

By FRANK JENKINS
The porcupine, long a favored character in America, is in trouble. In the generations when we had more trees than we knew what to do with, we were tolerant of his eating habits...

To make matters worse, he has developed a new appetite. The Bend Bulletin tells about it. It says: "Porcupines, whose nightly diet is the tender tip buds of growing pines, has discovered a new delicacy—highway signs made of laminated wood..."

Practically all the new wooden roadside signs on the McKean highway between Cold Spring and Windy Point have been destroyed—in fact, they have been devoured."

Over all these decades, Porky has led an easy life. Because of his spiny coat, he has needed to fear no animal enemy. Any such that tangled with him came out of the encounter wishing fervently that he had left Porky strictly alone.

Because of this fact, the porcupine since the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary has swaggered down the forest lanes unafraid of any four-legged foe.

He was singularly fortunate in his relations with man, whom all other animals must dread and fear. Man developed a curious theory with regard to Porky. The theory was this: Because of his lack of fear, the porcupine can be approached closely. Therefore, a man could KILL HIM WITH A CLUB. So if a man were lost in the woods and was starving, the theory ran, he could knock over a porcupine with the end of a sturdy limb and so nourish himself.

Stories of men saving themselves from starvation by killing and skinning and cooking and eating a porcupine are rare, but the superstition persisted and Porky went his way un molested.

Well, all good things come to an end. As so often happens when, for one reason or another, men or animals HAVE TOO MUCH POWER IN THEIR HANDS, Porky developed bad habits.

He is beginning to pay the inevitable price. Demonstration Flares In Saar

SAARBRUECKEN, Saar (AP)—Nine pro-German demonstrators and seven policemen were wounded in street fighting when a mob of several thousand tried to storm Saar Premier Johannes Hoffmann's "Europeanization" rally Wednesday night. It was announced officially Thursday.

Police fired tear gas bombs at their clubs failed to halt the threatening crowd around a meeting hall in Neuenkirchen, Saar steel town. Demonstrators hurled stones and tried to pry open the entrance with flag sticks.

Hoffmann, who is campaigning for the European statute in the Saar plebiscite Oct. 23, was besieged in the hall for an hour, minutes after he had addressed 1,200 supporters. Then police cleared a path with their clubs and he slipped out by a side door.

The five-page commission, in charge of the plebiscite, summoned representatives of all Saar parties to a conference Friday on the tense situation.

When Hoffmann launched his campaign last Saturday night, 10,000 pro-German demonstrators jeered him in Saarbruecken.

The Saar statute drafted 10 months ago by France and West Germany would put the rich coal basin with 960,000 population under a European commission and continue its postwar economic union with France until a German peace treaty.

Three pro-German parties, formerly banned by the French occupation, demand new negotiations between Paris and Bonn on the Saar's future.

Union Leader Denies Report
C. D. Long, secretary of the Klamath Falls Building Trades Council, Thursday denied reports circulated in other sections of the state that there is a shortage of carpenters and other skilled craftsmen at the jet interceptor base project.

Long explained that his office has been flooded with calls from carpenters who heard radio reports that workers were needed in Klamath Falls.

It is true, Long continued, "that we need 10 carpenters to go on the air base job Wednesday. We expect to fill that order without any trouble."



Butte Valley Bank To Merge With Chain

First Western Bank and Trust Company has just completed arrangements to acquire the Butte Valley State Bank of Dorris, in Siskiyou County, California. It was revealed today. The announcement was made by T. P. Coats, chairman of the board of First Western and William G. Hagelstein, president of Butte Valley State Bank.

The new addition to First Western's statewide independent banking system will be operated as the Butte Valley office of First Western, and it will be staffed and managed by the personnel now employed by the bank.

Coats said Hagelstein would become a vice president of First Western, which now has 60 offices in the state of California and over \$500 million in assets. He will continue to reside in the Klamath Basin and devote himself to First Western's affairs throughout this area.

Manager of the office in Dorris will be Fred Fisher, who has been with the Butte Valley State Bank since 1947 and assistant manager since 1949. He will continue to be in charge of the bank's operations in Dorris. Both Fisher and Hansen will become vice presidents of the Butte Valley office.

Other members of the management staff will be William S. Hagelstein and Irene Milligan, who are to be named assistant cashiers. All other employees of the Butte Valley State Bank are to be retained in their present capacities.

Coats stated: "We welcome the Butte Valley banking organization into First Western's statewide system. We have the needs of the Klamath Basin in mind and to shape policies accordingly, we are naming Butte Valley's directors to our new advisory board of directors for First Western's Butte Valley office. William G. Hagelstein will be chairman of this new advisory board. Vice chairman will be Enock Israelson.

County Courts Approve Plan For Lake Of The Woods Road

A meeting was held Wednesday afternoon at the Klamath County Court chambers between members of the court and representatives of Klamath County Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting was called after word was received that the Jackson County Court had approved plans for construction of a road from Lake of the Woods to McAllister Springs as a federal county secondary highway in an agreement to join with Klamath County in such a project.

The chamber group included A. D. Addison, president; John Howard, director in charge of roads; Francis Van Laningham, roads chairman; and E. A. Gentry, speaker of the House of Representatives at the last legislative session.

The Klamath County Court gave informal approval of the road project and indicated it would ask for details from the state.

The proposed road would be constructed for nine miles in Jackson County and five miles in Klamath County. The federal government would pay 60 per cent and



A PETITION to close three county roads into Swan Lake Valley, choice deer-hunting territory, caused lively debate in a public hearing before the county court Wednesday morning. Landowners, who presented the petition, and sportsmen, who opposed it, crowded the county courtroom. The court ruled to vacate the roads. In the top picture, left, Attorney Richard Maxwell, second from left, represented Maude E. Liskey, third from left, one of the principal landowners in the area. The three county commissioners are shown in the bottom picture. They are, from left, Ed Gowen, Judge U. E. Reeder and Jerry Rainus. William Canton, county surveyor, is in the background. He is pointing out the roads in question on a map in the picture above. The road closure was opposed by the state game commission. (See story on page 8).

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Friday, High Friday: 90; low Thursday night 55. High yesterday 87. Low last night 52. Precip. last 24 hours 0. Since Oct. 1 7.96. Same period last year 14.96. Normal for period 12.30.

Huge Canadian Project Ok'd

ATLIN, B.C. (AP)—A five-stage industrial power project, largest ever attempted by a private company anywhere in the world, has been approved by the 200 residents of this gold-mining town in the northwest corner of Canada.

They gave their approval Tuesday, but the news was delayed as storms chopped at the communication systems along the Yukon and Alaska borders.

The \$750,000,000 project, proposed by Northwest Power Industries Ltd., a subsidiary of Froisher, will harness the huge water of the Yukon and raise the level of Atlin Lake 20 feet.

The decision to accept the multi-million dollar hydro-electric and industrial empire on their doorstep came on the eve of Discovery Day—the 80th anniversary of the finding of the glittering gold nugget which drew thousands to the Klondike.

No opposition to the plan was offered at the open hearing here—a hearing which has been adjourned to resume later this year in Victoria.

Northwest Power's application calls for a water license covering the 60,000-square-mile drainage system, second in North America only to the Great Lakes system.

Main question asked at the meeting concerned the future townsite and the community was advised to approach the provincial government with reference to the allocation of land.

Officers Kept Off Trial Stand

ET LEWIS (AP)—An agreement between prosecution and defense counsel kept 190 officers facing a similar court martial charge of the same in the court martial of Lt. Jefferson D. Erwin Wednesday.

With the 2 1/2-week hearing near its end, the president of the court martial board asked just before the close of the session Wednesday that Maj. Harold Kaschke, Pacific Ore. and Lt. Col. Paul V. Viles, Birmingham, Ala., be called. Both are accused, like Erwin, of collaborating with the enemy while prisoners of war in Korea.

But attorneys for both the prosecution and defense said they had no desire to call them. The session law officer, who acts in a capacity similar to a civilian judge, then ruled they need not take the stand.

The prosecution planned to call three more witnesses Thursday, which offered the possibility that the case of the Blainchard, Oklahoma soldier may be given to the nine-man trial board by its decision by Friday.

Guards Foil N.Y. Institution Riot

COMSTOCK, N.Y. (AP)—Guards and state police, using night-sticks and guns as clubs, battled prisoners for 24 minutes early today and broke up an uprising at Great Meadow Correctional Institute. Eighteen persons were injured.

One shot was fired accidentally when heavily armed guards and state troopers herded the 174 rebels back to their cells. The shot ricocheted and wounded two troopers and a guard. The other casualties were a trooper and 14 prisoners, who suffered cuts and bruises.

Deputy Foils Reservation Gun Play Try

An attempt to shoot a Klamath County deputy sheriff failed Wednesday night when the assailant's gun jammed.

The alleged gunman, Clifford Heoceta, 42-year-old ranch worker, is alleged to have pulled a pistol on Deputy Sheriff George Foster, when the officer stopped him for questioning on a road near Beatty.

Foster said Heoceta got out of an automobile with an automatic pistol in his hand. "No two-bit cop is going to take me," Heoceta is reported to have shouted as he pulled the trigger. Foster said he then drew his revolver and fired one shot over Heoceta's head.

DEPUTY'S ORDER "The next one won't miss," Foster told the ranch worker. "Drop your gun!" Heoceta was then reported to have tried to fire his weapon again but the pistol failed to discharge. He then dropped the gun. Foster brought Heoceta to the county jail where he is held on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. A formal charge was filed against him by District Attorney Richard Beesley.

Reservation Land Offered

A supervised land sale involving 62 units containing 7,743.303 acres of allotted land on the Klamath Reservation is currently being offered for bids, announced W. W. Palmer, superintendent, Klamath Agency, this week.

Bids should be filed for each piece of land by 2 p.m., September 6, at which time they will be opened in the presence of bidders and other interested parties.

Of the 62 units offered to the public, 40 pieces have merchantable timber and the remaining units are classified as agricultural, involving pasture and crop land.

Most of the units are owned by several people because of inheritance. This is the major reason for disposing of the land. All pieces of land are offered under the principle of final acceptance by the land owners. They are reserving the right of final acceptance or rejection up to the time of executing the necessary deeds or documents in transfer of title.

All of the units have estimated appraisals which are not available as information to the bidders except when the appraised value is reached and a sale is approved. Further details of the areas offered for sale may be procured from the Klamath Agency office.

Thomas Odum Dies At 87

Thomas Odum, 87, resident of Klamath Falls since 1923 died here August 16 following a lengthy illness. He was a native of San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Odum leaves no known relatives but a host of friends in Klamath County.

Funeral services will be held Friday, August 19 at 2 p.m. from O'Hair's Memorial Chapel. Final rites and interment will be in Klamath Memorial Park.

Miss Klamath' Death Told

"Miss Klamath" considered one of rodeo's greatest bucking horses, is dead.

Word has been received that she was destroyed when she broke both hind legs shortly after being quarantined for the first time by Bill Ward at the Klamath Basin Round-up on July 4.

The accident happened at a rodeo in Oregon, Utah. The mare had just unseated her rider, Manuel Enos, with her high-kicking bucking pattern from behind when her front legs slipped and she fell.

Ward's bucking ride was the first and only ever accomplished on the horse.

Cesary Tibbs, twilight saddle bronc rider, said of the mare: "I've ridden lots of bucking horses and I've never bucked off a lot of them—'Miss Klamath' was the only horse I ever thought I couldn't ride."

Picture Layout

Picture No. 4, which is not identified on the FFA-4-H picture layout on page 37, shows Bill Taylor with the Aberdeen-Angus calf he will enter in the fair.

His sister, Ann, will enter a fat lamb. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, Rt. 1, Box 912.



9 O'clock Special
CARL COX, 250 Delta, was busy delivering the news this morning when the early morning photographer stopped him. Carl is a wholesale news salesman for Perkins News Company, 428 Jefferson Street.