



FAMILY ALBUM

BY LYLE DOWNING

KEITH MOON



Then



Now

Keith Moon, Klamath Falls business leader, who studied both law and architecture and held a variety of jobs ranging from bullfrog hunter to movie extra, believes the world's greatest educational institution is the "University of Hard Knocks."

Moon, who finally reached his goal in Klamath Falls had a series of adventures and misadventures which would easily qualify him for a "how to make good the hard way" thesis.

During his boyhood, Moon lived a sort of Huckelberry Finn life along the Mississippi River in the true Mark Twain tradition. His chief occupation was providing frog legs for two physicians in his hometown, Desloge, Missouri, who classified themselves as gourmets.

CRUISED ON RAFT
Moon cruised up and down the Mississippi on a raft. He was constantly on the watch for bullfrog hideouts.

After finishing high school, Moon enrolled in Washington University, St. Louis, to study architecture. He later studied law a year in San Francisco. He tossed his text books aside at the end of the first year in the state halls of learning at St. Louis and started West to witness the Dempsey-Gibbons world championship fight at Shelby, Montana in 1923.

When he got as far as Kansas City, Moon heard the big fight which finally turned out to be one of the great little fiascos in history, had been postponed, so he signed up with a labor contractor who shipped him to Monterey, California. For the next year, Moon worked as bellhop, waiter and night clerk in the Del Monte Hotel and Pebble Beach Lodge.

BUSINESS FAILED
In 1924 in partnership with another young man, he bought a soda fountain in Long Beach, California. The business failed. At this juncture, Moon heard the siren call of Hollywood.

During a year in the movie colony, he got a few extra jobs and was finally signed by the late movie star, Charles Ray, to appear in a super-colossal Hollywood spectacle titled, "Miles Standish." Ray lost his shirt on this enterprise, Moon's movie career was abruptly terminated.

With his dreams of cinema fame shattered, Moon headed back to St. Louis via San Francisco. He secured a job as an exploitation and advertising man for the Curtis Candy Company of Chicago and traveled through Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas, beating the drum for Baby Ruth candy bars.

Although his first venture on the Pacific Coast wasn't much of a success, Moon still believed Horace Greeley was right and headed West again.

CAUGHT IN CRASH
In 1925 in San Francisco, Moon organized the Point of Sales Advertising Agency. He did a good job of making the public conscious of the merits of certain brands of candy, ice cream and electric heaters. Everything remained fine and dandy until 1929 when the stock market crashed and almost everything including Moon's advertising agency flopped with it.

When stock brokers stopped leap-

Army Describes Alaska Openings

Young men from the Klamath Falls area who have a desire to visit Alaska may now do so at the expense of Uncle Sam. Exceptional hunting and fishing as well as scenic opportunities will be available for the enjoyment of those desiring to do so.

Regular Army enlistments are currently being accepted for elements of the famed 2nd Division which are preparing for gyrocopter rotation to Alaska this coming summer. Elements rotating will depart for and return from Alaska as a complete unit.

Enlistment for this opportunity will close March 10 unless vacancies are filled prior to that date. Interested young men between the ages of 17 and 34 may contact the U.S. Army recruiting sergeant at 621 Main or telephone 8401 for appointment.

Game Hunting Reported Good

Final tabulations indicate that Oregon hunters who participated in the special permit hunt during December had good success according to the Oregon Game Commission.

Inspections Set Record

Oregon's brand inspectors checked a record 714,903 head of livestock during 1955, the state department of agriculture reports. The total was more than 100,000 ahead of 1954. Virtually all the inspections were on cattle; a few horses were included in the total.

Brand inspections reflect the movement of animals in commercial channels. December was the only month that movement didn't exceed the corresponding month in 1954. That month inspections dropped 5,000.

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At auction sales yards—508,242 and 437,795.

At country inspection points—266,386 and 230,581.

At slaughterhouses—100,273 and 106,044. (The drop here for 1955 does not mean a drop in animals going through slaughterhouses but rather reflects the court decision of late 1954 which eliminated out-of-state animals from the brand inspections.)

Incidentally, the slaughter of cattle and calves at plants under state and federal inspection the first 11 months of 1955 was roughly 25 per cent greater than for the same time in 1954. Cattle slaughtered: 1955, 23,000; 1954, 19,000; calves: 1955, 5,300; 1954, 4,100.

(Listen to Keith Moon Sunday, 10:15 p.m., Radio Station KFLW.)

Records compiled by commission field agents show that on the Northside John Day antlerless deer hunt December 10-14, a total of 847 deer were checked through the checking station. An estimated 1,100 hunters out of the 1,500 permit holders participated in the Northside hunt.

The antlerless deer season at Lookout Mountain December 10-14 produced 155 deer for the 246 hunters participating. A total of 400 permits had been authorized for the Lookout Mountain hunt.

Freezing weather permitted ready access into the Cottonwood Creek controlled elk area December 17-22, and a concentration of animals permitted a high success for participating hunters. A total of 241 of the 300 permit holders checked in through the checking station and bagged 163 elk for a success of 68 per cent. The kill included 17 bulls, 111 cows and 33 calves. The remaining animals were unclassified.

The Clatsop controlled elk hunt on December 17-18 resulted in a bag of 129 animals, including 23 bulls, 85 cows and 21 calves.

Two more December hunts for antlerless deer extended from December 3 through December 31 in the Allala area in Deschutes County and the Newbridge area in Baker County. As no checking stations were in operation for these hunts, results will not be available until return cards are analyzed. However, field checks revealed numerous deer present and hunting pressure well distributed throughout the length of the season.

HOBBY SHOW

DUNSMUIR—A hobby show will be the feature of the Dunsmuir High School PTA meeting on February 7, according to Red Crowe. Crowe asks persons who have hobby items to display or who will speak on their hobbies to get in touch with him so program details can be worked out.

Dunsmuir Chamber Names Committees

DUNSMUIR — Chairmen were named to committees at last week's meeting of the Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce by Dr. H. A. Meredith, president.

Named were Bill Murphy, membership; Don Siriani, advertising; Victor Petrovich, coordinating; Ted Fay, fish and game; Murphy, festival flour; Bill D'Christina, conventions and tourists; Dr. Meredith, civic committee.

H. O. Porter and Armand Brunel were named as delegates to the Inter-County Chambers of Commerce of Northern California with Chapman Wentworth and Henry Schroeder as alternates.

The next chamber meeting will be a ladies' night dinner at the Travelers Hotel, Wednesday, January 25, at 6 p.m.

Back Seat Birth Has All The Breaks

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A jet-propelled stork took advantage of a Friday the 13th coincidence, and that's why Linda Lou Rogers' first squawl came from the back seat of a car.

Jesse Lee Rogers, 30, told it this way:

He and his wife were on their way to a hospital when "we knew it was going to be too late, I looked at the houses, hunting for wires that would tell me a telephone was there."

He found such a house and pulled into the driveway.

The coincidence: Mrs. Ella Williamson lives there and she arrived home from work just as Rogers drove up.

A practical nurse, Mrs. Williamson pitched in and delivered Linda Lou in the back seat of the car.

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FINAL WEEK

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Deposits Told By U.S. Bank

The United States National Bank has increased deposits more than 33 million dollars in the last 12 months according to the bank's year-end report.

The growth in U.S. National deposits during 1955 brought the new total to \$761,492,594. Last year at this time the deposit total stood at \$748,300,328.

The Klamath Falls branch reported deposits in the amount of \$15,141,633.47, according to W. A. Huggins, manager.

Growing with the state it serves, the U.S. National also showed a move ahead in total resources which rose from \$810,973,029 a year ago to a new total of \$847,711,491 as of December 31, 1955. Loans and discounts for the rapidly expanding, statewide banking system increased more than 38 million dollars. The 12-month gain gives the U.S. National a loans and discounts total of \$309,103,263.

Loans and discounts for the Klamath Falls branch now total \$5,926,394.48.

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