Club in Hong Kong. There, as a friend wrote, his hospitality, skill at the piano, and sense of humor "endear him to man and beast alike throughout the Orient."

The gentle smile and wryly hopeful outlook of this greying Viennese—his byword is "Be happy like Peppi"—have made him something of a living legend in the Far East, where many a lone stranger has been made to feel at home by his kindness.

When he finally left Hong Kong, his friends threw so many farewell parties for him that Peppi says for safety's sake he had to write on his forehead: "This side up—handle with care."

Coming to America, where he wants to be a citizen, has been the big adventure of his life. He was held back for years by the small Austria quota.

"I was told I could get in quicker if I married an American girl first," he said, "but the feeling of real freedom was what I wanted—and how can a man ever reach a land of freedom, if he gives up his freedom before he gets there?"

"It is odd about the United States. Everybody seems to like it except the Americans who are away from it."

"In Hong Kong the Americans I met said, 'Better not go. Peppi, stay here.' But I like it over here much better, even though I went to Times Square and did not find it square."

"Now I would like to travel about this country and write a column explaining America to the Americans."

Peppi has spent so much of his life filling out government forms that he has invented his own bachelor questionnaire—form 22330—for prospective fiancées.

"Marriages always have something to do with governments," he said, "so why not engagements?"

His questionnaire contains such queries as: By the way, what is your own form, if any? Do you talk too much? (If yes, why not?) Do you eat crackers in bed?

Toast? Peanuts? Popcorn? Do you sing? Do you snore? What other musical accomplishments have you? What hours are you free?

What games do you play? Life itself has been a rough game that Peppi always plays with a steady, wistful cheerfulness.

"Sometimes I think I should get married," he said, "because it's true. I am too happy."

The trouble with most girls is they don't realize the importance of food to a man. They try to break his heart instead of trying to break in his stomach to a better way of life.

"Good husbands always come home to good cooks."

Hugh Pruett

Many of us who are removed by a considerable number of years from childhood will doubtless remember the pictures that appeared on the first pages of the old medical almanacs.

There was usually a partially dissected man standing in the center. From various parts of his body, lines ran to 12 smaller pictures, mostly of animals encircling him.

Names beside the smaller pictures indicated what creatures they represented and also what part of the man's body they controlled.

From the lion, the directing arrow ran toward the man's heart. It was mysteriously explained that from July 21 to August 21 the zodiacal constellation of Leo, the Lion, was ruling, and the "sign is in the heart."

With the sign so placed, certain undertakings were thought to be successful; others, disastrous.

There is, of course, a general mixture of astronomy and astrology in all this. It should be distinctly understood that for centuries professional astronomers have not believed in astrology, and have had nothing to do with it.

The motion of the earth in its journey around the sun is detected in several indirect ways. One is the apparent annual journey of the sun eastward entirely around the sky among the various star groups (constellations). We cannot see the groups in which the sun is located at any certain time, but it is easily calculated where old Sol is.

At present the constellation Gemini, the Twins, is low in the western sky at nightfall. In a month from now it will be impossible to see this stellar group anywhere all night since the sun will apparently be right in it. The sun's motion eastward among the stars each month is 30 degrees, so that it encircles the entire starry dome of 360 degrees in a year.

The ancient star gazers well knew this annual solar motion and divided the stars along this path into 12 constellations, all of them supposed to represent the creatures for which they were named. The sun is thus in each about a month.

The strip of sky 16 degrees wide with the sun's annual path in its center was named the zodiac (the circle of animals), and equal sections of this, entirely around the sky, the 12 "signs" of the zodiac, the creatures of the old almanacs.

When the plan was put into effect about 150 B.C. by the Greek astronomer Hipparchus, the first month of spring found the sun in the constellation of Aries, the Ram. During the 21 centuries since then, precession has moved the vernal equinox approximately 30 degrees westward among the stars so that the early spring sun now rains among the Fishes. Although this group is the constellation of the Fishes, it is still called—evidently for old times sake—the "sign of the Ram."

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QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds

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CONFERENCE

MANILA (AP)—U.S. Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson arrived Monday to confer with President Ramon Magsaysay on "anything he wants to discuss." He told newsmen the United States is ready to implement its mutual defense pact with the Philippines.

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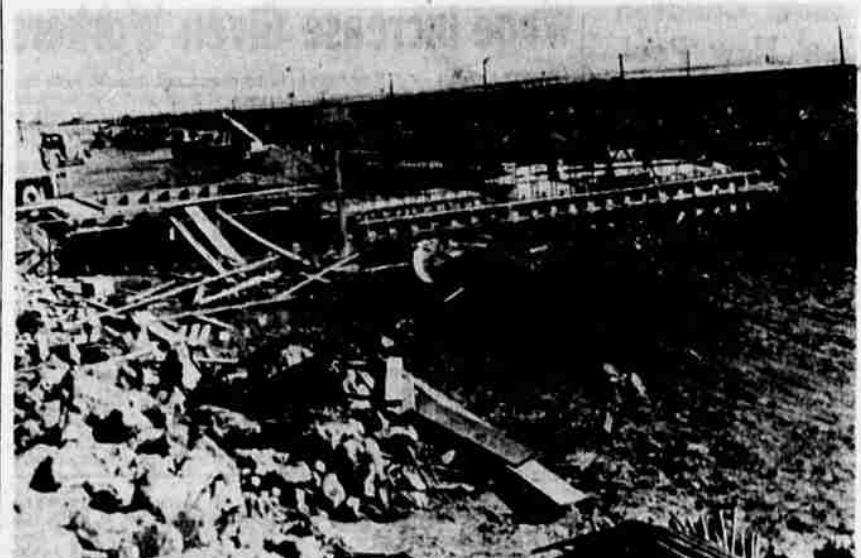
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CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS STARTED on the 200,000 bushel grain elevator being built by the newly formed Newell Grain Growers Association. The new storage plant is located on the Great Northern approximately four miles south of Stronghold. The structure will be completed in time for the storing of this year's grain crop.

West Point Openings Reported

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON (AP)—When this year's class graduates, West Point is going to have the greatest number of vacancies in the 152-year history of the U.S. Military Academy.

The famous Army school for officers, with a maximum capacity of 2,496, will have an estimated 1,016 vacancies after graduation. But the Army seems neither worried nor surprised.

Army officials questioned today said they do not believe the current trend toward a smaller regular Army nor reaction to congressional investigations of the Army are responsible.

They said the large vacancy list at this time stems from several factors, including:

1. Postwar laydown. Enrollment usually slumps for a time after each war because of a laydown in national interest in military matters. This time the slump seems to have been a little larger.

2. Delay in nominations to the academy made by senators and congressmen. This, too, may be following a normal pattern. In congressional election years, the Army has found that Congress members often hold off on nominations until after election.

West Point officials say that even though they probably could find qualified candidates to fill all vacancies, they would not want to do it. The practice is to admit between 750 and 775 each year. A greater number imposes an overload on the teaching staff of the school.

About 2,000 men took examinations last March for admission, with results of these tests to be determined soon. Other tests for admission will be held in June.

A graduating class usually numbers about 450, with the difference between that and an entering class accounted for by such things as academic failure, resignations, illness and death.

Still academic standards account for the most dropouts. The biggest single loss for any other reason came in 1951 from charges of "cringing" made against cadets. About 90 students dropped from the rolls, most of them football players.

UNVEILING
SANDHURST, England (AP)—A bronze bust of President Eisenhower was unveiled Monday at the Royal Military Academy here by Mrs. Winthrop Aldrich, wife of the American ambassador. The bust shows the President in his uniform as supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe during World War II.

Guards Avert Prison Break

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP)—State penitentiary guards used tear gas Sunday night to thwart a prison break planned by three inmates.

Associate Warden Lawrence Delmore said the attempted break was nipped when a yard officer noticed a broken window in the cannery where the three were said to have been making a hook for an escape over the walls.

The convicts were driven from the building by tear gas, Delmore said, after they refused to leave when officers called on them to surrender.

Delmore identified the men as Kenneth George, 30, J. R. Richardson, 26, and Richard L. Hedrick, 23.

George had been an inmate of the prison since January 1950 and is serving a 20-year term for second degree assault.

Both Richardson and Hedrick were serving terms for armed robbery. Richardson was received at the prison in September 1953 and is serving nine years. Hedrick has an eight-year sentence and has been at the prison since November 1953. Both were sentenced from Pierce County.

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