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Travel Notes

By BILL JENKINS

Just back from a quickie trip to the sunny southland where we took in the annual bull sale in Red Bluff and followed up with a trip to Sonoma via Oroville.

Not the usual routing, I admit, but we detoured, along with a couple of guests, in order to tour the Wyandotte olive factory in Oroville.

More of that later. Lovely weather for the sale. Bright sunlight, warm and pleasant.

At least to us chaps from the frozen north.

We had with us Dick and Emma Elmers, he's bureau chief of the Associated Press in Portland, who were taking their first look at a bull sale.

I must say that Red Bluff is growing. Rapidly. Among other things on the agenda for us this trip was a trip through the big Diamond - Gardner plant there. Hanley Morse, the public relations director for the western area of D-G, took us through on a flying tour that showed us the sawmill, the place where they make paper plates and a great many other facets of the big affair. It also served to shorten my ankles about three inches.

The olive tour, under the kindly auspices of Warren Tree, a real expert on olives, was something new under the sun, too. I had never seen a plant before and knew nothing about the process of getting olives from the tree to the can.

Now I know just slightly more than I did before but at least I know what a factory does and what it looks like. I took a lot of pictures and if they turn out I'll do something in the line of a Sunday magazine story with pictures.

If they don't, which is much more likely, I'll just have to use up some space with type and see if we can't explain it.

Either that or go back and do it over again.

Sonoma was full of sun, oranges on the trees and people. Met my sister and brother-in-law, Dr. George Merryman, and had a splendid time touring the wineries of Sebastiani and Schramburg. Picked just the right day, too, and found all in good humor.

Something else, also new. Under the guidance of Ted Dunlap, general host at the Swiss Hotel, I went fishing. Right in Sonoma. At least I went along and watched and took pictures.

Sonoma Creek runs right through the village. It looks, to us uneducated savages from up here, like a drain canal or a slough of some kind.

It is ringed solid as it loops and winds through the area, however, with fishermen.

Fishing for what? Steelhead.

Yep. Real steelhead, sea run stuff right up from the ocean into which the creek drains. I know that they catch 'em, too, because a doctor who was fishing with August Sebastiani had caught a four and a half pounder just before we showed up on the scene.

Very peculiar thing to watch. Steelhead fishing right downtown. And right handy for the people, a great percentage, apparently, of whom are fishermen.

Trips are really educational. I recommend them.

Abraham Lincoln

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

Little can be said that can either add or detract from the aura of near-legendary history that surrounds Abraham Lincoln.

Today, 130 years after his birth and 94 years after his assassination, the memory of Abraham Lincoln has been limited to the point of sainthood.

The merit of that brooks no argument, for certainly no man contributed so much to his country and received so little thanks in return.

Yet, despite the air of sainthood, it is important that we remember Lincoln as more than a sad but impressive figure who was adored at story telling, or one possessing unbounded sympathy and understanding.

I like to remember Lincoln as a small boy of 10, his heart broken by the death of his beloved mother, weeping grievously over her crude grave on the edge of the wilderness.

I like to remember him, too, as a young man intent on improving his education, a tall, lean man, with a solemn dedicated manner which served to overcome his ungainly features.

A young man who turned the finding of an old law book in a barrel into a legal education and a judgeship.

A young man who suffered heart-break again at the death of a secret sweetheart.

A man who found joy and tragedy with his wife and sons.

A cautious man who weighed carefully every move he made.

Yet, a man strong as a rock in his convictions, and a man eloquent enough to sway others to his views. A man to whom logic was the heart of any debate, and one who used it well.

Humble, yet fiercely determined not to yield principles nor compromise beliefs.

A man who could eloquently and logically castigate the arguments of a president, as he did James Knox Polk in his prosecution of the Mexican War, but a man who could extend as readily the helping hand backed by a sympathetic heart.

Kentucky born, farm worker, flatboatman, captain in the Black-hawk war, a country lawyer, representative in the rural Legislature of Illinois, step by step, he fashioned a life above reproach, a life of sacrifice and martyrdom.

I like to remember Lincoln as the plain spoken, considerate man who was ever mindful to give thanks to the Almighty for his gifts.

I can well imagine his profound sadness when the nation was plunged into the most vicious of conflicts, a civil war.

A nation, rejoicing in the surrender of Lee and his armies just four days before, a nation from which the terrible burden of war had been lifted, a nation wrapped up in tremendous demonstrations now that victory was assured, plunged, with the firing of a pistol, into the abyss of utter tragedy and grief.

The war over, the final stages of mopping up underway, orders already out to plan for disbanding the army, Lincoln took a few moments out of the mad whirl to seek solitude in Ford's Theater where "An American Cousin" was playing.

Death met him there.

On April 4, the day after Richmond fell, Lincoln startled residents of the city by appearing there. The next two days he shook the hands of over 6,000 soldiers in hospitals in the area.

His mind was filled with the task ahead of "binding up the wounds."

On his way back to Washington with Mrs. Lincoln aboard a gunboat, Lincoln was engaged in reading the tragedy of MacBeth.

One passage he quoted a number of times on the trip was: "Duncan is in his grave. After life's fitful fever he sleeps well."

Treason has done his worst; for steel nor poison, Malice domestic, foreign levy, nothing.

Can touch him further. Six days later the amazing life that was Abraham Lincoln was over, and the nation in deep mourning.

The forces of freedom had lost a champion, treason had done its worst.

Hospital Need

By FERN V. HILL

The small town of Happy Camp, approximately 72 miles down the Klamath River from Yreka in Siskiyou County, California, has in the last five years had the services of one doctor although in this area there are over 5,000 people.

From Sonoma Bar up river to Oak Bar on a highway which is constantly in need of repair, any injured or seriously ill person must depend on neighbors or the ambulance of the Volunteer Fire Department of the town of Happy Camp to see that they receive adequate and proper medical assistance.

The pricing hubbub finds crude oil quotations weakening in various parts of the world - but at the same time rising prices for some refinery products, and talk of still higher ones as more companies negotiate five per cent wage boosts for their employees.

Many companies have seen two years now of waning profits as costs rose while demand didn't increase as expected.

The industry's 1957 profits were down 1.4 per cent from 1956. But the slide last year was much steeper.

The first 30 oil companies to

distance (especially in bad flying weather, ice, fog, rain, snow and slides).

Sometimes our doctor is out of town on another mercy call when he is needed for services in the community. Sometimes the one and one half hour trip into the hospital is just too long for the patient to wait for the necessary or essential treatment and we have another case for the coroner's office.

Some of the folks in the community would like to see a 10-bed hospital made available for the use of just such cases. This can be obtained by an assenting vote of 51 per cent of the registered voters of this area.

Under the Hill-Burton Fund, the area if so voted can receive assistance to build such a hospital. The federal government will supply one-third of the estimated cost, the state will advance another one-third and the community must supply the last one-third. Our one-third can be achieved by donation, endowment, gifts, bonds and taxes. The taxes on the district, if formed, cannot exceed 20 cents per \$100 dollars of assessable value of property.

If the hospital district is formed and the money from our district is shown to be forthcoming by March 31, 1959, the two-thirds assistance will be supplied.

A 10-bed hospital, X-ray, surgery facilities and all essential supplies included would cost, in the vicinity of one hundred and ninety two thousand dollars. Our one-third would be approximately \$63,000. Such a hospital in order to meet state qualifications must:

1. Run as nonprofit for 20 years.
2. Be self-supporting (\$100 per day on income basis).
3. Accept all patients.
4. Provide reasonable amount of free care.

5. Contract and employ local business for plans, building, etc.
6. Comply with state licensing law.

Our petitions have been submitted to proper authorities and as we have been promised the backing up to at least one half of our one-third of the finances, it looks very promising that there will be a hospital for the Klamath River Area in the near future. The efforts of Dr. Richard Graun and a group of interested citizens of the area are very much appreciated in this endeavor.

We will still need help in voting the project through and also in supplying the rest of the necessary funds. Any and all folks of this area are welcome to seek further information as to area, funds, taxes and so forth from Dr. Graun's office in Happy Camp and to attend future meetings.

Curbstone Plato

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Curbstone comments of a Pavement Plato: Men invariably grow feeble with age. So, often, does their money.

Time waters down most currencies. This is happening in our own lives to the American dollar.

There is an old slang saying that "money talks," and it still does. But there was a time when the U.S. dollar didn't merely talk. It shouted in a voice admired—and feared—around the globe.

This is no longer quite so true. The "almighty dollar" no longer is almighty. It has developed laryngitis. While other currencies have been building up muscle—such as the Swiss franc, the German mark—the dollar has been losing weight.

If a man had lost as much weight, comparatively, as the dollar has, he would be in a hospital bed calling for blood transfusions and an oxygen tent.

Postwar inflation has swept all countries to varying degrees. The creeping inflation in the United States has gone on so steadily that it is only occasionally we are sharply reminded that, while we have more money in our pockets now, it doesn't have the same value.

Here are two recent examples that made me sharply nostalgic for the dollar that was a dollar.

1. A lady in our office casually remarked that it now cost her \$2.25 merely to park her car in a midtown Manhattan lot during working hours. Remember when a traveling man could get a good hotel room for \$2 a night—and they parked the car free?

2. A panhandler hit me up. Scratching in my pockets, I found only 23 cents in change—and gave it to him with an apology. "Don't you have a buck you can spare?" he demanded.

Inflation waters down not only a people's currency; it also waters down their dreams. Its terrible cost is paid least by the shiftless grasshopper, most by the thrifty ant—and thereby it violates the morality behind all sensible living.

Inflation doesn't wait for posterity to present its bill. It presents its bill now, too, and the hard-earned dollar a man saved yesterday to buy himself comfort tomorrow is spent to keep himself afloat in the high-priced world of today.

SHORT RIBS

By Frank O'Neal

WHY DO WE HAVE TO LIVE IN THIS HOLE?

I SIMPLY DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!

I'M NOT REALLY COMPLAINING MIND YOU—

BUT—CAN'T WE LIVE IN A CAVE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE?

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Unreported Income Told

TACOMA, Wash. (AP)—A government witness insists that former Teamsters President Dave Beck had unreported income of \$368,000 in the 1950-53 years and that none of it was borrowed from the Teamsters Union.

Edmund Hupf, Internal Revenue Service supervisor, testifying in Beck's income tax evasion trial Wednesday, underwent extensive cross-examination by Defense Atty. Charles Burdell.

Burdell hammered away at the former Brooklyn, N. Y., agent in an attempt to get him to admit that Beck owed the money to the union and thus was not taxable. He reminded Hupf that Beck had paid the union some \$370,000.

In reply, Hupf said evidence showed that Beck repaid loans which ran over an 11-year period, while his (Hupf's) calculations were only for the 1950-53 period.

The government is thus, in effect, ignoring Beck's admitted repayments to the different Teamsters Union groups. In a detailed four-page financial box score presented Tuesday and testified about Wednesday, Hupf stated what he said was Beck's net worth in the 1950-53 years and said Beck failed to pay \$258,636 income taxes in that time.

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Red Diplomats Hint Price For Halting Berlin Threat

BONN (UPI)—Soviet diplomats statement.

here hint that their price for dropping threats of a new Berlin blockade might be cancellation of Western plans to provide atomic weapons for West Germany's growing army.

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Porter To Give China Trade Talk

SALEM (AP)—Rep. Charles O. Porter, Eugene Democrat, will speak on trade with China and on Oregon's two senators in an address here Friday at a Democratic fund-raising dinner, state Democratic Chairman Dave Epps said Wednesday.

Porter has advocated trade with China since he entered Congress in 1955.

Epps said he cannot disclose what Porter will say about Sen. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger, Democrats, who have been at odds with each other in the past few months.

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