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Crowded

By BILL JENKINS

The past few weeks have seen some small uproar over the apparent impossibility of evacuating our major cities in case of atomic attack.

In the first place the citizenry doesn't seem particularly interested in evacuating and, in the second place, it is becoming increasingly apparent that such evacuation would be impossible anyway.

If you don't believe it just try mentally compounding the five o'clock rush of daily traffic by the enormously increased rush of any evacuation.

Even determined drivers in a rush to get home for the pre-dinner shaker of martinis have trouble making any time at all. And if these same drivers were fleeing from the holocaust caused by an atom bomb it would be a pretty miserable spectacle at best.

If we can't evacuate the cities it would appear that it is also going to be pretty fruitless to put our trust in a bomb shelter that may be clear across town. The same situation will prevail.

So what's the answer?

I guess the best bet might be an idea explained by Bruce Catton in his best seller "A Stillness At Appomatox" in which he points out that frequently during the war between the states the opposing sides would warn each other before opening any significant barrage.

Perhaps we could arrange with our potential enemies to give us a fair warning before they cut loose with an ICBM loaded with destruction.

At the speed with which the average American reacts to emergency I should think that a month's notice would be sufficient.

Perhaps, under pressure of training and necessity we could evacuate in a couple of weeks.

Of course, the whole project depends a whole lot on whether the enemy would go along with the suggestions.

But it seems like about the only solution to the problem right now.

As it stands those blue and white signs might just as well read "Evacuation Rout."

Library Fracas

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

The public apparently is not being given all the facts regarding the recent dismissal of Evelyn Cooper, librarian of the Klamath County Library.

Miss Cooper was dismissed by the Klamath County Library Board on November 14 after nine years service as librarian.

When the dismissal was announced by A. R. (Major) Dickson, chairman of the County Library Board, the group declined any comment on the dismissal, and would not issue a statement when pressed later to do so by this newspaper.

This was somewhat peculiar in that it was an appointed board, doing the job of directing the library for the community, and thus was answerable to the community for its actions.

However, in a statement from Miss Cooper, published on Tuesday of this week, she sharply took issue with the operation of the library, implying that such operation was geared too closely to the county schools, and ignoring in a great part the necessity of meeting the demands of adult readers also.

It was Miss Cooper's contention that it was this disagreement in policy which led to her summary dismissal.

She also took issue with the manner in which her dismissal was handled and deplored the treatment which she received, saying "I was treated like a criminal."

In their handling of the case, the library board has clearly intimated that Miss Cooper was guilty of some wrongdoing. They have not documented such intimations, but in conversations with some of the board members, it has been stated that it was a "messy" case, and that such revelations would not do Miss Cooper any good.

Miss Cooper, meantime, a professional librarian has been dismissed under a cloud that will continue to follow her and affect her future career. Her charges demand an answer from the board, and the public certainly should demand that any facts hitherto suppressed be brought out, and the public itself be permitted to be the judge in the case.

The library board is a board appointed by the county court, and whatever has transpired has had their acknowledged approval. Members of the board in addition to Dickson, are Claudia Lorenz of Chiloquin and Mildred J. Campbell of Bonanza, both of whom, with Dickson, have served on the board in the past. Recently appointed to the board were Beulah Elliott of Klamath Falls (three year term) and Ted A. DeMerritt of Malin (four year term).

It would seem incumbent upon the county court to demand a complete accounting of the actions of the board, and submit a complete report of their findings to the public.

If Miss Cooper had been an employe of a private company, then the manner in which she was dismissed would not have been public concern, but since she was a public employe for the past nine years, and since the board is a body of public servants, the public has the right to demand to know the complete whys and wherefores in the entire case.

In other words, let us demand the story, the whole story complete and factual in this case.

Politics

By FLORENCE JENKINS

State Senator Harry D. Boivin made some sound observations and reassuring statements Tuesday evening in his talk before the last 1958 meeting of the Klamath County Democratic Club.

He expressed the thought that the Democrats "will go along with the new Republican governor on all measures they feel are for the benefit of the people of Oregon."

Obviously, the majority of the people of Oregon felt that Mark Hatfield will fill the governor's chair with honor and benefit to the people of the state.

Klamath County's state senator added the thought that "many registered Democrats are independent in their voting and look for leadership, not partisan politics, from their party."

It is our opinion that it is a good thing for Oregon that state senators are elected to serve for four years. We have sincere respect for the incumbent and it is extremely gratifying to report his public statement in favor of unity in the state governing bodies.

There are many good reasons for having more than one political party. But there is no good reason why the men elected by the people cannot work together harmoniously after the heat of competitive campaigning is over and past.

Fantastic Swindle

By NELSON REED

P. T. Barnum once said: "There's a sucker born every minute." Somebody since added: "And two to take him." We are indebted to our son in Coeur d'Alene for the clipping of a trial held in the federal court there of one of the most unbelievable swindlers ever.

He had all the usual window dressing of the big time operator. He was tall, handsome, a very polished talker, and he sported an expensively dressed, flashy "wife." He entertained lavishly and ran up big hotel bills.

His scheme for rooking the gullible greedy was unbelievably complex. You marvel that anyone would fall for it. He sold stock in a Venezuelan company that he had organized. He claimed his company owned many thousand acres of fine ranch land — he even showed his suckers moving pictures of the ranches. He told them he had obtained for his company the exclusive rights to distribute Ford cars in Venezuela.

In Hong Kong, he told his suckers there were many wealthy Chinese refugees from Communist dominated Red China who would gladly pay $1,500 each for transportation to Venezuela and a chance to settle there and farm. He claimed he already had applications from 5,000 of these — 5,000 times $1,500 or $7,500,000 would be the company's gross income. All he needed was say $100,000 to get the project rolling. Invest $10,000 and he could promise 10 per cent of the gross, $750,000.

Unpaid hotel bills and bum checks finally caught up with him and the SEC and the FBI moved in. How many victims he fleeced will never be known. The authorities found that his land in Venezuela, if he owned any, was worthless. That there were strict immigration laws there barring Chinese. The Ford Company had never heard of him.

You are always amazed at how gullible the greedy are. People seeking a reasonable return seldom get gypped. Anytime anyone offers you much more than six per cent "on a sure thing," you better call the cops.

Preparing

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of personal thoughts for the coming Christmas season to be written by pastors of Klamath Falls churches.

By DALLAS McNEIL Th.D.
Minister, First Methodist Church

Let's prepare ourselves for Christmas by conditioning ourselves spiritually, not only to enter fully into the joyous observances of Christ's birth during the coming days but to fulfill those conditions that will make it possible for Him to be re-born in our hearts and lives, and to live there during all the days and weeks and months to come.

St. Paul never saw Jesus in the flesh, so far as we know, but he really had the Christmas spirit when he humbly said: "Christ Liveth in Me" (Galations 2:20). Let me suggest several things we may do during this "Advent" season (the season of preparation and repentance when Christians look forward to the coming of Christ in the experience of Christmas, sometimes called the "Winter Lent.")

1. Read the entire Gospel according to Luke. It does not help much to think of Jesus principally as an infant. It is what he became as an adult that is significant.

2. Pause for a few moments of prayer each day. Pray for yourself, your family, your business, your friends, your associates, your enemies, your church, your community, your nation, your world.

3. Give generously, according to your ability, to Christian causes. It is not wrong to give gifts that have no practical value, as all of us do, but it is truly heart warming to give something that really counts. God is the most generous giver of all. He is eternally giving Christ, who is the most wonderful Christmas gift any individual can ever receive.

4. Make friendly calls on people who are lonely or new in Klamath Falls. There is a great number of them in our city. Your church will gladly provide some of their names and addresses.

5. Give yourself to Christ now and forever.

Christmas Tree

Tulelake (To the Editor) — A case of Christmas tree trespass was discovered in the Medicine Lake area on the Modoc National Forest during the past 10 days. An organization from the Tulelake Basin was responsible for the unauthorized cutting and removal of these trees. This was a serious offense. Such cases can be prosecuted under Section 487b of the California Forest and Fire Laws which reads as follows: "Conversion into personal property over $50. Every person who converts real estate of the value of $50 or more into personal property by severance from the realty of another, and with felonious intent to do so, steals, takes, and carries away such property is guilty of grand theft and is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than one year or more than 14 years."

There have been other cases of unauthorized cutting on the Modoc National Forest this year, but have been confined to individuals or families cutting more trees than they were permitted or cutting outside the designated Christmas tree areas. These are isolated cases but the apprehension of all illegal cutters is essential for good forest management.

All Christmas tree cutting on national forest land requires a permit and cutting on private land requires either a letter of permission or a bill of sale from the owner. Permits are issued at the district ranger's office in Tulelake to families desiring a Christmas tree. The permit is for one tree per family. If more trees are desired the additional must be purchased.

For information on the cutting plants or ground cover, refer to Section 384a California Forest and Fire Laws.

Before cutting any trees or removing any forest products, contact your local forest service office.

Elmo Brough,
District Ranger

Christmas Business

By SAM DAWSON
AP Business News Analyst

NEW YORK (AP)—On the next 10 days depends the chance of the nation's retail merchants to top last year's record Christmas business.

Early reports indicate that in most sections of the nation sales so far are running even with or better than a year ago. Predictions of this year's increase over last range from 2 to 5 per cent.

Some cities have had tough sledding, though. Heavy snows and cold winds have kept many shoppers at home.

Chances for a record retail holiday season appear excellent. Volume was rising in November. The Commerce Department estimates total sales, seasonally adjusted, hit 17¼ billion dollars. This was some 600 million better than in the same month of 1957. Most of the gain was due to increased sales of autos, furniture and appliances.

To beat last year's record December business of 19¾ billion dollars, merchants pin their hopes on two things: increased income left over after taking care of the necessities and improved confidence among consumers as to the state of business in general and their own financial prospects.

Discretionary income started rising during the summer. This is that part of income which may be saved with no immediate impairment of living standards.

Many economists believe that such income—open for the merchants to tap now—has increased further since September.

Merchants have some good prospects in specialized fields. Government employes have larger paychecks this Christmas than last. Members of Christmas clubs received nearly 1½ billion dollars this year, 3 per cent more than last year's previous record.

Wall Street brokerage houses, enjoying big markets and commissions, are expected to hand out generous bonuses to their employes.

Christmas bonus plans of leading American corporations indicate that the big majority will be handing out bonuses this year. Only a handful say they are discontinuing the practice because of the recent recession.

Quotes

United Press International

WASHINGTON—The State Department, on new Soviet threats on the future of Berlin:

"The United States, which has made no threats, will not be deterred by threats from defending its rights and discharging its responsibilities to 2¼ million free people in West Berlin."

NEW YORK—Herbert Agar, former editor of the Louisville (Ky.) Courier Journal, on how Israel has changed the role of the Jew in world affairs:

"No longer is the Jew the doormat of history, resigned to his fate. Today he can not only defend his rights and freedom, but he is able to contribute constructively to solutions of the world's ills."

WASHINGTON—Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts, warning the Teamsters Union he can remove its president, James Hoffa, if the union continues to defy the monitors he appointed to clean it up.

"Remedies are not lacking in our judicial processes if the orders of the court are violated, disregarded or ignored."

SHORT RIBS By Frank O'Neal

Court Records

KLAMATH COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

Caledonia Pearl Jackson, no operator's license, dismissed motion of district attorney.

Charles Dale Blackburn, reckless driving, dismissed motion of district attorney.

Joseph Anthony Thomas Jr., follow too closely, dismissed motion of district attorney.

James Arthur Arnett, improper muffler, dismissed motion of district attorney.

Charles L. Moore, fail dim headlights, dismissed motion of district attorney.

Edward Corcoron Thompson, group axle overload, $105.

Richard Earl Acker, overlength, $20 forfeited.

Hermann Kellar, combination overload, $43 forfeited.

Douglas Earl Kirkpatrick, violation basic rule, $7.50.

David Henry Wilson, truck speeding, $10 forfeited.

Gilbert Earl Kaer Jr., overwidth, $10 forfeited.

Denzil Laverne Boyland, no operator's license, $7.50.

Kenneth Ray Barkee, improper muffler, $7.50.

Samuel Trujillo, no operator's license, dismissed motion of district attorney.

David Ray Spencer, overheight, $12.50 forfeited.

Keefe Walker, violation basic rule, $7.50.

Carl Houston Mitchell, improper lights, $7.50.

Carl Franklin Olney, drunk in a public place, entered plea of guilty; given one year probation.

Rank Smidt, violation basic rule, dismissed motion of district attorney.

Freddie Gene Tyree, fail dim headlights, $5.

Rowena Mae Wilder, fail stop at stop sign, $5 forfeited.

James Lester Graham, violation basic rule, $10.

Edgar Loran Richards, violation basic rule, $7.50.

Dorothy Irene Cones, no operator's license, $7.50 forfeited.

Randolph Alfred Crain, drunk in private place, $35 or 15 days in lieu of fine; committed.

KLAMATH FALLS MUNICIPAL COURT

George Wallace Marchman, drunk, $25 or 12½ days.

Charles Arthur Rose, disorderly conduct, $25 or 12½ days.

Earl E. Redfern, vagrancy, $25 or 12½ days.

Harold Nieters, drunk, $25 forfeited.

Robert Huitt, drunk and disorderly conduct, $100 or 50 days; no operator's license, $5 or 2½ days.

Lance Lobert, drunk, $25 or 12½ days.

John Welinaker, vagrancy, $25 or 12½ days.

JUVENILES

Two, arrested for auto theft; one, violation of curfew; one, runaway.

President Franklin Pierce, who was in office from 1853 to 1857, made no changes in his Cabinet during his administration.

On The Record

KLAMATH FALLS

BIRTHS

GIRLS

LUOMA — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Luoma December 10 in Klamath Valley Hospital a girl, weighing 7 lbs., 13½ ozs.

1958 ROUNDUP

Boys: 471 Girls: 455

KLAMATH COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSES

Troy Lee Cornett, 57, Tulelake, and Lydia W. Staub, 62, Tulelake.

KLAMATH COUNTY DIVORCE PETITIONS

James B. Rose vs. Lois Rose, seeks divorce.

Ozelle Weatherby vs. Carrell E. Weatherby, seeks divorce.

Barbara Surrett vs. Charles Surrett, seeks divorce.

Agency Named In Circuit Suit

Ronald Phair has filed suit in circuit court against Ezra and Anna Mae Lewis, Carter's Collection Agency and others seeking payment of a promissory note.

The suit alleges that Helen Nolan lent $7,650 to the Lewis couple in May 1951. The note since was assigned to Phair, the suit says.

Phair maintains that some of the amount was paid but $5,678 remains outstanding. Others involved in the suit obtained liens on Lewis' property, the suit says.

Heaton Steel and Supply Company has filed suit against Morris and Ervin Shadduck for $587 said due on merchandise, plus 8 per cent interest.

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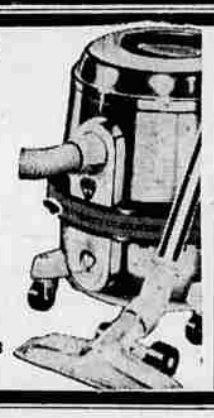

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