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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

With all the talk about our new swimming pool going around lately it might be in order to mention another little party coming up here next month.

The Toketee Lions Club will sponsor the Water Follies of 1954, the theme of which will be Hawaiian Hospitality.

Lots of pretty girls, swimming stars, clown acts and all the things that go along with a swimming pool.

At least now when we go around to other towns and they ask us how our swimming pool is doing we're able to answer.

Along the sporting scene maybe a small suggestion would be in order.

Why don't we get our heads to-

gether and promote a sports car race for Klamath Falls?

Can't think of a better place to hold one, since most of the fraternity like to travel around the West Coast, since most of 'em will come from California and since they almost all like to head for the high altitudes.

We have all the natural facilities here to sponsor such an event on a huge scale. We could have anything from a light two or three mile course to a light fifteen or twenty mile point to point event.

The sports car fans are a likeable bunch, good free spenders and turn out in droves for any event.

All we have to do is put up a few suitable trophies, (we'll toss a good big one in the pot) provide the necessary entertainment and racing ground for 'em and wait for the invasion.

At least it's something to think about.

ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN McLEOD

In yesterday's column we started on Mrs. Schira's narrative of the massacre of the men of the Boddy family. This narrative was published by Bancroft who was well aware of the story published by Meacham five years earlier, and other publications made during the period Meacham was lecturing in the east with a troupe of Modocs including Frank and Toby (Wine) Riddle. Meacham was wounded in the assassination of General Canby and later found a gold mine in the jagged scar left on his bald head by Boston Charley who was "going to have old man Meacham's scalp to put on my shot pouch." Hooker Jim remarked "he has no scalp or I would have it myself." Boston Charley was prevented from completing the task of scalping Meacham by Toby Riddle who frightened him away by crying out "the soldiers are coming."

But to return to Mrs. Schira, her husband's team of mules returned to the house and on discovering blood in the reins she told her mother something had happened to her husband, however, she apparently did not think it too serious otherwise she would not have put the team away before starting out to where her husband went to chop wood. This version credited to Mrs. Schira by Bancroft does not have Hooker Jim dashing up to the cabin brandishing the bloody garments of Boddy as Meacham writes, however, Meacham was not without knowledge of

this incident since he uses it in his book for he wrote: "The reign of terror was complete. Who shall ever find words to describe the horror of the night following this treacherous butchery? The women left their homes to hunt for their murdered friends. In one instance, the presence of a team without a driver gave the awful tidings."

When the mules came home, Mrs. Schira put them in the stable and then with Mrs. Boddy started up the road. "About a half a mile from the house," writes Bancroft. "They found Schira, dead, shot through the head with a revolver. Mrs. Schira then remembered her brother Richard, who would be coming home with her husband, and ran on, leaving her mother who could not keep up with her. As she ran, she saw Hooker Jim's Indian wife emerge from the sage-brush, and afterward Hooker Jim, curly-headed Doctor, Long Jim, One-eyed Mose, Rock Dave, and Humpy Jerry, all well-known Modocs. They did not intercept her, but went toward her mother, who was still beside the dead man, and asked her if there were any men at the house. Knowing that much depended on her reply, she feigned not to understand their purpose, answering, "No, the mules have run away and killed the driver, and I am looking for our men." At this answer they left Mrs. Boddy without molesting her, but could not have gone to the house, perhaps, fearing to find men there notwithstanding Mrs. Boddy's denial. Other Indians who came that way a day later robbed the place of \$800, every article of value, and took seven horses besides.

"The body of Schira, which was not mutilated when she left it, before she saw it again was much mangled. After finding the body of her brother, Mrs. Schira, with her mother, fled over the timbered ridge toward Crawley's, but while on the crest, happening to see the men gathered at that place, they mistook them for Indians, and turned toward the highest hills between them and Linkville. (Stukel Mountain) where they found snow lying, through which they traveled late at night, when they sat down under a Juniper tree to wait for daylight, by which time Mrs. Schira's feet were so swollen that she could not wear her shoes. Tearing up part of her dress, Mrs. Boddy bound up her daughter's feet, and they continued their flight having eaten nothing since the previous morning.

"When near the bridge on Lost River, about half way to Linkville, they were met by Mr. Cole, who conducted them to the bridge, from which place they were taken to Linkville, in a wagon by Mr. Roberts, where for the first time they heard of the affair of the day before, which had caused their terrible calamities.

"On the 2nd of December Mrs. Schira returned, with a party of four volunteers, in a wagon furnished by Mr. Nurse, to look for her dead. On arriving at Crawley's she found that Boutelle had that morning gone down with three men on the same errand, and when he returned had three of the bodies, Schira, Boddy, and Richard Boddy. The younger brother was not found for twelve days, having fled on being attacked, from the place where he was herding sheep, to where they expected to find him, into the thick woods, where he was overtaken and killed. The Boddy family were from Australia, and were industrious, worthy people."

Thus we have another version of the Boddy Massacre which is far less dramatic than the story told by Meacham, and while it appears to be factual, it too requires clarification on some details. It is to be noted that there was no mention of historic words spoken by the Indian as quoted by either Meacham or by Riddle.

The Doctor Says

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

The first step in the care of treatment of polio victims after the acute illness is over is to make sure that pain is relieved and the relaxation of muscle tightness is speeded.

Until this is done, proper motion of the involved part, usually arm or leg, is impossible. The use of intelligently prescribed sedatives, heat, passive motion and especially the passage of time all work toward this end.

Stimulating muscular movements must be carried out with great care. Several measures, including massage, may be necessary. Once the plan of action has been decided upon it is possible to proceed with the various measures necessary to bring about the greatest possible degree of muscular recovery.

Muscle strength is obtained by increasing the amount of activity gradually. Exercises under water helps enormously. The water supports the limbs so that they can be moved with less effort than is necessary in the air.

Walking should be begun carefully and gradually. Sometimes support with braces is advisable. In mild cases, restoring the muscles may take only a few weeks, but, in severe ones it takes much longer. The improvement often continues for a very long time.

Surgery, such as the lengthening of a tendon, may be desirable. Special kinds of apparatus can be used. The patient may be taught to develop a new motions which really mean the substitution of one muscular group for another.

In all of these steps, patience, care and skill are important. The results are rewarding because most of those who have been crippled can be greatly improved and eventually learn to take part in many physical activities.

The spirit and ambition of the patient have much to do with the degree of eventual improvement. In these respects many victims of polio are lessons to all of us.

Mineral Leases Pose Problem

SALT LAKE CITY (U-P)—A mining company has applied for mineral leases on about 1,000 acres of state-owned land near Salt Lake City but it is doubtful if there will be any immediate mining activity on it.

The present tenant might object. The land is the site of the Utah State Prison — whose officials are understood to frown upon underground explorations.

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BASIN BUILDERS

By RUTH KING



MRS. BIRDIE BURK

Maybe the old lawn mower doesn't whiz over the blue grass at the speed it "uster" ahead of Mrs. Birdie L. Burk, but she gets the job done just the same, at her home Bonanza where she is celebrating a birthday tomorrow, May 27.

Birdie Burk, oldest woman born and raised in Klamath County, still living here, is an independent ... when she wants a job done, she usually does it without minding to a single soul.

Mrs. Burk, aunt of J. Lawrence Horton, prominent Klamath County stockman and sister of Mrs. Anna Hamaker, Klamath Falls, was born in a log cabin in Klamath County; a sister arrived in Lake County, a brother in Jackson County and the cabin they called home, was never moved one inch north or south, east or west.

Poe Valley was named for her mother's people.

Birdie Burk was left motherless within a few hours after she was born. Much of her childhood was spent in homes other than her own. She spent some time in the Stukel home in Merrill, was carried on a pillow on horseback by the women who mothered her, until she was able to sit behind a saddle or cling to a horn.

She learned early about the mysteries of ranch living, remembers the livestock wars and the rigors of long winters when snow was too deep for traveling.

She grew up and married a farmer, Lorenzo Dow Burk. ... became a member of the Bonanza city council when Betty Peppie was mayor, helped get a new jail and new fire house for the town. ... kept her membership in the Bonanza Women's Club, plays a mean hand at bridge, was in charge of the branch Klamath County Library for many a year. ... still serves on every election board.

Mrs. Burk, since her husband's death in 1930, has "hoed her own row" ... she cooked fine meals for school teachers and admits to a little interest in her own matrimonial bureau. ... several teachers who dined on her pies found "pie boards" of their own in Klamath County with a bit of coaching from Birdie Burk.

Age is something to be welcomed, she says, if you're no trouble to others. ... so when she broke a leg one day she continued to "get around," for a week before she decided to go to a doctor ... with the break safely splinted she continued to "make bread" and "look after herself."

She's a "great hand to go," or a pie supper or a jamboree to the movies, her flashlight guides her footsteps down a rutted road or along a cowpath across a neighbor's field.

She's not one for sitting or waiting for something to happen. ... not even another birthday. ... This one, she's 79.

'Friends' Pay For Morse Time

PORTLAND (U-P) — Sen. Morse's television-radio broadcast next Friday night will be paid for by an organization known as the "Friends of Wayne Morse."

John H. Travis of Hood River, a Republican, is secretary of the group. Travis was a member of a group which in 1952 attempted unsuccessfully to get the name of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft on the Oregon presidential primary ballot by petition.

Morse's talk, "Oregon's Stake in Cheap Power," will be carried by television station KPTV at 7 p. m. It will be broadcast later over 22 Oregon radio stations.

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By Jimmy Hatlo



JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (U-P) — The investigation into tax-exempt foundations — including Ford and Rockefeller — is about as quiet as five people dancing barefoot on a hot stove.

The special House committee making the inquiry has three Republican and two Democratic members. In the past few days the two sides have been in pitched battle.

This is how it started:

There are about 38,000 organizations exempt under law from paying taxes on any income they get, whether from dividends on stock they hold or from contributions, because of the way they spend the money.

On charity, scholarships for scientists or artists, funds for a college doing special research in medicine or science, or a study of civil liberties, human relations or foreign affairs.

These organizations range in size from the giant foundations with assets in the hundreds of millions to those with no endowment but with incomes from contributions of a few hundred or a few thousand dollars.

The very biggest ones were set up by rich men or their heirs. The five biggest, and their assets, are: Ford, 500 million dollars; Rockefeller, 321 million; Carnegie, over 117 million; Duke, 131 million; Pew, nearly 100 million.

Since these foundations enjoy tax exemption, Congress has a right to investigate to see how they spend their money. It set up a special House committee in 1952, under the chairmanship of the late Rep. Eugene Cox (D-Ga.), to do that and to see whether the foundations were using "their resources for un-American and subversive activities or for purposes not in the interest or tradition of the United States."

The committee questioned the heads of the big foundations, others who liked or disliked them, and some who suggested the foundations had been invaded by Communists.

The committee did its work in the last six months of 1952 — it had to finish by Jan. 1, 1953. Cox died on Dec. 24, 1952. Eight days later the committee report was issued by Cox's successor, Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.).

The report acknowledged the committee had too little time to do a complete study, but praised the foundation's for the good they had done and would do.

The committee said Communists had captured a few small foundations, and infiltrated others, but that its study indicated "few actual Communists or Communist sympathizers obtained positions of influence in the foundations."

"This didn't satisfy Rep. B. Carroll Reece (R-Tenn.), who had been a member of Cox's committee. John H. Travis of Hood River, a Republican, is secretary of the group. Travis was a member of a group which in 1952 attempted unsuccessfully to get the name of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft on the Oregon presidential primary ballot by petition.

do, that if the House wanted to check on Communists in foundations that was a job for the Un-American Activities Committee and if it wanted to check on how foundations used their money that should be done by the House Ways and Means Committee, which handles tax matters.

And Rep. Wayne L. Hays (D-Ohio) pointed out that Reece, while urging a new investigation, had attended only three of the Cox committee sessions. Reece explained he couldn't attend because of family illness.

The House went along with Reece, and his committee has now started hearings. The two other Republicans members are Representatives Jesse P. Wolcott of Michigan and Angier L. Goodwin of Massachusetts.

The Democrats on the committee are Rep. Hays of Ohio and Mrs. Grace P. Frost of Idaho. The two Democrats have been battling the Republicans over a witness who insisted the foundations had contributed to New Deal thinking. This investigation may go on for months.

INVITATION

WASHINGTON (U-P) — Rep. Frances P. Bolton (R-Ohio) has asked Congress to invite Genevieve de Galard-Terre, French nurse captured at Dien Bien Phu in Indochina, to visit this country as an honored guest.

Robert Capa Dies In Asia

HANOI, Indochina (U-P) — Robert Capa, famed American war photographer, was killed yesterday in a land mine blast on the Indochina front.

A French high command announcement said the Hungarian-born cameraman died near Phully, 30 miles south of Hanoi. He was the first American photographer killed in the Indochina war.

Capa, who won fame through his coverage for Life magazine during World War II, came here two weeks ago on a temporary assignment for Life. He had gone to Phully — an active war sector — to do a story with John Mecklin, a Time magazine correspondent. French sources said Mecklin escaped injury.

In recognition of his World War II coverage, Gen. Eisenhower decorated Capa with the U. S. Medal of Freedom in 1947.

Capa was among six owners-members of Magnum Photos, Inc., a worldwide cooperative pictures agency.

The death of Werner Bischof, one of Capa's associates in Magnum photos, was announced in New York last night. The agency said he was killed sometime last week in an automobile accident in the mountains of Peru. He had covered assignments for many American magazines, including the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II for Life.

HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (U-P) — "Women are wearing their hair shorter than men now," complained ex-Sgt. Larry Mathews, "and this summer it's going to be even shorter."

Mathews, a tall, husky hair stylist who flew on bombing missions in Europe during the last world war, now operates what he believes is America's only all-night beauty parlor.

Situated in the Great Northern Hotel, it draws a fabulous clientele after dark, ranging from housewives with insomnia to Metropolitan Opera singers, actresses, night club chorus girls — and female impersonators.

"My hair is longer than half my clients," remarked Mathews. "The high style for women right now is the Butch Bob — very masculine."

"It makes a girl look like a Yale freshman in front and a duck in back, and has just a few wisps of hair about the face to suggest femininity."

"The Butch Bob? You know what we call it in the trade? The idiot look! Trying to bring out a woman's natural beauty with a hair style like that is like trying to decorate an empty room. But it's what the girls want."

Larry, who had done a series of photographs for Uncle Sam, decided when he returned from the war he would let the same uncle teach him a peacetime trade. He studied hair styling under the O. I. bill of rights program.

"You'd never believe the intimate things about their lives women tell their hair stylists," he said. "Maybe, because we also deal with their heads, they confide us with their psychologies."

But running an all-night beauty parlor hasn't given Mathews any particular new insight into feminine psychology.

"They're no easier to figure out after midnight than they are before," he said.

Larry and his wife, Norma, operated a daytime beauty parlor for some time.

"But our little daughter complained she hardly ever saw us except for a few minutes in the morning and just before her bedtime," he said. "I thought that if I opened a night place, I could spend more time with her."

"About a year ago the place really got rolling. My wife came by for a look one night, saw a bunch of chorus girls in the place, and said, 'This'll never do.'"

"The next day she had a 'For Sale' sign on her shop. Two nights later she was working in the shop with me."

Larry and Norma now have 12 employees, operate their beauty shop around the clock, close it only on Sundays.

"Most of our night clientele are show people," said Larry, "and often our place looks more like a rehearsal hall than a beauty salon."

lon. Sometimes we'll have three singers in the same row of dryers rehearsing three different songs at the same time.

"Sure we get some unusual requests late at night. One girl came in to get a martini washed out of her hair. Her boy friend had tossed it on her."

"About once a week a girl performer may show up with a black eye that has to be painted over, and dancers come in with black and blue marks that have to be covered up."

"One night a society playboy came in and insisted he wanted a permanent wave, but we just waved him out. Except for female impersonators we accept only women clients. We do make and style wigs for some 200 female impersonators in all parts of the country."

"No, we haven't gone into toupees, but, boy, that's a growing field. I know some toupee makers who have become rich in the last few years. A good toupee sells for \$100 to \$300 and they wear out in a year."

His post-midnight trade has been so good Mathews is now planning to open a second all-night beauty parlor in an upper New York State resort hotel this summer.

"Two years ago I couldn't borrow \$200 to buy a new chair," he said. "And now I've got everybody from bankers to bookies wanting to go into business with me. Can't figure why the idea of investing in an all-night beauty parlor interests them — unless, like some of the customers, they've got insomnia, too, or maybe just like to count profits after dark."

COUNCIL

MANILA (U-P) — U. S. Defense Secretary Wilson and Philippine President Ramon Magasaysay Tuesday announced plans for a joint council to implement the U. S. — Philippines mutual defense pact.

QUICKIES

By Ken Reynolds



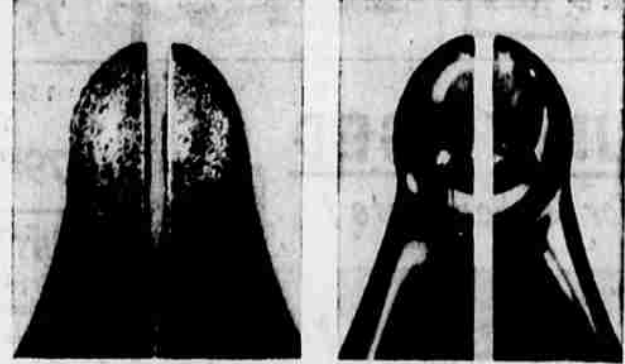
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