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Big Mouth

By BILL JENKINS

If my mouth is overly large I suppose it can be laid to the fact that I spend so much time sticking my foot in it.

The last incident occurred over the weekend when I stated that I had seen the first Western Grosbeak in my back yard on Sunday last. I should have made it adequately clear that this was merely the first one I, personally, had seen since last spring.

The phone has been jumping off the hook ever since with literally hundreds of people calling in to report that they have been harboring Grosbeaks all winter.

Most factual report came from Mrs. T. R. Nichols, 2353 Montelius, who has been keeping watch and notes on the little feathered friends for several years. She says that this is the first winter she has known them to stay.

A check of the bird books confirms a hazily remembered fact that the birds are semi-migratory in nature and are due here only in the spring and fall.

I have not seen any other strange, unknown or exotic birds, and if I do I'm going to darn well keep my mouth shut about their being the first or last or whatever the case is.

On the subject of birds there is good news from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Results of the winter waterfowl survey in this country (the seven Pacific Flyway states), Canada and Mexico show a grand total of 10,247,000 waterfowl in the area. This is a new high. The figure represents a 28 percent gain over the 8,007,000 birds counted last year. The previous high was in 1954.

The figure when broken down shows a total of 8,561,000 ducks, 820,000 geese and 816,000 coots. The ducks and geese both showed increases over the previous year, the coot a ten per cent decrease.

Largest number of birds were counted in California, followed by Washington, the West Coast of Mexico and Oregon. Oregon had a total of 636,000 birds counted. This is a decrease of eleven percent for our state.

These figures might be kept in mind by the scattergun fraternity when the time comes to set the annual season.

Another thing which local scattergunners might do well to consider is the amount of duck forage that is being lost annually to the lowly coot.

It stands to reason that these homely, useless, clumsy birds are eating food that would be better expended on the game species. With both feeding and nesting areas for migratory waterfowl shrinking rather than growing it would behoove us to improve the breed of ducks rather than allowing the shabby little fulica atra to take over. Which he might well do, despite the small decrease shown in the past year.

Coot shoots might be something to think about during the duller days of the legal season.

After all, the coot has a right to live and if we are going to decimate his ranks we should have the integrity to do it in a sporting manner.

Survival
By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Recently I received a mysterious anonymous card in the mail.

On the cover it said, "Every year you're getting closer . . . And when I opened the card it said inside . . . 'to being a dirty old man.'"

Well, I had to chuckle. After all, a fellow can't very well break down and cry just because it's his 47th birthday.

And to tell the truth I didn't feel much like crying, anyway. A fellow's 40th birthday may be a heart-buster to him, but if he has any sense at all every one after that he hails as major triumph—a personal victory in the long struggle of man versus microbe.

When you get right down to it, any amateur at living can survive to 40 or even 45. If you can go on after that, it's no longer a matter of mere luck. You're a real pro—you've learned the trick of how to keep breathing regularly.

If life is like climbing a mountain, at 47 you get an unexpected reward. You break through the storm clouds of early middle age, and find yourself on the edge of a sunny upper plateau.

When you go to your doctor, you no longer get angry because he doesn't listen to you when you tell him your symptoms. Philosophically, you realize that he now knows what you know, too—that these are the symptoms you are going to have to put up with all the rest of the journey.

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now begin to confide their love troubles to you. You don't even mind that they do so because they think of you as they do an elderly turtle—something ancient and wise and foreign to earthly passion.

You have become a bit like a tree, which each year has a ring of growth, an interior calendar of its own. With every passing season the old scars inside you lose their power to hurt. You become even prouder of some of the scars, and glad they no longer show.

At 47 the big important things loom smaller and the smaller things get more important. You don't expect to solve a major problem every morning. A pleasant meal . . . an unexpected visit from an old friend . . . a \$5 tax refund by the government—these are enough to make a day memorable.

The devil calls you less, and you wonder about God more. You'd rather daydream about your youth than how to make a million dollars.

You become intensely aware of nature again. You see every raindrop as it falls, each snowflake has its own face, and a beautiful sunset stirs you more than it did when you were 20. But you can look up at a full moon and laugh at the fool it used to make of you. It never will have that mystic power to undo you again.

And at 47 your marriage reaps an unexpected boon. Your wife treats you with a new respect, brings you your slippers when you come home, gets out of your easy chair herself and lets you sit in it.

She is terribly, terribly grateful to you merely because, at 47, you haven't died and left her a widow.

California Legislature
By JERRY REYNOLDS
(United Press)

The California State Legislature is back in action. Its first object in a session scheduled to last all this month is to pass a two billion dollar budget to operate state government and support state services for the fiscal year which begins next July 1.

Besides that, the Legislature will consider six problems Gov. Goodwin J. Knight felt were critical enough to call a special session to run concurrently with the budget meeting:

1. The creation of a California poultry promotion council to push the sales of poultry and bolster that sagging industry.
2. A "long, hard look" at the broad subject of education to see if more emphasis should be placed on science and mathematics than on such snap courses as basket weaving.
3. Consideration of legislation to remedy subsistence on the Long Beach shoreline, the sinking of land below water level because of oil extraction from the sidelines.
4. The stamping out of "the mushrooming racket of diploma mills"—the issuance of college degrees for a fee by phony educational institutions.
5. To consider giving a tax exemption to ships under construction. Knight said as far as he knows, California is the only state which levies a personal property tax on ships under construction, a situation which places California shipyards at a competitive disadvantage.
6. To consider conveying state-owned San Francisco Bay tidelands to the city of San Francisco for its big league ball stadium.

Knight's proposed state budget, which he says can be balanced by using up all of the state's 75 million dollar rainy day fund, has

met remarkably little opposition in four weeks of hearings before the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee—the two fiscal bodies of the Legislature.

As far as can be determined to this point, only four major points have reared their heads in discussions of the budget.

One is a proposal to establish three new campuses and establish two post graduate schools in science and mathematics.

Another is a decision on whether the state should spend 77 million dollars to continue work on the Feather River Project even though there still is no hint of agreement in the north-south fight over water rights.

Still another is the proposal by Assemblyman Thomas J. Erwin (R-La Puente) that the budget be cut five per cent across the board. Erwin said he would bring this proposal up in the Ways and Means Committee, and if it fails there, also on the floor of the Assembly.

The fourth problem is the expected opposition of Sen. Randolph Collier (R-Yreka) to a six million dollar flood control appropriation. Collier complained that Northern California gets all the floods but Southern California gets all the flood control money.

The senator specifically was speaking of an appropriation item proposing the spending of \$5,832,000 for flood control on the Santa Ana River Basin Project and the Lytle and Cajon creeks project in San Bernardino County, the Los Angeles River Watershed Project and the Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers and Ballona Creek Project.

There also is another item in the budget calling for the expenditure of \$3,150,000 for levees and other flood control works in the Sacramento and San Joaquin watersheds.

State water officials say Collier opposes the Southern California flood control item, southern lawmakers can be expected to insist on identical handling of all flood control items, which means that if the southern item is cut, so will the valley item.

As far as the five per cent cut proposal of Erwin is concerned, Knight says he doesn't think it has as much chance as a tax boost—and that means no chance at all.

The governor told a recent news conference that there are too many sacred cows in the budget. Legislators are for tax cuts, he says, until they discover the budget cut is going to effect their own little pet projects. And an across-the-board slice would threaten them all.

In the same situation is Assemblyman Joseph Shell (R-Los Angeles) who again has brought into the open the automatic appropriations to local fairs. Shell says the fairs get their \$85,000 annual share of race track money whether they need it or not—and many of them don't. But again there is the situation where legislators won't stop the practice because it would be stopping a free flow of funds to their own local fairs.

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County, Timber Officials Study Pine Assessment

By JOHN GUERNSEY

The Klamath County Board of Equalization and timber officials representing the privately owned stands of jackpine in Klamath County agreed Thursday morning that more information is needed before the stands in this county can be realistically placed on the assessment rolls.

On hand during the two-hour study were equalization members Charlie Mack and Alfred (Cap) Collier, tax commission officials, County Assessor Clyde (Hap) Caldwell, and representatives of the Crown Zellerbach Company, the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, the Gilchrist Timber Company, and the Brooks - Scanlon Company of Bend, and the Johns-Manville Company.

Essentially, the equalization board and those attending agreed on the following points:

1. That there is a potential value on the jackpine and it should eventually be placed on the tax rolls.
2. That there has not been a sufficient number of sales involving the lodgepole to conclude a fair and reasonable market value.
3. That the indefinite nature of future market demands for the privately owned jackpine, coupled with the indefinite status of more than a million cords on the Klamath Indian Reservation, present a situation which makes concluding a depletion factor extremely difficult.
4. That the possibility of placing the stands on the rolls should be subjected to further study and reconsidered when some of the above listed intangibles have been determined.

Equalization Board Chairman Mack explained to the group at the outset that some sales of recent date ranged between \$30-\$35 per acre, with the valuation being based on stands of jackpine. On the basis of that, the equalization board and the county assessor questioned if it might not be the proper time for assessing the jackpine on a basis to be determined by market value. The tax commission personnel were asked to study the issue.

Although making no recommendations, tax official Woody Damerall told the group that studies indicate that there are approximately 93,000 acres of privately owned jackpine stands in the county. Damerall is the timber section supervisor for the State Tax Commission with headquarters at Salem.

The total consists of 13,000 acres of No. 1, or material which is generally too small for usage; 13,000 acres of No. 2 which will yield five cords per acre; and 67,000 acres of No. 3 with an average yield of 15 cords per acre.

Although it could be subject to change depending on the eventual use of Reservation stands and the future jackpine demands by private firms, Damerall said the commission study concluded a tentative 20 per cent depletion factor for assessing the stands when spread over a 34-year period.

On that basis the appraised value of the No. 3 stands would be \$5.25 per acre, with a corresponding assessed valuation of approximately 90 cents per acre. He pointed out that on the same basis the No. 2 stands would be appraised at about \$1.50 per acre, with a corresponding assessed valuation of approximately 25 cents per acre. He No. 1 stands, being of no commercial value, would continue to be assessed on a flat land basis, or slightly more than three cents per acre. The timber assessments of No. 2 and No. 3 stands would be in addition to the flat land tax.

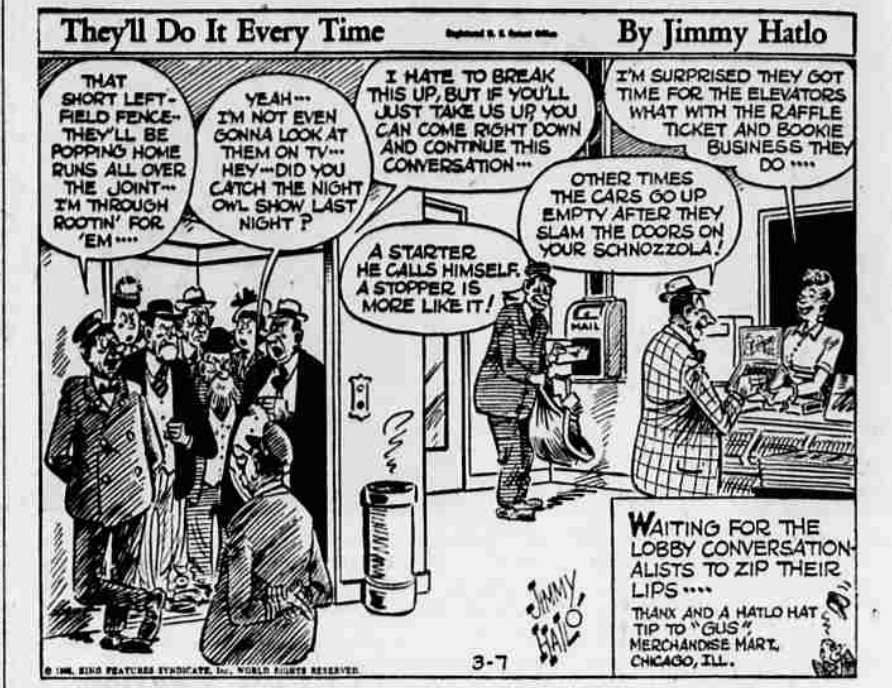
The indefiniteness of the ultimate market demand for the jackpine was pointed up with explanation that the Johns-Manville firm is the only commercial producer in Klamath County using the product on a large scale, and that the firm has contracted to use 450,000 cords from the forest service stands.

Bill Graham, manager of the Klamath Falls branch of the Manville firm, said the company cut 6,000 cords last year; anticipates a cut of 8,000 cords this year, and that it will be some time before the company is in the market for privately owned stands.

He pointed out that the maximum production at the mill calls for handling 30,000 cords annually, that the maximum production is not expected to be attained until between 1962 and 1965, and that the company has already purchased the 450,000 standing cords from the forest service lands.

During the meeting the following men represented the major

firms having jackpine holdings in the county: Bill Graham, Johns-Manville; W. H. Ernst, Gilchrist Lumber Company; Marc S. Boles, Brooks-Scanlon Company; N. R. McDonnell and Tom Orr, Weyerhaeuser Timber Company; Bill Damerall, representing the tax commission; Ernest (Buzz) Wagner and Woody Crown-Zellerbach Company; and Ernest (Buzz) Wagner and Woody Crown-Zellerbach Company.



Children Die In Home Fire

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Three Negro children, locked in their home for safekeeping, were burned to death last night.

Jefferson Parish authorities identified them as Melvin Spencer, 5; Diane Spencer, 3; and Kelvin Spencer, 2, children of Mrs. Eula May Spencer of Kenner. The cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

The mother said she had locked the only exit of the three-room house "to keep them safe inside" while she visited in the neighborhood.

Delery Materne, 19, said he ran to a window of the blazing house and looked in.

"I could see the three children standing there helpless, not moving," he said.

Washington Couple Battle Red Tape In House Sale

RENTON, Wash. (AP)—Last December the State Highway Department contacted the Lot R. Dravlands and said it wanted to buy their house in this Seattle suburb. The house, the department explained, was on land selected as the route for a new highway.

The Dravlands agreed to sell, for \$13,900, and a highway official told them a state check would be along soon.

The Dravlands arranged to move. Although pinched financially, they scraped up \$500 and put it down as earnest money on a new home.

Jan. 1 came and went. No state check. Feb. 1 passed and no check.

Worried about the down payment they would have to make on their new property, the Dravlands inquired about the state check. They were told it had been mailed Jan. 17.

The state made a thorough search for the check, without luck. State law prevents issuance of a new check unless there is positive proof the original has been destroyed or unless bond of twice the amount of the original check is posted.

That would amount to \$27,800. The bondsman's fee would be \$287 which the Dravlands don't have.

Meanwhile, the state has the deed to the Dravlands' property. Because the property won't be needed right away, the state asked the Dravlands if they would like to rent their home, for \$58 a month.

Dravland, a retired carpenter now confined to a wheel chair, hasn't answered. He's afraid his answer would be tinged with anger.

Mrs. Dravland, also refusing to even discuss the rent offer, said:

Jet Shooting Incident Eyed

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—The U.N. Command today continued its investigation into the shooting down of an American jet fighter by Communist guns near the neutral zone dividing North and South Korea. Protests to the Reds were delayed, meanwhile.

A spokesman said the U.N. Command had no information on the exact position of two F86 Sabre jets in relation to the demilitarized zone when one was shot down yesterday. The zone is 2 1/2 miles wide and the Communist control the northern half.

The pilot of the second plane on a routine training flight, Lt. Ronald E. Martin of Rock Hill, Mo., returned unscathed to his base at Osan, Martin said he "momentarily saw a parachute with the pilot floating toward the ground just over the Communist side of the line."

On completion of its inquiry, the U.N. Command was expected to request an armistice commission meeting to protest the shooting and demand return of the downed flier.

The missing pilot's name was not announced.

Search planes that flew near the area saw no trace of the flier. Further searching might be abandoned to avoid the danger of another incident, an Air Force officer indicated.

Hawaii's Rain Damage High

HONOLULU (AP)—The worst rainstorm in recorded history ended yesterday, leaving heavy property damage and one death.

The Weather Bureau forecast occasional showers today but cheered tourists with a promise of sun as well.

Eighteen inches of rain fell on Hawaii's principal island to beat all records kept since the turn of the century. In one sodden area 24 inches were reported unofficially. A record 14.55 inches fell in 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. yesterday. The previous one-day record was 13.52 set in 1917.

Scores of homes were inundated or otherwise damaged.

ACCIDENTAL JOB

CLIFTON, N.J. (AP)—One day 11 years ago, retired master woodworker Paolo F. Puelo visited the Du Mont Laboratories to get ideas for building a television cabinet. He's been designing cabinets for Du Mont ever since. The 74-year-old Puelo has developed more than 200 cabinets used for television receivers and phonographs.

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