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Almanac

By BILL JENKINS

We have been remiss in reminding our readers that the 166th Old Farmer's Almanac is now on the stands and has been since November 1.

All full of the usual information plus a little added material for those who are willing to dig for it.

Among other things I find that there will be two full moon risings in July of 1958, on the first and thirtieth. There is also a table listing the full moon days for the years 1959 to 1962 inclusive for the benefit of those individuals and groups who wish to plan meetings on such occasions.

The earth will be in Perihelion on January 3, distant from the sun 91,446,000 miles and in Aphelion on July 5 when we will be 94,556,000 miles from the sun. Unless, of course, Russia has rearranged the heavens in the meantime.

Abbe Weatherwise is predicting some pretty severe weather for the last two months of this year and through March of next, but on the whole it will not be too bad.

There is also the usual fishing data, hunting laws and whatnot. A book which should surely be on every table. Plenty of information in a small packet.

What with this being duck hunting weather we feel called upon to quote any and all comers. Tom Garratt, the federal enforcement man, was in the other day and described this season as being "peculiar."

We can agree. Tom says that up to about two weeks ago there was a normal duck and goose population in the Basin. Then they, ducks in particular, disappeared and no one knows where. They didn't head into the Sacramento Valley as usual. On the other hand a week ago Tom says he saw one of the largest concentrations of ducks alongside the Township Road that he has ever seen outside a refuge.

Every duck in the Basin must have been there, he says.

Hunting has been poor to only average on the Upper Lake in the face of mild weather and plenty of feed.

No explanation except that perhaps the ducks are changing their habits. I have long suspected that they would get wise to things eventually, but I didn't expect it to come this soon.

Maybe by next year we'll have to send out a search party.

Tax Talk

By JOSEPHINE KITTREDGE

The Oregon Nonpartisan Tax League has been incorporated, and the Klamath County Nonpartisan Tax League is already an active association. We have a somewhat embarrassing position at present.

The demand from other Oregon counties to know about the citizens taxpayer association plan has been so great that we are not able to proceed with county association study plans as rapidly as we would like to.

The special session of the Oregon Legislature has also created problems. It obviously has been our duty to carefully watch the procedures and deliberations of that body, and call attention to the most important decisions and act as an in-between body without becoming involved in a partisan discussion. The issues have been developed by partisan bodies, and it is our somewhat delicate task to interpret without also judging the motives of those who offer the ideas.

It is our intention to offer first, a suggested study idea on county level government. We are not a group developed for punitive purposes; therefore it is not our intention to draw conclusions, but to offer both sides of a question and let the taxpayers make the final decisions as to the merit or lack of merit.

I must offer a word of praise to the Klamath County Court in its published decision to only honor the various county governmental departments request for funds within the limits of the budgets prescribed for the departments.

It is my understanding that when funds are available in the county general fund, that it is possible to honor drafts on the department budgets as long as funds remain. In other words, some departments might be overdrawn and some departments conceivably could send less than their budgeted amount and receive no credit at the end of the year.

The Budget Committee of the county and the members of the county court are responsible to the taxpayers for these funds. It certainly indicates a sense of responsibility to the public to oversee spending as well as budgeting of funds.

In visiting other counties in the state I have found that county officials are among our most interested supporters. One of the reasons for this is that they wish the taxpayers to be informed, so that the people will not demand services and vote special benefits and special district levies and when the time comes to pay the tax bill be completely astonished and horrified at the amount of taxes they have to pay. These county officers are all anxious to consider streamlining the various offices, and studying the overlapping of functions that exists in some instances.

The duties of the offices of coun-

ty government and the immense responsibility for millions of dollars in tax monies, that is often misunderstood by the voters, is another field of exploration. There must be some yardstick to determine what the duties of an office are, and the qualifications for that office that the candidate should have.

It is not the intention of a taxpayer group to prefer or reject one candidate over another, but it is the duty of all citizens to make sure that qualified people are elected to public office. Unless the people assume this responsibility they have no real right to question the ability or background of those who hold public office.

On the other hand the elected officials owe the taxpayers a dedicated stewardship. They owe the taxpayers a service that involves the interpretation of the statutes, the simple explanations that involve procedures to right a wrong, if one exists; or satisfy a puzzled, perplexed wage earner who just plain "doesn't understand."

All these things are good government. . . these things we must have!

Crossing Signals

By JOHN GUERNSEY

The South Suburban region is steadily growing and indications are that traffic within the area will greatly increase when the Kingsley Air Base is fully manned within the years of the immediate future. From all indications the added traffic will move principally along Homedale Road, Summers Lane, Altamont Drive and Washburn Way.

Each of the vehicular arteries is crossed in at least one location by railroad tracks, and some of the named thoroughfares are crossed in two locations. There has been a considerable number of train-auto accidents and fatalities in the south suburbs, and it seems reasonable to assume that the number will continue and increase if added precautions in the form of railroad flashing light signals are not established at some of the heavily traveled crossings before the anticipated automobile traffic increase.

At the present time the railroad crossings in the South Suburban area are inconsistently marked and are perhaps inadequately marked. There is one wig-wag warning signal at the Altamont crossing near Sixth Street, but the other heavily traveled crossings are marked only with crossbucks, some of them having light lamps above them for night usage. Others are supplemented with standard "stop" signs of an unlighted nature.

It is true that the frequency of car-train collisions could be reduced or completely eliminated if stop signs were installed at all crossings and all motorists observed the signs. However, it does not appear that the heavy South Suburban traffic of the present and future could avoid consistent bogging down if more railroad stops were sprinkled throughout the area.

The current traffic on Summers Lane is such that the railroad crossing stop just two blocks away from Sixth Street often proves a detriment to the steady flowing late afternoon traffic which pours off of Sixth Street.

Aside from the traffic congestion standpoint, an added safety factor would be realized if flashing light signals or wig-wags were installed at some of the crossings. With particular reference to the Washburn Way crossings, it isn't uncommon to have a string of flatcars across the highway late at night. The flatcars are hard to see, the crossings are not brilliantly marked, and on more than one occasion unsuspecting motorists have plowed into the railroad cars with devastating and fatal results.

Homedale Road, Altamont Drive and Summers Lane all appear to be streets with 1,000 daily vehicular counts, and that number of vehicles should qualify any crossing for the installation of lighted signals.

The cost of installing wig-wag

signals and the more effective flashing light signals ranges between approximately \$3,000 and \$8,000 per installation, depending on the type of signal and the location work involved. The installation cost is normally borne jointly by the county and the railroads involved, with the county bearing the larger share.

The signal installations appear to be something that will have to be done in the near future. The county court would be rendering a big traffic service and safety factor to the south suburbs if members of the court could see their way clear to obtain the necessary traffic count information, negotiate the costs with the railroads, and petition the railroads and the public utilities commission for installation of the flashing lights where deemed most necessary.

First Child

Medford (To the Editor) — I

just received the clippings from your paper of the births of Major Milan Loosley, who was born April 17, 1873 and John Colwell, born October 11, 1873. Each claims to be the first white child born in Klamath County.

My father Simpson Wilson and my mother, Nancy Ellen Hall Wilson were the first white couple married in Linkville, now known as Klamath Falls, July 16, 1871. My sister, Emma Evelyn Wilson was the first white girl born in Klamath County on March 14, 1873. She was born in the Langell Valley. There was a white boy baby born before she was, but I can't recall his name.

My sister was born one month and three days before Major Loosley and six months and 27 days before John Colwell.

Mrs. Mary Foster
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Changes

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

Although everyone grows older at the same rate of speed, the signs of advancing years generally appear gradually, unequally and differ from person to person.

Some activities, for example, which come easily at 18 are impossible or unwise at 30. Others which can be performed at 30 are undesirable at 50.

It seems to me that there are two aspects of aging which everyone should consider. One is the recognition of physical changes and the need to adjust to them in daily living. The other is the conscious preparation for certain changes in living pattern in the later years.

From the physical point of view, age brings some slowing of many functions of the body and a lessened ability for some of the body tissues and functions to withstand stress.

For example, the muscles, including the heart muscle, cannot stand as much strain in later years as they did earlier. Therefore, it is foolish to take as strenuous exercise as was possible in youth.

Such special senses as hearing and vision become less acute and adjustment of varying degrees to these changes is needed. It is also characteristic for the memory to weaken, particularly memory for recent events. Many older people show this by repeating stories to the same audience simply because they do not remember that they did this before.

Assuming that one lives long enough, the older years bring changes to everyone. Mothers who have been busy with the varied problems of their children are inevitably relieved of this time-consuming task. Some planning on what they will do when this time comes in order to occupy themselves is in order.

Men, too, generally face the prospect of change in their habits of work and play. Retirement can be a welcome relief from heavy duties or it can be a blow which some men find hard to overcome. It is now generally believed that more thought should be given re-

Pogo



irement in advance. There are many books and pamphlets, most of which can be found in the nearest public library, which should prove of great assistance if consulted years before expected retirement.

Industries and physicians interested in public health have taken an increasing interest in this subject also. For example, the National Assn. for Mental Health has published a series of six letters addressed to employed people from 30-60.

The simple matter of growing older is so inevitable that it should be taken philosophically. Such drawbacks as it does have can be lessened by careful planning and better understanding of some of the advantages which it also can offer.

Handicrafts

By GAY PAULEY

United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK (UP) — Today's woman sticks to her knitting. Also to her weaving, crocheting, rug-hooking, tatting, quilting and a hundred other hobbies which fill her spare time.

At the rate she is going, she will outdo grandma, and grandma was no slouch. She reared a big family, did all the housework and still found time to knit socks and crochet antimacassars.

"Look at what has happened to weaving," said Mrs. Leo Feinberg, who is coordinating the 34th Annual Women's International Exposition, which opened Saturday at the 71st Regiment Armory. "It is an ancient craft, in a fantastic new vogue. Women are weaving skirts, suits and dress fabrics, baby crib covers, pictures, draperies, couch covers. One woman even has woven a room divider."

"All this on a hand loom, mind you. This year we are giving four times as much space to weaving entries as we did last year."

The other handicrafts are doing right well. Mrs. Feinberg, who has been with the exposition since 1940, said at least 50 percent of the nation's adult female population does crochet. Almost as many knit. Some women are skilled at three or four types of needlework.

She isn't sure where they find the time, considering that some 22 million hold outside jobs. "But there are three good reasons handicrafts will go on and on," she said. "They satisfy our creative urge. Take me, I'm a knitter. I can go out and buy a sweater for my grandson for \$3. It will take me several hours to knit one and I will spend just as much money. But I get more pleasure out of seeing him wear what I made."

"Doing something with our hands calms our nerves better than tranquilizing pills."

"And, I do think most of us women deep down want to keep alive the arts and skills our grandmothers knew."

For most women, their handicraft is a hobby, although a few have turned it into a money-maker, she added.

Outlook

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK — How the retail stores fare in the next eight weeks will go a long way in forecasting what kind of a year 1958 will be for industry.

Consumer buying in November and December will be what the business economists will be watching. It should have more than usual weight this year on the future course of prices and industrial output.

How the public spends for Christmas this time and how it reacts to the cars now being unveiled is the big question mark of the day.

Retail sales have been just barely ahead of last year for some time now. Take in account the higher prices, and unit sales may be a little off.

But in the next two months, or one-sixth of the year, most stores expect to do one fourth of the whole year's business. This makes or breaks their year as far as earnings go.

If they move the goods they have in stock or on order, they'll be in a position to reorder. If the public goes slow on buying, the economy all the way back to the prime producer of materials will feel the jolt.

On the sunny side is the fact that total personal income and total employment is high. Also, the banks will be handing out a record 1 1/2 billion dollars in Christmas Club payments, 37 million dollars more than last year.

On the darker side is that many families show a tendency to spend less. One reason may be that many families already were living to the limit of their income when prices went up, when overtime pay faded and some factory work weeks were shortened.

For several years the public has tended to buy better and more costly items, and this has helped give industry its ever healthier glow.

The big question today is whether the consumer will continue this trend or whether he will start retrenching.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Park Group Holds Meet

BONANZA — The Bonanza Big Springs Park Association held its first November meeting on Tuesday at the home of Bob Schmor. Lloyd Hubble, president, conducted the business meeting.

A discussion was held on proposed rest rooms for the park and a special meeting will be held on November 18 at 8 p.m. in the library. All members are urged to bring in suggestions at that time.

A report was heard on damage by beavers to trees in the park. The secretary was instructed to write to State Senator Harry D. Boivin at Klamath Falls to intercede in the group's effort to get a permit to trap the animals. It was reported that no answer was received from the State Game Commission when an official request was made for a permit.

It was announced that the next food sale to raise money for the park will be held on November 16, starting at 10 a.m. at Brown's Variety Store in Bonanza. Mrs. Marvin Brown will be in charge.

The SPEBSQSA barbershoppers and Sweet Adelines of Klamath Falls will put on another benefit show for the Bonanza Park on November 23, starting at 8 p.m., at the Bonanza school. This is a repeat performance and they are always enthusiastically received. Supper will be served after the show for those taking part in the performance. Committee members for food include Esther Brown, Virginia Thomas, Florence Horn, Lillith O'Connor, Margaret Burnett and Cora Leavitt.

CF Leaders Name Heads

MERRILL—Election of officers was held during a luncheon meeting of the Merrill-Malin Leaders Association of Camp Fire on Tuesday, November 5, at the Merrill Recreation Hall.

Succeeding Mrs. Robert Walker as chairman will be Mrs. Paul Mullenix. The new vice chairman is Mrs. Connie Lovensness. Mrs. Walker will serve as secretary-treasurer.

Recommendations were also made to Donald Piper for several district committee chairmen appointments: Mrs. Robert Walker, group organization committee chairman; Mrs. Ralph Swisher, district program chairman; Mrs. Dale West, district training chairman, and Tom Laird, district camping chairman.

Selected as the calling committee were Mrs. Jean Donaldson, Mrs. Wilby Conner and Mrs. Norma Kandra.

A brief talk on duties of a sponsor was outlined by Mrs. Warren Fruits to the 27 attending leaders and sponsors. Mrs. Naomi French, executive director, gave supplies to leaders of the newly organized Camp Fire and Bluebird groups.

It was announced that a basic training Camp Fire program for new leaders and sponsors will be held on Thursday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Merrill Recreation Hall.

PTA NEWS

HENLEY PTA

By Mrs. Bill Decker
"Child Behavior" was the subject of a talk given by Gene Stiver, OTI instructor, at the Henley PTA meeting held on November 6 in the high school auditorium.

After the meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. L. M. McBride, Mrs. Peterson's fifth grade led the flag salute. Mrs. McBride then announced that Henley PTA members would be on the PTA in Action TV program at 5 p.m. on November 12.

High school principal, George Elliott, named November 14 as open house evening, and said that there would be an hour-long program starting at 7:30 after which the teachers would be in their rooms to talk to interested parents. He added that November 16 is the date of the Lettermen's Carnival, and concluded with the information that if enough people were interested, a handicrafts class one evening a week might be started in January. This would include wood, leather, copper and aluminum working, tooling and welding.

Grade school principal, Erwin Brower, announced that in honor of American Education Week, November 12 through 15, all parents and interested persons would be welcomed in the classes, that work day schedules would be sent home, and that a slogan for the occasion might be "Come and see what we're doing in your school."

The meeting was then turned over to program chairman, Mrs. James Graves, who introduced Mr. Stiver. He proceeded directly to a definition of Dr. Alfred Adler's socio-teleological approach to personality, namely that regardless of what a human does, there is some purpose for his behavior.

In children, these purposes may be categorized into four behavioral mechanisms: attention getting, a power struggle, revenge or withdrawal. To most effectively deal with these reactions, Mr. Stiver suggested that parents and teachers should "have the courage to be imperfect," that is, allow themselves to see and react to the child on the child's own level, and not be afraid to act in an undignified and spontaneous manner if the situation warrants. Group roles and ideological consequences instead of punishment were also advanced as methods of gaining cooperation.

The meeting was then adjourned and refreshments were served in the home economics room by the second grade mothers.

The next meeting will be potluck supper and dad's night on December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the grade school cafeteria.

Peace Officers Slate Meeting

WEED — Siskiyou County Peace Officers Association will meet at the Sportsman's Hotel in Tulelake Thursday night, November 14, for a guest night dinner meeting.

Association President R. O. Rust, captain of the highway patrol, Yreka, will preside. Arrangements for the meeting are being made by Mrs. Victoria Thaler, judge of the Tulelake Justice Court.

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Freeway Plan Meeting Set

H. S. Miles, district engineer of the Division of Highways at Redding, announces that a public meeting will be held in Yreka in the supervisors' chambers in the courthouse at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 1957, for the purpose of acquainting local officials and the public with a tentative freeway route between Henley Lane and the California-Oregon state line on U.S. Sign Route 99.

The proposed project is being planned on the basis of a 4-lane full freeway to interstate standards with a 60-foot width of median between opposing lanes of traffic and a basic right of way width of 104 feet. It is approximately 6.7 miles in length and will follow the present alignment for the entire project.

Four traffic interchanges are planned to separate by overhead crossings or underpasses the crossings at Henley Lane, Ditch Creek Road, Bailey Hill Road and Hill Road.

The meeting is being held at this time to discuss the tentative plan for the freeway and to inform the people in the vicinity of the intended program of the Division of Highways. The public is invited to attend, and interested individuals will be given an opportunity to express their views concerning the proposed route at the meeting.

Women Golfers Plan Card Night

WEED — A card social for women members of the Weed Golf Club is planned for Wednesday night, November 13, at the Weed clubhouse.

Dessert will be served at 7:30 preceding the issuing of tallies for the variety of card games planned for the guests.

The social event is being staged as a get-acquainted session for members and all are welcomed to attend just to visit if they do not care to play cards.

Mrs. W. P. Sexton, chairman, is being assisted by Mrs. Bob Mallory and Mrs. Victor Thompson.

Employment Shows Drop

Favorable fall weather provided jobs for many lumber workers laid off earlier because of humidity and the hunting season, but the number of unemployed increased from 33,200 to 39,400 during October, according to reports from 26 local offices of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, Administrator John A. Norton announced recently.

Insured unemployment also continued to rise, reaching 20,844 last week comparing with 16,314 a month before. Initial claims, denoting new layoffs, dropped somewhat, from 6,895 to 5,288, but both figures were well above recent years.

A year ago 25,400 job seekers were listed, and in 1955 the total was 21,100. Most of the increase came in the western Oregon fir country although the metropolitan area reported 17,000 looking for work as compared with 14,100 last month and 9,200 a year ago.

Eugene, Lebanon, Corvallis, and Tillamook noted that many timber workers had returned to their jobs following layoffs in recent weeks because of the dry fall weather and deer hunting season. The number of unemployed dropped in these sections but may rise with the onset of wet weather.

Payments to insured workers last month were about \$2,375,000, highest October total on record and more than three times last year's \$783,587. Benefits for the first 10 months of 1957 have passed \$24 millions and may reach \$30 millions to break all records during the 20 years in which payments have been made.

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