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Vital Battle

By BILL JENKINS
The most important battle ever fought in the West is going on right now in the eleven western states. Upon the outcome of that battle hinges the fate of a majority of the people living in that broad area.

The battle? The mighty struggle over water.
Water is to the population of the West today what gold was to the Argonauts of the last century.

It is more. It is a vital matter of life or death. Economic life or death, that is.

Without water there is little that the West can offer future generations. For upon water rests the fate of every other natural and man-made resource.

Without water there would be no timber, no agriculture, no ranching, no industry. Carried to the extreme there would be no life.

But of course we are all familiar with this aspect of our modern life. But there is a loaded booby trap hidden in the battle that could well be our undoing. A psychological booby trap that is a natural outgrowth of our cynical times.

That trap is disinterest on the part of the general public. It is unfortunate that it has to be the way it is. But we can't change the course of human nature very much it seems.

It isn't that people don't care. It is just that this battle is being fought in the legislative halls. There aren't any spectacular fireworks for the average man to enjoy. Those are left for the politicians who get their kicks out of maneuvering rather than joining in the open battle. So what happens?

The average bloke gets bored with the whole thing, shrugs it off as just so much more ballyhoo and turns to the sports page.

But whether the battle is dull or not, it is going to affect the lives of every man, woman and child in the West. So it seems to me that it is a political question that should be given the closest attention by all.

After you boil it down and strain out the thunder and lightning the problem is simple enough. The screwball geography of the West coupled with the equally screwball "perfect climate" patrons has led to a situation where our major population centers are located in comparatively arid areas. The points of origin for the water are relatively sparsely populated.

The battle will be fought with votes, not bullets. As in every thing else you can think of the have-nots want what the haves possess. In this case water.

Eventually the people of the West are going to have to make up their minds which way it is going to be settled.

There are only two alternatives: Either send the water from the points of origin to the metropolitan centers and let the source areas die on the vine or trade water for industry and population which would see a more equitable distribution of both over the Western scene.

The battle is going to have to be fought by the West because the people east of the Rockies, particularly east of the Mississippi, couldn't care less. They usually have more water than they know what to do with.

I don't know what the answer is or which way the situation is going to go. But I do know that it is the most important single issue facing us westerners today. And as such it deserves our full attention.

I think that we must do two things: We must keep abreast of what is going on, particularly in California, and we must keep it at the state level.

Good, bad or indifferent, it is vital that we keep the water battle confined to the western states and not let it fall into the ever growing sphere of federal action.

Should that happen the whole shooting match is up the spout and we might as well sit by and watch the grass grow in the streets of Southern Oregon and Northern California.

The situation can be resolved. But we'll all have to do our part. And right now keeping up to date is the most important thing.

Let's not fall down on our responsibility to the pioneers who opened up our country.

Mother-In-Law
By FLORENCE JENKINS
On Income Tax Day plus one came the word that Mrs. Roy B. Priest has been named 1959 Mother-In-Law of the Year.

The timing is rather perfect since Mrs. Priest is well known to all of us who hold United States currency (however briefly) as United States Treasurer Ivy Baker Priest.

Her background is interesting.

Mrs. Priest was born at Kimberly, Utah, on September 7, 1905, the oldest of seven children. Her youthful ambition was to be a lawyer, but she was forced to quit the University of Utah after two weeks when her father, who was a miner, was hurt in an accident at the mine where he was working.

She worked as a telephone operator, then as a salesgirl, clothes model, merchandiser and then buyer for a department store. Still later, Mrs. Priest taught history and government in a Salt Lake City night school.

She married Roy B. Priest, a furniture manufacturer in Salt Lake City. They have three children, the youngest of which, Roy, 16, is in high school. A daughter, Nancy, 18, is preparing to enter college and the eldest, Patricia, 22, is Mrs. Pierce A. Jensen, wife of a Navy lieutenant-commander and mother of a three-year-old son.

Mrs. Priest started her political career in 1934 when she was elected as president of the Utah Young Republicans. In 1940, she was elected to the state committee and to the national committee four years later.

President Eisenhower appointed Mrs. Priest to the post of U.S. Treasurer on January 22, 1953. At that time she was serving as assistant chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Her husband has retired and they live at Arlington, Virginia.

Mrs. Priest's signature is on 28 billion dollars worth of paper money in circulation every year.

And today, by state proclamation in many states, is Mother-in-Law Day.

Vacation Year
By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—Would you like a year in which every day seemed like Saturday?

Would you like a 365-day paid vacation from work?

The idea of a year off from your job to rest or study has been seriously advanced by Arthur Carstens, a University of California labor expert.

Carstens believes such year-long holidays, to be financed jointly by employers and the state, would benefit workers. They would, he said, "cut down the toll of pressure that makes widows of half of the nation's women."

He doesn't take into consideration the other half of the picture: If wives had their husbands underfoot for a 12-month stretch, half the men would wind up widowers.

But progress always has its price, and this is a risk most thoughtful men would be willing to take.

As we see it, Carstens' proposal for a sabbatical year is of value only if the year away from office and factory were wisely spent.

Some showoffs, naturally, would try to impress the boss by enrolling for the year at Harvard, which only would mix them up. It takes four years of Harvard to remove the confusion from a man. Even then the diploma carries no guarantee.

What really is needed is a soundly planned program which will enable the individual, at the end of his year of enforced leisure, to return to the job a happier, more-rounded man.

We have drawn up such a daily program for ourselves—in the unlikely event our boss gives us a year off—and suggest you might find it useful too.

Here is our day:
7:00—Wake up and laugh at silent alarm clock, which has been turned off the night before.

7:00-7:01 — Brisk calisthenics while lying in bed.
7:01-9—Go back to sleep.

9:00-9:30—Debate whether to shave. Decide not to.

9:30-10 — Read newspaper and breakfast—bourbon, toast, bacon, eggs, coffee.

10-11—Give wife orders of the day, and point out her errors of the day before.

11-11:15 — Coffee and bourbon break, spent resting on sofa.

11:15-12:15 — Front porch rocking chair session. Make plans on how to spend tomorrow in constructive way.

12:15-12:30 — Highball with next door neighbor.

12:30-1:30 — Lunch: Beer, beef sandwich, apple pie and cheese.

1:30-1:35—Read good book to improve mind.

1:35-3—Nap on sofa.

3-3:15 — Coffee and bourbon break.

3:15-4:45 — Back porch rocking chair session to get benefit of afternoon sun. Review morning's plans for tomorrow, decide tomorrow is a bad day to start any new projects.

4:45-5 — Inspect vegetable garden, point out to wife areas where she should do more hoeing.

5-8:30—Cocktail hour.

8:30-9:30—Dinner: Wine, sirloin steak, salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, ice cream.

9:30-11:59 — Discuss with wife why world is going to hell, lay out her work schedule for next day.

11:59-12:00 — Write postcard to boss saying how much you miss the old office gang, and how you're chomping at the bit to get back.

12-12:01—Go to bed with second good book of day to improve mind.

12:01—Throw book out window and fall asleep.

Of course, no program is ideal for everybody and you may want to vary this one in small ways. But if you follow it rigorously, one thing is sure.

At the end of your sabbatical year you'll be eager to return to your job—so you can start planning on your pension, when you'll be able to live this way the rest of your life.

Thanks To Bly
Bly (To the Editor)—To the community of Bly, the Bly Grange No. 711 and the Bly Ladies Club for the many wonderful things they did to make my retirement a pleasant memory, go my sincere thanks; also the many individuals who gave of their time and talents to make my party so lovely.

Georgia Casebeer

Post-Convention
Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—For a successful convention, much credit necessarily goes to individuals and organizations. One such gathering was that of the Oregon Credit Union League, whose annual meeting was held last week in Klamath Falls.

Its success and the pleasure afforded the two hundred delegates and their wives was due in no small part to the helpfulness of each separate credit union in Klamath Falls, the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, the Stewart-Lenox Firebelles, the Klamath Falls Fire Department, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Rangers at the Lava Beds, and the Willard Hotel.

On behalf of the Oregon Credit Union League and the Klamath Falls Chapter of Credit Unions, appreciation is extended to these organizations and their individual members.

Rose L. Mathers
Chairman, Arrangements Committee

Vets Mail Bag
About one third of the approximately 7,000 new physicians being produced by the United States yearly receive training in Veterans Administration hospitals, Summer G. Whittier, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, said today.

Mr. Whittier said medical training is conducted in VA hospitals primarily for its effect in raising the quality of care furnished veteran-patients, and in helping to recruit scarce category personnel for the hospital staffs.

However, the agency's medical education programs also provide training at low cost to the taxpayer and are an important clinical teaching facility for colleges and universities, he said.

The programs are making a major contribution of physicians and other personnel to the trained medical manpower pool of the nation, especially in fields such as psychiatry, clinical psychology, nursing, social work, and the rehabilitation therapies, in which personnel are in critically short supply, Mr. Whittier said.

Dr. Benjamin B. Wells, director of the education service of the VA Department of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D.C., added that VA hospitals had in training during 1958, in cooperation with colleges and universities throughout the country:

6,000 medical students—about 39 per cent of the nation's third-year medical students and about 33 per cent of its fourth-year medical students.

About 2,500 physicians becoming medical specialists as residents in psychiatry, general surgery, internal medicine, and 18 other fields. This is 11 per cent of the nation's physicians in training as medical specialists during 1958.

2,900 student nurses, or 10 per cent of the student nurses graduated from the nation's schools of nursing in 1958.

Also in training in VA hospitals are: 700 psychology trainees, 20 per cent of the total in the country; 281 occupational therapists, 59 per cent of the total; 430 physical therapy trainees, 5 per cent of the total; 329 social work trainees, 19 per cent of the total; 85 dietetic interns; and 100 trainees in medical administration, pharmacy, audiology and speech correction and other specialties contributing to medical care.

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By Jimmy Hatlo



Oregon Legislature Kills \$1 Wage Bill

SALEM (AP)—A measure to establish a \$1 an hour minimum wage in Oregon, with time and a half after 40 hours a week, is dead in the Oregon Legislature.

The House, after a long debate and lots of parliamentary maneuvering, voted Friday 32-27 against the bill.

Then Rep. Joe Rogers (R-Independence), an opponent, moved to reconsider so the bill could be defeated again. It was.

Since a bill can be reconsidered only once, that kills the legislation for the session.

The Senate worked yesterday, marking the first time that either House has met on a Saturday in the 97-day-old session. At the close of yesterday's meeting, the Senate is expected to adjourn until Tuesday. The House quit Friday until Monday.

Legislative leaders expect the session will end a week from Saturday.

The Senate completed action Friday on a bill to make it illegal to sell or give away any tobacco to a child under 18 years old. It provides fines of \$5 to \$50 for violating that provision. Any child who smokes could be sentenced to two days in jail or fined \$5.

The purpose of the bill is to clear up several conflicting laws on smoking by minors.

The House sent to the governor a bill to adopt a new concept in dealing with narcotic addicts. It authorizes use of a chemical called naline to detect addiction, and provides for five years of probation for addicts so they can be treated.

An addendum would not get probation unless he agreed to the naline tests.

The House sent to the Senate a bill to increase the size of the three-member parole board to five members.

A House-passed bill to increase the two-year terms of House members to four years was amended by the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee. The amendment would increase senators' terms from four years to six years. If the measure passes, it would go on the ballot.

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Crowds Cheer, Hate Fades As Five-Month Strike Ends
HENDERSON, N.C. (AP)—A sudden, mighty cheer rose from scores of throats. Bitter tensions evaporated in a giddy whirl of joy. Henderson's violence-wracked five-month textile mill strike was ended.

This industrial city of 16,000 heard the news Friday night from a conference hall where white-haired Gov. Luther H. Hodges, an ex-industrialist, reached an agreement with officials of the Harriet-Henderson Cotton Mills and the striking Textile Workers Union of America in 3½ hours of negotiations.

It is an agreement, union leader Boyd Payton asserted, "we can live under." But, he told a crowd assembled in the bright moonlight outside the company's main office, "Everybody is not going to work Monday morning."

What it did mean, according to Payton's remarks, is that strikers will make up the second and third shifts that President John D. Cooper Jr. of the company plans soon to resume. About 400 non-strikers, who faced verbal abuse and occasional barrages of pop bottles and rocks from the picket lines, will keep their jobs on the first shift, which has been operating since Feb. 16.

Wages were not an issue. Cooper's objection to renewing the contract that expired last year was a clause that all work disputes had to be decided by a third party. After the two mills reopened on a limited basis, the rights of non-strikers and the union dues check-off also became issues. Under the agreement, the arbitration issue was compromised.

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