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Tough Job

By BILL JENKINS
Tuesday night's thunder and lightning storm chose as its main playground the area immediately around our home in the pines. I can testify to this. So can the next door neighbors.
It was all very well while all the fireworks were going off over the hills to the east of town. Pretty sight from our home as the lightning flared out in long strips from cloud to cloud and forked down in occasional cloud to ground displays of uncontrolled electricity.
But then the center of the storm shifted and we found ourselves in the center of it. The bolts were bright and too close and the thunder claps were more the sound of gunshots than the rolling, booming, muttering of the far off stuff.
When the big one hit I was in the basement cleaning guns and comforting the dogs (this is really a lie since they are both gunshy). My wife was in the kitchen and swears the flash came right in and said hello.
At any rate, it, the bolt of lightning that is, took out its spite on the neighbor's house. It hit a transformer on the power line, traveled down the wire, melted the nails in the wall and set fire to a bedspread or something. They caught it in time and no real damage done. But they had no lights.
By this time it was raining. Shortly a Copco truck pulled up, checked in at our house and we went up to see the transformer on the pole behind the house.
I wouldn't have Shorty Poole's job for all the money there is. He got a light on the transformer, which looks like a lard can to me, put on his climbing spurs and went up that pole like a monkey up a string.
Just as he reached the top of the pole the rain started coming straight down in drops about the size of pigeon eggs. Shorty just hung up there in his safety belt and went to work replacing whatever it is you replace to make it work. All this time, mind you, it was raining hard, the lightning was still smashing and roaring around all over the place and the scene was lit up like something out of a horror movie.
No sir! I wouldn't have Shorty's job for anything.
I suppose the big public utilities are fair game for public wrath and criticism, but you sure have to hand it to the men who go out in any kind of weather and keep the juice running so we can all sit inside in warm comfort and marvel at the storm.
They have earned a vote of gratitude.
You've got more nerve than I have, Shorty, you and all the rest of your buddies.

Religious Retreat
By FLORENCE JENKINS
One is too apt to think of a religious retreat as a withdrawing from society for the purpose of meditation and contemplation of one's faith and concept of Christianity.
Two often we forget that a retreat may be made to, rather than from life and its problems.
We have an example in the Klamath Basin this month of a religious retreat which is a retreat to a Christian goal. It is a retreat to service of the highest order.
During the first week in August a group of 20 persons arrived from Stockton, California, to build a Christian Center to serve the migrant worker families at Malin. That structure is nearing completion and will be dedicated shortly before sundown next Sunday.
The offer to build the center came from the Rev. Elmer Frimoth who wrote to Ross Ragland, president of Klamath Council of Churches, saying he had worked as a migrant in the Tulelake area in 1939. From his personal experience, he knew of the needs of the men and women who come to the Klamath Basin each autumn for the harvest season. He knew of the lack of recreational facilities and the absence of nurseries for their small children.
The Rev. Frimoth is in charge of the Westminster Fellowship group of the First Presbyterian Church of Stockton. His interest in the Klamath Basin's problem of adequately caring for this necessary group of harvesters inspired his young people to action. Eighteen youths, boys and girls—young men and young women—from 14 to 20, volunteered a month's hard work so that a Christian Center could be built for the migrant workers at Malin. They provided their own transportation and have taken care of their own living expenses while they have been with us.
This month is that group's religious retreat.
Gifts from individuals, businesses and organizations provided the materials for constructing the

building. Some furnishings and fittings are still needed.
Around their evening campfire these young people talked freely of their faith and belief in a Christian world. That faith has erected a monument which stands as a shining symbol of Christianity at work.

Lack of Women

By ANDREW BOROWIEC
HASSI MESSAOU, Algeria (AP)—Some 3,000 men live and work in the heart of the Sahara without suffering many of the hazards and discomforts of desert life.
Their major problem is lack of women.

The men are employes of French oil companies building what they hope is a future French oil empire amid sun-baked sand dunes.
They live in air-conditioned huts with running water, showers, and plugs for electric razors. They are served five-course meals in air-conditioned dining rooms. Their bars offer a variety of French and foreign drinks—at a fraction of the normal price.
Every day planes land on airstrips in the middle of the desert with mail and newspapers.
The wages of the men of Hassi Messaoud site are on the average twice as high as those of comparable workers in France. Their lodging costs nothing and their food costs about \$15 a month.
One of the oil companies estimated that in addition to salary and initial investment in living quarters, each man costs it \$14 a day.
The workers also receive special bonuses. In summer, when the outside temperature reaches 125 degrees Fahrenheit, the bonuses are the highest.
Every three weeks, the men of the Hassi Messaoud site are transported by plane—free—for a week's rest in Algiers, 500 miles away. Those who want to go to France must pay their own way.
Ninety per cent of the workers are French citizens—of whom two-thirds are Moslems. About 7 per cent are ex-Foreign Legion members and about 3 per cent are skilled foreign technicians.
The site is linked with the oasis of Ouargla—some 60 miles north—Heavy trucks roll over the road while camels plod through the sands nearby.
Most of the old-timers are proud of making it into an oil town.
None of the oil companies, however, has managed to solve the most acute problem—lack of women. The site is still not ready to install family dwellings, and anyway the added cost frightens the firms.
Said an ex-Foreign Legionnaire: "It is the third week here that always seems the longest. And then your week in Algiers seems like a day and you're back here for another three weeks, thinking of your next leave. That's our life."

Tourist Army
By ROBERT SHORTAL
United Press International
A record 10 million or more Americans are seeing the sights in the old country this summer.
This American army of tourists, armed with credit cards, cameras and a bit of wanderlust, is conducting a welcome invasion of foreign lands. Welcome to the merchants and hotelmen... because the Americans are shelling out more than 2 billion dollars in Europe and Asia.
Some of the vacationers will make the entire trip without spending more than a few dollars, at least not as "cash on the barrelhead." They are the new "go now-pay later" tourists.

Ambulance
Chiloquin (To the Editor)—I would like this letter printed in the paper so Mr. Peace and all concerned can read it. I suppose nothing ever goes wrong with the Peace ambulance. Ha! That's a laugh.
There wouldn't be any controversy over the accident cases that Mr. Peace goes on if he were called on all of them. Also, I have a very good idea, Mr. Wynne, if you knew all the sides to the whole story of the situation, your story would be different.
You, Mr. Wynne, are not taking sides, that's another laugh. If you had talked to the firemen of Chiloquin, you would never have written the editorial you wrote.
The Chiloquin disaster car is as fully equipped as any of Mr. Peace's are. They have oxygen, latest type resuscitator and inhalator plus the fact that of the men that man the ambulance there have 12 advance first aid cards plus eight standard cards which are Red Cross. If you could want for anything more, I would like to know about it.
I also understand that there have been written two or three letters to Mr. Peace to come up to Chiloquin and meet with the advisory board (which is made up of citizens of the communities in the northern part of the county), which he has never done, but did send an attorney to try to work out a plan.
The attorney, however, found out there were two sides to every story. A plan was worked out where there would be no dry runs if he would call before leaving Klamath Falls.
The Chiloquin disaster car solicits no runs, but won't say no when they are called, and won't wait to see if the people have the money to pay for the service

as was the case many times before the disaster car was started.
Hoppy, Mr. Wynne, you will acquaint yourself more thoroughly with this matter before making public editorials stating one side only, although heading your article "I'm not going to take any sides in the issue."
Mrs. Mary Wright
P.O. Box 26A

Unusual People
Klamath Agency (To the Editor)—This summer I have the pleasure of knowing a couple of very unusual people. In this era of greed, cynicism, cold wars, and termination, Art and Helen Currier were a very stabilizing influence.
The Curriers were delegates of the American Friends Service Committee. The Curriers are school-teachers in California, but they elected to spend their summer months here on the reservation setting up a recreation program for the children. In the six weeks they spent here, the Curriers did a phenomenal job. They not only taught a number of youngsters to swim, which in itself no small accomplishment—they taught the kids how to play. They taught the youngsters on field trips, and taught them to see and enjoy the things around us. And not only did the Curriers work with the children, but they were able to get parents together for such things as the wonderful, but almost forgotten pastime of community singing.
Frankly, I had never heard of the American Friends Service Committee before the Curriers, but now I would like to know a great deal more about it. They are initially a Quaker organization, but the people who work with them may be of any, or no denomination. They send delegates to any part of the country—wherever there is a need. They are ambassadors of good will who help people to help themselves. The Curriers came here as total strangers, but when they left six weeks later they had dozens of friends, and hearts full of self-contentment knowing they had helped people to help themselves.
The heartfelt thanks of everyone who knew them goes out to the Curriers, and we sincerely hope they will come back again.
Nelson Sharp

Inflation Victims
By SAM DAWSON
AP Business News Analyst
NEW YORK (AP)—Some 12 million of inflation's worst victims are in line today for a little relief.
If President Eisenhower signs the Social Security bill into law, Uncle Sam will hand out about a billion dollars more next year to 12 million beneficiaries.
He will collect a little more than a billion dollars additional through higher taxes. Half of the increase will be paid by the 75 million whose pay checks are docked for Social Security taxes, and the other half by their employers.
The increased benefits are designed to make up for some of the ravages of past inflation on the fixed incomes of the retired.
If new inflation pops up, as many in Washington fear, the battle will start all over again.
The big rise in the cost of living since the war has cramped, often cruelly, persons beyond their earning years.
The worker has at least a fighting chance to increase his income in the hope of meeting the additional costs. The retired person has little chance to do anything but lighten his belt.
The new benefits and the new taxes will still leave the Social Security system running in the red, as it started to do for the first time in the past year.
This year it is paying out nearly \$2 billion dollars in benefits and it is taking in 75 billion dollars in taxes on the employed and their employers. Next year under the new bill payments would rise to 9 1/2 billion and collections to a bit more than \$ billion.
The system has a large reserve fund on which to draw. But taxes will have to go up steadily from year to year if the higher payments are to be made and the reserve saved from too much drainage. Sponsors of the new bill say it should bring the Social Security fund into balance within a few more years as the tax rates rise.
Many elderly persons have other forms of income.
There has been a rapid growth in corporate pension funds in recent years. Union pension funds are also a growing part of the economic scene.
The Institute of Life Insurance reports that the reserves of pension funds handled by the nation's insurance companies has reached a record 14 billion dollars. To this the Securities and Exchange Commission adds a record 19 1/2 billion dollars in pension funds not handled by insurance firms.

Pogo
SO I WAS FROVIN WITH OWL—BEN'S SOURCASTIC—OLE MAN HED HARTA NOT BE SO SMART IF HE WANTS TO GET ELECTED—AN HE LOOK ME SERIOUS.
YOU MEAN HED GONE TRY TO LOOK LESS SMART IMPOSSIBLE!
HEY, POGO I GOT A WIPPOSTANT POST CARD FOR YOU.
WHAT'S IT SAY? WHAT'S IT SAY?
HEY! IT ANT POLITE TO READ OTHER PEOPLE'S MAIL.
HE ANT OTHER PEOPLE HED POGO.
NONEHELESS, IT ANT POLITE... IT ANT LEGAL... AN IT ANT POSSIBLE... THE WHOLE ANSARY LANG IS N FRENCH.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

NOT LIKE YOU AND ME, QUINCY REMEMBERS EVERY ANNIVERSARY AND THEN SOME....

BUT ANYTHING PRACTICAL LIKE "PAY ON OR BEFORE" HE'S STRICTLY NON COMPOSETIC....

NO! IT ISN'T YOUR BIRTHDAY AND IT ISN'T OUR ANNIVERSARY, BUT DON'T YOU REMEMBER... AUGUST 21, 1943? THE FIRST TIME WE WENT OUT IN A CANOE AT LAKE LUMBAGO?

DID YOU PAY THE ELECTRIC BILL? THEY SAID THEY'D TURN IT OFF....

ELECTRIC BILL? UH...NO! IT COMPLETELY SKIPPED MY MIND! FINE THING! THEY OUGHT TO KNOW I'M GOOD FOR IT!!

THANK A HATLO FOR HAT TIP TO DOC ROCKWELL SOUTHPORT, ME.

Klan Leader Goes To Jail

LUMBERTON, N. C. (AP)—North Carolina Klan leader James W. Cole, who planned a series of "evangelistic" meetings in the center of Lumbee Indian country near here, was jailed yesterday for failure to pay a bond fee.
Bondsman W. G. Smith turned the itinerant preacher over to Sheriff Malcolm McLeod for failure to pay a \$200 fee on a \$3,000 bond.
Cole had been free under the bond pending an appeal to the State Supreme Court from a two-year prison sentence for inciting Indians to riot.
The charge stemmed from a Jan. 18 KKK rally at Maxton which was broken up by a party of the Lumbees.
Cole had announced from his home in Marion, S. C., Tuesday that he planned to return to the county to hold a series of evangelistic meetings at Pembroke, seat of the Lumbee tribe.

Moose Women Hold Meeting

MERRILL—A regular business session of Women of the Moose Merrill Chapter No. 18 was held recently at the Merrill Moose Hall. Betty Jo Brightman presided as senior regent.
Peggy Giacomelli of Tulelake was initiated as a new member. A program was presented by the alumni committee headed by Retha Krizo. Several accordion se-

lections were played by Alice Driscoll. The officers served refreshments following the meeting.
It was announced that there will be a Moose dance on Saturday evening, August 23, at the Merrill Moose Hall.
The publicity committee will present a program during the first scheduled meeting in September. Melba Walker is chairman.

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