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## BILLBOARD

**By BILL JENKINS**  
A few children playing with matches last Sunday down on the Shasta Forest area ended up with a fire that covered 179 acres of land owned by the McCloud River Lumber company. That fire ate up more than a million feet of merchantable timber and young growth before it was squelched.

It was all just an accident, of course. But it was an accident that had a full crew of forest service personnel out on the fire line with tankers, bulldozers, trucks and radios, more than 90 men from the company, along with seven of their own bulldozers and several members of the state patrol. All this is costly, too. A major highway was blocked for two hours, causing inconvenience and delay to motorists.

If people would think before they threw away that cigaret, would teach their children the danger of playing with fire, would only use the same caution they do in their own homes, we wouldn't have fires like that.

You don't throw lighted cigarets on your living room rug, nor do you start a trash fire in the vacant lot next door and then walk off and leave it burning in the dry grass. But a lot of people will do these same things in the woods.

It's about time we put some teeth in our forest regulations and made people conscious of the fact that just because they're taxpayers own the land they can't abuse it.

in McConkey's Drug, has a lot of faith in this country, thinks it's going to grow and insists that it's a pretty good place to live.

We agree with him one hundred percent. And it is a cheerful and refreshing thing to sit and listen to someone admit that things could be worse instead of singing the blues.

As far as we're concerned this country is going places in spite of a slowed down economy, frost, wind, dry weather and all the hundred and one other things that come along to plague us.

At least it's a fine place to live, filled with some of the best people on earth (and some of the biggest stinkers) and with a better outlook for the future than a heck of a lot of places we could mention to motorists.

Having gotten that off our chest we'll now like to sing the blues a little ourselves.

According to a report from the Oregon State Game Commission, despite a 30,000 increase in wintering waterfowl we managed to bag 23 percent less birds last season than we did in 1952.

As nearly as could be figured out there were 731,831 ducks and geese taken by Oregon hunters as compared to 926,246 the year before.

We agree with the commission, for once, in that it was a lousy season. We hope it will be better next year. Present outlook is that there will be plenty of birds. Now all we need is the weather and a place to shoot 'em. And, of course, the ability to hit the darn things when they come in range.

Maybe this year we'll be allowed to shoot 'em while they are still here instead of waiting until they have all gone on down to the Sacramento Valley.

That's too far for most of us to drive, especially if you want to get there in time for the daylight shoot.

## CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

**By DEB ADDISON**  
We darsay that the Rogue Valley pear growers wish THEY could reseed their crop that was frosted out.

There's still time here to reseed and grow a grain crop on those acres that were frosted out, and you can safely bet your last dollar that our growers will do just that.

We never thought that the new-tomorrow television industry here would ape the newspapers, but —

You may have read about TV sets "with the picture on the floor," a slanted screen that rests on the floor instead of on a table. You view the program with your head at the same angle as when your read newspaper.

(And, if you don't have to adjourn to the antechamber, it will be handy to prop the paper on, to read the box scores or see what's on at the movies, during the commercial.)

On the rise and fall of business ventures.

Business failures are 20 per cent higher today than in 1953; 2600 now to 2100 in the time last year, but —

New business incorporations also are up, and how! Commerce Department figures show that 10 to 11 new businesses are being formed each month for every one that drops out. Example: 867 failures to 9543 new ventures.

It reminds you of the story of the two old codgers who were sitting on the veranda whittling and spitting. One allowed as how there wasn't a much kisser going on as when he was a young buck. The other corrected him; just different people doing it.

**Business trends, January through April, in Klamath Falls:**  
Bank debts were \$82,309,659 in 1954, down 7.1 per cent from the \$88,588,109 of 1953.  
Postal receipts were \$89,253.45 in 1954, up 1.5 per cent from the \$87,942.59 of 1953.  
Parking meters brought in \$16,688.50 in 1954, down 6 per cent from the \$17,761.50 of 1953.  
Building permits were \$396,970.00 in 1954, up 25.5 per cent from the \$316,000.00 of 1953.  
Herald & News advertising linage was 145,098 column inches in 1954, down 5.6 per cent from the 153,758 of 1953.  
(All figures except the H&N and in the Chamber of Commerce "Klamath Keynotes.")

Here's one with which to amuse yourself and baffle your friends over the Memorial Day weekend.

Write down your shoe size; Multiply it by 2; add 5; multiply by 50; add 1704; subtract the year of your birth. The first two figures in the answer will be your shoe size, the second two will be your age. Don't say we didn't tell you.

## TELLING THE EDITOR

**NO PUBLICITY**  
We are extremely concerned with the Communist threat as well as our own delinquency problem.

In my mind one of the best ways to combat these is through the youth character building and citizenship training programs. The Boy Scouts of America is the most influential program of that type for boys in the world today.

However, this program requires and deserves the support of every individual, group, or institution where the youth of our country is concerned. Adults are needed badly for leadership in the Scouting program. Groups and institutions are needed to make the Scouting program available to at least most of the boys who are anxious to become Cubs, Scouts or Explorers.

But — it does not stop there. These Scouting units and their combined activities must be properly publicized. That is what prompted me to write this letter. The Klamath District of the Boy Scouts of America put on a huge Scout Circus on Modoc Field Saturday evening May 15. It would really take a student to have learned this from your paper, which you claim is "The basic advertising medium of the Klamath Basin, etc." Only one shortened news story with a picture and a large paid ad appeared before — and not a single comment after the Circus.

Evidently you do not realize that about 1200 boys and 300 leaders, all local people, actively partici-

ated in the show which you so completely overlooked. The following week you turned around and gave freely of news space night after night for a professional group whose only object is to take money out of town.

How about giving our future citizens a break?

Sincerely,  
B. M. Simon  
733 Roseway Drive  
CC Boy Scout Office  
Chamber of Commerce

**Silver Lake Plans Holiday**  
SILVER LAKE — This community plans an observance of Memorial Day and wishes to extend a welcome to former residents and people of neighboring communities to join local residents for the day.

The cemetery has been cleaned up so that visitors will not have this to do and will have more time to visit with old friends after they have decorated their graves.

W. B. Shelley of Bend will conduct special services at the school auditorium at 11 a.m. This will be followed by a basket dinner at the same place.

**STOCKPILE**  
MANILA (AP) — A Philippines senator said Friday the United States may stockpile A-bombs here and demanded a guarantee that the Philippines will have adequate protection from attack.

## They'll Do It Every Time



## ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN McLEOD

The events that shroud the tragic day of November 29, 1872, when the first shot was fired in the Modoc War may never be properly cleared from the great mass of confusing statements that cover it. We cannot read any of the early published accounts of the affair without the feeling that every source of information is upon the defensive and is presenting a picture that will justify their action.

The controversy of Captain Jack's occupancy of his old home site on Lost River eventually built up to a climax, it appears to be a long story and one that does not lack the ingredients of political intrigue. Eventually political pressure through petitions and congressional pressure brought the order to arrest Captain Jack and his head men. One of the interesting points that no writer has apparently dared reveal is the story of the petitions and just who was the agent in passing them about for signature.

When the "heat" was on the Indian Department to do something, events began to happen. A. B. Meacham was relieved of the Superintendentcy and L. B. Odeneal was appointed in his place. This sudden action in the height of this controversial subject has no explanation, the political angle has been deliberately suppressed by all the early writers, nevertheless, the shift from Meacham to Odeneal meant a complete reversal of policy from one of persuasion to one of "get tough."

Early in the year while negotiations were still in the hands of Meacham, General Canby had instructed Major E. Otis who was the commanding officer of the district of the lakes to establish in the threatened neighborhood a cavalry force of sufficient size to protect the settlers, and in accordance with these instructions a detachment of fifty cavalry under three officers were established in a temporary camp in the Lost River district which for a time relieved the settlers.

When Odeneal took over Meacham's position early in April one of his first acts was to consult with Major Otis in regard to the propriety of permitting Jack's band to remain longer in the district. Otis made a formal recommendation in writing that the permission of the previous August given by Meacham to Captain Jack to remain in the area until the question was settled be withdrawn and the Indians be directed to go upon the reservation, however, such an order should not be given before September, so that in the case they refused, the military authorities could put them upon it during the winter season, which the military considered the best time for the undertaking. Otis further recommended placing Jack and Black Jim on the Siletz reservation, or any other place of banishment from their people and stated as the reason for this advice that in his judgment there would be no peace for the people, to whom they were insolent and insulting, so long as they were permitted to roam about the country, without the presence of a considerable military force to compel good behavior.

On the 11th of May, Otis reported that since the month of March, the Modocs had been quiet, giving no cause of complaint and were at that time scattered from Yreka to Camp Yamax, and through the mountains in the vicinity of Lost River, his camp at that place was useless, and he recommended the withdrawal of the troops from there, proposing to make an occasional tour through the country instead. The troops were then withdrawn about the last of May. No sooner had the troops been removed but the local agitation revived and there was talk among the settlers of organizing a militia company for protection.

There were a number of conferees between the government and Captain Jack during this early part of the year in which every inducement that could be made was offered him to return to the reservation. On the third of March, Major Otis had made an attempt. By means of his Indian scouts, Donald McKay, Otis, opened communication with Captain Jack, assuring him of the peaceable nature of his mission, and inviting him to meet the major anywhere but in his own country, and after considerable negotiation it was arranged that the meeting should take place at Lost River Gap, the soldiers to be left in Linkville, and Jack's warriors, except half a dozen men, to be left away from the council ground.

Otis went to the Meeting with Agent Hix, Ivan and Oliver Applegate, three or four settlers as witnesses, and three or four Klamath scouts. At the Gap they found Jack waiting with thirty-nine fighting men. The council proved to be of no avail as had other efforts to induce Jack to return to the reservation. Oliver Applegate loved to tell the story of this event, he stated the conference took place in the Galbraith cabin where the white and red negotiators were crowded together, the principles agreed to come unarmed, but Oliver told how he crowded around through the Indians and found that they were all armed "to the teeth" with hidden weapons.



**A MOTOR TRIP** around Upper Klamath Lake was made last weekend by representatives of the Klamath Area Girl Scout Council. The tour was under the direction of U. S. Forester Al Maloney. Stops were made at Agency Butte, the old fort site at Fort Klamath, Mare's Egg Spring and Harriman Lodge. The group stopped at the Pelican Guard Station for supper. Standing left to right: Glen Johnck, Mrs. A. D. Burnett, office secretary; Al Maloney, forester; Mrs. Keith Cobo, council assistant; Rosemary Johnck, Mary Ellen Johnck, Mrs. Glen Johnck, board member, and Katherine Johnck, Seated, Mrs. Fred Karlson, also a board member.

## GUEST EDITORIAL

**By CHARLIE STANTON**  
Roseburg News-Review  
Bill Pitney, game department field agent in charge of Umpqua River studies, is about to work himself into a state of exhaustion since the opening of the salmon season.

This is Bill's big year. Facts gathered on the Umpqua River this season will have national interest. This is the first year to measure the value of experiments started five years ago. From this year's studies scientists expect to learn a great deal concerning possibilities for rehabilitating depleted streams.

With the extreme caution of the true scientist, Bill is venturing no predictions and tries to preserve a strictly analytical frame of mind. But, as he discusses the outlook, his optimism creeps out and it can be sensed he is extremely pleased with prospects to date.

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to date showing slightly more than 25 per cent marked fish. As all fish released in 1951 were marked, it is possible to identify hatchery-reared fish as well as establishing which of the three rivers the eggs came from.

Fish hatched from Rogue River eggs numbered 35,000, Imnaha River fish 12,000 and Umpqua River fish 5,000. In samples taken so far Rogue River transplants predominate. A few Umpqua fish have been seen. No Imnaha fish have been discovered to date.

Pitney is disappointed in one fact. The hatchery-reared fish are running small in all samples made thus far. They average mostly between 13 and 20 pounds. If, however, the salmon can be restored in number, and permitted to spawn naturally, larger size may result in future migrations.

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## NET FISHING HALTED

Commercial fishing for salmon was limited in 1947, and an amendment to the closure bill in 1949 took the nets out of the stream entirely, insofar as game fish were concerned.

The effect of net removal became apparent in 1953 when the count jumped to 4,700. The 1953 tally from a smaller parent run was 4,310 fish.

In 1949 the Game Commission took eggs from the Rogue, Imnaha and Umpqua Rivers and hatched them at Rock Creek. Some scientists had held that salmon could not be kept in fresh water beyond the period they normally would return to salt water. But the fish hatched at Rock Creek were kept there for 18 months and were released in 1951. By that time they had sufficient size to increase chances for survival. This is the year when fish from the 1951 plant will return as adults. From the return, scientists will be able to measure the success of the hatchery experiment.

That is why Bill Pitney, has been working night and day to obtain all data possible.

Although Bill Pitney is keeping his fingers crossed, the present outlook is bright.

The run to date is far ahead of all past years. Checkers at the Winchester station Monday counted 92 salmon — 438 of them adults — over the board at Winchester. That is by far the largest one-day count on record.

**NEW TRAP USED**  
A newly installed fish trap is being used at Winchester to aid in gathering data. After passing through the counting station, fish are led into a trap. This trap has a canvas bottom which, by means of a winch, can be raised to the surface of the water, permitting examination of the trapped fish without necessity of handling and without danger of injury. The trap is used one day each week. Statisticians at Oregon State College have advised Pitney that by checking 20 per cent of the run one day each week he will be able to figure his data within 90 per cent of accuracy.

Three samples have been taken

## Camp Fire Girls Win Sale Awards

The Klamath Falls Council of Camp Fire Girls, presented awards for selling candy to 33 Klamath Falls girls members, at the annual Grand Council Fire held at Klamath Union High School, Donald A. W. Piper, chairman of the 1954 sale of sweets, presented the awards and expressed his appreciation to the girls, their leaders and parents for the excellent support given this year in selling 7,700 boxes.

He stated that all profits from the sale will remain in the Klamath basin, and will be used for the development of Camp Esther Applegate; for improving the camping program; through the purchase of equipment; and for campships for girls who cannot afford to attend the summer camp.

Four one-week campships were awarded to girls selling the greatest number of boxes. First prize went to Camp Fire girl, Betty Sue Taggart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Taggart, 934 Eldorado, for selling 163 boxes. Other girls winning campships were Horizon girl, Delight Willard, 131; Camp Fire girl, Yvonne Baillet, 129; and a Blue Bird girl, Dona Swain, 101.

The following girls received 45 towards their camp fee or towards the purchase of Camp Fire equipment: Patricia Anderson, Linda McCarty, Susan Watrud, Margaret Ogil, Joan Langdon, Linda Croft, Karen Lindley, Phyllis Slowe.

A choice from a long list of less expensive equipment, was awarded to the following girls: Linda Lanphear, Anna Marie Eck, Carolyn Ball, Nancy Johnston, Sharon McCormick, Lynden Bowen, Katherine Brauner, Sharon Ward, Sandra Meyers, Virginia Slowe, Betty Jean Kerns, Donna Schuss, Helen Norris, Cheryl Herrick, Judy Wheeler, Mary Jane Britton, Roberta Hurley, Susan

## QUICKIES

**By Ken Reynolds**

"Tan't it about time you looked in the Herald & News Want Ads for a shoe repair shop?"

## Vet's Mailbag

More than \$450 million of term National Service Life Insurance was converted to permanent plans such as ordinary life, 20 payment life, 30 payment life and endowment, during 1953, announced.

Of the more than 6,000,000 World War Two policies in force today, more than 2,000,000 are on permanent plans.

At the end of 1945 only one per cent of all NSLI policies were on permanent plans. Today, almost 35 per cent of all NSLI policies are on permanent plans.

The only GI life insurance which may not be converted under present laws is the special five-year nonconvertible term policy that is issuable to veterans with service since the start of the Korean hostilities.

All veterans who hold NSLI term insurance issued before April 25, 1951, may convert these policies to permanent plans of insurance.

Those who convert pay the same premium rate throughout the premium-paying life of the policy. Term policyholders, on the other hand, pay at progressively higher premium rates as they grow older.

Va said that thousands of term policies, which have been permitted to lapse for non-payment of premiums when due but which are still within the five year term period, may be reinstated and converted upon application to VA before their terms expire.

Veterans may obtain full information by writing to the VA office to which they are mailing their premiums.

**Question of the Week**  
Q. I am just discharged from the armed forces. Do I have to begin training under the Korean GI Bill by this coming August 20?

A. No. Veterans who must start training by August 20, 1954, are those who were released from service on or before August 20, 1952. Veterans separated after that date have two years from their separation date in which to begin Korean GI Bill training.

## City Seeks Source Of Gas Seepage

BALTIMORE (AP)—The mysterious underground seepage of gasoline in the Baltimore area has resulted in a request by the city for help from the United States Bureau of Mines.

Since excavation holes were dug three weeks ago for the Flag House Homes project about 20,000 gallons of mixed gasoline and water have been pumped out of the holes. About a third is gasoline.

Experts from the Mines Bureau at Pittsburgh were asked to see if they can determine the source of the gasoline.

## MOVING?

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## Cut flowers for Decoration Day

Lovely flowers of all kinds, including lilies, snowballs, peonies, roses, lilies, daisies, sweet peas and garden flowers. Beautiful bouquets in attractive containers ready to be delivered. \$1.50 up. Place your order EARLY to secure choice flowers. PHONE 4184.

## Remember Memorial Day

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