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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

Sunday will see one of the best shows in this part of the country taking place at the fairgrounds. It's the annual Queen contestant tryouts, and if you've never attended this affair you've missed a lot.

It is here that the girls are given a chance to put their horses through their paces, show their skill in riding and their judgement in the handling of stock. A handful of competent judges will be on hand to score the girls on their proficiency, a rating that will count 60 per cent toward the coveted queenship for the lucky winner.

It's labeled as the biggest little show in the West, and comes pretty close to living up to that high-toned title. The main reason being that it is all local, there are no big names, no professionals, just a lot of local girls, boosted by proud parents and local backers, out there trying to put on the best show of their lives.

It's about the biggest two bits worth of fun you'll find around this weekend. We can heartily recommend it.

It also looks as though this would be one of the best rodeos ever held here. It is set up in such a fashion that it will go off smoothly, no jamming of events, no long delays in between events. The wire fence has been taken out of the arena and spectators will be sitting right on the edge of the tank when this year's broncs and steers charge into the ring. The best stock available, that of the Christensen Brothers, has been signed up. Everything is all set for a big show. And who can deny that home is the place to stay over a long holiday when there is such splendid entertainment for us? It's a lot more fun to sit and watch a show at home than it is to wrestle a car several hundred miles over crowded highways.

ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN McLEOD

In yesterday's column, Colonel William Thompson's narrative of the battle of the Lost River Camp of Captain Jack was started and we left Ivan Applegate standing in the path of the Indians, "galling fire on the line of troops."

Thompson's narrative continues: "Applegate made his way back to the line as best he could and as he reached the line he picked up a carbine that had fallen from the hand of a wounded soldier. The poor fellow had just enough strength to un buckle his belt and hand it to Captain Applegate, who now called to Lieutenant Boutelle that 'if we don't drive them out of their camp they will kill us all.' Boutelle then ordered a charge and drove the Indians out of their camp, through the brush and out into the open hills beyond. But this was accomplished by the loss of several men killed and wounded. One Indian had been killed, a Columbia, one of the most desperate of the renegade band. When Applegate got back to where Jackson was standing he had all the women and children gathered around him and while several men had been killed or wounded, he deemed the trouble at an end.

"While the above events were transpiring, Dave Hill, a Klamath Indian, swam the river and drove in all the Modoc's horses. With the women, children and horses in their possession all that remained for Captain Jackson to do to insure the surrender of the men, was to take them to the reservation and hold them. What was the surprise of Captain Applegate, therefore, when Jackson announced his intention of turning them all loose. In vain he and Dave Hill protested, but to no purpose. Jackson declared he was short of ammunition; besides, he must care for his wounded men. He then told the squaws to pack up their horses and go to the men and tell them to come to the reservation. No more mad, idiotic piece of folly was ever perpetrated by a man than this move of Captain Jackson."

This version of the battle at Captain Jack's Camp is so vastly different from other narratives that I have given it here as an example of what difficulty, a researcher into history is up against in getting at the facts. I presume that Thompson was well aware of Meacham's account of the event, since Meacham's book, had been controversial and widely publicized. Thompson had no admiration for Jackson but this would hardly justify him to distort such an important event to gratify his personal animosity, if he had such an attitude. Thompson was not

All we need is some good hot weather. And we should be getting that in the very near future. At least we hope so.

Spawning of holidays reminds us that the fishing regulations at Crater Lake Park have been overhauled. The streams are no longer open just any old time you can get in to 'em. You can fish the streams within the park boundary from June 15 to September 15. You can fish in the lake itself any time you can get down to it.

You can't take a fish less than six inches long, you can't chum, you can't use live minnows. But you don't need a license, either. Just unlimber the old pole and go to work.

If all goes according to schedule work should be starting on our new airport development pretty shortly. Along with the four million allotted to that job might go a housing program, proposed this week by the defense department, to build 45 units at this field for officers and high ranking non-coms. Total cost was suggested as \$607,500.

Looks like we'll have quite a lot of activity around the old place this summer. Something to do besides fish and lie in the sun.

We've got a worried man around town these days. Andy Loney, music director and guiding light in all things musical for our children, is taking a summer off for the first time in 26 years. "Don't know just what I'll do," says Andy. "I've always taught somewhere in the summer. Maybe I'll sell papers."

Some on down, sir. We'll fix you up with a real good corner. But if you don't do that, have a wonderful time. We'll see you in the fall and find out how you made out. Wish we were taking a summer off ourselves.

present at the scene and his knowledge of events would come from the dispatches that reached Salem from the scene of the battle, as well as discussions he had with other officers and citizens when he was present during the war in the Lava Beds. We cannot discount Thompson of being entirely in error and can only place his narrative in the position of being a "common" version prevalent among the early settlers of the region.

To continue Thompson's narrative of following events, he writes: "While they (Jackson, Applegate and Hill) were talking, two travelers were seen riding along the road some hundreds of yards away. In vain the men on both sides the river attempted to warn them of danger. The Indians were seen to ride up to them and deliberately shoot them down. This of itself should have warned Jackson of the desperate character of the outlaw. But no, he was either too cowardly to act intelligently or too indifferent of the consequences to act as he was advised. In fact, there is a certain class of officers who deem it a disgrace to accept advice from a civilian. At any rate he crossed his wounded men over the river in canoes to the cabin held by the party of stockmen, and mounting his horse, went six miles up the river to the ford and put the river between himself and command and danger."

"As soon as the squaws and children reached the men, a party headed by 'Black Jim' mounted and started down the shores of the lake butchering the settlers. "Bancroft publishes a different story of the events after O'Connell meets Jackson at Linkville, he writes: "A heavy rain was falling, through which the troops moved on, guided by Ivan Applegate, until daybreak, when, arriving near Jack's camp, they formed in line, and advancing rapidly, halted upon the outskirts, calling to the Modocs to surrender. Applegate acting as interpreter. The Indians were evidently surprised and wavering, a part of them seeming willingly to obey, but Scarface and Black Jim, with some others, retained their arms, making hostile demonstrations during a parley lasting three quarters of an hour. Seeing that the leaders grew more instead of less defiant Jackson ordered Lieutenant Boutelle to take some men from the line and arrest them. As they advanced, Scarface fired at Boutelle, missing him. A volley from both sides followed. Almost at the first fire one cavalryman was killed and seven wounded. The balls from the troops mowed down fifteen Indians."

They'll Do It Every Time



GOP, Demos Claim New Social Law

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans and Democrats alike today vied in claiming credit for a sweeping social security liberalization plan which seems headed for overwhelming congressional approval.

The measure broadening social security coverage and boosting benefits swept through the House 355-8 last week and comes up soon for public hearings before the Senate Finance Committee.

An advance check of committee members today indicated Republicans and Democrats will try to outdo one another in eagerness to support it.

Both sides agree that passage of the measure is one of the most politically popular moves Congress can make in this election year. And Republicans say the chief advantage will fall to them, because President Eisenhower put the bill high on his 1954 legislative program and the GOP controls Congress.

Eisenhower renewed his plea for the measure in a televised speech on his legislative program last night, declaring that the "goal for every American" includes "a reasonable assurance . . . against insecurity in old age."

However, Sen. George of Georgia, senior Democrat on the Finance Committee, said in an interview social security "is a Democratic party program." He said Senate Democrats will back fully the 1954 liberalization of the system "just as we did in 1950 and other years."

HAL BOYLE

WASHINGTON (AP)—This country's troubles begin again with the United States has let the armistice commission go freely through the South Korean ports of entry to see that the U. N. forces don't add to their military strength during the truce.

But the Communists don't let the commission have the same freedom in their area. They have rebuilt their airfields but whether they have planes to put on their fields, in case the war begins again, is not publicly known.

The American armed forces have helped the rehabilitation of South Korea with supplies and supervision of the rebuilding. The rebuilding itself is done by the South Koreans.

The relationship between Rhee's army and U. S. military leaders is better than the latter had hoped for. Nevertheless, Rhee's officers would probably obey his orders to attack.

Because of its poor economy, South Korea could not sustain its army without U. S. help. The Americans have driven home to the Korean officers that their future depends on U. S. support.

Since 65 per cent of the South Korean officers have had no more than three years' experience, their 20 divisions lack the long-trained leadership necessary if they were in a big war on their own.

HAL BOYLE

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Lowry Air Force Base spokesman says President Eisenhower will vacation in Denver this summer, just as he has the last two years.

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But Rhee could start the war going again by pointing one big gun northward and pulling the lanyard.

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Hal Boyle

WIESBADEN, Germany (AP)—The man who organized the Berlin and Korean airlifts has a new supply problem now—finding schoolteachers.

"One of our big problems is getting schoolteachers over here," said the big, graying, 47-year-old officer, who is responsible for the air protection of 35 countries in Europe, Africa and Asia.

"We now have 11,000 dependent children in school in our area, and next semester we will have 15,000. That means we require 500 teachers for some 51 elementary and eight high schools in this command. They aren't easy to find."

Any adventurous girl back home with a teaching diploma and a yearning for foreign travel will find a sympathetic listener in the general right now.

His USAF command has grown from 15,000 men in the spring of 1950 to 80,000. It now represents a fifth of the entire American Air Force, and its basic mission is to guard the skies over an area of 17 million square miles, nearly six times the size of the United States.

On the combat readiness of his vast force, Gen. Turner confines himself to this crisp estimate: "We expect to be able to minimize a Soviet attack if it comes."

The lives and homes of millions, perhaps the whole pattern of the free world itself, hang largely on the accuracy of this estimate if zero hour ever comes. But Turner isn't a general whose career has been marked by idle complacency.

"I don't feel we underestimate the capability of any possible enemy," he observed dryly in a briefing delivered to 42 former war correspondents who are making a tour.

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housing units are badly needed. Turner is trying to solve this by encouraging private builders in each country to erect dwelling areas near new airfields. In return, he guarantees them 95 per cent rental occupancy for at least five years.

This attempt to save the American taxpayers construction costs has run into some snags, particularly in France. Because the airfields are usually out in the country, far from settled areas, private builders have been reluctant to invest their capital. As an emergency measure Turner is providing low-cost portable trailer camps.

He also hopes to send 10,000 U. S. airmen home this year through a "native son policy" of hiring foreign civilian skilled and semi-skilled workmen. It costs about \$4,500 a year to support an American airman abroad, compared to \$1,100 for a native.

Turner feels that reasonable expenditures in the fields of morale and welfare are an equally good investment.

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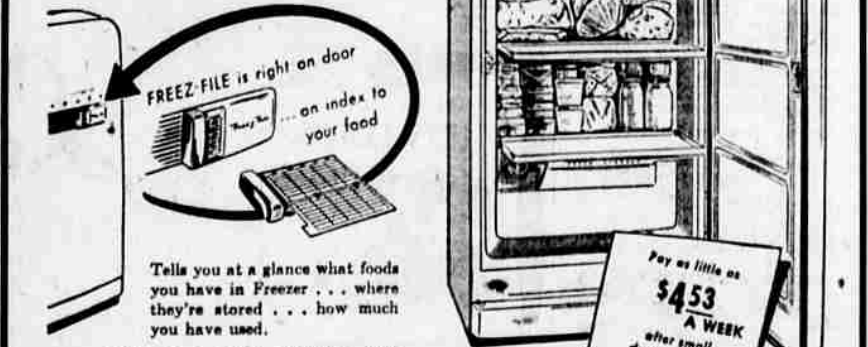
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