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Bow And Arrows

By BILL JENKINS

Moving with all the darting speed of a herd of turtles on an uphill run the Defense Department has released to the public the details of its highly secret World War Two bow and arrow project.

If that sounds strange let me tell you a couple of the facts.

During the war, the last one, that is, the cloak and dagger boys began casting about for some sort of a silent weapon to aid in their nefarious work among the enemy. What they particularly wanted was a noiseless, flashless weapon with which to pick off enemy sentries so they could penetrate the lines and gain the necessary information.

What they finally came up with, but never used intensively, went right back to the days of yore—the bow and arrow. Or, more precisely, the crossbow. These were powered by rubber bands and packed quite a wallop. At least on paper they developed a weapon which was capable of killing a man at fifty yards and doing it in a nice, neat, quiet manner.

The crossbow is far from a new weapon. Records of their use date back to the Fourth Century and they were widely used up until the battle of Crecy in the Fourteenth Century. The first crossbows were made of wood, later models of laminated whalebone and the final style of wood again with a steel bow and an elaborate cranking system to draw the bow to tremendous tensions. The arrows were called quarrels or bolts, were feathered and some of them were so built as to spin, thus enhancing their accuracy and range.

The crossbow died a natural death, along with several thousand arbalists (crossbowmen) at Crecy when the English showed up with their longbows and the cloth-yard shaft which had a longer range and greater penetrating power.

When the defense people were trying out their miniature weapons at the testing ground they fired them into great chunks of horse-meat to determine their penetrating powers.

When the arbalists of an earlier age tried out a new weapon they found a neighboring tribe and tried them out by shooting them into great chunks of other crossbowmen.

This made it much easier to tell how hard they hit without a lot of tiresome research.

If the target got up and fired back then your weapon needed a little tuning up.

If he stayed down you named your crossbow "Old Sureshot" and went back to the village tavern to brag about your prowess.

The theory advanced by several Fifth Century monks and a couple of battalion commanders that the crossbow was such a horrid weapon that it's invention would outlaw war was proved wrong.

Courtesy

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

There is still no adequate substitute today for plain old-fashioned courtesy.

The Klamath Falls Police Department has added an additional courtesy to its service to merchants in the business area of the city.

The new service is in the form of a postcard which will be mailed to the merchants anytime a patrolman finds something amiss with his premises.

For instance, looking over the postcard, which will be checked with the appropriate instance, it lists such things as front door unlocked, rear door unlocked, side door unlocked, rear window open side window open, defective lock, safe light out, alley light out, store light out, skylight open, transom open, and keys left in door.

The name and number of the officer who noticed the condition is also included on the postcard.

Certainly, the police department has not been guilty of discourtesy in the past, we don't mean to imply that in any way; however, it is just such little things as the postcard reminder that go a long way toward letting the people of a community know that the policemen are providing not only them, but their business establishments as well, with adequate protection.

Another added feature is a monthly mimeographed report which will be kept by banks of the community. They will keep a list of the time and day of each week that the bank is visited by the patrolmen of the beat. They will submit this at the end of each month to the Patrol Division of the Klamath Falls Police Department.

These are just two of the new changes being wrought in the city

police department at the instigation of Inspector Richard Young of the Berkeley force who is continuing his evaluation of the city police department, its procedures and policies.

Congratulations on both moves, they're in the right direction.

Success Story

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—A former boy evangelist has conquered Broadway in his first role.

Lonnie Sattin, son of an itinerant Negro minister, is being hailed by critics as the "discovery-of-the-year" for his surprise success in the musical, "Body Beautiful" in which he plays a professional boxer.

His dramatic concert-trained voice steals the show.

"I came up singing," said Lonnie. "I can't remember a time when I didn't sing. You know how it is with a minister's boy. You get put in a choir as soon as you can toddle."

A bright future as an entertainment star of the first magnitude now appears certain for Lonnie. But he worked hard to get where he is, and the prospect of quick fame now doesn't overwhelm him.

Before undertaking any new venture, he prays long and earnestly, and this is what he prays for:

"I pray for happiness not merely success. I ask God whether, if I am successful, I can handle it humbly and graciously. If not, I don't want it."

Sattin, one of nine children, was born in Jacksonville, Fla., but moved as a child to Philadelphia. He earned his way through Temple University by working as a barber, house painter, and door-to-door salesman.

His childhood interests were theology and law but for a brief time he thought of becoming a prizefighter. Then he worked out with Honeychile Johnson.

"He clipped me a good one on the chin," said Lonnie, "and I decided right then in favor of theology."

Following the example of his father, a Church of God pastor, Lonnie toured the Eastern seaboard from New York to North Carolina as an evangelist.

"In the ministry I always sang," he recalled. "I found that music would often reach people's spirit in a way that words couldn't."

After winning a singing concert sponsored by the National Freedom Day Assn., Sattin gave a series of concerts that won attention. Soon he had to face a choice—to stay in the ministry or to seek a musical career. It took him four months to make up his mind.

"I hated to turn my back on my father, who had wanted me to follow in his footsteps," said Lonnie. "My father knew the spiritual torment I was going through. I finally decided to make song my ministry when he told me, 'You have to live with yourself, son. You can't preach with a divided mind.'"

Lonnie, a star for Capitol Records, seasoned himself for several years as a band singer and supper club entertainer before making his Broadway debut. He always included at least one religious song in his performances.

"I still want to help people spiritually," he said earnestly. "I want to inspire as well as entertain. Even singing in night clubs you can have some religious effect on people—people who may never go to church."

Lonnie and his wife, Tina, a former law student, have two children. She acts as his personal business manager.

Cloud Seeding

By ERIC ALLEN

In Medford Mail-Tribune

We have a letter from a reader in Williams, Oregon, asking about a recent story concerning "weather control" to prevent hail.

His letter suggests the story may not have been comprehensive enough—particularly to relatively recent newcomers to this area. For "weather control," or at least cloud-seeding, is sort of an old story here.

Agreement

Klamath Falls (To The Editor)—

Your last Friday's paper had an article written by Floyd Wynne titled "Death Penalty," concerning Billy Nunn.

I, too, believe as Mr. Wynne, that the death penalty, as our law, is our only protection from such abnormal persons. Surely it is a horrifying thought to those who have lost loved ones at the hands of such people, to think of them ever being again turned loose on the public.

Let us, as a Christian nation, turn to the Bible, the Word of God, and see if it doesn't give us some light on such people and their sins and the answers to what they are worthy of.

First turn to Romans, first chapter, beginning at verse 21. Reading through to the end of the chapter, the last verse says, "They are worthy of death, that commit such things." Now note this scripture is from the New Testament, or under the Age of Grace.

It is also more than interesting to take your reference Bible and run down these scriptures. You will find yourself back in the Old Testament and how these same sins were dealt with under the law.

Turn to Leviticus, Chapter 18, and read to the end of the chapter, then go to Genesis, Chapter 9, fifth to seventh verses. Also Exodus, Chapter 21, twelfth verse. After reading these scriptures, read Hebrews, Chapter 13, eighth verse, seeing then that the God of the old Bible is the same God of the new.

Do you not believe he looks on these same sins today in the same light? And it was the sentence of death in those days.

To the people of Oregon, let's do our best to protect our homes and loved ones from such persons.

These scriptures are from the King James version.

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Quotes

By UNITED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, chief of the Army ballistic missile agency in Huntsville, Ala., on the urgent necessity for the United States to achieve manned control of space:

"The blunt truth is that we are in a race against time with an adversary of no mean capabilities, who has committed to his effort a far greater percentage of his total resources than we have so far mustered."

NEW YORK — White House Assistant Sherman Adams, on why the nation should support President Eisenhower's call for a non-governmental East-West cultural conference:

"While the missile, propulsion, anti-missile, detector and early warning race is of critical importance, it probably is no more so than the race to win the trust, respect, confidence and regard of the people of the rest of the world, no matter where they live."

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They'll Do It Every Time



Youth Takes Jest Serious

PATERSON, N.J. (AP)—A 16-year-old boy whose father told him to "go rob a bank" did just that, police said.

The boy and a companion, also 16, were arrested here yesterday. Police said they admitted stealing \$36 in cash, a revolver, an electric razor and some foreign coins worth 64 cents from the Prospect Park National Bank earlier in the day.

The father of one of the youths made the unusual admission, apparently in jest, when his son asked him for some money, police said.

The typical U.S. farm in 1940 contained about 174 acres. Today the average size is slightly more than 215 acres.



Solon's Program Would Give More Unemployment Aid

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Kennedy (D-Mass) planned today to introduce legislation to increase unemployment compensation payments and extend coverage of the program.

Kennedy said the bill was designed to bring improvements which President Eisenhower has urged the states to make. He said not one state has done so.

Legislation is needed now, he said, because "unemployment has passed the four million mark and may well reach five million in the near future."

Sen. Gore (D-Tenn) has announced he is drafting a bill to set up a public works administration similar to that of the 1930s. It's needed to avert "a catastrophe to our economy," he said.

Under Gore's proposals, the federal government would provide half a billion dollars for state, county and local public works projects which would use workers on the jobless rolls. Federal funds would pay 90 per cent of the project's cost.

state's average weekly wage. Benefits now average only a third of last wages, Kennedy said.

3. Extend coverage to all firms employing one or more persons. Present law covers those with four or more employees.

4. Establish a re-insurance fund and contingency administration expense fund to help the states worst hit by unemployment.

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