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## BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

A good deal of interest is centering on the Klamath Indian Reservation these days after long years of public apathy regarding the huge area.

For one, there has been a continuing battle over this that and the other thing. The recent charges growing out of the January ballot which led to the transfer of the chief clerk and the retirement request of the superintendent have perhaps done more to spur public interest than any other single item. Trust any breath of scandal to arouse notice.

Well, we've seen 'em come and we've seen 'em go on the reservation and for our money Diehl and Sanders, superintendent and clerk, were just about as good as any that have come along.

There has never been a charge involving moral turpitude interjected into this case. In fact, what caused the whole thing was a couple of men trying to help out, do the tribe a favor, and having the whole thing backfire on them.

Someone once said that if you want to make an enemy do a man a favor, we're pretty well convinced that both of these men were sincerely trying to help, and that subsequent action was taken against them merely in the ponderous course of government. Just like the army. Maybe you were morally right, but if the book of rules says things will be thus and so, well then you just sat back and took it as best you could. Diehl and Sanders ran into just that sort of a situation.

There are just under a million acres in the present reservation. Which is quite a chunk of land in anyone's book. And it's high time that the people in the Basin took a long and critical look at the situation, studied the possibilities of the area, looked into the future for a plan as to what will be best for the tribe when and if the reservations are liquidated, and devoted some careful study to future uses for the land.

There's a lot of timber up there. There are thousands of acres of good grazing land. There is water in plenty. Some of the land can be profitably put under irrigation. There is a vast deposit of low grade titanium.

Which reminds us that we have a bone to pick with Mr. Neuberger, who happens to be seeking the office of Demo senator, that has nothing to do with politics.

He was in the office the other day and we loaned him our typewriter so he could make an official statement to the press.

That was all well and good, but he didn't have to throw away my piece of carbon paper that I've been using for two years. It has assumed the status of an old friend.

We might also mention that we have several bones to pick with the Portland politician and author on politics, but haven't time to go into 'em right now.

## JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—The people in the disjointed, mixed-up and sometimes almost disorderly McCarthy-Army hearings have all but overshadowed the issues.

Some of the most unpredictable among the people involved still face their big test: Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis); his subcommittee counsel, Roy M. Cohn; Special Army Counsel Joseph N. Welch; and Ray Jenkins, special counsel for the Senate investigating subcommittee.

No one will have to testify as long as Robert T. Stevens, the dignified secretary of the Army, who was often vague and so consistently placid under McCarthy's jibes that he looked dull.

When Army Counsel John G. Adams took the stand he provided some contrast, but not much. His precision was almost fanatic. He answered with an emotional, brittle voice as if he were in a classroom explaining a problem in arithmetic.

While these two almost colorless men occupied the center of the stage for weeks, they looked like backdrops for more vivid people around them.

Perhaps no one in a Senate hearing ever got so much personal publicity for saying so little as Welch, the 64-year-old Boston lawyer who makes a habit of bow ties and pushing his upper lip with a forefinger.

With his head cocked in bird-like attentiveness, Welch sat day after day beside his client, Stevens, and in his eyes there was the skeptical and detached look of a man watching magicians through a window.

Witty, gracious and almost antique in his speech, Welch might have helped Stevens more if he had been less detached. Through the days that McCarthy pounded at Stevens, belittling his honesty and his intelligence, Welch seldom said anything. He could have interrupted to clarify a point, slow up

McCarthy or give Stevens a rest. His gentleness and reluctance raise questions about his ability to handle McCarthy when it comes time to cross-examine the senator. His job will be to make McCarthy look like a liar, since this whole case is a problem in who's lying.

McCarthy has shown signs of losing his temper excited. Can Welch trade on this by getting McCarthy excited, crossing him up, confusing him, or putting him to rout? At this moment, Welch is an unknown quantity in this respect.

Jenkins, apparently a warm and friendly man off-stage, has had to wear two hats, requiring a fast personality shift. First he must give each witness direct examination, acting like the man's own lawyer, letting the witness lay his case on the table in the best light.

Having done this, Jenkins immediately puts on the hat of the cross-examiner.

He can be rough. He was criticized for treating Stevens like a convicted criminal.

The strong-jawed Jenkins, a Tennessean, is now about to collide with the McCarthy side as he moves toward cross-examination of Cohn and McCarthy. This will be a test for Jenkins, not only as a lawyer but perhaps as a man.

Will he tear into McCarthy and Cohn as freely and roughly as he did into Stevens and Adams? Or will McCarthy be able to awe him

no timidity?

Cohn, who has just started to testify, has looked calm and controlled so far. But he's only stating his case. He hasn't been cross-examined yet by Jenkins, Welch or the investigating senators.

Cohn showed earlier, when he was cross-examined briefly, that he can work up a big head of steam under pressure. He talked so fast and so much it was as if he were afraid there might not be enough time left to get out all he wanted to say.

And McCarthy? His political career may depend on what he says and how he says it when he goes under cross-examination. He's put this kind of heat on other people. What will he do when it happens to him?



## ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN McLEOD

It is now going on eighty two years since the stirring days of the Modoc War and still we are waiting for a true picture of the events that took place there. It is a story that has never been satisfactorily covered by any writer with a desire to seek the truth without bias. Perhaps the story will never be written even though reams of copy have already been published upon the subject.

In yesterday's column I gave a version of the Brotherton massacre that was written by Col. Thompson which is typical of the confusion existing in regard to many of these incidents. Col. Thompson at the start of the Indian hostilities was editing a newspaper in Salem and later became editor of the *Albion*, California. "Plaindealer," Thompson has been criticized for inaccuracies that occurred in his book, however, as a pioneer he put down the pioneer story as he knew it and repeated the common errors of his day. Thompson made a contribution to the history of our area; his errors we can detect and correct.

The "Foreword" of his book, "Reminiscences of a Pioneer," written in 1912 is quite significant and if other pioneers had followed his admonition we would have a much better understanding, today, of the events of yesterday.

Thompson writes:

"So rapidly is the Far West changing in character, our pioneer should feel in duty bound to preserve all they can of its early history. Many of them are giving relics of frontier days to museums and historical societies. And they do well. Yet such collections are unfortunately accessible to only the few. Hence they do better who preserve the living narratives of their times. For however unpretentious from the cold aspect of literary art, these narratives breathe of courage and fortitude amid hardships and perils, and tell as nothing else can of the hopes and dreams of the hardy pathfinders, and of the compensations and pleasures found in their sacrifices."

"It is with this end in view, to preserve the life of the old days in its many colors, that these recollections are penned. There was much to this life than has been touched by the parlor romancers or makers of moving-picture films. Perhaps some day these memories may serve to illumine the historian

delving in human records of the past. And perhaps, also, they may inspire young readers to hold to the hardy traditions of the 'Fifties and to keep this spirit alive in a country destined soon to be densely peopled with newcomers from the long-settled parts of the world.

Col. Thompson was in command of troops during the battle of Lava Beds and was present at the first battle, he was with the Oregon Volunteers. Apparently there existed much bitterness between the Oregon men and the regulars of the U.S. Army. As one reads through Modoc War history as expressed by these various writers he gains these personal insights of conflict. Meacham, who in present-day language would be characterized as a bureaucrat, attempted to ridicule the volunteers at every opportunity in his writings and was somewhat less severe in dealing with the Army.

Col. Thompson did not think much of Meacham for he writes, "Several so-called histories have been written purporting to be true histories. One by A. B. Meacham in his 'Wigwam and Warpath.' Meacham wrote with the view of justifying all that Meacham did and said. It was, in fact, written in self defense."

I think that Col. Thompson made a good point in this criticism that everyone who delves into history should be continually aware of, and in reading the various narratives to attempt to weigh the writer's statements to seek their true worth for there is little doubt but that much personal history is written, as the Colonel puts it, "in self defense."

Thompson, in company with many settlers, did not have too much of an opinion of Captain Jackson. Thompson writes: "During all these days of murder and horror, Captain Jackson made no attempt to protect the settlers, but remained fortified up at the cabin on Lost River. As soon as the news reached Linkville, now Klamath Falls, Captain O. C. Applegate organized a company of settlers and friendly Indians to protect what was left of the settlement. Captain Ivan D. Applegate also exerted himself in saving the settlers, and did brave work. But there were women and children to protect and days elapsed before an effective force could be gathered to meet the Indians. Meantime news had reached Jackson county and Captain Kelley hastily organized a force of a hundred men and by riding night and day reached the scene of the massacre. It was his company that relieved the besieged Brothertons, defended by the brave boy."

Thus we have Thompson adding another error to the Brotherton story, however, it might have been that Captain Kelley's command picked up the bodies at the Brotherton massacre. A point which so far has not been made clear by the other writers I have consulted is the one, who rescued the bodies of the Brotherton massacre?

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needed a man they could count on for the best. He was shooting for Life magazine against his death.

At the fall of Leipzig, the last big battle of the Second World War, Capa took memorable shots of a young machine gunner the moment before a rifle bullet caught him between the eyes—and a moment later, as the boy sagged back dead.

"The last day, some of the best ones die," wrote Bob later, and added wryly, "but these alive will last forever."

I believe he wrote his own epitaph better when he told of taking pictures during the bitter struggle for Troina in Sicily.

"They were simple pictures and showed how dreary and unspicacious fighting actually is. Scoops depend on luck and quick frustration and most of them don't mean anything the day after they are published. But the soldier who looks at the shots of Troina, 19 years from now in his home in Ohio, will be able to say, 'That's how it was.'"

Few historians of war will ever be able to give the real feel of it as well as Capa did with his camera.

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## Basin 'Vacation Business' Shows Increase Over Years

By AL JACOBSON

Happened to pick up a copy of the Wall Street Journal the other day thinking I might take a little thing. Noticed an article on lousy tourists and travel trends.

Seems, according to some experts on the subject, that more and more Yanks are trekking over to Europe—those who can't afford it. Those who can't are staying at home and discovering more and more that, in most respects, America has the Old World beat when it comes to really unspoiled scenic attractions.

Anyway, travel is certainly increasing and with southern Oregon having an early spring, every-thing points to more and more tourists wending their way to the scenic attractions hereabouts.

This is also borne out by the fact that every year the visitors to Crater Lake and other Klamath beauty spots are increasing in number. Some 30 years ago, according to the dope I dug up, Crater Lake had a big year when 15,000 folks visited that body of water.

In 1952 I couldn't lay my hands on any reliable figures for last year's \$32,835 came from all parts of the U.S. to view the most exquisitely blue water on this continent. Since Crater Lake is undoubtedly the biggest attraction hereabouts, the above figure gives the best estimate of the amount of tourist business that flows in and through Klamath each year.

Incidentally, I've heard it said that Governor Paul Patterson once referred to this business as "vacation" business. Kinda like the expression "cause it's more apropos, so from here on out let's use it instead of 'tourist,' O.K.?"

Anyway, no matter what you call it, it's a big business for Klamath. Just how big it is nobody really knows and we won't unless we hire somebody on roller skates to count noses. However, by juggling a few figures around we can get some idea.

According to a reliable source, 1,009,575 out-of-state cars with vacationists entered this state year before last. The average number of people in each car was 2.92 but since I don't like to cut people up, let's say three to a car. This number times the number of cars equals better than three million.

Now the number of folks who stopped off at Crater Lake you remember was 332,835. Divide three million by this figure and it's pretty clear that approximately one-eighth of the state's visitors were in Klamath County.

Here's the really important thing. That year, 1952, vacationists from out of the state spent \$121,000,000 and that's a lot of millions! If you take one-eighth of this you get something more than \$15,000,000 which is Klamath's stake in this vacation business. Even if you allow for some folks who maybe didn't even stop in Klamath, it's still mighty big business.

Yep, it's big but it's not "Pennies From Heaven." There's a lot of hard work and expense attached to attracting that much money to the area.

The Chamber of Commerce put me through the hoops the other

day when all the things it does were explained. The list of things this group does would practically fill a whole issue of the Herald and News but here are a few:

The Chamber participates in the Pacific Northwest Travel Association which puts on travel shows in different parts of the country each year. This year there were six of 'em and the total paid attendance was 1,040,145. That number of people not only saw pictures and heard about our attractions, but also received a piece of literature.

Then the C of C does a lot of work in connection with an organization known as "Southern Oregon Hospitality Unlimited" which is composed of chambers in Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants, Pass, Cave Junction and Ashland. One of the things they do is run ads in big California newspapers selling prospective vacationists why they should spend some time here.

They pick California "cause that's where most of our vacationists come from. A lot of folks write in asking for more information and the Chamber has to answer 'em and send literature etc.

Another nice job they do is entertaining and showing visiting editors from the big cities all over the country. The things vacationists will want to see 'round Klamath so they'll write nice things about 'em.

Like I said before, these folks from the chamber are always doing something to bring more spending money into town. They could do a lot more 'em, if they had more money to do it with. Seems to me the local business men should give 'em lots of support 'cause it's the best investment they could make for their money.

It also seems to me that something should be done to make the looks of the highway approaches into town different from other

places. I know this will be complicated 'til all the highway locations are definitely set.

Can't help but feel that vacationists can be impressed and encouraged to stop. If they do, they may stick around awhile to see all the sights. Landscape might be the answer, or maybe someone could come up with something original. This might make a good project for some organization.

Another thing that would help to cause vacationists to stay a bit longer is to have business folks give out literature and advice on local attractions. However, to do the latter you have to know quite a bit about your own community. Maybe we ought to put on a "Know Klamath" campaign to "tell and sell" our town just like business firms do when they advertise in this newspaper.

## Chinese Reds Try Language Reform

TOKYO (AP)—Peiping radio said today the Chinese Communists have begun work on language reform which eventually will do away entirely with the ancient Chinese characters.

An alphabet will take their place.

Wei Cheuk, described as vice chairman of the committee for the research on the reform of the Chinese written language, said the reform will be gradual. The Chinese characters, which actually are pictures of ideas, will be simplified first. (This is a process that has been going on in China for 30 years.)

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