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Ice Out

By BILL JENKINS
This is probably the winter that will go down in history as having caused more comment than any in recent years. Of course we all realize that there is no such thing as "usual" weather, but this one has fallen into a class of its own and bids fair to be the most talked of story of the year.

Now we find ourselves getting up to mornings that resemble more those of March than of December. The ice is gone from the Upper Lake, the ponds in the tules are open in most cases and a few late hanging ducks can be seen paddling around in a contented manner.

Only a handful of days ago the children were ice skating in sheltered coves along the lake and now the same spots are open water.

It just doesn't figure. All around us there have been terrific storms. Portland has undergone an extremely severe attack of silver thaws and slushy snow that piled up traffic. To the south there have been wind storms, rain, hail and everything else you can name. But up here with the exception of a freak early snow storm or two we've been an isolated little island of comparatively good weather.

In fact it's beginning to look like a black Christmas.

Along with everything else we've seen the city's street pumps out washing down the streets, getting all the sand and gravel scattered off into the gutters that was spread during our slick season and in general fixing things up so they look like spring.

All I hope is that this soft spell in the weather doesn't mean that we're in for winter in May and June again.

In case you've heard rumors going around about a new club called the N.J.J.I. I can enlighten you. It is merely the annual good intention bunch making advance plans. The initials stand for "no joy plans in January" and we're willing to bet that the members won't keep this year's resolutions any better than they have those of the past.

Hunters note: There are still quite a few birds in the Basin if you belong to that hearty and tough breed of sportsman who is willing to go after 'em. What with the combination of snow and mud it sometimes requires a good deal of tough walking or wading, but if you stick with it you can still fill up on birds. Good ones, too.

Which, of course, doesn't excuse the fact that our duck season was set too late.

Rogue River
By KEN McLEOD
In the country a new look is rapidly gaining ground in the public attitude toward the problems of outdoor recreation, especially as regards to areas set aside in which the primary aim of public resource management is to provide for the enjoyment of many areas by individuals who like to hide their individual motives behind the broader shield of private enterprise, set it is this very movement of private enterprise that is giving support to this new look. Industry in general is beginning to become mature in mind and is taking a serious study to the dual personality that it must possess—its duty to itself and its duty to society.

Public recreation is naturally a problem of society, private recreation is the problem of the individual and we have passed the time when the objectives of the individual has been the dominant factor in the outdoor scene. Once we had vast estates in the choicest of areas maintained strictly behind locked gates for the pleasure of a few. The Old World presents the very height of this development and when the Old World moved to the New World it brought these traditions along with it but the ideas of an Old World aristocracy have found the soil of the New World cold toward its development and this is likewise true with Old World ideas of industrial development.

Today we face a problem of providing sufficient room for the public enjoyment of outdoor recreation, where can our great masses of people go and be free in the out of doors, to touch if only lightly some of the heritage that was the experience of their fathers. With areas reserved in national parks and national forests there was once a time when private recreation was being looked up and away from exploitation of the individual. However ideas grow fast as do problems and so we begin to find that the national park system is becoming inadequate before the great push of people from the cities that have so miraculously expanded within short distances of many of them.

Our thoughts now turn to the development or the preservation of other areas that have the precious ingredient of recreation, not all land has this. In this search for new areas we come directly to the stream courses of our land and now we begin to realize that every stream holds tremendous potentials to meet this expanding need of the public. In fact, the winding course of every stream is a natural park. The Bureau of Land Management now comes to be one of the new arrivals upon the scene in thinking about reserves for public recreation and with most commendable action it now proposes to withdraw a strip of land along the Rogue River to protect that great stream scenic, aesthetic and recreational uses for the public. A great

long narrow strip of public recreation land extending upon either side of the Rogue River as it winds through the mountains of the Coast Range. With the steady pushing forward of roads into this wilderness it is not too soon that this action has been suggested. The lands being proposed for reserve consist of Oregon and California revested railroad and public domain lands most of which are within powerful reservations that were made during 1917 and 1926.

This column has commented upon the action of removing one of these powerful reservations, the land then filed upon by an individual under the mining law for the exclusion of the public for recreation purposes and how this one mineral claim locked up for its owners virtually five miles of the Rogue River. It therefore comes as a great pleasure to see that the Bureau of Land Management now proposes direct constructive action that will insure the wonderful canyon of the Rogue will remain for all time to come a source of pleasure for the people of America and not merely the playground of a chosen few who have the command of finances that enable them to shut the horrible horde of commoners from their fastidious view.

Going Abroad

By KATHLEEN WARD
On board the S.S. Hikawa Maru en route from Seattle to Yokohama. The prospect of sharing the details of my voyage with those interested, through the pages of the Herald News, really excites me. This ship has followed a northerly route that has taken us on a great semi-circle into the Gulf of Alaska across just south of the Aleutian group of islands and the Bering Straits. Needless to say, it has been a far cry from a South Seas cruise, being both extremely cold and rough much of the time. It has a capacity of 250 passengers, but there are only 97 on board. However, even with that few passengers, we have all the elements that go to make the bizarre and the unusual. With apologies to Adolph Menjou and "His Favorite Story."

There are seven missionaries and their families, representing protestant churches and an Italian priest who is returning to his church in Hong Kong. Most of these people are answering their second and third calls and in many cases even more to the missionary field. One young couple, the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Karnes and their two little sons (whom they jokingly introduce as little Japanese boys, both of them having been born in Kobe) have been in Klamath Falls several times as guests of the Klamath Temple and have spoken and shown slides at that church. They proudly announce that "Klamath Temple is one of our supporting churches." (It's still a small world.)

The next predominating group are the wives of servicemen, who are paying their own expenses to Japan, rather than wait for Army transportation and miss Christmas with their husbands. They are a very eager and impatient group, many of them not having seen their husbands for a year or more. Another interesting group are the war brides of G.I.'s who are returning to their homeland to show off the children to their honorable ancestors. These children are quite beautiful with the Oriental features predominating, to a marked degree but with light skins. Then there are five young ex-G.I.'s who have just been discharged stateside, who are rushing back hoping to cut red tape and marry their Japanese sweethearts. They explain that they are already married to them by Japanese laws which are not recognized by our officials. One can't help but wonder just how all of this blending of the races will eventually effect our civilization and its outcome.

We are well protected from a health standpoint for in addition to the ship's doctor, there are several others aboard with their wives, and pleasure cruises to Japan and other parts of the world. Also, two trauced nurses in the wives of servicemen group.

Then there are several older Japanese couples who have lived in the states or Canada for years who are returning to spend their remaining days in their homeland.

I would say that we are just about half and half (Oriental and Caucasian) and we are attending church, playing cards, games of all sorts, dancing, etc., and all having a good time.

On December 1, we crossed the international date line. There was a notice on the bulletin board saying that the next day would be December 2. Strange feeling for me, as it represents a whole day gone out of my life which in all probability will never be recovered, since I am going around the world. There will be more later from "Those Far Away Places."

After all I'm just off the shores of Japan at this time and it is a pity that I can't see and watch the passing of ships and the mountains of northern Japan.

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Ward, wife of Clarence Ward, 925 High, is currently on a foreign tour and will send back letters to the Herald and News from time to time as she has done on previous trips.)

self—the American wife, who boards or dispenses the family bundle of scratch. To please her the motor car of the future will be more feminine—and don't be surprised if it ends up with venetian blinds and lace curtains.

A sign of the times is the fact a major car manufacturer has retained Melaine Kahane, the well known interior designer, to outfit a car experimentally "from the woman's point of view."

Mrs. Kahane, who previously had designed everything from men's cufflinks to kitchen cabinets, from sofas to gas stoves, pounced gleefully on the opportunity to feminize the motor car.

She feels deeply that male designing genius has exhausted itself on such items as chrome lights and horns that bay coyly, "bo-beep-o-bee-ee-ee-ee-ee!"

"What happen to the home must happen to the motor car," she said firmly. "The public is saturated with external gadgets. There has been too much frosting on the cake. The interior of the car must be made more comfortable. A car must become more than merely a vehicle for transportation. It must become a kind of home on wheels."

As she envisions it this traveling home will have many of the comforts of the kitchen, boudoir and living room, and even some of the conveniences of the bathroom.

"Take the glove compartment of the average automobile," she said. "It is just so much wasted space. It is just a cluttered catch-all, like the attic in an old house."

"This space can be redesigned to hold a woman's make-up kit, a man's electric razor, shaving lotion and disposable towels."

"I also see no reason why we can't have the equivalent of the dashboard to freshen up while traveling. It could also provide cold drinking water."

Some other suggested improvements by Mrs. Kahane:

"A slot under the front seat to hold an umbrella."

"A pillow with a zippered space holding a plastic raincoat—you never have a raincoat handy in a car when you really need it."

also played a part in the setting up of the Ford Foundation—will be the avoiding of the inevitable loss of family ownership in the company through inheritance taxes.

Arab Crisis

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Staff Correspondent
Young King Hussein's trouble over his desire to take Jordan into the Baghdad alliance is just another of the crises that have long beset the Arab countries.

Eight Arab nations are supposed to be united in the Arab League.

When that alliance was formed March 22, 1945, it seemed to be a step toward the years-long dream of pan-Arabism, which would unite 50 million people.

Actually the Arab countries are torn by rivalries which have prevented any real cooperation.

The Arab League members are Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Yemen and Libya.

Both Egypt and Saudi Arabia would like to be dominant in the Arab world.

King Saud of Saudi Arabia has inherited from his father, Ibn Saud, a feud with Jordan and Iraq.

Saud, like his father, is bitterly opposed to a recurrent proposal for a "greater Syria" which would unite the blood-related royal houses of Jordan and Iraq with Syria.

Syria wants no part of any such union.

Lebanon, though a member of the Arab League, does not want to be dominated by it and especially it does not want to be drawn into a war with Israel.

The so-called Baghdad Pact was a punishing blow to Arab unity, if a blow were needed.

This treaty for Middle Eastern defense against Communist aggression was signed Feb. 26 last between Turkey and Iraq.

Egypt and Saudi Arabia were bitterly angry over this development. It hit at their own ambition for Arab leadership and it put Turkey, the most powerful of Middle Eastern nations, into an influential position.

Since then Pakistan, Iran and Great Britain have joined the alliance and the United States has associated itself with it.

Now Jordan is involved in a serious internal crisis because King Hussein wants his country to enter it.

In doing that, Hussein would be following the lead of his cousin King Faisal of Iraq.

Spud Diversion Payments Listed

PORTLAND (AP)—Pacific Northwest potato growers up to Dec. 10 diverted to feed or starch production 303,000 sacks of 100 pounds each in this growing season.

Robert H. Eaton, in charge of the Department of Agriculture's marketing office for fruits and vegetables, reported that Tuesday.

He reminded growers that beginning Jan. 1 and running through March the diversion payment will be 40 cents a hundred pounds, down 10 cents.

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By Jimmy Hatlo
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VIENNA, Ga. — Sen. Walter F. George on his meeting the almost certain challenge of young Herman Talmadge for the veteran senator's seat.

AMMAN, Jordan—Hanzab Majali, resigned premier of Jordan, on Jordanian membership in the anti-Communist Baghdad Pact.

NEW YORK — An official of a bank which sold Nashua for a record \$1,251,200 on its promise to buy a saddle horse for Karen Ann McGuire, Valhalla, N.Y., who tried to buy the champion race horse with her \$24,000 savings.

ST. LOUIS — The professional stockholders, will ask questions because they want to be seen.

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Xmas Deaths Predicted

CHICAGO (AP)—The National Safety Council today estimated 560 Americans will be killed in traffic accidents during the long Christmas holiday period. That number of deaths would set a new record.

The holiday period will begin at 6 p.m. (local time) Friday and end at midnight Monday.

Associated Press files show that the traffic death record for any holiday period — 556 — was set during the four-day Christmas holiday in 1952.

The council's figures show that Dec. 24 usually is the most deadly day of the year because of Christmas Eve festivities and heavy travel to family gatherings.

But the council also said the risk will be great on the afternoon and evening of Friday, the 23rd, when many motorists will make trips.

DOUBLE ACTION

CLEVELAND (AP)—Stanley Wenger went to a garage yesterday to pick up his car after mechanics repaired its smashed front end. The car wasn't ready. A mechanic had taken it out to test the new front end and another car had rammed into its rear end.

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