

TIZZY By Kate Osann



"Roger was the life of the party—that gives you an idea of how dull it was!"

CITY BRIEFS

Square Dance—B and B Square Dance Club will hold a square dance Wednesday, January 29, at 8 p.m. at the Moose Hall.

Friendly Circle—A noon potluck meeting will be held Thursday by the Friendly Circle at the home of Louise O'Brien, 2931 Hope Street.

Radio School—William R. Clark, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill L. Clark, 3639 Altamont Drive, was graduated January 8 from the Navy's Radioman School at the Naval Training Center, San Diego.

Talent Show—sponsored by the Mariners Club of Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, will follow the 6:30 family potluck supper, Friday evening, January 31. The entertainment includes the PTA Mothersingers, directed by Andrew

Local KF Club Bills Speaker

Dr. Rowland M. Myers, an authority on the use, transformation and development of words, will be the guest of honor to speak before members of the Klamath Falls Knife and Fork Club at their 8 o'clock dinner this evening in the Willard Hotel, it was announced today by Fred Southwell, secretary of the club.

A graduate of Dartmouth University and recipient of a Ph. D. degree from Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Myers has taught languages in five American universities and conducted a course on literature for officers in the American School Center for military personnel in England.

He is a veteran of World War II, having commanded an antircraft artillery battery and served in the intelligence and psychological warfare sections of the Army.

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Daring Video Comic Uses 'Sick Humor' Successfully

By WILLIAM EWALD United Press Staff Correspondent NEW YORK (UP)—For the past couple of years or so, what the comics refer to as "sick" humor has been flourishing offstage.

Sick humor draws upon subject matter ordinarily considered too — illness, injuries, violence, family antagonisms. One example of a very mild sick joke:

Georgia: "Hey, Tommy, I just pushed Mommy off the cliff."

Tommy: "Stop making me laugh. You know my lips are chapped."

Most sick jokes are far gamier than this example and almost all of them are in areas that ordinarily would be considered bad taste. But occasionally, a sick joke will carry such a strong kernel of ridiculous truth that we are compelled to laugh.

California Weather

By UNITED PRESS San Francisco Bay Region: Rain today; becoming heavy at times this afternoon; showers tonight and clearing Thursday; southerly winds 25-35 m.p.h. today; then westerly 12-25 m.p.h. tonight and Thursday; colder tonight and Thursday; high today near 60; low tonight 45-50; rain probability 90 per cent today and tonight, 50 per cent Thursday.

Northern California: Heavy rain with gale winds on North Coast today and rain as far south as Salinas and Stockton; showers in the area tonight, then clearing Thursday except showers in northwest with snow in mountains; colder Thursday; wind near coast southerly 30-40 m.p.h. Point Reyes northward and 25-35 m.p.h. south of Point Reyes to Monterey today, otherwise westerly 12-25 m.p.h. Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou Area: Heavy rain today with snow level near 8,000 feet; snow tonight with rain below 3,000 feet, then partly cloudy with occasional snow flurries Thursday; colder tonight and Thursday.

Sierra Nevada: Occasional rain north portion today; snow spreading over area tonight with near blizzard conditions northern passes this evening; intermittent snow and colder Thursday with showers below 3,500 feet in the north and 5,000 feet in the south.

Sacramento Valley: Rain today with heavy amounts north portion; showers tonight; clearing Thursday but a few showers likely north portion during morning; colder tonight and Thursday; high today 55-60; Thursday 47-54; low tonight 40-50; southerly winds increasing to 30-45 m.p.h. by this afternoon, then decreasing rapidly this evening.

Northwestern California: Heavy rain today, then showers tonight and in north portion Thursday; cooler tonight and Thursday; high today and low tonight Napa 57-63; Santa Rosa 57-60; Ukiah 55-60; southerly winds 30-50 m.p.h. near coast today, then westerly 12-25 m.p.h. tonight and Thursday.

Syria, Egypt Pact Approved

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—The Syrian Cabinet gave final approval yesterday to union of Syria and Egypt. Syrian Premier Sabri Asali predicted proclamation of the united Arab state within the "next few days."

President Shukri Kuwaty was reported as confirming expectations that President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt will be the union's president, subject to a plebiscite which presumably will approve the Arab hero overwhelming. Kuwaty is expected to become vice president.

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EARL SNYDER, state director for the Oregon State Board of Aeronautics, will be guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Klamath Falls Chapter, Sportsmen Pilots of Oregon Saturday night, February 1, in the visitor's lounge at Kingsley Field. The dinner session will be held at the Airport Cafe. Anyone interested in aviation whether a member of the club or a non-member will be welcome. Make reservations before Saturday noon for the dinner by calling, TU 4-7858, TU 4-5580 or TU 4-7332.

New 4-H Club Chiefs Installed

DUNSMUIR — Craig View 4-H Club officers installed January 16 at a meeting at Hotel Dunsmuir are Margaret Callick, president; Robert Collett, vice president; Claudia Diridon, secretary; Lillian Estep, treasurer, and Carolyn Cooney, song leader.

Instruction on keeping 4-H record books was given by William Rudden Jr., and plans were made to invite the Edgewood 4-H Club to visit the club in April. A council meeting at the home of Mrs. Wilson Callick on February 4 was announced and the next meeting date set for 7:30 p.m., February 13, at Hotel Dunsmuir.

Fireman Honored With Banquet

DUNSMUIR—Recognition for 17 years as a member of the Dunsmuir Volunteer Fire Department was given Elmo Trafton on Friday night. Fire department members honored him at a farewell banquet given at Hotel Dunsmuir.

Trafton has been transferred by Southern Pacific Company to Sacramento where he will work in the claims department. He has held the rank of fire department captain for several years with traffic direction as his special assignment.

Fire department members gave Trafton a gold cigarette lighter with a suitable inscription of appreciation. Mrs. Trafton was also a special guest at the party which included wives of the members. Dancing provided entertainment following the dinner.

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Troubles Facing Nation's Railroad Industry Outlined

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON (UP)—Those numerous individuals who would like to substitute for the American way of life a father-knows-best system of state socialism should find considerable comfort in the plight of the nation's railroads.

The railroads are in trouble. The trouble is so seriously and deeply imbedded in the industry as to give the situation the color of a national calamity.

Railroad troubles are as bad and probably as dangerous as are the trouble afflicting American farmers. They are as urgent and just about as closely related to national defense as are the troubles the United States is having with its satellite - launching rockets.

If railway managers were as numerous as farmers, there would be here in Congress a powerhouse railroad bloc capable of and determined to divert great chunks of the taxpayers' money to the relief of the carriers. The comparison is a good one because what afflicts the railroads is just about what afflicts the American farmer - high costs and low income.

Twenty four presidents of United States railroads recently were in Washington to attract Congressional attention to the industry's distress signals. They came without much hope and probably left with less.

The railroads are stuck with a popular conception that goes back toward and beyond the turn of the century - that the roads are a filthy - rich monopoly and hoggish for profit, to boot. The airplane, buses, trucks and privately-owned automobiles have vastly changed the transportation industry in 50 years. Today's railroads are about

as monopolistic as deep dish apple pie. Railroad presidents who assembled here to testify before a Senate interstate commerce subcommittee complained, that nonetheless, their carriers are taxed, regulated and bedeviled like true monopolies. They complained, especially, that, whereas the railroads must provide their own facilities, such as stations and rights of way, and must pay taxes for the privilege of doing so, their chief competitors do not.

Buses and trucks, they argued, use the public highways, comparatively tax-free. Airplanes take off and land on airports usually publicly provided and owned and, between stops are guided by public

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heli installed light beacons. Barge lines on the national waterways enjoy similar advantages. Ahead of the industry the railroad presidents foresaw either new federal regulatory and new general tax policies or bankruptcy and, ultimately, resort to the socialistic device of government ownership and operation. James M. Symes, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was one of the subcommittee witnesses.

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