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### Last Year

By BILL JENKINS  
About this time of year people always start worrying about whether or not we are going to have a white Christmas. And along with it they usually try to remember whether it was white last year or not.

Last year we had a tattle tale grey Christmas.

There was some snow on the ground but it was pretty well hidden under a coating of slush brought on by rain.

Here's about the way last December shaped up weatherwise: On the first it was a nice morning. So nice that, according to the weather book, I took off for Aspen Lake with Hubie Totton. Three hours later we finally got the truck dug out of the mudhole and reached solid footing again. A little rain in the afternoon, clearing in the evening.

It stayed fairly nice until the sixth, on which date we caught a rainstorm, had a trickle of snow and then more drizzle. The next day was nice. I spent it shoveling mud out of the dog run.

Sunday, December 8, was foggy all day. A lot of fellows were called out on a search for a lost man and visibility was zero. Followed three days of clear, cold weather. The lake started to freeze over around the edges. Lovely sunny afternoons. Then came the fog and the clouds again. On December 16 it really did a bangup job of raining and topped it off by dropping an inch of snow that night.

It stayed slushy and miserable for the next five days. I noted in the book that the most plentiful thing was slush and that most everyone had a head cold.

We all got up to find it snowing on the morning of December 24. Dropped a total of about three inches, then turned to rain that evening.

Christmas Day was noted, weatherwise, as being a real stinker. The notes in the diary read "miserable, terrible, cold, wet, foggy, dank, rainy, gloomy." Otherwise it was a splendid Christmas Day.

It rained all day the day after Christmas and then snowed on the 27th, about another three inches by noon, ten inches by night. The heaviest snowfall of the year. Then it started to rain again.

The last day of the month was cold and clear with a high of 25 and a low of 21 degrees.

And that's how it went last year.

### Santa Wanted

By FLORENCE JENKINS  
Seven thousand dollars is a nice round sum.

That's approximately what it would cost to buy a new X-ray machine for the Klamath County Tuberculosis and Health Association.

The old X-ray machine which the association now has is practically on its last legs and a new one is desperately needed.

Nine persons from Klamath County have been admitted in less than six months time to the Oregon tuberculosis hospitals.

It is not only the tuberculosis patient who is the concern of the association and the Klamath County Public Health Department. It is necessary, also, to skin-test and X-ray all known contacts because the patient may not be the source case. The source case must be found as well as preventing possible spread of the disease.

Contagion is not determined by the prognosis of the disease. In other words, any person who is diagnosed as having tuberculosis may spread the disease as readily as one in the far advanced stage where hospitalization has become necessary.

Tuberculosis is still the Number One killer among contagious diseases in the nation.

For more than 20 years the Klamath County TB and Health Association, through an office now located at 209 East Main Street, has served Klamath County. It is through cooperation with the county health office, headed by Dr. S. M. Kerron, that the comprehensive program can be carried on.

From the local office, aid is given to families when necessary and educational material of various types is available.

Christmas seals are the only direct appeal and that is made entirely by mail. The amount of money received is barely enough to cover the year's expenses and it has not been possible to establish a fund to buy a new X-ray machine. This is true in spite of the fact that the county organization keeps 74 per cent of the money received.

It is again because of the county health department's cooperation that the X-ray machine is used at the health office. The TB association hasn't enough money to hire a technician to run one, but its funds must pay for the film and the machine's operation.

Sure, everybody has his hand out for money, but we still must take care of our own.

What Klamath County really needs is a generous Santa Claus (or a group of Santa Clauses) who would like to write off a nice round figure like \$7,000 from their income tax returns.

In the meantime, the dime can be made to grow into dollars if we'll take the trouble to mail a check—regardless of how modest—to the Klamath County Tuberculosis and Health Association, 209 East Main, and mark it for the new X-ray Machine Fund.

### Millions Of Eggs

By NELSON REED

The last PG&E magazine has a most interesting article on eggs. Down in San Leandro there is a \$2,800,000 egg processing plant where two million eggs a day are removed from refrigerator trucks, lifted from their farm cases, candled, weighed and cartoned, almost completely automatically. The whole operation is carried on under refrigeration.

Members of the Poultry Producers of Central California send in eggs all the way from Eureka and Red Bluff on the north to Merced and Salinas in the south. Thanks to high speed equipment an entire vanload of eggs, 13,500 dozen, can be unloaded in four and one-half minutes and moved along the plant's 15 miles of conveyors.

Last year the association marketed 1,868,318 cases of eggs. In addition to the egg processing plant, the association operates five feed mills in the area served. The association has an annual sales volume of nearly 50 million dollars.

All of which reminds me of a rather amusing experience I had as a boy, in the matter of eggs. It was so different. With my family I was visiting an uncle, a big city lawyer, who prided himself on his model farm where we were staying. He particularly bragged about his model hen house and his truly fresh farm eggs.

One of my younger brothers, permitted to go and gather the eggs one morning, discovered a nest hidden out in a fence corner. Being a city kid and none the wiser, he stole the eggs from under a nesting hen and took them to the kitchen along with the ones he got in the hen house. Next morning several of us, including my mother and our host, got eggs for breakfast that were "about to peep." My kid brother never did confide, except to his brothers, what added up the system in the super duper henhouse.

One concerns a duffer who somehow achieved membership in the President's club. The tyro of the tee smacked a long wood shot that hooked terribly over the club fence into a residential driveway. The ball struck a man squarely on the forehead and he dropped stone dead.

The duffer saw what he'd done, grabbed up his clubs and fled back to the members' quarters where he covered in his bedroom. A few hours later, there was a knock on the door.

A man in a tweed suit produced a badge.

"Murphy of homicide. We've determined that you're the golfer who hit that awful hook. It hit a man in the head and killed him. What do you have to say for yourself?"

The duffer thought for a moment, then extended his clasped hands, waving them back and forth.

"I believe," he said, "if I change my grip just a little bit like this, by golly, I'll cure that hook."

Second story concerns another new member of the National. He was on the first tee alone and took a vicious cut at the ball, completely missing it. An assistant pro spotted him and walked out.

"May I interrupt?" the pro inquired politely. "I may be able to help you. Your swing simply must be corrected because as it is now, the swing is, if you'll pardon me,

portrayed in a favorable light? That has not been my experience. There are times when the council meetings take on all the proportions of comic opera. There are times when tempers are lost and accusations hurled. Decisions are open to question and at times, progress may seem clumsy and accomplishments few.

When feelings are high, reporting becomes a very touchy business. Proper slant and proper interpretation are difficult.

A correspondent must take notes on a meeting and phone the story to a staff reporter the next morning. Occasionally emphasis gets a bit misplaced but the Dunsuir City Council seems mature enough to take this in stride also.

This attitude carries over to other governing bodies. The elementary and high school boards meet regularly at specified places and times. The clerk of the elementary school board even phones the press when she reminds board members of the meetings. Superintendents of both schools are willing to go over minutes of meetings not personally covered and explain school business.

All of these people seem to regard the reporter as a public servant like themselves. They are appreciative of having a means of informing the public even if the spotlight might occasionally be unfavorable or unflattering. A true count, briefly and simply stated, can shatter gossip and rumor. It can keep the air clear of speculation and be of valuable assistance to a public official.

Dunsuir is a little town, suffering from nearly all the problems little towns have. There was a time in Dunsuir when a reporter was regarded at best, a nuisance, and at worst, a menace, but it is wonderful to be able to say, "In this respect, my town has grown up."

Our appreciation also to the California Oregon Power Company and its firefighting crew, which played an important part in the operation.

Finally, mention should be made of the cooperation, friendliness and practical help of the people of Chiloquin and of the surrounding area, which have been and will be of the greatest practical value to us, both spiritually and materially.

Dwight and Glen Kircher, LeRoy and Elvina Gienger, Clyde Leake, Ethel Mathis and Frances McDonald, Neil Neilson and family.

AP Business News Analyst NEW YORK (AP)—The slower pace of recovery from the business recession worries some folk—notably some stock traders.

But there's a large rooting section for long term business prosperity that believes the current slower pace is good. These more cautious souls believe the best motto now should be: Easy does it.

And they were more pleased than dismayed when a sharp break in stock prices sounded a warning in Wall Street.

Taking into account the increase in prices over the last 15 months, the economy has come back about one-third of the way from the recession dip that carried it to a low last April. Most of the rebound was in the summer months.

October showed only a slight gain over September and the climb in November wasn't much more than that.

The big fear in the first months of unexpectedly rapid recovery was that speculation fever might take hold and head toward fast inflation—that is, the further decline in the purchasing power of your dollar.

The slower and steadier pace of the autumn has allayed much of this fear, despite the still disquieting effects of a federal deficit and rising wages.

Another healthy note sounded today is that the return of confidence seems at last to have halted the more than a year of rapidly falling inventories. This drop and the decline in business spending for new plant and equipment are given most of the blame for the rapid descent of industrial activity well under way just a year ago.

The same leveling off seems to have continued during November. Meantime, with inventories for many companies cut back to where they want them, they are expected to start ordering materials now to keep production in line with current sales and new orders.

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They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

Y'INTERESTED IN CLOCKS? HERE'S A VERY CHOICE ITEM—EARLY AMERICAN CIGAR-STORE INDIAN MOTIF—I HAVE ONE JUST LIKE IT IN MY OWN HOME—WHAT AM I BID?

EVERYTHING HE PUTS UP HE'S GOT ONE JUST LIKE IT HOME—HE MUST LIVE IN A JUNK YARD...

VERY EXCLUSIVE—IF HE SELLS ONE HELL TROT OUT A DOZEN MORE—WHO ELSE WANTS ONE AT THE SAME PRICE?

HE WOULDN'T APPRECIATE THE VENUS DE MILO UNLESS IT HAD A CLOCK IN ITS STOMACH!

HE OUGHT TO SELL UMBRELLAS—THE ONLY PEOPLE HE GETS IN HERE COME IN TO GET OUT OF THE RAIN...

WATCHING THE AUCTIONEER KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE AS HE PEDDLES HIS OBJETS D'ART... THANK AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO THE HATLO HAT TO HERBERT GROSS, ST. JOSEPH, MO.

**SOVIET TO MEET**  
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By Frank O'Neal

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IF THERE'S ONE THING I CAN'T STAND IT'S A CITY!

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