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## Northern Lights

By BILL JENKINS

Along with thousands of other Klamathites I stood out for a good many chilly moments last night watching the display put on by the Northern Lights.

It was the first time I remember seeing the lights in this country. From our vantage point looking straight up the lake the phenomena looked like an enormous red stain in the sky, the coiling edges cutting brilliant red patterns against the dead black sky.

As time went on, the lights faded just under an hour, the color faded from the original bright red to a fainter red and finally, just before they died out, a light pink shot with streaks of faint white light.

It looked sort of like the ink blots the psychiatrists use in their tests.

The lights will come on again tonight if there is enough visibility to make them out. Last night I first noticed them after a call from George Wardell at a quarter to seven. I would imagine they will be coming up about six thirty.

Well worth taking a look at. Incidentally, my dogs were not at all impressed and were somewhat leary about the strange light. Both of them looked at it (or them) for quite a while and then somewhat nervously retired to their quarters.

Just back from our annual trip to Red Bluff and the bull sale and I can assure people up here that if we think we have had a wet time of it it just ain't nothin' compared to the country down thataway.

Everywhere you go water is standing in the fields, in puddles, on the roads. It was still coming down when we left. On Thursday night the wind was also blowing. Blowing hard enough to drive rain all the way across our motel room through the open window.

A fine trip. You have to hand it to Red Bluff when it comes to putting on a show. They know how to do it, work hard at it and have as good a time themselves in the process as the visitors they are working so hard to please.

Found out something else on the trip, too. Discovered why it is so hard to eat in the average restaurant booth. The tables are all higher than normal. Or, of course, maybe the seats are lower. Anyway, you are sitting a lot closer to your food than you do at home and the difference is noticeable.

I would also like to register again my complaint of those stations along the way that advertise so heavily for the travelers' trade and then refuse to give you a check after you have eaten your meal.

There is nothing more maddening than to finish breakfast and be anxious to hit the road and then have to wait an additional five or ten minutes for the waitress to come around with your check so you can bail yourself out.

It seems so simple to give diners their check when the meal is served. After all, if he wants something else he can order it and the sum can be entered on the check. But I guess it's a losing battle. Only a handful of places are willing to cooperate.

These are usually the ones that give you coffee first, too.

## Passing Briefs

By JOHN GUERNSEY

It was bound to happen. The other day Doug Knudson down at Jim Winde Buick was trying to fit a Navy commander out with a new set of wheels when the seagoing gent asked Doug how much trade-in he would give him on a slightly used Vanguard.

It isn't official yet, but word from the south 40 grapevine has it that a group of Klamath Falls attorneys is about to sponsor local affiliation with the recently organized national society of the "UU" . . . or Ucers Unanimous. The organization is dedicated to the establishment of four-day weekends, two hour siestas following lunch, and as an afterthought strives for the elimination of peptic and duodenal ulcers. The group recently held its first meeting during a 10-hour lunch break. Seems like a wonderful program.

A little research on the part of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics might well establish that the registered and private duty nurses of the Klamath Basin did something which hasn't been done since 1940 when they declined to raise their rates by \$1 daily on grounds that the Basin economy doesn't warrant a rate hike at this time. The rate increase had been recommended by the Oregon Nurses' Association.

The action of the nurses is highly commendable, but just try and

remember when anyone in the country felt that existing economies had any bearing on raise requests.

KUHS Driver Training Instructor Don Megale has come up with a plan which should prove quite effective. He collects pictures of some of the real messy automobile accidents which have been caused by drinking, speeding, driving on the wrong side of the road, or other forms of negligence or carelessness. In addition to showing his students how to operate a vehicle and what to do when behind the wheel, he also shows them the "juicy" pictures and impresses on them what can happen if they ever forget that an automobile is a potential deadly weapon.

A Detroit judge used to employ a similar type system a few years ago and found it effective. Part of each sentence for traffic violations was that the offender would make a trip through the city morgue to view some of the mangled victims which were always on hand.

## Friends

By JOSEPHINE KITTREDGE

There are two Great Common Denominators in the lives of all us. These two inevitable events are birth and death. None of us can control the timing of the entrance to life nor can we prevent the exit from life. These experiences we share. It is the interval between that establishes our unusual and special place.

Saturday night, two of our neighbors left us for a little while. Dr. Ray Oldenburg and his wife, Gene, must have been loved by many of you . . . or at least, you knew of them. I live across the street, and our families grew up together: just as you live across the street from someone or down the road a piece and the prism of your daily lives is reflected on the doings and events of importance to the neighbors.

Yesterday, hundreds of you drove slowly by their home. I know you came because you were saddened and startled, it was then that the realization came to me that perhaps you had seen only one side of my neighbors. The realization came that to each one of you, Gene and Ray meant something special, that they had touched your life in a manner that no one else could.

Were some of you those children that Ray called "my kids," and at whose birth he had been the doctor, perhaps Gene the nurse? I recall their telling me of the days when they were struggling to get a start in Klamath Falls: On call in the middle of a night they would go into the muddy countryside to deliver babies across the kitchen table or repair and succor an injured child or a maimed man.

Your secrets must have been his secrets, and have gone on with him. How many of you knew the brilliant and imagination that his hobby of photography was pursued with? "Pursued" is the word, for the days that he took away from listening to our problems and his he often spent in taking the breathtakingly beautiful shots of Upper Klamath Lake and Crater Lake, a mother duck and her little ones, an elderly woman fishing with a little cane pole. Perhaps one of us had a grandchild, or a new home, all of these things to each one of us is the most beautiful child yet born, our own new home is surely the best planned ever. Ray, after our none-too-subtle hints, would always offer to use his camera and film and usually ended by giving us the prints that he developed in his own dark room.

Sellish people as we are, we accepted it gladly.

My friend and yours, Gene had many facets to her life. As so many of you call to offer the services to their two children, that seem so pitifully inadequate, but are all we have to offer those who remain behind after the Last Great Common Denominator, I am aware that my friend was many things to many people, and that certainly none of us are aware of the impact of a human life upon those around us.

The metropolitan newspaper in telling of the taking of our friends, did not mention the thousand-fold things we know about them. However, it did use one term that I shall question. This is the term "exclusive."

Let us examine this word "exclusive." Roget's Thesaurus says it means aloof, select or isolation. Those of us who fail to try to help or understand one another and solve our mutual problems; those of us who keep to themselves in a narrow world of limited ideas and accomplishments; those of us who judge our neighbor by his wealth or lack of it; those of us who are intolerant of others who so often fail and must try again. Those are the "exclusive" ones of this world.

We have had a richer experience because our neighbors lived, their passing leaves a wound and they will be missed, but they lived to the fullest.

## Woman's Bent

By WILLIAM CLARK

United Press

The workings of a woman's mind may influence some delicate decisions in America's fast-growing nuclear Navy.

Decision-making experiments are being conducted by engineers with a group of Connecticut college girls. When the engineers looked for a homogeneous group, they decided on the girls because they felt no group has more in common than girls at college.

The men hope to arrive at a basic formula of decision-making which will apply to everything from submarine construction to crossing the street.

According to Dr. Gordon Becker of the General Dynamics Corporation human factor section—the first phase of the testing suggests that the girls are conservative gamblers but are still prone to take an occasional long shot.

No questions were asked. The girls worked with combinations of red and white spheres, identifying them in various combinations.

Dr. Becker says he learned experience reduces the time required for a decision, but unfortunately the step taken was not always the right one.

He is now conducting the second phase, giving the girls conflicting information as compared with strictly factual data used in the first.

He says the results will show reactions to "what we call the out-of-a-limb situation."

The doctor says he is encouraged with the tests so far, which indicate there is a fairly uniform process that everyone goes through in decision making.

Perhaps the doctor has forgotten one quite unscientific factor, woman's intuition.

If you are tall and slender you can afford to have fun with your clothes. For instance, be rowdy, be Elizabethan. Use contrasting colors or two tones of a color in your costumes. Combine black embroidered ruby red with shocking pink, orange with pink, and orange with

brown. A statuesque woman can have fashion "as she likes it."

Ladies who will be in waiting this spring and summer will find the sailor middie blouse and the slimming chemise top sellers in maternity styles. Maternity clothes manufacturers have also reported that mothers have become more daring in their color choice. Apricot and lime tone dresses are the most popular now.

Youthfulness of styling brings freshness to sportswear for the mother-to-be. Best-liked are separate jackets which can be worn with a variety of skirts or shorts.

Here's today's beauty tip: Don't try to be a fashion novelty unless you have the figure, the carriage, and the personality. For instance, a slightly pudgy blonde without marked features will only look ridiculous in a novelty costume.

## For Women

By UNITED PRESS

A verbal battle between Sen. Margaret Chase Smith and the U.S. Army is moving along like a hot potato. The Army denies it did the unmentionable, shipped Idaho potatoes all the way across the country to soldiers in spud-growing Maine. The Army's denial was a response to the Republican lady senator's charge a week ago that Idaho potatoes were being served at bases in her state. The Army says all potatoes for troops in Maine are bought by its New York market center through a temporary field office in Maine.

Berlin hospitals are so short of nursing staffs they have appealed to housewives to pitch in on a part time basis. Housewife-helpers are offered housekeeping, nursing and kitchen jobs.

A New York firm put on a show recently in which it tried to project what a ladies' retail clothing department might look like 10 years from now. This prediction was notable. A decade from now women might be fitted by radar. That is, they would step into a booth where a radar-like device would take their measurements for snugly-fitting things, and the vital statistics would pop out printed on a card.

Some greeting card manufacturers seem to be against the corny valentines which simply say "I Love You" and let it go at that. Here's an example of the new devilish types: "Darling, you've got everything. Dandruff, tired blood, goose pimples, corns, ingrown toenails. . . ."

Fortune teller Margaret Smith should have seen the ace of spades in the cards when customer Lula Bell Hagaman came in. But the Knoxville soothsayer didn't perceive that Miss Hagaman was a policewoman, or that she would be under charges today of telling fortunes without a license.

Here's today's household hint: Whole fruit nectars add flavor to gelatin desserts. Try apricot nectar with lemon snow pudding.

## Quotes

By UNITED PRESS

NEW YORK — Gov. Orville L. Freeman of Minnesota on why isolationism is on the decline in his state:

"When you can stand on your doorstep in Northfield, Minn., before dawn on a cold February morning and for three minutes can watch Sputnik II move across the sky, it is pretty hard to talk about staying within our own borders and avoiding foreign entanglements."

MIAMI BEACH — Teamsters Union Secretary - Treasurer John F. English, on the physical condition of Teamster President James R. Hoffa, who underwent a heart examination recently:

"He's as healthy as a trout."

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Col. George R. Stinkamp, chief of the Department of Space Medicine, Air Force School of Aviation Medicine, on the condition of Airman Donald G. Farrell who is "going to the moon" in an earthbound three-by-five-foot chamber:

"He is holding up beyond expectations."

WASHINGTON — Rear Adm. H. G. Rickover, telling a House hearing that education is more important to the country than the Army, the Navy, the Air Force or atomic energy, and urging increases in teachers' salaries:

"As a military officer, I would take money away from the defense establishment for this if necessary."

## They'll Do It Every Time

By JIMMY HATLO



## Concert Artist Sets KF Visit

Wayne Angel, prominent concert

artist, who will appear with the Klamath Union High School symphony orchestra in Mills auditorium on February 27, is a former member of the KUHS orchestra. Angel, in addition to his concertizing, is a member of the first violin section of the Portland Symphony Orchestra.

He was a featured artist at the convention of the Federated Music Clubs held in Phoenix, Arizona, and Phoenix Press Review had this to say: "This amazing virtuosity and appealing tone assure success wherever he plays." The 21-year old artist has the distinction of being the youngest member of the first violin section of the Portland Symphony.

## MISSILE IDENTIFIED

NAPLES, Italy (UPI)—A mysterious "missile" which streaked through the sky Friday night turned out today to be a World War II German rocket accidentally discharged from a scrap dealer's foundry. Police said scrap dealer Giuseppe Flammigio explained that his workers had mistaken the two-foot-long rocket for a harmless piece of steel tubing and dropped it into the foundry furnace. The heat ignited it and sent it screaming through the roof into the sky where it was sighted by the Vesuvius Observatory. Flammigio said he didn't know about the rocket until he returned from a business trip Monday.

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## RIGHT AT HOME

LUTON, England (AP)—First-year boys at a secondary school in this Bedfordshire town have their desks in the same room where some of them were born. Additional buildings being used by the school include a former maternity annex.

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