



**HOBO JUNGLE, a no-man's land along any railroad tracks, is the haven for people from anywhere with nowhere to go. This 76-year-old man is an example of those "on the bum." He was once a shepherd in Montana, but now rides the rails from place to place. His days are spent sleeping and occasionally eating, and oftentimes, just sitting.**

### Klamath Hobo Jungle Shows Vagabonds Still Ride Rails

By JOE RIGERT

The old man was sitting on the ground, leaning against a tree. He wasn't looking at anything in particular—just staring into space.

Nearby was a woman of about 50. She was sleeping on an old blanket, probably because she had nothing better to do.

The scene was under a shady grove of trees near the railroad tracks. They call it hobo jungle, a no-man's land of wanderers. They come from nowhere in particular. Their destinations are the same.

Some are old men, some are young men, and some are even women. They all have a story to tell.

"I don't like it," said the old man. "This bummin' is no good." He was wearing a pair of soiled overalls with no shirt. It looked as if he had scraped a blade of some sort over his chin a few days ago. He said he was 76 years old.

"I used to be a shepherd in Montana," he droned. "I even had my own sheep for awhile. Then we had a couple of bad winters . . . I only started this life a year ago . . . Yes, I've traveled some . . . been to California, Oregon, Washington, Montana . . . There isn't much I can do anymore . . . I can't work hard like the young fellows . . . arthritis bothers me now . . . I can hardly get on and off the cars . . ."

A younger man staggered up carrying a paper bag. The contents clinked noisily as he walked. He said he was from his brother, whom he hadn't seen since 1943.

"We always get drunk when we see each other," he slurred.

"There's a lot of those kind," said the old man after the unsteady one had left. "Me, I don't drink of gamble. I live long like the young fellows . . . But now I'm an old man . . . won't live much longer . . . can't get social security because I don't have a birth certificate . . . guess I'll go back to Montana if I can get some money . . ."

Then the old man lapsed into silence.

The woman awoke from her superfluous slumber. She was dressed in levis and a T-shirt. A pair of cowboy boots completed her wardrobe. Her dark hair looked slightly uncombed.

"I like it while I'm on the rails," she said. "but it's the jungles I hate . . . nothing but mosquitoes, ants, flies . . . would you believe that I washed this shirt yesterday? . . . Well, I did . . . My husband travels with me . . . we've both been married three times, so we get along fine together."

She sat up on the edge of the makeshift bed and continued with her story, as if glad to find someone willing to listen.

"My husband found a job here . . . We want to get enough money

### BASIN BRIEFS

**Merrill** — The Merrill Presbyterian Mariners have cancelled their meeting scheduled for Monday night. Next regular meeting will be held September 12.

**St. Laki Cruisers** — Potluck picnic of the St. Laki Community Church Cruisers Club will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, August 8, at Malin Park. The Rev. William Ainley, the church's pastor, has invited all married couples in the community to attend. He said baby sitters will be provided for parents who wish to take part in planned recreation and swimming after supper.

**Army Pvt.** — Donald P. Craig, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Price M. Craig, Alturas, California, is a member of the 2nd Armored Division in Germany. That division during World War II earned the reputation of "Hell on Wheels." A 1953 graduate of Modoc Union High School, he entered the Army in December 1954.

**Correction** — 1st Lt. Ronnie Troitman USAF dental officer was erroneously listed as Pvt. Troitman in Thursday's Herald and News. Lt. Troitman is flying to Ladd AFB at Fairbanks, Alaska to serve on the dental staff of the air base.

**Travelers Home** — Lewis Jones, Chief of Police in Chiliquin, met his wife and their four children in The Dalles when they arrived from a month's visit with relatives in Nebraska and the entire family drove to Yakima, Washington for a two day visit with other relatives before returning home.

**Sell House** — Mr. and Mrs. Ed Doty, Bend, have recently sold their house in Chiliquin to Mr. and Mrs. Mose Martinez. The place is just two doors from the home of Mrs. Martinez' sister and family, the Albert Avilas, and across the highway from Mrs. Martinez' mother, Mrs. Rena Gibbons.

**Wood** — representatives at the city and county civil defense council meeting here last week included George Oeschger, Weed Long-Bell fire chief; Weed Volunteer Firemen including Chief Roland Riley, and Commissioner James Mallory, Mayor Fred Lloyd, Councilman Marjorie Young and Grace Pickhorn of Dunsmuir, and Jim Moore and Mrs. Nell Schilling of Mt. Shasta also attended. Harry Reents, assistant to the general manager of Long-Bell, Weed division, was one of the speakers.

**Malin** — The Westminster Fellowship of the Malin Community Presbyterian Church is holding a wiener roast and picnic at the church barbecue today, Sunday, from six grade age up. Picnic starts at 5 p.m.

**Lakeview** — Building is under way for a new punice block structure to house the Collins Brothers Motors, Dodge-Plymouth dealers in Lakeview. The firm suffered a fire in July. Dan Collins, manager, announces the new building will be 60 x 80 feet and will include a truck type roof.

**Go Home** — Mr. and Mrs. George Wood have returned to Aurora after a week's visit at the home of their son, Nelson Wood, and his family at Dairy.

**Mrs. Olive Fraley** — and son, Jerry are home at Dairy after two weeks at Fort Dix, California.

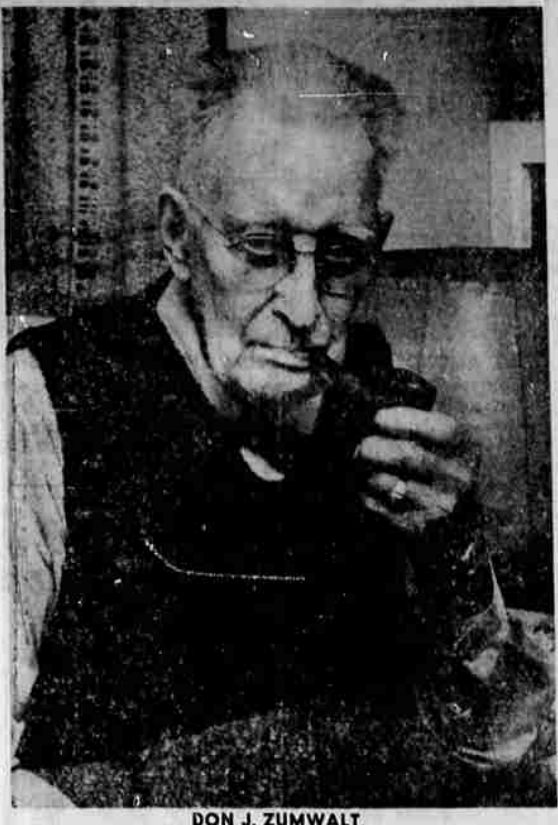
**E. E. Bishey** — of Dairy is remodeling his home and putting on a new roof.

**Beth Robley** — of San Francisco recently spent two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Roy McNeill of Merrill. A Merrill High graduate, she is now medical secretary to an eye specialist in the Bay City.

**Harold Garvey** — has returned to Cottonwood, California, after completing extensive improvement to the Fort Klamath summer residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. McAuliffe. Last year he built the McAuliffe winter home at Bald Hills near Cottonwood.

**Fort Klamath** — Sgt. Donald E. Trainer, U. S. Army Air Force, official Ground Observer Corp representative in the field sector, was in Fort Klamath on two trips last week. He was with the group of Italian air cadets also when they went to Crater Lake.

**Lou Ellen Newlin** — daughter of



DON J. ZUMWALT

### Early Development Of Basin Recalled By Civil Engineer

By RUTH KING

The son of a California stockman, brought up on a cattle ranch, who turned his back on ranching to become a civil engineer, has left the imprint of his life's work on practically every nook and cranny of the Klamath County.

Don J. Zumwalt, born July 3, 1871 in Eldorado County, is the son of John H. Zumwalt, who rode across the plains with an ox team in 1834 and Clementine Graham a California belle. They put down their roots in the Sacramento Valley while they considered the choice of making a fortune in the rich gold country nearby or of staying with the business of raising crops and cattle. The farm won.

Young Zumwalt entered Stanford University and graduated with the "pioneering" class first to be graduated, in 1895. Among his classmates were Ex-President Herbert Hoover, actor Holbrook Blinn, authors Charles Field and Carlos Ager and many others whose names have since been seen in the newspapers of America for outstanding accomplishments.

From his parents he inherited a pioneering urge and after trying his engineering wings with the Santa Fe Railroad, the open country of Oregon beckoned and he arrived in Klamath Falls on St. Patrick's Day in 1904. He joined W. K. Brown, Charles Hawkins and Ben Gould of the Klamath Canal Company who had visions of watering the virgin acres down the valley with a stream from Upper Klamath Lake.

The fledgling project was soon sold to the federal government and the young engineer went into private practice. He served as city engineer for more than 25 years, made the first map of the city of Klamath Falls, put in the first paving in the embryo town and laid out the first sewer system. During these years he maintained a private office with the Klamath County Title and Abstract Company which he owned with the late Allen Sloan and Joe Pierce.

He laid out the townsite of "White Lake City," between Merrill and Malin on the California-Oregon state line for E. B. Hall of this city, an undertaking that was never developed.

The levels of many of the irrigation ditches on the Klamath project and of many of the logging roads that snake through the forests were

### Siskiyou Road Tax Approved

YREKA — The Siskiyou County board of supervisors Tuesday voted to levy a 20-cent road tax for this year.

The tax will raise an estimated \$7,600 for the road department, and will be added to the general tax rate. It will be levied against each \$100 in assessed valuation. The general tax rate will be set later this month.

Commissioner Oret Lewis told the board that unless he got more money, his department would be \$84,000 in the red this year.

Lewis said that the only alternative would be to delay purchase of needed equipment and to lay off members of the crews. This, he said, would hamper work on several projects this year.

Supervisor W. A. Barr (Mount Shasta) made the motion to levy the tax, and Supervisor Clint Jackson (Edgewood) cast the lone vote against the measure.

County Auditor Ernest Johnson said that the tax would raise the general tax rate up to about \$2.42 this year. He said this compares with last year's rate of \$2.12 and the 1953-54 rate of \$2.49.

The surplus over the immediate needs of the road department is tentatively slated for a road equipment fund. It will be placed in the road department's unappropriated reserve fund.

Siskiyou County, up until now, was one of the few California counties not having a road tax. Most counties use the "in lieu" tax money collected by the state in the form of motor vehicle fees and returned to the counties for road funds, but Siskiyou County does not do so.

Last year, this "in lieu" money totaled \$13,000 in the county.

### Youth Chased By KF Police

A 65-mile-an-hour chase by city police's paddy wagon through Klamath Falls streets Friday night ended in the arrest of an 18-year-old Chiliquin youth who had to be captured by physical force.

Patrolmen Frank Weaver and John Kennard arrested Wendell Eggman, driver of the car, after a pursuit which began at Eleventh and Pine streets.

With the siren blowing away, the pursued car ran several stop signs along the route out Eleventh to Oregon Avenue, and then out Nevada Avenue.

Just after the speeding car crossed Fremont Bridge near Moore Park it failed to negotiate a turn and came to a halt after spinning around on the highway.

When patrolman Kennard approached the car, Eggman attempted to strike him, but was subdued by the two arresting policemen and locked in the paddy wagon.

Two 17-year-old youths, one from Chiliquin and one from Klamath Falls who were passengers in the Eggman car, were also arrested and were turned over to juvenile authorities.

Eggman was booked at the city jail on charges of reckless driving and no operator's license. He will appear in municipal court on the charges. Bail was set at \$105.

Arresting patrolmen said beer was found in the vehicle.

### CITY BRIEFS

**Picnic** — The Klamath Falls Yacht Club picnic will start serving at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. No reservations are needed for this outing at Rocky Point. Members are asked to bring their own eating utensils.

**Artifactors** — The Artifactors Club will meet at 11 a.m. Sunday August 14 at the county library. Any one interested in artifacts—Indian relics and lore—are asked to telephone 4944.

**Anyone** — interested in subbing in the Ladybug League contact Joyce Ross, phone 2-1548.

**Picnic** — The annual picnic for post office employees will be held Sunday, August 14 at Collier Park. Carriers will furnish the coffee, ice cream and pop. Potluck dishes are to be taken by those attending. All members of the post office staff and their families are invited.

**Improving** — Paul Pfefferle, employe of Weyerhaeuser, who submitted to an emergency appendectomy August 1 at Klamath Klamath Valley Hospital is improving in the hospital. He is expected to return home next week.

### Rebekah Lodge Meeting Held

MERRILL — Rebekah lodge procedures in Alaska were explained by Thelma Mattson, of Church Rebekah Lodge No. 10A, Anchorage, at the regular meeting of the Merrill Rebekahs on August 1. The Alaskan chapter is under the jurisdiction of Washington.

It was announced that the district convention will be held at Paisley on September 10. The Merrill Lodge is to send the 1955-56 officers and will also enter the contest on the Bee Hive.

Edna Bradley, president of Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, will pay her official visit at the district convention.

Noble Grand Vivian Cunningham presided at the August 1 meeting. Next meeting will be held August 15.

### Merrill Legion, VFW Hold Picnic

MERRILL — The Malin park was the scene of a picnic and swimming party for the boys and girls who sold Buddy Poppies for the American Legion Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Merrill.

The party was held Tuesday, August 2, and attended by Charles and Pat Henderson, Kenneth Dolmarter, Jim Bob Merliez, Dickie Marks, Shirley and Frank Swisher, Diane West, Nancy and Paula Harris, Kathy and Christine Cole, Mary Lou and Joanne Turner and chaperones, Mary Turner, Pearl Harris and Mary Lou Swisher.

### Shiloatha Unit Camp Night Held

CHILQUIN — The Shiloatha Nanka Camp Fire Group with its guardian, Mrs. Dwight Kircher and one of her assistants, Mrs. Glen Kircher, took an overnight camping trip Tuesday and Wednesday at the head of Fort Creek.

Each girl attending earned at least 10 honors in outdoors craft by trying many different types of outdoor cookery including kabobs, bread on a stick, baked fish. Visitors Tuesday evening were assistant guardian, Mrs. Victor Sisson Sr. and Mrs. Francis Wilder.

Ten girls made the trip. Three others were unable to attend. The majority of the girls are working on their third rank in Camp Fire, that of fire maker, the others are working on wood gatherer.

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