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## Report

By BILL JENKINS

Klamath Falls made a big mark in Alturas the other night at a meeting of the Modoc Council of Natural Resources.

Jim O'Donahue, the Basin's best known authority on birds, was the speaker and got the highest hand at that organization's gathering. Natural came down and showed his "Jim resources" slides and accompanying talk to the group. A lovely pictorial trip through most of southern and eastern Oregon with glimpses of scenic wonders, the fleeting beauty of western sunsets, the colorful and little known side of the native insects and some of the loveliest shots of birdlife I've seen in a long time.

Jim studied his talk with not only the basic facts of what he was showing on the slides but tossed in a few well-chosen bars at the "sportsmen" whose aim in outdoor life is pure destruction with no appreciation of the beauties around them.

Somehow I got the feeling that everyone came away from the session with a slightly different, and better, feeling about the outdoors and its creatures.

He sure did a swell job. I can heartily recommend his talk and the slides as proper therapy for the troubles of our times.

Happy to report that the swan, Mac, hauled to Longview by this writer and Bob Norris a couple of weeks ago is doing fine. Latest report from Norris is that the bird, minus one wing, was released in the park pond and has been accepted by the other feathered denizens. He swims as well as ever, spends a good deal of time sunning himself on the grassy banks and acts heartily.

Might be a fine life for a bird. A lot less scratching for existence than his wild kin.

Mention of the doves we saw at Sisters has touched off more reports. Now I hear from George (Lonesome) Overmire that he has been getting reports of the warm-weather birds all winter. Sometimes in bands of 20 or more.

Seems like everything is changing these days.

Or perhaps we just haven't been observant enough in the past.

The unusual number of swans in the area this winter has led to a certain amount of comment that perhaps since there are so many of the birds we should have a season on them.

I deplore such sentiments. They do not speak well of sportsmen. We are blessed in this country with some of the best bird hunting to be found anywhere in the nation. Sure, we have our beefs and our troubles, but on the whole we are a lot better off than the majority of the scatterbrains.

Why then, in the midst of this relative plenty, should we suggest opening a season on the swan? Don't the gunners have enough targets as it is? Is there no end to the greed of that brand of "sportsman" who is interested only in the day's kill, not the day's enjoyment?

I, for one, am violently and unalterably opposed to any season on the whistling swan. Now or in the future.

Help wanted!  
I need a new term.  
As you will notice I have to use quotes frequently around that word "sportsman." Solely to differentiate between the true sportsman and the other fellow.

I know of no word at the present I can use. Game hog doesn't always fit. Nor does poor sport. Nor does barrel stretcher, hammerhead, bun or any of the other (and more colorful) adjectives that are frowned on by the US Postal Service.

But I think we need a term that will stand without quotes for the fellow who avails himself of all the privileges of the outdoor sportsman with none of the responsibilities or the deep appreciation that comes with life in the outdoors.

If you can think of a good word let me know.

I'd like to use it as a label for those who make the going so rough for the real sportsman.

## Clean-Up

By FLORENCE JENKINS  
"Clean up your medicine chest" is a new national campaign underway to save lives, particularly of children, in 1956.

We've been fortunate in Klamath Falls in having a remarkably few children die from poisoning over the years. Fire Chief E. E. Bove recalls only one case in 1950. The child was a two-year-old.

Hazards to life and health exist in deteriorated medicinals and poisonous substances in the family bathroom medicine chest. When a jumble of left-over remedies, out-of-date prescriptions and lethal drugs is allowed to accumulate in the bathroom medicine chest it can become a veritable "booby trap" in the home.

The Poison Control Center of the Department of Health reports more than 8,000 poisonings during 1955 in New York City alone. At least half of the victims were children. Children under five (which constitute a little more than one-tenth of the total population) account for nearly three-fourths of the poisoning fatalities. Preschool youngsters comprise a large proportion of the victims of poisoning from excessive overdoses of aspirin and other salicylates, and lead compounds.

The fire department suggests putting prescriptions and harmful drugs on the top shelf of the medicine cabinet, out of reach of the little ones. And the idea of cleaning out the medicine chest and inventorying it twice a year is a good one.

Reminds us of an afternoon when guests brought their young daughter. Becoming bored with so-called adult conversation, she repaired to the bathroom. When her absence became noticeably protracted and the mother started to fidget, we suggested, "Oh, she has probably just found iodine."

"Iodine!" the startled mother exclaimed. "She wouldn't open the medicine cabinet."

Just then the youngster emerged completely engrossed in the pages of the cartoon book of Little Iodine.

## Budget Making

By JOHN D. HARE  
Member Oregon State Senate  
from Washington County

On Monday, February 16, I made the following motion on the floor of the Oregon Senate:  
"I move that the senate will now declare that it will act upon no bills appropriating money from the general fund of the state until after the tax program has been passed by the senate."

The motion was turned down by the Democrat-controlled senate. My reasons for making it are as follows:

Oregon has heretofore followed a policy of appropriating money before the people and their legislative representatives know where the money is coming from to pay the bills. We have had the cart ahead of the horse. It is high time this policy is reversed.

At every session of the legislature the Joint Ways and Means Committee submits to the members of the legislature for their approval appropriation bills amounting to millions of dollars. This procedure is followed before the legislative tax committees are then told to find the money, even though it may be a tax load the people of Oregon cannot bear without straining our economy.

My motion would place the state in the same situation as its individual citizens. The procedure should be reversed. We should first determine how much of a tax load the people of the state of Oregon can bear without straining our economy, and then let the Ways and Means Committee know how much money will be made available so it can divide the pot.

The motion was made as the result of a sincere conviction that unless this course is followed the budgets of both Ex - Governor Holmes and Governor Hatfield may be substantially increased.

The people have given a mandate to lighten the tax load. I advocated this change in 1955, while a member of the house of representatives. It was turned down. The net result was a 45 per cent surtax. At the last regular session we wound up with a tax program equivalent to a 51 per cent surtax. A special session was called. It was my hope that the Democrat-controlled senate would give the motion favorable consideration and make it a legislative policy.

The taxpayers of Oregon have no organized lobby to protect their interests. At the present time there are appropriation bills before the Ways and Means Committee totaling more than 345 million dollars. There will, no doubt, be several million more added to the present total after all the pending bills are presented to this session of legislature.

I sometimes believe that the taxpayer of Oregon has as much chance as a fish in a tankful of seals. The members of the Oregon legislature should not leave this session leaving Oregon in the same situation which confronts other states, particularly our neighbor, Washington. They should not leave the people of Oregon with a deficit.

The spenders are sitting in the saddle, but I renew my promise to the people of Washington County that, even though I am outnumbered four to one, I will continue to fight.

## Appreciation

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—I wish again to thank all you lovely people for your consideration and prayers which so comforted Mrs. Rose Paul in her recent illness and gave me the spirit of hope that I may be able to return such favors and dedicate myself in the cause against cancer which took her life.

William J. Paul  
227 Mortimer Avenue

## Rogus Checks

By J. EDGAR HOOVER  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

The plague of fraudulent check passers who day to day amass a fortune in illegal profits from American business and citizens is assuming proportions of a national pestilence. Based on available data and police experience, employment in the criminal occupation of "had check passing" is at a new high level, with no recession in sight. Continued financial success for this type of criminal—considered the elite in the crime world—can only enlarge the problem and further victimize the public.

A survey of law enforcement agencies by an American industrial firm in 1957 reflected that the annual loss due to fraudulent checks amounted to \$35 million dollars. In the fiscal year of 1957 there were 30,903 had checks having a face value of \$5,033,846 submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination. Our services in this field mounted in the fiscal year of 1958 when 33,027 fraudulent checks totaling \$7,933,827 were examined. Recently, a police official asserted that the estimated annual loss from worthless checks in his state was 20 million dollars. Even these stark statistics reveal only a partial view of the enormity of the problem, as there is no way to tabulate the countless worthless checks which go unreported by indifferent individuals.

In the battle against fraudulent check passing, the "victim" represents the principal hope for success. The bad check passer does not have to contend with the danger of physical violence confronting the armed robber. His major obstacle lies in alertness and good judgment on the part of his "victim." Although these unscrupulous criminals rely on skill and cunning, a fundamental factor in their prosperity is the carelessness of shopkeepers and business concern employees in requiring adequate identification. Numerous recorded instances of checks cashed, such as one signed "U. R. Stuck" and one drawn on the "East Bank of the Mississippi," serve to illustrate the extent of this negligence.

In addition, there is certainly a need to re-examine the all too prevalent theory that acceptance of checks without demanding sufficient identification is a necessary business gamble. A nationwide chain-store organization recently estimated that it loses nearly \$700,000 a year on bad checks, a loss amounting to the profit on 25 million dollars worth of sales. Another frequent advantage enjoyed by the bad check passer is the reluctance of many merchants and other victims to prosecute the known offender if restitution is made. This, a common practice is nothing but a form of license to steal for the violator with no fear of penalty.

In many localities, business and civic groups have joined with law enforcement in concerted measures against the bad check passer. The organization of bogus check squads in local police agencies, the establishment of telephone warning nets and interstore communication systems in local communities, the use of crime laboratory facilities and the utilization of hidden cameras and other scientific techniques are commendable efforts.

To cope with the far-ranging activities of this class of criminals, however, the counterattack must be intensified on a nationwide scale. Carelessness of the victims themselves—in which keeps bad check passers in business—must be a primary target. The united efforts of merchants, the public, and law enforcement authorities are essential. Only when the work becomes difficult, the profits small, and the risks great will the nefarious trade of worthless check passing cease to flourish.

## Quotes

United Press International  
HOLLYWOOD — Mrs. Vittoria Alberghetti, in announcing that she no longer opposes the marriage of her daughter, singer Anna Maria Alberghetti, to divorced composer-arranger Buddy Bregman:  
"I give them all the blessing they want, and I haven't anything against them. I didn't like a divorced man for Anna, but everybody is divorced here except a few. This is the younger generation, and I am the older generation, and I don't understand them and never will. I don't care what they do. I'm a little tired of everything and would like to go back to Italy."

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Louis Kuplan, director of the Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee on Aging, seeing retirement years as a time of challenge when the average life span is increased to 100 years:  
"The period of retirement will become a time of challenge and opportunity when the individual can pick up the unfinished business of life and finish doing the many things he dropped when he entered the labor force."

WASHINGTON — Mayor Louis C. Mirani of Detroit, commenting on the desirability of congressional approval for a 389 million dollar federal aid program for areas suffering from chronic unemployment:  
"The modern solution to chronic unemployment is simple in theory. We either provide jobs or we provide public assistance."

WASHINGTON — Phillis Bernan, John Foster Dulles' first secretary, reporting on a birthday visit to Dulles in Walter Reed Hospital:  
"We had lots of good laughs with him. He was quite sharp as a matter of fact. He was full of beans."

CHICAGO — Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) commenting on pressing for peace at the same time building defense:  
"We must arm, and yet at the same time strive to turn back the tide of fear that is engendered by the mounting arms race."

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) — The state's poultry and egg industry today announced the menu for next Wednesday's breakfast at which Gov. Leroy Collins and his cabinet will be the guests:  
"Jumbo fried eggs, omelets, egg sausage, burgers, raw eggs in orange juice and hard-boiled eggs decorated with pictures of the governor and the cabinet members."



## Commies Meet Opposition Trying To Erase System

HONG KONG (AP) — The Chinese Communists are running into opposition in their effort to wipe out China's traditional family system through the newly created people's communes.

Peiping's press has carried reports recently about various sponsored debates in official parts of China on the subject of family life. The reports normally wind up with claims that the participants, "after thorough discussion, unanimously agreed" with the wisdom of the party line.

Peiping's official People's Daily recently reported, however, that after one such debate the participants "were not unanimous on the question of whether collective life is better or more heartwarming than family life."

Other articles carry equally surprising remarks. They quote peasants as saying:  
"In the small family of the past, members of the household ate whatever they liked and drank whatever beverage they wished. All day long members of the fam-

ily, old and young, gathered together chatting and laughing. Was this not heart-warming?"  
People's Daily sadly reports many commune members "appear to have a pleasant and nostalgic feeling whenever they mention the small family."

Denouncing such "nonsensical ideas," the paper says party officials have been trying to convince commune dwellers that family life still exists, bigger and better than ever, because everyone is now a member of "Chairman Mao Tse-tung's big family."

Children now belong to the public as well as to their parents. People's Daily says, and "parents should not look on children as their private property any more."

The commune system is a radical Communist plan under which peasants and other workers are required to abandon traditional home and family life for a regimented communal existence so the state can get more work out of them. The communes have been in existence in China nearly 10 months.

## Secretaries In Big Demand To Fill Jobs In Britain

LONDON (AP) — Stenographers are among the most pampered people in Britain today. There just aren't enough girls to fill all the jobs.

Said the manager of a London secretarial placement agency:  
"We've got 1,000 jobs for every 100 applicants. It's frantic."

Said the director of Britain's biggest secretarial college:  
"We have 8,000 girls through our colleges every year. But that's not nearly enough."  
"There's no sign of the boom stopping. The number of secretarial jobs has quadrupled since the war, and still more girls are needed."

Employers are prepared to go to almost any lengths to attract Britain's half a million secretaries.  
"The wages they command," said the college director, "are among the best in the country for women. A capable secretary can earn about \$34 (equivalent) weekly at age 23, and an experienced private secretary can get nearly \$3,000 a year. (The average wage in Britain is under \$1,750 a year.)"

"And on top of that, employers are offering some fantastic inducements."  
He told of firms which offer new

steno typewriters of their choice. Many give their stenographers luncheon vouchers worth 40 cents a day in neighborhood restaurants.

One firm even supplies a dress allowance and free train tickets for girls commuting from the suburbs.

It's common to find firms giving young married women a couple of hours off for shopping one day a week. Some even allow time off for visits to the hairdresser. Firms supply autos to take their stenographers to the station at the end of the day so they can avoid crowded buses and subways.

NEW TOASTMISTRESSES  
Three new members, Honey Danielsom, Donna Journeay and Shermalee Roake, were inducted into the Ewauna Toastmistress Club at its regular meeting February 23 in the Spruce Room at the Willard Hotel. Rowena McDonald and Margaret Davis presided at the induction ceremonies. Final contestants in the speech contest were announced. The speak-off will be March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Willard. Visitors are welcome.

## Appropriations Given Approval

PORTLAND (AP) — Allocation of \$43,750 to update communities for fine arts projects was recommended Friday by the Oregon Centennial Commission's Fine Arts Committee.

The Legislature has stipulated that at least \$35,000 in centennial funds must be used for art projects outside Multnomah County. Appropriations already approved include \$12,000 for the Shakespearian Festival at Ashland; \$700 for Junior Symphony tour; \$750 for visual arts exhibits; \$6,300 for publication at Eugene of a Centennial edition of the Northwest Review; and \$500 at Corvallis for literary and poetry projects.

## Logging Meeting Names Chief

EUGENE (AP) — Dugan Pearl of Coos Bay is the new president of the Oregon Logging Conference.

He was named Friday to succeed Carl Rayner of Springfield. Serving with Pearl will be A.F. Ware of Lyons, vice president; A. D. McSynolds, Eugene, treasurer; and Robert Cross, Eugene, secretary-treasurer.

The conference business sessions ended Friday. A logging equipment show was being held today.

## SCHOOL OFFICE ROBBERY

PORTLAND (AP) — The Portland school district office was robbed of an estimated \$250 Friday by a holdup man.

The cashier, Mrs. Doris Dawson, said the man kept his hand in his right pocket as if he had it on a gun. She was alone at the time.

## NLRB Suggests Bargain Agent

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A trial examiner for the National Labor Relations Board Friday recommended that the Lithia Lumber Co. of Ashland be directed to bargain with the International Woodworkers of America.

The IWA charged that the firm had engaged in unfair labor practices at a previous bargaining session by refusing to discuss issues of a proposed contract.

The union became bargaining agent for the firm's 87 employees last Sept. 10.

## ESTATE VALUE TOLD

PORTLAND (AP) — An estate valued at \$2,397,298 was left by Charles F. Wright, 81, who died Dec. 8, a probate court inventory showed Friday.

Wright was president of Ballou and Wright, a wholesale automobile parts company with stores in Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Everett.

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