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Amazement

By BILL JENKINS

About every one I have to sit down and explain patiently to my friends that the reason I sound so foggy on the phone in the evening is that I have generally just gotten out of bed.

I'm beginning to think that almost everyone in the world except myself can get along on about two hours sleep per night. It would seem so if you were to believe what you hear at any rate.

Me, I guess I'm still a growing boy or something. Ten hours is the minimum and twelve or thirteen is a much better figure.

It wasn't always so. In my younger and better days I was frequently out on the tiles 'til the dawn's early light. Thought nothing of doing a day's work after a night out, either. But it's all different now. Fill me with good food and I'm ready to crawl between the sheets.

So that's why I sound like I do. I'm not mad. Just sleepy.

The Oregon Press Photographers Association is on the hunt for a pretty girl again for their annual contest. The usual rules will apply, of course. The young lady must be unmarried — and never have been wed in the past — between 18 and 26 years of age and be possessed of those physical attributes which lead to admiration and whistles in men.

While it may make me out a traitor to the industry and bring down the wrath of the OPFA on my poor little head I must come out in the open and say that if, for one, am getting a trifle fed up with the idea that every contest must have a pretty girl in it somewhere, that every product most be advertised by a picture of a thrilling-type babe and that every sponsor must, on the line or another, sponsor a beauty contest.

This is not a sign of poor sportsmanship on my part, nor does it show in any way that I am opposed to pretty girls. Far from it. I love 'em, if it weren't for the fact that I have to work for a living, plus the fact that the police frown on it, I would like nothing better than to station myself on a convenient corner and watch legions of lovely lassies loiter by.

No, I'm opposed to these beauty contests on purely logical and reasonable grounds. In the first place I don't think it's fair to limit the age the way almost all of them do. Some of the loveliest women I know are well along toward the point where they stop having birthdays and I think it fair to limit it to single girls only. The Mrs. America contest doesn't. Again, some of the loveliest women in the world are married.

If you are looking for physical beauty alone it seems to me it would be better to open the contest to all comers.

If you are looking for more than beauty you'll never find it through a beauty contest despite their feeble attempts at "requiring" charm, personality and talent.

When they get the rules down to something like reasonable then I'll go along. But not until then.

Shucks, why waste all that time looking over ten or twelve finalists in a contest when the beaches are full of beauties all summer long?

Ducks Unlimited

By KEN McLEOD

In the Klamath Basin there are quite a number of members of the organization called Ducks Unlimited, dedicated to the preservation of waterfowl on the North American continent. While their interest centers upon the migratory game birds, all other birds that depend upon marshland habitat benefit by the work of the organization. Ducks Unlimited's program to improve Canadian duck breeding grounds has demonstrated that wetland restoration can be an important factor in producing more ducks.

Lloyd Keith, a University of Wisconsin wildlife biologist, is the first scientist to make an intensive study of duck breeding on a DU impoundment. The study area he selected was located in the short-grass plains of southern Alberta, known as the Will J. Held project in honor of a past president of DU. DU completed engineering work on the area in 1948, and the subsequent natural development of the duck breeding area was the chief point in Keith's study.

Funds for the study were contributed by DU and the R. Howard Webster Foundation, Montreal, through the Delta Waterfowl Research Station. During the period of study, Keith was wetland student at the University of Alberta, and since that time has moved to the University of Wisconsin to study for his doctorate.

The DU program, Keith states, consists primarily of re-flooding old lakes and marshes that had formerly been drained for farming and proved unsuccessful. This work requires impoundments by building dams and dikes, and stabilizing water levels on existing lakes and marshes which are subject to drought and flooding.

DU improvements may be of tremendous importance, he adds, particularly during periods of extreme drought when many potholes and marshes in the Canadian prairie provinces dry up.

"Many millions of dollars have been poured into such undertakings yet surprisingly little is known of their over-all productivity, their efficiency as waterfowl breeding areas, or the most effective management practices for them," Keith points out.

The DU group spends about a half a million dollars annually on such work, and now maintains approximately 400 breeding areas.

Keith's two-year study of the

Reid impoundment was intended as an evaluation of one typical dike, and as a basis for future studies. The Reid area was selected because it contained a variety of habitat types which could be compared for breeding efficiency.

The study, additionally, revealed that soil salinity seriously effects the growth of plants in the area planted with ducks for food. The salt comes from sub-surface marine shale. It carries to the surface in the water table, which is now higher than occurred naturally before the impoundments were constructed. Accumulating on the surface, the salt causes detrimental changes in vegetation. Soil surveys can be utilized to eliminate saline areas in future development, Keith points out.

Keith found that early grazing after impoundments were created was beneficial to the extent that it prevented development of cattail shorelines, but may reduce nesting cover on some adjacent prairie lands. Muskrate eat bull-rushes planted for emergency cover, and other plant species must be used instead. Predation on nests and nesting females is always a problem, with 88 per cent of the nests and 7.3 per cent of the nesting females falling to predators. Skunks caused more than half the damage to nests, and weasels probably took the nesting females is Keith's opinion.

Alec Guinness

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Alec Guinness, regarded by many as one of the finest actors alive, regards his success with restrained enthusiasm.

"It's practically all due to lack of food and plenty of disappointments," he said wryly. "Believe me, they can be real incentives."

Critics praise Guinness for his chameleon-like ability to play any role. Perhaps no actor since the late Lon Chaney has used so many disguises.

Alec's roles have ranged from the third murderer in "Macbeth" to Hamlet, "Kind Hearts and Coronets" he played eight different characters. In his latest film, "The Prisoner," he portrays a cardinal, who fights the brainwashing of a totalitarian government.

"I like variety in life as well as in the theater," he said. "I hate to be typed. If I see any danger of that, I make a dash in the opposite direction."

"Some people like to find a success formula and stick to it. I don't. I have a formula. I live from hand to mouth, from instinct to instinct."

Guinness also dislikes formulas in plays or films.

"Why should they always have to deliver a message, or try to make some final comment on life?" he asked. "Isn't it enough if an evening in the theater merely provides one with entertainment and something to talk about?"

"I don't know of any major problem in living that can be settled in two hours. Do you?"

Alec has a deep and sustained love of the profession he still feels evicted from their homes in the area will be free to return.

3. Hope rose for a friendly settlement of the dangerous Cyprus dispute. Greece demands that Britain surrender the east Mediterranean island, which has become the most important Allied military base in the Middle East. Advice from London indicate that Greece, and Cyprus Greek nationalists, may agree to wider home rule for the island, with a promise of the right of self-determination sometime in the future.

Balance Sheet

By CHARLES M. McCANN

United Press Staff Correspondent

The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

THE GOOD

1. Egypt, land of the Pharaohs, entered a new period in its 7,000-year history. Smiling, dynamic President-Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser proclaimed a new constitution. Under it, the infant Egyptian republic will get its first representative parliamentary government. After the overthrow of King Farouk, the ruling army chieftains announced a three-year period of transition. This period ended Monday, and the army made good on its promise to start the country on its way to full rule by the people.

2. Soviet Russia announced that it would formally hand over its naval base of Port Said to Finland next Thursday. After World War II, Russia compelled Finland to "lease" the south coast base to it for 30 years. The Kremlin announced last September that it would give up Porkkala, 39 years ahead of time. After next Thursday, the people whom the Russians evicted from their homes in the area will be free to return.

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Who wear, R.N. on pins so bright,
With thoughtful care and gentle ways,
You help us thru the weary days,
And vigil keep the whole night thru,
Again I say my thanks to you.

My thanks to you, you gals in white,
The Nurses Aid, with smiles so bright,
You bring the water, make our bed,
And help to see that we are fed,
It seems your tasks are never thru,
Again I say, my thanks to you.

My thanks to you, you gals in light,
The Student Nurse, with steps so white,
With tender hands, our every whim,
You try to grant with cheery grin,
And when you're gone to studies new,
I send my thanks along with you.

Business Wonders

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—Easing of federal restraint on mortgage credit—and a spirited drive to reverse the tight money policy aimed at discouraging just-in-time buying—has businessmen wondering today if Washington is changing its thinking on the state of the economy.

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Plain Notice

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower has given the country plain notice he will never again be quite the man he was before, physically, and that henceforth he must avoid undue fatigue.

Although he says he still hasn't made up his mind on running again this concern about his health has run through everything Eisenhower has told newsmen, even so long ago as last August, before his heart attack.

He said yesterday: "It would be idle to pretend that my health can be wholly restored. My future life must be carefully regulated to avoid excessive fatigue."

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name stay in any state presidential primary where it may be entered, he practically invited all Republican would-be presidents to get into the state primaries too to give voters a wide choice.

He no doubt meant this as encouragement to all of his party's presidential hopefuls to get active but it may have had the effect of chilling their blood. In almost any state primary against Eisenhower they'd almost certainly lose.

Newsmen who went to his news conference yesterday were not surprised when he left them still guessing on whether he'll run again. He said he hasn't decided and won't for a while.

It was last summer—weeks before his heart attack Sept. 24—that Eisenhower began raising questions about his health when asked about seeking a second term.

August he spoke about the eroding effect of the presidency on the man in the White House and said, when he had no reason to expect a heart attack, that the state of his health would be a major factor in his decision on running.

That concern about his health appeared in statements he has made since then. He has noted that no man has reached 70 in the presidency. He'd be 70 three months before the end of a second term.

He said the presidency is more wearing than any military assignment he ever had. He told newsmen Jan. 9 he would have to be careful to avoid fatigue. He has emphasized his decision would be based on what is good for the country.

Along that line he has said it is a "very critical thing to change governments in this country at a time that it is unexpected," a statement which could only mean it is critical if a president dies in office or, for health reasons, can't carry on with his job.

in the administration's mind was the fear that inflation might threaten again—in other words, that the business boom might get going too fast.

This week's actions—and talk—have businessmen wondering if Washington is now more worried about the chance that business may be at or past the peak.

There are suspicions that the Federal Reserve Board is shifting from its policy of active restraint on credit to a milder form called just restraint. The board, many thought, would hike its interest rates again at the start of the year. It hasn't. And New York bankers say the money supply may get a little easier soon.

The two spots in the economy where a downturn is now apparent are: auto production and sales, and home building.

The Veterans Administration and the Federal Housing Administration have taken note of the drop in home building and canceled part of the restraints on credit they ordered last July. The agencies again will permit 30-year mortgages instead of a 25-year limit, as decreed last summer. They eased up on the reins just when builders, gathered in the capital to predict a 7 per cent cutback in home building because of tight money.

On the auto front, Harlow H. Curtice, president of General Motors, has protested against the credit reserve policy. He blames the tight credit situation as a chief cause for the prospects that the auto industry won't sell as many cars this year.

Applications for federal mortgage financing have dropped sharply in recent weeks. Since it takes some time for these applications to result in actual starting of new homes, builders foresee a slump coming in the spring. And to forestall this may be why the 30-year mortgages were reinstated.

The FHA also is asking Congress to liberalize the terms under which the federal agency insures loans for home repairs and improvements. The government men think this sort of spending could increase this year to 14 billion dollars, a 25 per cent gain over last year—and a new prop to the economy, if any should be needed.

Thinking along this line is far from unanimous, however. Fears of a reaction from the great expansion of consumer credit in the last year or so are still widespread in the banking fraternity.

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Peggy Wicks To Be Installed

Peggy Wicks, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy C. Wicks, will be installed as worthy adviser of Klamath Falls Assembly No. 57, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, at a public installation in the Scottish Rite Temple, January 27, at 7:30 p.m.

The line officers to be installed at the same time, include Shirley Barleen, worthy associate adviser; Jackie Pugh, charity; Wanda West, hope; and Jean Morgan, faith. Appointive officers will also be installed that evening.

Following installation, there will be a dance and refreshments will be served.

Ferrin Leads Panel Group

H. B. Ferrin, Lakeview city school superintendent, was moderator for a panel discussion which highlighted a general membership meeting of the Klamath County chapter of the Oregon Education Association at Fremont School Saturday afternoon.

Gary Robertson, the Rev. D. L. Proett, Mrs. Isabelle Brixner, and Mrs. Art L. Moore were members of the panel who discussed phases of the topic, "What is the Role of Educational Agencies in the Total Life Development of the Child?"

In the discussions and the question and answer period which followed, the panel members pointed to the need for less "passing of responsibilities" and more integration of effort on the part of home, school, church and community groups.

The program was presented under the direction of Darrell Potter, vice president and program chairman.

During the business session, Mr. Potter was elected 1956-57 president of the Klamath County education group.

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Merrill Council Okays Licenses

MERRILL — Twenty-seven occupational licenses were approved by the city council at the January 5 meeting. Mayor Bob Walker presiding. A building permit was issued to Paul Miller for construction of a garage.

Mayor Walker announces the resignation of Councilman J. R. Robinson, effective January 1, and the council discussed a possible replacement. Also the subject of selling the old city hall on Front Street was discussed.

A request from the Columbia Utilities Company for installation of a pay telephone station on Front Street was approved, location to be left to the company's discretion. The next council meeting will be held February 2 in the fire house.

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