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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS
For the first time in several months we took a trip over the mountains to the east for a visit in our neighboring city of Lakeview.

The trip, as usual in these times, was one of high desert beauty with the sun shining down through the pines, the far hills etched in blue and the tang of Fall in the air.

Lakeview has grown. Everywhere you go there are new homes, new business establishments and what not at least three models, all of them top class, have been added since we made our last trip.

It looks like everything was going just about right.

Noticed on the way that the annual Christmas tree harvest was on in full swing, although where they are getting all the trees is beyond me. That area in there has been picked over for years and one would think that all the trees would have been cut by now.

Last Sunday saw the first of the many Xmas trees being packed back from our Westside area, sticking out of the back of a fellow's truck.

Can't remember the exact wording of it, but the sign on Lakeview's drive-in theater out by the hot springs reads something like this:

ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN McLEOD

Perhaps you may be tired of all this discussion of our water problem but at the present moment it is the one subject that fills every discussion in the field of conservation and we are going to have our papers full of the subject during the coming months. The construction agencies of the federal government are undoubtedly due for an increasing amount of criticism like that of Elmer T. Peterson, editor of the "Daily Oklahoman."

What does this all mean in terms as far as we are concerned?

It would appear that many people across the nation are beginning to take a critical look at the programs advanced by the Army Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation and are coming up with some rather embarrassing questions for those agencies. Questions that are bringing admissions bordering upon incompetence from the agencies.

If it did not involve tragic taxing with both resources and taxes, we might be amused by the latest left-handed admission of error to come from the Bureau of Reclamation. This time it is the connection with the \$60,000,000 Oahe dam and reservoir in South Dakota, on the Missouri river just above Pierre.

Oahe is already under construction and a good many millions of tax dollars have already been spent, and many more are committed.

Oahe was "sold" to the people of South Dakota and to Congress on two main lines of argument. One was that it would have some flood control benefits. The other was the one affecting the Bureau of Reclamation — was that water from the Oahe would be pumped over the hill to irrigate many thousands of acres of land, and the excess and "return flow" draining off into the James river, down which it would eventually return to the Missouri.

Now, in September of this year, when it likely is too late for adverse factors to prevent construction of the dam, the Bureau suddenly begins to worry about whether the lands to be irrigated are suitable to take irrigation water. The Bureau has decided to hire some consulting technicians to investigate the proposition.

Isn't that just dandy?

Can you picture any responsible board of directors or plant managers building a factory to produce a certain article and then, after the plant is a fourth or a third complete, making a study to decide whether there is a market for the product?

That is a pretty fair analogy, for in the case of the Oahe the sale of the product — water — to irrigate farmers is expected to repay to American taxpayers a substantial part of the cost of the dam and its operation.

Oahe, therefore, appears to be taking place along with many other Reclamation dreams that have brought admissions of error in the past due to the simple matter of failure to explore all phases when the engineering dream is turned to the political clamor at the pork barrel. Moorehead, Shadwell, Dinarsaur — Now Oahe! Is it strange that people are beginning to do a bit of wondering on their own? How many more to come?

Questions are being asked and doctored engineering claims to win public approval are being closely scrutinized by many people who begin to believe that many of the so-called "benefits" for the public are merely "benefits" for the agency. One of the interesting side-lights of this growing problem came up over the Hope-Aiken bill, "which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to cooperate with the states and local agencies in planning and carrying out works of improvement for soil conservation and for other purposes."

Gen. Sturgis, Chief Engineer of

Sam Dawson

NEW YORK (AP)—You can find plenty to be thankful for tomorrow. Whether you're a businessman or an employee, and no matter what your personal and individual problems may be, collectively this is a happier Thanksgiving than last.

Count up your blessings and see if some of the following couldn't be added when you gather at the feast:

The U.S. Senate is in recess. Peace, it is wonderful.

A milk-swilling French premier has been in our midst, bestowing priceless free advertising on the dairy industry—which has been having troubles with some of its products, both politically and consumer-wise.

Food prices—especially on the items particularly associated with the holiday—are lower this year. There is every indication that Americans will stuff themselves with more and higher quality food this year than ever before.

Prices in general aren't taking the toll of the pocketbook they once did. Price concessions are numerous, if unpublished.

The recession has hit much less drastically at most of the country than you expected last Thanksgiving.

In the areas where the recession was concentrated, causing unemployment and sagging retail sales, there's every sign today that it is turning in recession.

Idled workers are punching timeclocks again, weekly pay checks are fatter as work weeks lengthen, fewer persons are applying for unemployment insurance benefits, and so store sales are reviving.

There are signs that the fall pickup is a little better than just seasonal. Industrial production in November, while below a year ago, is showing slightly better than average gains over October and September.

Inventory, subject of drastic shrinkage attempts during the past year, are beginning to be built up again. As a result order books are filling up and that means jobs for some time to come.

"Peaceful coexistence" is job in the air this Thanksgiving—between the Americans and the Russians.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



TELLING THE EDITOR

QUESTION
Assuming that everyone in town knows that the KUHS band has been invited to participate at the East-West game in San Francisco on New Year's Day, and assuming that only a handful of people know that according to tentative plans the band members are expected to pay their own expenses, and considering the prestige to all of the Klamath Basin, of the participation, it is my contention that everyone should have a share in the plans for the three day trip.

Therefore, I have taken the liberty of talking to a few business men and 100 per cent they felt more than a little insulted that they were not going to be invited to help defray the expenses of this trip. Several of these men offered to pay the expense of any band member who would not be able to afford the trip. This may prove to be embarrassing.

Since the band members and their director have volunteered to prepare a concert and another civic organization has volunteered to sponsor such a concert, arrange for tickets etc., does it seem reasonable that one person, or half dozen (or even 100 per cent) should object to such a project on the grounds they "do not want a bunch of kids running up and down main street selling tickets or soliciting from business places?"

Since this is not a school sponsored affair shouldn't it become a community affair where each and every citizen could have a part?

Wouldn't it be less perplexing to all concerned to have a part in raising a fund, rather than for a few to have to take charity?

It has been suggested that each youngster should have spending money for extras over and above meals, but if this could come from

a central fund, chances are better some need not go with flat billfolds and others with fat billfolds.

When the band itself is willing to raise the necessary money so that each member will have an equal part, shouldn't they be permitted, yes, encouraged, to do so?

From main street to the suburbs, how do you people feel about this? The time is short so won't you express your opinions promptly?

Sincerely,
L. Kirkpatrick.

HISTORY

In regards to the antique back bar I saw in Herald issue of November 17, I wish to say I could be a longtime resident of Klamath Falls arriving in 1916 and departing in 1947.

I remember the antique display very well as my deceased husband, W. H. McPherrin, started the Sixth Street Exchange at 502 South Sixth on July 1, 1929, and through his death it ended in September 1944.

He purchased the entire fixtures of a pool hall in a neighboring town on July 15, 1929. The back bar was in his possession in that deal.

Should Paul Otterbein wish further information I would gladly have him contact me and he can delve into his history.

I have been a subscriber to the Herald for 38 years. Your city can really boast of its fine newspaper, one of the three best in the state, not including Portland.

Since leaving your city, I have been a resident of Vancouver a city of 46,000 people. It has a fine historical background. Please contact Mr. Otterbein.

Respectfully,
Clara McPherrin Standish,
Vancouver, Washington.

THE DOCTOR SAYS

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

What is surely an important subject for many parents is brought up in an interesting letter recently received. It says in part: "My daughter is almost 12 years old and has not started to develop yet. The other children in the school of her age have at least started and this upsets my daughter and she even cries about it. Is there anything that can be done about this situation, such as hormone shots?"

The little girl referred to, and perhaps her mother as well, is unduly concerned. The physical changes of adolescence in girls do not always appear at the same age, nor are they completed at the same rate of speed. If these changes start before the age of 13 it need not be considered abnormal; if there is delay until 14 or 15 or sometimes even later there is no cause for alarm. The age when the definite signs of adolescence in girls begins varies with different families, with racial background, with climate, and perhaps with other factors.

There are some aspects of this situation with which the mothers of girls should be familiar. The appearance of the physical changes of adolescence in girls can cause a good deal of anguish unless it is properly handled. Every girl approaching 12 should be properly instructed, preferably by her mother, and made to realize that about one and one-half million girls in the country are having the same experience at the same time.

The changes of adolescence should be accepted as steps towards maturity by the girls and by their parents.

It should be explained that the changes about to develop are the result of increased activity on the part of those hormones or internal glands which have to do with femininity. This increased glandular activity does not take place at once and it takes several years before their full function is completed in the fully grown and developed woman.

After adolescence begins, and usually for two or three years later, girls are normally somewhat nervous and less consistent in their behavior than they were before or will be later. They often cry easily, become uncooperative and may fly off the handle at members of their family without any reason. The youngsters themselves should

know, between the Republicans and the Democrats.

Whether it will stick, when the international and congressional chips are down, is another matter. Change, even if only in jargon, and one to be remembered when you give thanks tomorrow.

Army Tears Down Fort's Gallows

PT. HUACHUCA, Ariz. (AP)—A gallows which has been waiting 11 years—in vain—to claim its victim was ordered torn down by the Army yesterday.

In 1943, Oscar B. Dudley and two other soldiers here were convicted of murder and sentenced to hang.

The other two were executed, but Dudley escaped into Mexico.

Last September Dudley was picked up by the Memphis, Tenn., police. Fingerprints identified him as the condemned man.

A review board commuted his sentence to life imprisonment. Dudley is now confined to the Army disciplinary barracks at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Census Official Reports Growth

CHICAGO (AP)—The world's population, now somewhat in excess of 2 1/2 billion persons, might reach four billion by 1980, says John D. Durand, acting director of the Population Division of the United Nations.

However, Durand last night spoke of the difficulties of making world population estimates, and said the 1960 total might be as small as 3.3 billion persons. He said sudden changes in birth rate, improved medical care, wars, famines, and pestilence can bring drastic shifts in population trends.

Durand estimated the United States will have a population of about 200 million in 1980. He spoke at the University of Chicago.

QUICKIES

By Ken Reynolds



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WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States and Russia may be reaching that point in developing their hydrogen bombs where neither will want to get into a war which might mean the annihilation of both.

But a military stalemate between the West and Russia doesn't mean either will stand still. Neither can afford to. The undeveloped areas of the earth are huge. The people living in them can be numbered in the hundreds of millions.

Neither the West nor Russia can sit idle while the other tries to win over those millions of people with their vast land and resources.

No doubt the Communists — as they showed in Korea — will try to take over by invasion where they think the West will let them get away with it. Where the Communists can't use direct military means, other weapons are handy.

They can use internal subversion and propaganda — based on promises, appeals to nationalism, and the wretched lives and living conditions of the people in the backward areas — to win with misguise and words what they can't take by arms.

As an example: Suppose you were a Southeast Asian living in poverty, just as your fathers before you, and poverty was all you could see in store for your children.

Medical care for you was practically nonexistent. Your life expectancy, and the life expectancy of your children, was far less than that of an American or West European.

You had no education. There was small chance of it for your children. Freedom? Western men prized it but they had held you as a colonial until recently. Democracy? You had heard of it. But it had never been part of your heritage.

Then suppose the Communists — men of your own country — promised you and your children a better life, medical care, education, jobs with good pay, old age security. And the cost to you? Just supporting the Communists.

That you were surrendering to a dictatorship which might leave you in the end more wretched economically than before perhaps would not mean much to you if you never had a fair chance to understand and enjoy freedom and practice democracy.

What might seem the only important thing to you was the promise of a better life. To a wretched man a promise of less wretchedness would be better than no promise.

The Communists have a fertile field to plow in the poverty, ignorance and insecurity of the backward peoples.

The Communists, dedicated to taking over the world, can't stand still. And the West can't stand still while they try to take over, country by country, until half the world is gone.

How then can the West offset the promises of the Communists and win over the people of the backward areas, giving them a sense of direction, a new hope, a promise of a better life and more than that, make the promise a reality?

The Eisenhower administration is apparently working to keep the backward areas from the Communists with a program to make the people there stay with the West.

Administration officials yesterday were reported considering a big new foreign economic program which may lead to the investment of billions of dollars in underdeveloped countries, notably in non-Communist Asia.

Two days ago Foreign Aid Director Harold E. Stassen told a news conference the United States has started talks with European countries about their participation in an enlarged Asia development program.

HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—The elderly man and his wife entered the restaurant, sat down at a table for two, and ordered the Thanksgiving Day special dinner, price \$4 including choice of dessert.

"Not very many people here," said his wife.

"Ummmm," replied her husband, knowing in advance the way the conversation might turn. He looked at her worriedly as she ate her appetizer in silence.

"It feels strange eating a Thanksgiving dinner in a restaurant," she said.

"Yes, we've never done that before."

"Oh, yes we did—the first year we were married. Don't you remember? I can remember everything about it. We ate at that little place around the corner from our apartment. The dinner was \$1.25 each, the turkey was underdone, and you spilled some gravy on your new suit and got very angry."

He marveled again, as he had so many times during their marriage, at the terrible retentiveness of her memory — the thousands of little details about their life together she held imprinted indelibly in her mind, and would never let go.

The waiter brought the plates of turkey, then the husband watched as his wife, lost in reverie, toyed at it with her fork.

"Try the turkey, dear, it's really pretty good," he said, and then as he saw the look on her face, he added hastily, "—that is, considering it was cooked in a restaurant."

But she only pecked at it absently.

"I should think, after all these years of cooking Thanksgiving dinners, you'd be glad of a chance to escape all that bother," he upbraided her gently. "Anyway, we can't expect the children to come home every year. They've got their own family responsibilities."

"It's just that I feel lost without them," she said. "But of course it wouldn't have made sense for us to travel such a long distance just to spend a weekend with either Jim or Sis."

Then both fell silent, unwilling to admit even to each other the injury they felt that neither of their children, Jim or Sis, had written to ask them to come.

The waiter came to take the plates away and asked, "Is there anything wrong with the turkey?"

"Oh, no," she said. "It's very good. It's just that I'm not very hungry."

The husband called the waiter aside and whispered an order to him.

"Do you know which Thanksgiving I cooked for the most people?" said the wife. "Well, it was in 1928. We had a 23-pound turkey and there were 18 people all told. My, what a time that was. The Browns brought their little boy along, and three days later he came down with the measles, and I was frightened to death that Sue and Jim had caught them, too."

Warmed by the heartiness of reminiscing, she ate every bit of her dessert—pumpkin pie and vanilla ice cream. Then she looked up

news conference the United States has started talks with European countries about their participation in an enlarged Asia development program.

The administration project seems to be in its infancy. Before it becomes a reality there will be long debate. In the end the economic-social struggle for the world's backward places may prove more final and fatal than a shooting war.

started as the smiling waiter arrived with a bottle of chilled champagne and expertly popped out the cork.

"Surprise!" said her husband. "I've never had champagne before for Thanksgiving," she said, pleased, picking up the cork.

"Well, the only way to stay young is to do new things," he said.

They lifted their bubbling glasses and tinkled them lightly together.

"To you, mother!"

"You, dad!"

But as he looked at his wife's grey eyes—eyes that now matched her hair—he saw them flood suddenly and overflow, and quick tears run down her cheeks. To keep from crying himself, he tried to count her tears. But they ceased as suddenly as they had started. She wiped her eyes, and they finished the champagne in silence.

"Now let's go home," she said, and she gave him a smile of timeless love and reached over and patted his hand.

"I think I'll keep the champagne cork for a souvenir. No, I won't either. I'll mail it to one of the children so that they'll know, even though we missed not being with them, we had a fine Thanksgiving."

"That's right," said her husband. "You're probably worrying about us right this minute, and we wouldn't want them to think we were lonely."

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