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Nice

By BILL JENKINS
Glad to report that the new year is starting off with more good stories than bad. All too often we get a rash of meanest man stories right after the holidays, but here is a good example of what this year has turned up so far.
Mike Lancaster, a 16-year-old junior at KUHS, went to Portland with his mother over the Christmas holidays. During the stay he somehow lost his wallet with all his papers, licenses and what not in it plus a lone dollar bill.
Came home without it but was called to the post office where he found the wallet all safe and sound—dollar and all.
Someone in Portland had found the wallet and mailed it to the postal employees in Klamath Falls.
All Mike had to do was pay 15 cents postage due and he was in business again.
A darn nice thing for the postal employees to do as well as the good Samaritan who picked it up in the first place.
Having gone through the mortal agonies of losing a wallet once or twice we know how Mike felt.
There isn't a more helpless feeling in the world than losing the old pocket file. And as you grow older and accumulate more cards, licenses, club memberships, credit cards and all the hundred and one other encumbrances without which modern life cannot be sustained it gets worse.
The money is another thing, too. Cards, after all, can be replaced, but I always have a sentimental attachment for any money that happens to be lingering in the leather embrace of the wallet.
My thanks to my two hunting companions of yesterday. Never have I seen such service and efficiency in the duck blind. I shall keep them nameless because of this service. If I were to reveal their identities calls for their company would, I am sure, cut sharply into their time.
We had a good shoot, lots of wind, you know, and by the time we picked up and left all the birds were picked and drawn. Almost ready for the spit.
I've always been the lazy type who left it until I got home. I guess I still harbor the hope that someone will do it for me if I put it off long enough.
This is the first time it ever worked and without any conscious effort on my part.
These birds were small, butter fat and will cook just right if put on a spit and barbecued. Stuffed with apples and maybe an onion beforehand the birds come off the spit crisp, tasty and delectable.
Old Man Weather took his time about dishing up any duck weather but he can't be criticized lately. This wind is really pushing the birds around.
And there are quite a few to push, too.
Now if I could only hit 'em live would be a bowl of cherries indeed.
But I can't. At least I sure couldn't yesterday.

gained by trying to change it now. Instead, let's bend our energy to using the stamp on letters to friends far and wide in promoting Oregon's 100th year.
The scene itself on the stamp does carry the message of the vast wilderness that was Oregon, and the covered wagon is certainly descriptive enough.
The actual design of the stamp was made by Robert Hallock of Newton, Connecticut.
Those who want first day cancellations may send addressed envelopes to the Postmaster, Astoria, Oregon, with a remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either turned in or sealed. The outside envelope to the postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers Oregon Statehood Stamp."
The first day cachet will be green on a yellow background, designed by Rolf Kelp, nationally known Astoria commercial artist.
Let's use them to promote the 100th birthday of Oregon far and wide.

Dictators

By NELSON REED
Ever notice how dictators in Latin American countries, like Batista, are always allowed to escape by the man who succeeds them? It seems to be one of the rules of the game down south that you can bump off anybody else in your attempts to overthrow and succeed the current dictator, but you never bump him.
First we saw it when Peron was allowed to leave Argentina with his gal friends to "friendly" foreign countries where he had stashed away all the millions he stole from his people while kidnapping them that his dear departed wife, at least, if not himself, was their great benefactor. Then the recent Strong Man whose name has escaped me, who served as president of Haiti for only two years but managed to "escape" with something over ten million dollars. We have been to Haiti and how anybody could bleed ten million dollars out of that poverty stricken God-forsaken country is beyond us.
Then there was Jimenez who probably got away with enough from Venezuela to build another Caracas all his own wherever he squatted. His successors seem just a bit impatient to get their now and are talking about raising the ante on all the American oil companies.
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On the eve of the convening of the 50th Legislative Assembly of Oregon, Oregon Voter's January issue is devoted to a comprehensive Who's Who in the 1959 Oregon Legislature.
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His directory is easier to read than Standard and Poor's stock market guide by quite some, but it has some points of similarity.
Just as the investor is interested in past performance of a stock he owns or considers purchasing, the people of Oregon should be keenly interested in the experience and past performance of the individuals making up the law-making body of our state.
The record would seem to indicate that the average individual gives more thought and study to where he invests his money than to the background of the persons listed as names on the election ballot. But every legislative session affects the pocketbook of all of us and usually adversely.
In the biographical sketches of state senators, Klamath County's Harry D. Boivin appears as the second article. An alphabetical format is used and Eddie Ahrens of Marion County starts the list.
Senator Boivin is one of nine lawyers in this session. His initial service in the Legislature, when he was elected to the House of Representatives in 1935, makes him the veteran lawmaker of the group and his experience adds immeasurably to his value to his state and his district.
We think our collective pocketbook is pretty safe in Senator Boivin's keeping.
Here is one of the things he said just before leaving for Salem this week:
"So far as cost of government and state department budgets are concerned, perhaps a new approach is needed," he commented. "Why not reverse the method? The probable amount of state income for a year is easily ascertainable, so the over-all cost of running the state government could be set within that income figure. Then, instead of each department bureau and so on saying how much money it needs, each could be told how much is available for the operation tailored to fit the amount of money."
Yes, we think our pocketbooks are in good hands.

Legislature

By FLORENCE JENKINS
The material we can supply will provide no quick and easy answers. We have had studies in juvenile delinquency made at all levels, yet youth crimes persist, and provoke continuing concern in this country. The amount and seriousness of juvenile crime, in spite of our prosperity, compulsory education and youth programs, are cause for alarm. The increased delinquency may be attributed to the loosening of our ways of living; greater freedom for individuals, more mobility (motor cars), less work for youth, more pampering of youth, relaxing home ties, weakening of religious restraints. An age which has slaughtered millions in warfare is a poor one for prevention of violence. Most of these influences pervade Britain as well as the United States. They will have to be met by counter influences to restore the self-discipline which is the mark of a well-ordered society.
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Crime In Britain

By CHARLES A. SPRAGUE
Editor of the Salem Statesman
We have always thought of the English people as rather staid, well disciplined, conservative in manners. They have crimes to be sure, "crime fiction" really became respectable literature in the stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. But they were old-style crimes—robberies, murders and such, in ordinary numbers. Last summer's race rioting on London's Notting Hill was a signal however that the English people were going on a tangent. Before that color lines weren't drawn—how could they be when the Queen was the nominal ruler over races of varied complexions? And recently published statistics on British crime have startled even the ministers of government.
What the statistics showed was that crimes of violence are now four times more prevalent than in the period before the world wars. The home secretary, R. A. Butler, in reporting to the House of Commons, remarked: "This is no sudden crisis, but a deep disorder in society."
The Atlantic Monthly for January discusses this situation in a report from London. What baffles the British is that the increase in crime has occurred in spite of the growth in prosperity and great progress in erasing those suspected sources of crime: poverty and slums. Though youth has been able to get jobs, the number of juvenile crimes keeps rising—up in 1957 20 per cent over 1956, the previous record high. Though Britain has more policemen than ever and uses latest devices such as radio communication, robberies were up 28 per cent in 1957 and burglary 25 per cent. Early figures for 1958 show a further increase.
In trying to answer the question, "Why?" the Report goes on to say:
"The question harasses the experts. Is this just the criminal aspect of a pattern of violence spreading throughout society: angry young men, sadism in the theater, gunplay on television, horror at the movies, new brutalism in architecture? Cyprus? Is it perhaps a reaction by British society in particular to the loss, internationally, of power and possession? Or is the flaw in the British blood?"
Then it adds: "Nobody knows." Various agencies though are trying to find the answer, and "more material for study is being asked from the United States."
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Runoff Slated Below Normal

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—A below normal Columbia Basin watershed runoff is expected in 1959 because of soil moisture conditions and light snow cover, a Soil Conservation Service official said Wednesday.
"Extremely heavy snowfall will be necessary for the remainder of the winter to change the situation significantly," Morlan W. Nelson, snow survey supervisor for the service, said.
Nelson said studies show the northern half of the basin is below normal and the southern portion has one of the lightest snow packs ever measured at this time of year. Usually, a third of the winter's snow pack is down by Jan. 1.
"With some rivers such as the Crooked in Oregon with only 11 per cent of normal snow pack, it is almost impossible to have a normal supply of water for the coming year," Nelson said.
He added that dry soil beneath the snow pack will also reduce runoff.
Nelson said river watersheds in Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho have the most serious shortage of snow cover in the Basin.
The situation, he said, "is worse than is apparent from the snow cover."
Snow cover on the upper Snake River was reported as 90 per cent of average, the highest measurement recorded.
Other readings included: Spokane River, 80 per cent; Clearwater River, 60 per cent; Salmon River, 66 per cent; Boise, 55 per cent; Big Wood, 57 per cent.

Phone Firm Seeks Boost

SALEM (AP)—West Coast Telephone Co. filed suit in Marion County Circuit Court Wednesday in an attempt to get its local exchange rates boosted by \$64,000 a year.
It claimed that Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan, in limiting the annual rate increase to \$250,543, deprived the company of its property without due process of law.
The company struck hardest at Morgan's finding that "by reason of the sub-standard service conditions and practices of record, the company's rate of return should be fixed in the lower ranges of the zone of reasonableness."
The company said this conclusion is "erroneous, illogical and unlawful."
The company said that Morgan's order impairs the company's ability to maintain its present standards of service or to expand.
To communities served by West Coast include Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Beaverton, Newberg, McMinnville, Gresham, Coos Bay, North Bend, Coquille and La Grande.
NOTHING FOR PAPA? MOSCOW (UPI)—The Soviet parliament awarded the order of "mother heroine" to 230 women last month. To be eligible, a mother must have at least 10 children.

Short Ribs

By Frank O'Neal
I'll bet you're one of those juvenile delinquents!
Running around—acting like a hoodlum!
Where do you kids get your ideas?
From juvenile adults!

Quotes

By United Press International ALBANY, N.Y. — Mrs. Nelson A. Rockefeller commenting on her husband's political aspirations:
"I feel that what he wants to do at the present time is to concentrate on being a good governor."
BRANTFORD, Ont. — Charles Erskine who claims he discovered a natural gas well in the middle of a corn field by "witching."
"Everyone has a gift and this is mine."
NEW YORK — TV-radio columnist Marie Torre of the New York Herald Tribune on entering prison on a contempt charge for refusing to disclose a news source:
"I hope this will lead to legislation (in New York) protecting a newspaper man's sources. If by serving this term it contributes to legislation toward that end, it will have worth it."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo
GOT ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT KIND OF A SPEAKER WE SHOULD GET FOR OUR NEXT MEETING?
ONE OF THOSE SAFARI FELLAS! WITH SLIDES OF DIFFERENT PLACES!
THIS ALWAYS GETS ME—THE RICHEST GUY IN THE JOINT WANTS TO HEAR HOW HE CAN MAKE MORE IN THE MARKET—AND THE POOR GUY WHO'S NEVER BEEN ANYWHERE WANTS A TRAVELOGUE...
AND BOBO, THE BACHELOR WITH THE ONE-TRACK MIND—TITWALLET IS RUNNING TRUE TO FORM, TOO—THEY'LL WIND UP LIKE ALWAYS—SOME AMATEUR DOING CARD TRICKS...
NAW! GET SOME DAMES!
GET SOMEBODY WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY!
LISTENING TO THE CLUB ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE GETTING NOWHERE AS USUAL... THANK AND A TIP OF THE HATLO HAT TO MATT BOLGER, SOUTH BEND, IND.

Hot Air Fuel

BERLIN (UPI)—East German university students Wednesday were told the real reason the Soviet moon penetrated farther into space than American moon rockets:
"The philosophy of the working class, dialectic materialism, formed an important part of the fuel of the Sputnik of the moon rocket," mathematician Dr. Klaus Swelling wrote in a Communist weekly newspaper.

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