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BILLBOARD

By Bill Jenkins...

There are a good many people who over the years have told us that they really have a good recipe for cooking porcupine in such a manner as to make it not only edible but palatable.

This we have always doubted, coming from a long line of doubters and having tried various methods of cooking the beasts ourselves.

But if they really do have an idea then Ernie Kolbe, who used to be a Klamath Falls resident himself, is the man to contact.

In the continuing war to eradicate the ever-growing menace of the porcupine in our Western woods, Ernie, who is chief forester for the Western Pine Association, suggests that if some method of cooking the creatures can be found that will appeal to both workmen and from a gustatory standpoint, to the hunter then maybe the Nimrods will waste a shell on the critter and will decrease their ever-increasing number.

Sorry, Ernie, but at the moment we can't help you a bit. We've tried everything from a pressure cooker to rolling 'em in the ashes and the result is always the same — something that tastes like a spoiled groundhog smells.

But I'll gladly cooperate with you in your efforts. If any of the local people have a tried and true recipe, either one that can be done in the woods or at home, bring it in and we'll print it up and send it along to Ernie.

Speaking of forests reminds us that Hal Ogle told us yesterday that the fire season in this area will end officially at midnight on Monday. But that doesn't mean that you can forget your caution where fires are concerned. A few days of dry weather and a wind can dry things out enough that even a simple grass fire around your home can get away and sneak into a building or your house itself and do a lot of damage.

Lakeview is still in the news, as usual, first with the farm chemist and now we learn that Ross Dolan has scored first in the calf roping at the world champion Boston Garden show. It will be a sad year in rodeoing when Ross isn't up there in the winner's circle somewhere.

Dick Elmars, the Associated Press bureau chief in Portland, was in the office the other day telling us about a picture that had been transmitted on the national telephone service some time ago. Came out of the Midwest somewhere and showed a beautiful flight of snow geese — so the picture caption said.

On closer examination someone from Klamath Falls, Dick didn't remember his name, sent the picture back to the AP brass with the correction that it was a flock of pelicans, and not snow geese.

Glad we didn't let it slip through here by mistake.

Along NATURE'S TRAIL with Ken McLeod

When we read stories of things to come the writers leave us with the impression as if these wonderful developments were on the verge of happening. Perhaps some are almost ready to hatch for we have no way of measuring the stage of advancement the subject has made out of its embryonic thought that has developed in the realm of pure science. Scientists and technologists have been criticized for taking the point of view that the development is just ahead of us and at any moment it will erupt into actual being. As a matter of fact, many ideas will require time for the thought to develop into a tangible product in workable form as an artifact of modern civilization. Here is where the young people of this and coming generations will find their richest most rewarding opportunities for there are many new fields of achievement to conquer.

Perhaps the picture can be clarified somewhat if we take a specific example of a single development and consider its growth from an idea into practical application. We might consider a very common present day product, "anti-knock" gasoline. The development of this new product tremendously enlarged the available supply of gasoline and increased the power that we can get from the old untreated product. The basic facts were well known long before they were applied to the problem of fuel for internal combustion engines. The facts were known to those who carried on the fundamental studies of flames and of burning gases which had been made many years before, and which had produced the theory of the Carnot cycle and the Clausius-Clapeyron mathematical equations that had been used to solve many earlier thermodynamic problems.

So to start we must go back in time to Sadi Nicolas Leonhard Carnot, noted French physicist and engineer, who was born in Paris in 1796. Carnot was one of the most original and profound thinkers who have ever devoted themselves to science, his publication of some of his work in 1824 contained but a fragment of his scientific discoveries, but was sufficient to put him in the foremost rank of the great scientific minds of all time, however, the full value of Carnot's work was not recognized at the time he lived. He died of cholera during the great plague of 1832 and it was not until 1849, his real contribution to science, was realized and his discovery made known to the world by Lord Kelvin. The papers of Carnot show that he had not only realized for himself the true nature of heat, but had noted down for trial many of the methods used today for findings its mechanical equivalent, such as those of J. P. Joule with the perforated piston and with the friction of water and mercury. Lord Kelvin's

experiment with a current of gas forced through a porous plug is also given. "Carnot's principle" is fundamental in the theory of thermodynamics. It is noted that this fundamental idea came into the scientific mind more than half a century before the invention of the internal combustion engine by Dr. N. A. Otto in 1876.

We might next turn the pages of history over to Rudolf Julius Emanuel Clausius the German physicist who followed in the footsteps of Carnot and who presented his theory to the Berlin Academy in 1850. The work of Clausius, who was a mathematical rather than an experimental physicist, was concerned with many of the most abstruse problems of molecular physics. By his restatement of "Carnot's principle" he put the theory of heat on a truer and sounder basis, and deserves the credit of having made thermodynamics a science.

These basic researches pointed the way to higher pressures in internal combustion engines by showing that raising the pressure of the exploding gas mixture enhanced the efficiency of the engine. This information was in the realm of pure science and readily available to anyone.

But everyone who tried to do something with these facts found, to his disappointment, that he could not raise the pressure in an engine indefinitely without losing, instead of gaining, efficiency. Above a certain point more pressure gave less power, instead of more, as theory declared it should. It was discovered that this critical point on the pressure scale was not the same for all fuels in the same engine and it even varied when a single fuel was used in different engines.

Using different fuels in a single engine and changing the characteristics of the engine seem logical ways to learn the facts; but it is not easy to keep changing engine designs indefinitely in order to select the best one. The search must be systematized and planned.

The systematic process of research, like this one, has been analyzed in great detail by many individuals. Killeffer's book, "The Genius of Industrial Research" (1948) goes into much detail on this subject. We learn that basic to all researches is the need at each step to subdivide the problem and to state or restate it in such terms that each part can be solved. Each restatement approaches closer to the final solution of the over-all problem by including new bits of information as they are gathered. Progressive versions may point toward the solution desired; or may rule out areas of search by showing the answer must lie elsewhere. This procedure avoids useless investigations. In general, the process of subdivision provides tasks for individual workers whose results can be later collated with the findings of others to supply the answer to a progressively larger part of the main problem. In a sense, the progress of research and development is a nibbling operation, that, by many small bites, finally reduces the area of uncertainty to nothing.

FORMATION MEETING
ALTURAS — The formation meeting of the Alturas Merchants Association has been set for Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mallard Room of Hotel Modoc. This is a change from the original date of October 31.

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FRANK TRIPP

Where is your wandering boy tonight?

This is not the Halloween column that I first wrote. It was exciting but contained some questionable suggestions to youngsters who haven't thought of all of the tricks; not by a long shot.

Still there was no viciousness or vandalism in the old Halloween. There was ingenuity and humor. Even the bits of the jokes got a laugh out of them and seldom did any outright damage to property result.

And there was one day of Halloween — period. It was the last day in October. It didn't start with the first fall of leaves and continue nightly.

However there did develop way back there one added feature to the celebration — Gate Night. It was the night before Halloween, and it did not come into existence with cooperation of householders.

Almost everybody had a fence around his property in those days, some of them colorful and elaborate, and they usually had swinging gates.

The specific challenge of Gate Night was to snatch a gate, take it way off somewhere and hide it.

The banker's gate might turn up days later swinging on the fence of a street cleaner in a remote part of town.

It was a task, not without its fun and perplexities, to wander around the city afoot or on a bicycle, looking for your gate. But I never remember a gate disappearing permanently, or being damaged.

Often, after futile search, a gate would be returned during the night to its rightful owner, by the boys who had taken it. They had had their fun and wanted no one to suffer.

It isn't always like that nowadays. Through parental indifference some kids have come to think that Halloween calls for destruction, damage and permanent inconvenience to somebody.

The result is a hatred and fear

BRUCE BIOSSAT

Were it not for the political smoke generated over the issue, the historians would be interested now in how General MacArthur felt about Russia's entry into the Pacific War.

The controversy stems from the publication last March of the record of the famed Yalta conference. This move followed pressure from some Republicans who believed the record would support their charges that President Roosevelt "sold out" to Russia by granting concessions.

The Yalta record indicated top U.S. military leaders considered Russia's entry into the Pacific war vital, and felt the West should pay a stiff price, if necessary.

But, in commenting specifically on that aspect of Yalta, Democratic Senator Lehman of New York declared that MacArthur "strongly favored and urgently recommended that Soviet Russia be involved in the war against Japan."

Lehman clearly implied MacArthur was among the military men consulted in formulating Yalta policy. The general flatly denied this. He said if asked he would have emphatically urged against bringing Russia in at "that late date," and added it would have seemed "fantastic" to him to lure the Russians in with concessions.

There followed a demand for release of documents bearing directly on MacArthur's position. The Defense Department's recent 35,000-word report was in response.

The report shows that on December 10, 1941, three days after Pearl Harbor, MacArthur urged Russia's entry into the Japanese war. From then until after the Yalta meeting, which ran from February 4 to February 12, 1945,

By Jimmy Harlo



Vet's Mailbag

Veterans and widows receiving non-service-connected pension payments from the Veterans Administration are urged by VA to keep an accurate check on their income to make sure that it does not exceed statutory limits.

Under existing law, annual income in excess of certain amounts must be reported, and VA is required to stop pension payments, which by law may not be made if income in excess of certain stated amounts is received.

VA said that by reporting the change in any anticipated income, veterans and widows receiving the payments will be spared the trouble and often the hardship of repaying the Government for any large overpayments which are certain to result if VA is not notified promptly. Under the present law, VA regulations direct that failure to report such income resulting in overpayments must be subject to recovery.

Where VA is notified promptly, pension payments will be discontinued effective the date of the last payment. However, where the veteran or widow fails to notify the VA promptly, discontinuance will be retroactive to January 1 of the calendar year in which the excessive income was received, and steps will be taken to recover the entire overpayment.

In the event the income questionnaire of the succeeding year shows the anticipated income for the current year to be less than the statutory limit, any pension payments then due will be withheld until the entire overpayment for the prior calendar year is liquidated.

Income limitations for any calendar year are: \$1,400 for veteran without wife or child, or widow without children; or \$2,700 for either with eligible dependents.

Question of the Week:
Q — I am drawing monthly disability compensation payments from VA, and I also am paying monthly premiums on my GI insurance. Would there be any way for VA to deduct enough money out of my compensation to take care of my insurance premiums, so that I wouldn't have to bother with them every month?
A — Yes. So long as your disability compensation checks are large enough to cover your GI insurance premiums, you may apply to VA to have the premiums taken out of your compensation.

Blast Rocks Press Plant

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — An explosion early Saturday destroyed \$25,000 worth of printing presses and equipment belonging to Miami Life, a controversial weekly newspaper.

A flat bed press and a typesetting machine were destroyed, several other pieces of equipment badly damaged, plaster was knocked down and papers sent flying by the heavy blast which occurred about 1:30 a.m.

Part of the roof of the building was blown off and the editorial room wrecked.

Reubin Klein, the publisher, who is noted for swinging his editorial club at almost any head which pops up, characteristically blamed his trouble on "either the Dolts gamblers or people who resent our fight against integrated schools." He even hinted that perhaps friends of the sheriff may have done it. Klein is an arch editorial enemy of Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly.



VAMPIRA, A FARCE, written by students of the drama department of Klamath Union High School will be presented in addition to a classic, a comedy and a fantasy, at a meeting of the Klamath Falls Library Club on Monday, November 7. Curtain time will be 2 p.m. The one-act presentations are being directed by Mrs. B. B. Blomquist, head of the dramatics department of the high school. Left to right are "Gramma," Ingrid Peterson; "Vampira," Beverly Goehring; "Scratchmore," Lois Shepler and "Father," Ruben Peterson. Rehearsals have been under way for several days.

THE DOCTOR SAYS

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

To me, at least, the diagnosis of an unusual condition is the most interesting part of medicine, and one such problem is brought up in today's first letter.

Q — Off and on for some two or three years, my knees (sometimes only one) will become slightly puffed and heavy. I have thought I could trace this to eating such things as ice cream, milkshakes, or chocolate candy with rich cream fillings. Does this sound plausible?
Mrs. L. M. — I can only guess at the nature of this condition but it does suggest the possibility of a rare and peculiar condition of the joints known as intermittent hydrarthrosis. The striking feature of this condition is that it comes and goes periodically and has a tendency to affect the knee joint. This coming and going is usually rather regular, lasting four or five days and disappearing for 10 or 11. Its cause cannot often be definitely determined though frequently suspicion is thrown on some allergic condition and it is sometimes associated with hives. Of course, there are other possibilities in Mrs. M.'s case but it would be interesting for her to eliminate all foods containing chocolate to see what would happen to the trouble with her knees if she does so.

Q — I am 59 years old and all of a sudden developed a terrific pain in my chest. The doctors said it was hardening of the arteries, but did not tell me anything else.
— Mrs. A. C. — A sudden pain such as described makes one think of aortic aneurysm, but the coronary arteries supplying the heart muscle. There is, however, insufficient information in the letter to be sure and all one can say is that Mrs. C. should make every effort to have a diagnosis reached so that she will know how this should be handled.

Q — My 16-year-old daughter gets dizzy spells and is unable to remember things that happen during the day such as conversations, classroom events, and the like. It is something to be concerned about?
Mrs. S. — Assuming that the 16-year-old girl is not just holding back from her mother on purpose, one would say that this is a fairly serious sign and that she should be taken to a nerve specialist or psychiatrist.

Q — Is it true that aspirin if taken directly before or after drinking beer or soda pop is fatal?
Reader — Not ordinarily. There are some who become poisoned by aspirin and if one needs this drug for a headache or something else, it would doubtless be better to take it instead of beer or soda pop, rather than before or after these beverages.

Q — Should a person taking any form of medication be allowed to drink alcohol? I was always under the impression alcohol destroyed the potency of drugs.
Reader — The answer depends on the kind of drug and what it is taken for. But I should doubt that there are any drugs the action of which is helped by the simultaneous con-

Rail Union Rejects Pay Boost Offer

CHICAGO (AP) — The nation's 800,000 non-operating railroad employees have rejected an industry offer of a wage boost of 10 1/2 cents an hour.

The railroads' proposal of an 8 1/2-cent wage increase and an additional 2 cents per hour to the present employer-contributed 1 cents for a health and welfare program was rejected in mediation sessions by negotiators for the AFL unions.

The offer, made and rejected Thursday, was disclosed Saturday by the unions.

The non-operating workers had asked a 25-cent general wage increase, effective Sept. 1, above their current average wage of \$1.78 an hour, and full payment of health-welfare costs by the employers. At present railroads and workers each pay \$3.40 a month for health and welfare insurance.

Also rejected by the unions was a proposal by Francis A. O'Neill, Jr., of the National Railway Mediation Board that the issues be submitted to arbitration.

O'Neill is expected to report to the White House that an emergency exists and recommend appointment of a presidential fact-finding board if Chicago talks break down.

Although the union membership has voted in favor of a strike to support their demands, Jack Clark, president of the railroad signalmen, said "there will be no strike or threat of a strike as long as the Mediation Board certifies the dispute to the President and asks that an emergency board investigate it."

Daniel R. Loomis, president of the Association of Western Railways and chief negotiator for the carriers, said he had not been informed of the unions' refusal to arbitrate the dispute.

Soroptimists Hold Meeting

Mrs. Duane Proett, Klamath Falls, was guest speaker at the October 27 luncheon meeting of the Klamath Falls Soroptimists Club, held in the Camas Room of the Winema Hotel. Mrs. Proett, vice president of the Klamath Falls Chapter, Oregon United Nations Association, spoke on the problems, aims and goals of the U.N. Maude Goeller was program chairman for the day.

In closing her informative talk she stated that the U.N. would continue to strengthen the association and to continue to expand the work that has been started.

It was announced that the guest speaker for the November 3 meeting will be Major William J. Walsh, who will speak on "Community's Responsibility in the Airbase Installation."

The announcement of the open house November 2, in observance of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Klamath Falls City Library was also made and an invitation was read to the Girl Scout tea.

President Dena Backes called a moment of silent prayer in memory of Ethyl Matthews, Soroptimist who died October 13 in Portland. Maude Goeller read a memorial prayer.

Two guests were introduced, Mrs. Pearl Young, Stockton, California and Josephine Jackson, of Missouri, niece of Olive Cornett.

Dena Backes, president was in the chair.

VAIN WAITING
HONG KONG (AP) — No American crossed the Hong Kong-Red China border Saturday.

For the second day in a row some 50 persons waited vainly for the arrival of Harriet Mills for Father Armand Proulx who has been expected since the U.S. consulate received information Thursday that they might soon be released.

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