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Pure Horror

By BILL JENKINS

Now that the space age is here, or at least almost here, we are being bombarded with salvo after salvo of pseudo information as to what to expect in this marvelous new era.

Most of it is on the depressing side.

But it wasn't until the National Geographic Society came along with its latest bulletin that I fully realized the horrors that lie in store for us.

Worst of the predictions to date is that if man reaches the moon and establishes a manned station there they would be in a good position to relay world-wide television programs. As if we didn't have enough trouble as it is over who is going to look at what on the local channel, now we are faced with a world-wide brainwashing network.

As a further addition on this unsavory picture the society goes on to say that the inmates of a moon station would be in the Godlike position of looking down on the world and being able to predict the weather with great accuracy.

This would no doubt make a lot of people happy, but what we really need is a foolproof system of predicting the outcome of elections.

On the subject of food the release is even more gloomy. It seems that the travelers in space are likely to be living off an organism or plant or whatever it is called "Chlorella." This plant, if that is what it is, is the same stuff that makes up the green scum you find on stagnant pools.

The idea is that the Chlorella would be harvested from tiny farms inside the rocket ship where it would absorb the carbon dioxide exhaled by passengers and give off oxygen. This would purify the air and whenever a good healthy coat of scum showed up on the "farm" it would be scraped off and the passengers would sit down to this space age idea of a Lucullan feast.

Me, I'd rather stay here on good old terra firma and make out with steak and potatoes. I'll gladly forego the Chlorella, which is said to taste like raw spinach, in favor of those adventurous souls who want to go probing around in a space where they have no business anyway.

In fact, if I had to live on anything that tasted like raw spinach I would just as soon go out and hang myself. It would be a less painful and disgusting death on the whole.

There may be a lot of drawbacks to life on this earth, such as the human race, taxes, late late shows, stale potato chips, modern cars, dieting and other annoyances, but the more I read about space travel the more willing I become to put up with these petty irritations and maintain my stand on earth.

You are welcome to all the greener grass you can find on some other planet. I'll stick to my mouse-eaten, shabby old stand of dull brown bluegrass right here, thank you.

Oregon . . . USA

By JOSEPHINE KITTREDGE

Again it is the time for decision! It has long been an idea energetically pushed with much enthusiasm by both political parties, that if citizens vote in both primary and general elections that one can assume they have done their duty and sit back and be real proud of themselves.

Granted, there is an urgent necessity for every person of voting age to cast his or her ballot. If they do not exercise this privilege, they do not have the privilege of protest after the election is over.

On the other hand, that is the final decision, not the great one that begins the cycle of continuing freedom of choice. How many of you have given any thought to the matter of selecting or urging qualified people to run for public office? I hear business groups protesting loudly that public officials are not looking after the economic interests of the people of Oregon. How many of these business groups have interviewed and talked to qualified possible candidates, and urged them to consider running for office?

The same process of choosing candidates, or at least making them feel that they have the confidence of their fellows, should be going on in every community group in Oregon at this moment.

Often, I hear this comment, "I really don't like any one on the primary ticket. None of them represent my thinking, even if they do happen to receive the nomination." I would ask you this question. Have you at any time attempted to urge any of your fellow citizens to run for public office? Or, do you just spend your time complaining bitterly about the conduct of those currently in office?

I believe that the race for governor as it is shaping up will be most interesting. The right of choice is the fundamental basis of the Oregon primary. It has long been my opinion, that a good hot contest for a primary nomination leads to clear stating of the issues involved. If there is only one possible nominee on either ticket, that individual is able to hedge and so qualify his or her remarks, to the extent that no one really knows what the candidate believes, thinks, or stands for.

The campaign for governor of Oregon, with three candidates on either side of the fence, is bringing out some amazing statements, even at this early date. I might refer to Gov. Robert Holmes statement, that he believed it would be necessary to raise taxes this next biennium by "a modest amount." Of course, a statement such as this one leads to the next question. Just what is a "modest amount?"

When Governor Holmes campaigned for office in 1956, he along with others, said he would "lower taxes." The session of the Legislature in 1957 saw the highest tax rates enacted that Oregon citizens have ever been faced with. Due to the insistence on passing House Bill No. 1, as written, Oregon citizens really got into hot water financially. Then, due to the miscalculations of this bill, it was necessary to have the Special Session of the Legislature, which did not reduce taxes, but just lowered the rates to the place that the surplus would not be so gigantic and punitive on both business and agriculture and the wage earner.

A sizable surplus now exists, which is the money that the taxpayers of Oregon paid in during a depressed economy, over and above the amount necessary to carry out the demands of the 1957-1959 biennium budget.

There will remain a surplus at the beginning of the 1959 session of the Legislature. The 1957-1959 budget was the highest in the history of Oregon. We are told costs are increasing. The next question is, "Must they always increase without suitable economies and examination of the budgeted items by the citizens of Oregon?"

Again, if there is an existing surplus at the beginning of the 1959 session, how much will a "modest tax increase" be, and what will be the amount of the projected budget? Don't you think candidates should deal in specific programs and amounts, not in generalities?

If a promise of "lower taxes" brought the highest taxes we have ever had, what will a "modest increase" do?

Don't forget, urge your qualified neighbor to run for office. Demand that candidates give absolute answers. Run for precinct committeeman and precinct committeewoman, yourself. The backbone of the American political system is the maintenance of two strong parties.

No party is any stronger or more effective than the people who do the hard work of pushing the registration drives, handing out material, getting out the vote and the various down-to-earth chores that are necessary. These are the unsung heros of politics.

I often wonder if they express their likes or dislikes enough on issues. Just because you belong to a certain political party is no reason you must follow the "party line" slavishly a la Moscow.

If you feel you can improve your political party, or help them know the thinking of people in your area, write your county chairman and do some constructive criticism of your own. He will pass it on and be glad to hear from you.

The chairman of the Klamath County Republican Central Committee is George Proctor, 518 Main Street, Klamath Falls. The chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Klamath County is Eldred Hansen, 617 California Avenue, Klamath Falls.

Good luck . . . and be active.

School Plan

Klamath Falls (To the Editor) —A group of Klamath Falls residents presented a petition to the city school boards on January 21. The petition reads as follows:

Due to weather conditions, harvesting for those students who wish to work, the State Fair for which 4-H students must be excused to attend, and parents who would like to combine vacations with Labor Day, we, the undersigned, do hereby respectfully petition school boards No. 1 and No. 2 of the city of Klamath Falls to set the opening date of the fall term of school on the second Monday of September.

We would also like to eliminate split vacations between Christmas and New Years, so those who have to travel to be with their families may do so.

In the February 11 edition of the Herald and News, an article emphasizes that in-service training for teachers of both city and county schools should conform. At a meeting held by members of city and county boards, and both superintendents, it was maintained that this could be arranged to the advantage of the teachers, and just as efficiently, even though held a week later. The delegation was told that both city and county school year calendars should be the same, and I agree. I am in sympathy with those parents whose children attend a county elementary school and the city high school. They don't want conflicting vacations.

The issue at hand, as presented by the county, is the farm work for students during the first week of June. This writer has talked to some agricultural people who say that even so, after a summer of hard work, they would welcome the first week in September for vacation.

Other than Christmas vacation, Labor Day weekend affords one of the best vacation opportunities of the year. There are many who have been unable to attend the State Fair, which starts the Sunday before Labor Day, because of the present early opening of schools. The fair is something everyone would enjoy, and should. Our city should have more representation there. We are one of three counties in the state of Oregon which starts early. This situation bears a hardship on 4-H students who must be excused during fair week, in order to enter their exhibits, thereby, sometimes not getting into classes they desire.

Mr. Howe, county superintendent, is anxious to hear the sentiments of the county people. He and the county school board are meeting on February 20, to further consider this issue. At a later date, they will again meet with the city, after which, on February 24, the city boards will vote on the matter.

The purpose of this letter is to urge city and county parents to consider this issue, and I would like to thank both the city and county boards, and superintendents for their earnest and thoughtful consideration of our proposal, which we think is reasonable and logical, and to the best interests of city and county parents.

Mrs. H. J. Fredricks

School Petition

Klamath Falls (To the Editor) —Floyd Wynne's Sunday editorial anent the proposed change in the school calendar may have been written without complete information, and at the behest of influence more interested in the change than in the facts related thereto. Perhaps some clarification is in order and some personal opinion permissible.

The petition for the change was made to both the elementary and KUHS boards at a joint session of both boards, not to the KUHS board alone. Relative to Floyd's admonition that board members are elected to serve the interests of all the people, and his implied apprehension that the boards' consideration might be something less than would be given by the city council under similar circumstances, I would offer the following facts.

The 10 members of the two boards devoted more than one hour of their time in listening to the presentation of the petition and its supporters, and in preliminary discussion.

One member from each board was appointed as a committee to meet for group study of the matter with Superintendent Gralapp, County School Superintendent Howe, a representative of the petitioners and a representative of opposition to the proposed change, the committee to report back to the boards at the next regular meeting.

At no time was it suggested that decision should be made on the basis of teachers' choice in the matter. On the contrary, it was proposed by the writer that if no educational value could be shown for the change, and if it resolved itself into merely a matter of convenience for some parents, then decision should be made after all the several thousand parents of the districts had been given an opportunity to record their preference.

The report of local teacher preference was given to the boards at the last regular meeting as information pertinent to the subject, not as a conclusive reason for decision. It was also stated at that meeting, that the county system has not yet definitely decided upon their calendar. Decision of the two local boards is being withheld awaiting the county board's decision.

Now for some personal opinion and proverbial sticking out of the neck for the editorial guillotine. There was nothing wrong in seeking teachers' opinion. Many of them are parents too and as yet their right to express a citizen's opinion has not been abridged. Wonder if the protest against employe domination wou'' have been as great if teachers had favored the proposed change?

The editorial comment that the 250 petition signers were all parents is erroneous. Many who signed have no children in school and some say they signed because they were asked and have no preference.

It is quite possible that a petition for retention of the existing school calendar might contain some of the same names if it were circulated under the same conditions.

It is a fact that in at least one instance the petition was circulated at a large cocktail party and signed by most of the people present, although barely half of them have children in school. Floyd Wynne stated that the petition was signed by level headed citizens, a statement which provokes no challenge, but the degree of level headedness in all cases at the actual time of signing might be a matter for conjecture and debate.

All interested persons can feel assured that full consideration has and will be given the petition. It is doubtful that any board member will vote against the proposed change merely because a majority of the teachers did not favor it, or vote for it as a direct result of the rash of telephone calls to board members by its proponents.

J. P. Linman
Member KUHS Board.

Pogo

Quotes

By UNITED PRESS

CHICAGO — Dr. Wernher von Braun, chief Army rocket expert, pointing out that both the United States and Russia need quantity production of guided missiles and trained crews before they are equipped for push button war:

"Putting a nuclear bomb on one target does not mean winning a war."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

Florida Areas Hard Hit By Unusual Cold Weather

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. (AP) — The first cold wave of Florida's worst winter poured down the peninsula the night of last Dec. 11.

There was plenty of warning. The Federal-State Frost Warning Service alerts Florida people at least 24 hours ahead of time.

The cattle rancher, the vegetable grower and the citrus farmer had time to get ready.

After midnight, as temperatures drop to the danger point, J. O. Pearce Jr., a cattle rancher near the shore of Lake Okeechobee, became concerned.

West of Okeechobee, in the great winter vegetable-growing region around Immokalee, Ewell Moore studied the plunging thermometer with dismay.

Northward, in the citrus area near Orlando, Ernest S. Dill worried about the 70-acre citrus grove he had carefully cultivated since 1927.

Thus began the most disastrous winter Florida has ever known.

Since Dec. 11, other cold waves have followed in fearful regularity. In between, torrential rains have fallen.

On brown pastures, where at this time of year the clover ought to be standing tall and green, cattle are starving.

In the citrus belt, 30 million boxes of fruit have been killed.

Truck crops on which much of America depends for its fresh salads in wintertime have been ploughed under, frost-blackened and dead.

Pearce has been forced to sell 1,000 of his 3,000 cattle because there is no feed. He has burned 35 carcasses of cattle killed by pneumonia.

He estimates next year's calf crop will be only 20 per cent of normal. It will take three years to rebuild the depleted herds.

Pearce, president of the Florida Cattlemen's Assn., predicted recently that if the bad weather continued through February, 275,000 head of cattle would die in south Florida.

At Immokalee, there has been ice on the vegetable fields, 20 to 25 inches of rain in six weeks—continuous cold and biting winds.

Moore has ploughed under one crop of tomatoes, cucumbers, corn and watermelons and half of another. His third crop of the winter is just beginning to sprout.

If the present crop on his 500 acres doesn't make money, he says he may be wiped out as a grower.

The temperature Dec. 12 dropped to 24 and killed the foliage on many of Dill's citrus trees, which had been heavily burdened with one of the best crops he'd ever had. Much new growth which had popped out on the trees after the December freeze has now been killed. About 6,000 boxes of fruit froze on his trees.

No full-grown trees are dead but some won't bear normally again for three years.

Weather Table

By UNITED PRESS

Temperatures and rainfall for 24 hours ending at 4 a.m.

	High	Low	Rain
Albuquerque	65	38	..
Atlanta	22	9	..
Bakersfield	78	56	..
Boise	56	41	..
Boston	15	-3	..
Brownsville	74	58	..
Chicago	8	1	..
Denver	57	29	..
Detroit	8	5	.03
El Centro	70	52	..
Fairbanks	8	-12	..
Fort Worth	82	34	..
Fresno	76	32	..
Helena	35	20	..
Kansas City	17	14	..
Los Angeles	77	56	..
Miami	57	41	..
Minneapolis	8	-4	..
New Orleans	39	29	..
New York	10	5	..
Oakland	65	58	.06
Oklahoma City	79	48	..
Phoenix	79	48	..
Pittsburgh	5	3	.01
Red Bluff	61	51	.05
Reno	68	32	..
Salt Lake City	61	42	..
Sacramento	65	51	..
San Diego	73		
San Francisco	64	56	.08
Seattle	58	51	.06
Spokane	43	38	.07
Stockton	67	50	..
Thermal	78	48	..
Tucson	80	49	..
Washington	13	11	..

HEARING SET

Harvey Hood, Chiloquin man charged with assault with a dangerous weapon involving an early February stabbing in Klamath Falls, will have a preliminary hearing February 21 in the District Court of Judge D. E. Van Vactor. Hood requested the preliminary hearing recently when appearing in district court.

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Fire Disaster Services Held

WARRENTON, Mo. (AP)—A memorial service at a common grave marked the anniversary of 1957's worst fire disaster.

Five wreaths were placed yesterday on the grave shared by 14 unidentified victims of the Katie Jane nursing home fire, in which 72 persons perished in a few minutes.

The private service was conducted at the Warrenton cemetery by the Rev. Walter H. Schwane, who also was conducting services at the home just before it was engulfed by fire. Eight persons attended.

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Naturalization Hearing Slated

The next regularly scheduled final naturalization hearing in the Klamath County Circuit Court will be March 3 at 10 a.m. Persons who have pending petitions for naturalization are urged to appear promptly at the scheduled time.

Representing the naturalization service during the hearings will be Examiner Mallory C. Walker.

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