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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS
The Upper Lake is beginning to look like the start of a skater's dreams these days.
A long flank of ice running along the shore and nearly out to the middle in the south end. A few more nights of this and the borders will be out swooping and gliding across the ice.
It isn't every year that we get a freeze during comparatively windless nights that leads to this smooth and glass like surface.
We predict that it won't be long until the fires will be going along the shore, the cars will be banked up along the side of the road and the crowd will be out there cutting figure eights.

While all this is going on we shall be found hugging the fire, feeding it occasional bits of fuel, giving advice to novices on how to keep the feet warm while sitting in the snow and performing other small tasks about the general scene of merriment.
Despite the fact that my parents purchased me a fine pair of skates during my formative years and urged me to learn, I have never turned into anything like a skater. My ankles are the weak variety that resemble nothing so much as a stalk of wilted celery.
But, then, after all, it's nice and warm there around the fire. And you aren't stiff in the morning.
Besides, I'm reaching the age where I can stay with the old folks and get along just fine.

HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—I approach the Christmas season reluctantly.
It opens many wounds in my lifetime. Christmas gives scars as well as a pleasure.
I was one of five children and cannot remember that as a child at Christmastime I ever gave a present to make my mother happy. Big scar to me. None to mother.
When I was young, there was no real poverty. The tree was strung with cranberries and popcorn, the gift of love was an orange—how strange an orange was there—and a few nuts from Brazil to make the day strange and merry.
There was also a gift for us all, something like a sled we could all use and light over.
But it was all for us. At my age I still can't recall when the idea first came to us that we should also give a present to our father and mother—that this was also part of Christmas.
We were used to taking things... and there were many of us... and our parents were so used to giving and expecting nothing, so that we rather grew up and never knew quite what we owed—and perhaps our debt grew beyond our realization.
One of the torments of a grown-

up is that he realizes his obligations too late... What gift can I give my father, 17 years dead, except a mellowing remembrance?
He infected my heart beyond repair—he and his love of everybody—and so, if I lived by his strength, nobody would ever be friendless utterly.
As I said before, I approach the Christmas season reluctantly.
It isn't that I don't enjoy glad times, because I do. But where my father sowed the seeds of clarity in his time with complete good will, I feel that now in trying to do the same thing I am but his echo, and never himself indeed.
Some of the other four boys in the family say I dream my father too high, now that he is gone, but my sister, Dolores, who has two children of her own, says:
"There'll never be another man like Dad."
Nor will there ever be.
He still is the king of our Christmas tree. Bitterly the family regrets he isn't there to ignite the holiday—just by the warm light of his presence.
Certainly a lot of other people miss a lot of other people—just thinking of Christmas.

SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—A home-stretch spurt can make December the best month of this year in industry and trade.
Merchants have high hopes Christmas retail trade will top last year's. And industrial output, in spite of a slowdown for the holiday, may hit its best pace of the year.
Although it started out lamely, 1954 can still make a good showing.
First reports from the stores tell of good Christmas traffic. The magazine Sales Management predicts December retail sales will total \$16,900,000,000, 3 per cent above the year-ago dollar volume.
Merchants are wooing customers with advertising and price promotions. Finding prices either stable or a trifle lower, customers are believed to be in the mood this year to buy. Last year many were waiting for big price breaks, which never came.
Forecasts of an industrial activity spurt this month are based largely on the early start auto makers got with new models. The industry plans to turn out more cars this December than in any other month this year.
A further rise in steel production and in a number of other industries is also looked for. As a result, the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York notes, "for the first time since early 1953 general business appears to be rising at a more-than-seasonal rate." It sees "a strong possibility of a further gain in December."
Purchasing agents report that in many industries new orders are now coming in faster than production is rising.
The steel operating rate has risen above 80 per cent of capa-

city. The American Iron & Steel Institute reports, and output is higher than at any time since early December 1953.
The U. S. Bureau of Mines forecasts an increase this month in the amount of crude oil that will be consumed here or exported. The bureau thinks the total will average out at 6 1/2 million barrels a day.
The Federal Reserve Board looks for the December spurt to lift the year's total dollar volume of goods and services to 356 billion dollars. This would be only 2 1/2 per cent under 1953's gross national product, a record 365 billion.
The expanding business activity is expected to keep employment high in December and make work weeks a little longer, and pay checks fatter.

They'll Do It Every Time

CHEDDAR LOOKED FORWARD TO THE FIGHT—AND PREPARED ACCORDINGLY...



By Jimmy Hatlo

WHAAP! BEFORE HE CAN TAKE THE FIRST BITE—THAT'S ALL, BROTHER!



JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower has retained such immense personal popularity through the first two years of his term he probably will hold this public esteem to the end.
For a man two years in the White House, he has been almost amazingly free of personal attacks or abuse, for one thing politicians who might like to take a crack at him may have felt it too risky to tackle a national hero.
But Eisenhower himself, although a novice in politics, has followed the one course best calculated to bring him a minimum of abuse: by making no personal attacks.
Perhaps the best example of this is his handling of Sen. McCarthy—he has treated Sen. Knowland of California very carefully too—who has repeatedly stepped on the toes of the administration.
Yet, before his term is up Eisenhower may think it necessary to take a far tougher position on matters affecting his administration. More than his own personal popularity is at stake these next two years.
In 1956 the voters will decide not only whether the Republicans should stay in office but perhaps even the future of the Republican party itself.
The Republicans as a whole cannot claim equal popularity with Eisenhower. There are two examples of that: He ran far in front of the party in 1952; and the Republicans lost control of Congress to the Democrats in last month's elections while Eisenhower's popularity rating was still regarded as high.
The Republicans will not present an enticing spectacle to the voters if between now and 1956 they show themselves split on domestic and foreign affairs, with some of them in steady opposition to Eisenhower or at least to his administration.
That Eisenhower can expect trouble from McCarthy seems a foregone conclusion. Even if he is censured this week, the Wisconsin Republican says, he will continue his search for Communists. His most likely searching ground is the administration, as it was these past two years.
McCarthy has a following, inside and outside Congress and in the Republican party. It may not be a majority following but it could create bad spirits which might ruin the party's chances in 1956.
Knowland, the Republicans' Senate leader and therefore a source from which Eisenhower might ordinarily expect a minimum of difficulty, has often differed with Eisenhower on foreign policy. He shows no signs of changing.
Knowland too will have some support among Republicans, often perhaps from McCarthy's followers.
In the end, if the Republicans spend their time and energy in splits and wrangles, Eisenhower may have to depend on the Democrats—who are slated to be in a majority when the new Congress opens in 1955—at least to push through his foreign policy plans.
Last year McCarthy called on Eisenhower to cut off aid to allies who traded with the Communists. Today in an interview he came back to the same theme again.
He suggested the Chinese Com-

munist would be forced to give up the 13 Americans imprisoned as spies if the Allies would stop trading with them. This country, he said, should force the Allies to stop trading by shutting off American aid to them if they didn't.
Knowland wants Eisenhower to blockade the China coast to force release of the prisoners. McCarthy lined up with Knowland by saying he'd back the blockade idea if his own idea of stop-trade-stop-aid didn't work.
Even though Secretary of State Dulles publicly repudiated Knowland's blockade proposal as a warlike act, and Eisenhower backed up Dulles yesterday, Knowland came right back by insisting on blockade. He has taken a stand contrary to the administration's again and again.

Japanese Hunt Missing Ship

TOKYO (AP)—The Japan coast guard today ordered a search for a small sailboat carrying an American doctor, his wife and two young children, which left Oct. 28 on a world cruise and had not been heard from since.
The coast guard said the two-masted, 35-foot Phoenix had not arrived at its last Japanese scheduled port of call. The ship also carried a Japanese crew of three.
The owner, Dr. Earl Reynolds, 44, an anti-proliferator from the University of Iowa, worked for the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima for three years before leaving on the cruise.
With him was his wife Barbara, son Ted and daughter Jessica, Kyodo news agency reported.

British Probe Navy Sabotage

LONDON (AP)—Security police questioned the 60 crew members of the 1,120-ton Royal Navy submarine Artemis today in an attempt to discover who tried to sabotage the craft's engines while en route to exercises in Scottish waters last Wednesday.
The admiralty, announcing the investigation, said no charges had been made against anyone. It gave no indication of how the sabotage try was made.
The Daily Express reported a hand grenade had been placed in the sub's engine room. But a navy spokesman said: "As far as the admiralty is aware, no explosives have been found in the engine room."

People Do Read SPOT ADS —you are!

Police, Army Stage Battle

SAIGON, Viet Nam (AP)—Vietnamese police and a company of national army troops fought an hour pitched battle in the heart of Saigon's crowded Chinese section early today. Four policemen and two soldiers were killed before the troops surrendered to fire from police bazookas and machine guns.
The fray reportedly started when soldiers refused to pay for items they took from sidewalk vendors. It apparently had no direct connection with the long feud between Premier Ngo Dinh Diem and Gen. Nguyen Van Hinh, who was fired from his post as army chief of staff this week.
Gen. Lai Van Cang, national police chief, said that during the shooting, some soldiers displayed banners reading "Long live Ho Chi Minh," the Moscow-trained leader of the North, and "Down with the puppet government."
Sang said police attempted to stop the soldiers from taking goods without paying. The troops retreated behind the walls of the military compound next to a refugee camp, which they were assigned to protect.
A full-scale battle developed as police mobile units blasted holes in the compound walls with bazookas and sprayed the area with machine-gun fire.
After several hours the soldiers raised a white flag over their barracks and marched out, leaving their arms behind them. They were turned over to army leaders for disciplining.
Saigon police are controlled by the Binh Xuyen, one of the many religious-military factions in Indochina. The Binh Xuyen is currently at odds with Premier, but Sang said he was carrying out his job without political bias.

LEAVES POST
WASHINGTON (AP)—James Bassett has left his post as publicity director of the Republican National Committee to return to the Los Angeles Mirror as city editor.

Boy Scouts To Sell Xmas Trees

WEED (AP)—Four hundred Christmas trees will go on sale Saturday, December 1 by the Weed Boy Scout Troops. The annual sale will commence at 8 a.m. on the lawn of the Long-Bell Lumber Company office in Weed, and will continue until all trees are sold. Bundles of greens will also be available for purchase.
The trees, including silver tips and red firs, have been made available this year to the local scout troops through the courtesy of the Long-Bell Lumber Company. The entire proceeds will go to the local scout organization fund.
The trees will sell for 35 cents per foot.

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Home Extension

HOME EXTENSION CALENDAR
December 1, Buena Vista — Touch-Ups in Wood Furniture by agent.
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December 2, Chiloquin — Embossing Thin Metals by project leaders.
December 3, Conger-Fairview — Touch-Ups in Wood Furniture by agent.

Police Block Suicide Try

ST. LOUIS, (AP)—Police and firemen, using an iron battering ram, smashed into a 10th-floor hotel room yesterday and rescued a woman who had threatened to jump from the window.
She was talking to a priest on the telephone when the door was battered down. Police had requested the priest, who declined use of his name, to help.
The woman registered at the Claridge Hotel in downtown St. Louis Monday as Mrs. Ruby Hall, about 38, of New York City. She gave police the name of Mrs. James Marcus of Milwaukee.
Firemen held a net on the street below as several hundred spectators watched the activity which consumed an hour and 40 minutes. The woman perched on a window ledge for a time.
She was taken to City Hospital.



SITS FOR PORTRAIT — Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, who celebrated his 80th birthday, poses especially for a birthday portrait at 10 Downing Street. The British leader sits in his cabinet room chair. Churchill was 80 Tuesday, November 30.

QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds



WEED HOLIDAY Dance Planned
WEED — Christmas night in Weed is scheduled for a holiday dance. The affair will be staged at the Weed Hippodrome and is to be sponsored by the American Legion Post No. 71 and the American Legion Auxiliary.
Proceeds from the benefit dance are earmarked for the extensive program of the Rehabilitation Child Welfare and Community Service committees of the two local organizations.
Tickets are on sale.

KILLED
LANDSTUHL, Germany (AP)—The U. S. Air Force reported Wednesday that Capt. Waid E. Hecock, 39, of Kellogg, Idaho, was killed when his F86 Sabrejet fighter plane crashed near Rome last Monday.

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