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### It Says Here:

**By BILL JENKINS**  
About every so often comes a point in an editor's life when he has to resort to items from the news if he is to garner enough material to fill his allotted space. Either that or not write anything at all and consequently not eat anything that day.

Today's my day to go back in the stack of clippings on my desk and see what the wire services tossed out for inspection last week.

The top item on the pile is a little note from the Associated Press telling us that large herds of migrating caribou are on the march in Alaska in regions where none have been seen for years.

Is this a sign of a hard winter? Experts up there say they don't know. Aren't certain whether the herds have increased or are merely moving back into their old stamping grounds because of hunting pressure or because predators have stampeded them in new directions.

Oh well, always nice to know that the valleys of the Nostrak and Kabuk rivers are once again rumbling to the thunder of the moving herds. Also the Kotzebue area.

Item number two, also an AP dispatch, is not of such cheerful nature. It is an announcement that Motorola will soon place on the market a pocket radio pager.

Is this the end of the coffee break?  
This gadget, which weighs in for the battle at 10 ounces, fits into the wearer's pocket and is actuated from a central switchboard. When the person wanted the operator pushes the buzzer on the gadget buzzer, the wearer presses a button on it and hears a voice message from the operator telling him that J.B. wants to see him in H.R.'s office pronto.

With this new device the probable end of the smoker's looting periods is in sight. Gone, too, are the days of the quick snack sneak, the illicit call to the bookie, the water cooler conference and the five-minute-to-five break for the front door.

I suppose it was inevitable that industry should sooner or later turn toward devices adding to work instead of leading away from it.

The United Press came through with an item telling us that actor Errol Flynn was back in Hollywood after a long stay abroad, and that he was promptly served a warrant demanding an answer as to why he hadn't paid his back alimony to some former wife.

Does this mean that we are going to go on having to read about the marital mixups of the glamour set?  
I hope not. It is a simple matter to read anything one doesn't want to, but I can still complain because of the expense involved in paying reporters to gather such items and forward them to the press.

With so many things of more interest in the world I am at a loss to understand why there should be any special interest in whether an actor and his playmate stay married or not. I fail to see why just because a man (or woman) can afford chain marriages it should make the annual changing of the mate ceremony newsworthy.

If this country needs a good five cent nickel it also needs more man-bites-dog stories.

The final notice is another AP offering informing us that Douglas fir bark beetles, which once threatened to destroy Oregon's (western) forests, are now so scarce that the lads are having to grow their own for experimental purposes.

Does this mean the end of the beetle?  
No. It only means that they are dormant for the winter. Next summer they will be out in force again.

Unfortunately,

### Taxpayer's Howls

**By MAX WAUCHOPE**  
With income tax payment time drawing near (both federal and state) perhaps it is timely to explain what the anguished howls and tearing of hair will be all about.

When the man of the house sits down to figure his Oregon state income tax, due in April, it will dawn on him what all the shouting was about in 44th Legislature.

If you remember, the legislators were hard pressed to find ways to raise enough money to run the state. To dig up the necessary funds the senators tacked an added 45 per cent surtax onto the regular state income tax, already the highest of any state in the union.

To further gouge the poor taxpayer, they lowered the exemption allowed for each dependent from \$600 to \$500.

Here's a breakdown of how the tax has been boosted using the rate a taxpayer with a wife and two children will have to pay.

Annual Income	1954 Tax	1955 Tax
\$2,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
3,000	8	23
4,000	26	55
5,000	48	93
6,000	78	137
7,000	112	188

This added surtax is tied to the increased withholding tax. The employer is now required to withhold 2 per cent where he formerly withheld 1 per cent. Even with the added withholding the taxpayer will still owe the state a balance at the end of 1956.

Of course the legislators had to find some method to find funds to run the state. Many of them have

gone on record unofficially as favoring a state sales tax. However, this tax has traditionally been in bad odor with the average voter — so the legislator must sidestep this political issue if he is to remain in favor with the bulk of his constituents.

Economists have repeatedly shown with facts and figures that a sales tax on everything except food, medicine and some farm needs is the most equitable and fair tax to all income brackets. But the income tax has always been easier to pass as it "soaks the rich" scheme. How this can be true I've never been able to figure out. Income taxes are relative to a working man \$50 is as hard to pay as \$5,000 to a man in a high bracket.

Maybe the howls from the average taxpayer this year will prompt the legislators to find a more equitable way to keep the state financially sound at the 49th Legislature next year.

On the federal tax scene, the Oregon Business and Tax Research group, a state taxpayer's association, reports that Oregon's share of the federal tax load for fiscal year 1957 will be \$671,800,000.

This amounts to \$465 per capita and compares with a per capita income of \$1,754 for 1954, the tax group says.

These figures were based on President Eisenhower's budget request for \$5 billion dollars for fiscal year 1957.

Although Ike has indicated a balanced budget for the coming fiscal year the research group points out that this balancing of the budget should not obscure the necessity for reductions in federal expenditures if future deficits are to be avoided and the public debt of \$273.8 billion is to be reduced.

These reductions in expenditures are necessary if there is to be any relief from an oppressive burden of federal taxation.

### Tribes

**By KEN McLEOD**  
The definition of a word is something that is always interesting to check back upon. Since we have used the word "tribe" on numerous occasions in reference to Indian people we chanced to look up its definition. Our dictionary states: "One of the three groups originally divided." Thus we have a Latin word which has been greatly expanded in use in our language to apply to all groups of people, families or clans who have descended from a common ancestor and form, together with their slaves, adopted strangers and so on, a community. The dictionary goes on to give a number of applications of the word giving illustrations to Rome, Greece and Israel but no mention of the American Indian.

Well, since a 1951 edition of Webster turns out to be of little help on the Indian application we have to turn then to an authority upon the subject, J. N. B. Hewitt of the Bureau of American Ethnology makes this statement about the word "tribe."

"Among the American Indians of North America a tribe is a body of persons who are bound together by ties of consanguinity and affinity and by certain esoteric ideas or concepts derived from their philosophy concerning the genesis and preservation of the environment, and who by means of these kinship ties are thus socially, politically and religiously organized through a variety of ritualistic, governmental, and other institutions, and who dwell together occupying a definite territorial area and who speak a common language or dialect."

Hewitt encompasses a number of ideas within his one sentence defining a tribe, not only does it depend upon blood relationship "consanguinity" as Webster points out but Hewitt adds "esoteric ideas or concepts" as also a very important part of the definition. This subject of "esoteric ideas or concepts" is not so easy a thing to define. When we use the word "esoteric" its common meaning is something intended for or understood by only a chosen few, or for only an inner group of disciples or initiates. The word is applied to ideas, doctrines, literature and so on to which Hewitt assigns the Indian philosophy of life.

Hewitt continues: "From a great variety of circumstances—climatic, topographic, and alimental—the social, political and religious institutions of the tribes of North America and degree, and were not characterized by a like complexity of structure; but they did agree in the one fundamental principle that the organic units of the social fabric were based upon kinship and its interrelations, and not on territorial districts or geographical areas."

For a simple word like "tribe" we can see that to obtain a definite answer requires a lot of words to make the picture complete, and in order to do so other words are used that must be in themselves defined, so, five letters placed together in simple fashion do not turn out to be so simple when one attempts to tell what the word actually means.

Hewitt points out: "In order to constitute a more or less permanent body politic, or tribe, a people must be in more or less continuous and close contact, and possess a more or less common mental content—a definite sum of knowledge, beliefs, and sentiments—which largely supplies the motives for their rites and for the establishment of their institutions."

### Singapore

(Eds Note: The following article was sent in by Kathleen Ward of Klamath Falls who is currently on a tour of the Far East. While on her tour Mrs. Ward is acting as official correspondent for the Herald and News.)

**By KATHLEEN WARD**  
Two days north of Singapore, we all suddenly blossomed out in our cottons and the ships officers put on their whites. Reason! It was definitely becoming quite hot as we steamed toward the equator. So while we all complained about the heat of Singapore, Christmas "came and went."

However, on Christmas morning, two other passengers (an English lady and a Swiss girl) and I donned our sheersiest dresses and attended church services at the very old St. Andrew's Cathedral. The congregation was certainly a study in mixed races. There were Malaysians, Indians, Chinese, English and Americans sharing equally in the choir and other duties of this Church of England.

After church, we strolled to the famous Raffles Hotel and had a cool limonade. We asked to be shown some of the rooms and were shown several including the suite which Ava Gardner occupied while she was in Singapore, recently.

In the evening, we had a lovely party on board ship and the Captain acted as host, having some former passengers, who are now living in Singapore, on board as an added attraction for the regular passengers. It was fun toasting "Queen Elizabeth" with champagne and enjoying all the traditional of an English version of Christmas.

Again, I was lucky in having someone to show me around. A Chinese lady, who had been a fellow passenger from Hong Kong, acted as hostess and guide while I was in port for three days. It was an especial treat to be included in a homecoming party for her and sharing all the excitement of this large Chinese family. The older daughter, Angela, spoke excellent English and acted as interpreter between me and others of the family. She is hoping to come to the United States for her college training. The young Asian's seem very American. Under her capable guidance, I saw many of the interesting sights of Singapore, including Chinese Temples, the Botanical Gardens, where there is at least one plant of every variety of flora native to Malaysia, and dozens of monkeys roam at will throughout the grounds. We also saw the reservoirs of Singapore, which are so renowned. And, of course, we had typical Chinese food, which I enjoy so very much.

One of the most interesting side trips, was to the state of Johore. The Sultan is in residence at the present time, so no one was allowed inside the palace. But we gaped to our heart's content and photographed the outside of the palace of one of the richest rulers of Malaya. Rubber! You know!

The next port was Penang. This city and island is rightfully called the "Pearl of the Orient." It reminded me a great deal of Hawaii, with its swaying palms, blue lagoons and tropical and lush flora. It is used as a vacation spot for most of this part of the world and is reputed to be an excellent place for shopping.

Five of us hired two taxis and made a six hour tour of the city and island. What fun it was to visit the Snake Temple, the rubber tree plantation, Ayer Itam village, where the magnificent Kek Lok Si Temple, Monastery and the Pagoda of ten thousand Buddhas, is located.

There is also the familiar tram to the top of a nearby mountain. These rides are always thrilling and reward one with a perfectly breathtaking view of the surrounding country. We timed our arrival for tea, so as to have time to relax and enjoy it all. Mind you, all of this was done for ten Straits dollars or about three dollars (American) each. We returned to the ship a tired but happy crowd and related our day to the other passengers.

More later from Rangoon!

### Suburban Trend

**By HAL BOYLE**  
NEW YORK (AP)—The greatest space explorers of our time aren't the men who yearn to go to the moon. They are the families who have moved out to the suburbs.

Much has been made of the great migration away from the cities. Not enough attention has been paid to the great trend back to the cities by disappointed pioneers who have found suburban living not all it was cracked up to be.

Herald reality has been the dream of a peaceful vine-covered cottage with a rose bush at its door, far from the hurly-burly of the city. They silently and gratefully creep back to the comfort of an apartment in town like frustrated pilgrims who started out for Mecca but found the journey too arduous.

As a confirmed city lover myself, I welcome them back home to refuge.

Don't think that the trend back to the cities is just a mirage on the city's eye. Thousands who fled the city to get away from it all are now returning to get back to it all.

The suburbs, of course, are a fine place to raise women and children. But many parents are making the discovery that schools in the suburbs are no better than those in the city, and are often

complain they spend more time acting as chauffeurs for their husbands and children than they do attending to their housekeeping chores.

I had one returnee to the city who he had come back, and he said: "I moved out to the suburbs because I thought they would be more quiet and restful and the people would be more friendly.

"Believe me, I gave it the old college try, but it didn't work out. "What went wrong? Everything. "Living in the suburbs isn't restful. It's hard work. I'm not one of those do-it-yourself fellows, but I found I had to become my own carpenter, plumber, electrician and landscape gardener.

"Just to get to my job I had to use three forms of transportation — car, train and subway. Most of the time I had to stand up on the 45-minute train ride, and I was worn-out by the time I reached my office.

"Friendliness? The neighbor on my left was a Don Juan who tried to make passes at my wife every time we had a party, and in the suburbs you have to have parties all the time to keep from going crazy from boredom. The neighbor on my right was such a crackpot that after three weeks we only talked to each other through our lawyers.

"And the conversation! All the people in the suburbs talk about is lawnmowers, the price of new furniture, the latest bright sayings of their kids, and whether the new family that moved in across the street is living above its income. Gossip, gossip, gossip! They all patronize the same diaper service, so nobody has a secret.

"Culture? How can you have culture when everybody belongs to the same book club?

"The reason I came back to the city was to see a great piano and so I could pick my own friends again and lead my own life. Boy, am I glad I'm back! When I die I don't even want to be buried in the suburbs. I was buried there long enough. Let 'em scatter my ashes in the city streets."

While other returned migrants shrug their views, they feel that, what there are a lot of things wrong with city life, there's nothing wrong with it that a five-year exile to the suburbs won't make looter.

### Expectations

**By SAM DAWSON**  
NEW YORK (AP)—Both President Eisenhower in his budget and industry are betting on continued good times, but they believe to be the cresting of the prosperity wave.

The President's belief that the economy is headed still higher this year is shown in his estimate of government receipts. He expects government revenues to rise by \$3 billion dollars in the fiscal year starting next July.

The only way this could happen would be for good times to continue and to blossom even more. That would assure increased collections from corporation incomes. It would provide higher totals of salaries and wages from which the government could collect an increased total of individual income taxes. The higher corporate and individual incomes would be made in 1956—because collections on income in booming 1955 will be for the most part complete in this fiscal year ending June 30.

To collect \$3 billion dollars more next year means, therefore, that this year will have to be even better than last.

Many industrial leaders are betting the same way. Businessmen are planning to spend more—at least in the first part of this year—for new plants and better equipment than they did a year ago.

Latest example is General Motors. President Harold H. Clegg has assured his fellow business leaders that backing his confidence in continued national prosperity, GM will spend a record one billion dollars this year for plant and machinery.

Curtice also says business in general will see "another record year" in 1956 and a new high in the gross national product—the dollar value of total output of industry and services.

For his own industry he predicts "the second best year in production and sales"—second only to record-breaking 1955.

But in many quarters enthusiasm has been changing to caution, and in such places as the stock market from caution to nervousness.

The steel industry notes that auto makers, cutting production and employ lists, are also cutting back on steel orders more than had been expected.

Retailers who were here for their convention last week say they'd like to raise prices on many goods. But many say they fear customer resistance if they do.

### Quotes

**By UNITED PRESS**  
DETROIT—The Detroit News in a front page story on the end of the strike, which forced the city's three dailies to halt publication:

"In a sense, the metropolis has been reborn and has regained its cohesion as a community."

**NEW YORK**—Vice President Richard Nixon on the Boy Scout movement:

"When we eventually have scouts in Russia and in the captive countries of Hungary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and China, we will have begun to create an understanding that will lead to real peace on earth."

### They'll Do It Every Time



### Investment Firm Places \$64.50 Tag On Ford Stock



**CAPT. WALTER RISSE** of Bonanza, commanding officer of Army Reserve Company C, 311th Military Police Battalion, will attend a two-week course next month at the Military Police School at Camp Gordon, Georgia. The organizer of Company C, Risse has been active in Army Reserve work ever since his release from active duty in 1946.

NEW YORK (UP)—A huge investment banking syndicate today placed a \$64.50 a share price tag on Ford Motor Co. stock.

The long awaited announcement on how much the public must pay to buy an interest in the nation's biggest privately owned company came shortly before 722 brokerage firms prepared to sign final contracts for the sale of 10,200,000 shares of Ford stock.

Brokers expect the Ford shares to sell at a fast clip. At \$64.50 a share, the offering of 10,200,000 shares will total \$657,900,000, making it the biggest offering in history.

The stock is being sold by the Ford Foundation. It will go on sale to the public tomorrow through brokers on an "over the counter" basis. Demand for shares is expected to boost the price considerably above the original offering price.

A prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington showed that the 722 brokerage houses which will sell the stock to the public will receive \$1.50 a share in underwriting discounts and commissions, totaling \$15,300,000.

The Foundation will actually receive, after discounts and commissions are paid, \$64,000,000. The SEC is expected to "clear" the statement sometime today, paving the way for actual sale of the shares tomorrow.

Brokers at once began accepting definite orders from their customers for the first time. The stock will be parceled out in small lots because of the tremendous demand for it.

The sale marks the end of Ford's history as a privately owned firm.

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### Church Group Plans Election

The Klamath Falls Council of Church Women will meet at the First Christian Church on Monday, January 23 at 3 p.m. to hear Glenn E. Smiley speak on "Citizenship with a Southern Exposure." This is the annual meeting for the council and officers will be elected and installed. Mrs. Lawrence Birk will give the devotionals.

Glenn Smiley of Boston, is national field secretary for the Fellowship of Reconciliation. He is an ordained Methodist minister and was active in that capacity in Southern California for a number of years prior to the time he came on to the staff of the FOR. In 1952 Mr. Smiley traveled abroad speaking and studying in 12 countries. He has a long and active interest in race relations and has worked especially with Negroes and Indians. Recently he has been working in the Deep South.

The Women's Association of the First Christian Church will serve a silver tea at the close of the meeting. The program is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

### MEETING POSTPONED

TULELAKE—The meeting of the Tulelake Garden Club to have been held January 17 has been postponed until January 24. The meeting on that date will be at the home of Mrs. Chester Stonecypher Sr. Time will be 2 p.m. Mrs. T. B. Watters, Klamath Falls will talk on "Making a Color Plan in Your Garden."

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