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Young Skill

BY BILL JENKINS

Spent a considerable time at Crater Lake National Park last Sunday attending the ski school jamboree on the slope of the park headquarters site.

The affair was the windup of the ski school conducted for children of park personnel by Slim Mabery over the past winter and this spring.

It gave the youngsters a chance to show their achievements and newly acquired skills. Very considerable achievements, too. The youngsters ranged in age all the way from pre-school to their early teens. And their performance on the ski slope was a real credit to Slim's teaching.

They handled themselves like experts. Why, at that age it was all I could do to slide down a hill on the seat of my pants, much less come down over a modified alom course and do it properly and without spills.

Of course, in my day we had nothing but loose bindings and the general idea was to get down a hill with no broken bones. These youngsters have been taught what Slim refers to as "controlled skiing" and are learning it the safe way. They have proper equipment, good instruction and more enthusiasm than you can imagine.

I'll be very much surprised if some of these names don't turn up on the roster of the 1970 Olympics. If they continue to learn as fast as they are now it's a cinch.

Crater Lake is still a winter scene, although the sun made it shirt sleeve weather. First chance we had to see the progress of Mission 66, the park improvement and expansion plan now under way.

Took a rain check from Superintendent Tom Williams on a trip around the rim when that beautiful road is opened up later in the year. He tells me that they have some new picnic grounds and what-not on that route.

And there is no getting around it that the rim drive is one of the most spectacular and beautiful ones that you can find.

Came home via the Westside and found conditions dusty already. Not too bad, however, to make it anything but a pretty trip. That little section of the Rogue National Forest will be quite a tourist attraction in the future when the road is paved and the trade can be sent thataway to Fort Klamath and Crater Lake from Klamath Falls.

That is a project which I expect to see developed within the next ten years at the most.

There are two road projects, in fact, which are naturals when it comes to the tourist trade and that is one of them. The other will be the eventual day when a highway is constructed all the way down the Klamath River to connect with the California coast.

That one will be a real dilly.

Unemployment

By FLOYD WYNNE

The condition of the unemployment compensation fund has been a prime topic of discussion in the current Legislature.

It also has been a prime headache for employers who have a stable crew, and who recently were forced to move back to a 2.7 per cent on their payroll instead of lower rates which they had earned over the years.

What's the purpose of the fund? Well, it's a protection for workers who are fired for no reasons of their own, also a protection for those who work in seasonal industries.

The fund is to give them enough finances to tide them over to the next job.

Now, who pays into the fund? It comes directly out of the employer's pocket. None of it is paid by the employee, although he is the one, and the only one who benefits from it.

This unemployment fund has shrunk from \$5 million dollars to 20 million dollars in the past 10 years.

Why? Well, probably most of it has been from legitimate claims of people who have been forced out of work by one means or another. The major share of the fund has undoubtedly been used as a "tiding over" process by a number of people.

But, it undoubtedly also has had abuses, as will any such program. The phrase "rocking chair" money has become a subject for humor almost nationwide. It has also become a subject of a way-of-life for some people.

There are those who work with the hope that they'll never have to draw unemployment, and there

are others who work just long enough to become eligible for unemployment.

I don't think anyone would desire to abolish the principle of the unemployment compensation fund. It is needed, and certainly can be a blessing in disguise to an unfortunate working man.

But, it has been abused, and it is the abuses which are now drawing the fire of the Legislature.

What are some of the abuses? Well, it may be treading on dangerous ground, but what about women who are expecting babies, and who apply for their unemployment while not working.

Or, how about the person who quits his job willingly and draws unemployment from his prior employer's fund while looking for a better job elsewhere?

Or, the person who is out of work, and refuses to take any kind of job except exactly the same kind of work he or she was doing.

Or, the person who is paid a very high salary on a seasonal job because it is seasonal, and the employer tries to compensate the employee so that he can make enough in eight months to enable him to live the balance of the year.

And there are undoubtedly others.

The Legislature has come up with a move which they claim will reduce the number of claims by about 10 per cent. It would require that a person be actively in the labor market in order to get benefits.

In order to obtain benefits, a jobless worker would have had to have worked 20 weeks in a year and earned \$700 in that year, and his earnings must have been at least \$20 for every one of those 20 weeks.

Qualification now is based only on the amount of money earned, thus letting some people get benefits even though they worked only a few weeks.

It's a move in the right direction, a direction that leads to deserved help for those that merit it, and elimination of benefits for those who use the fund as a personal dole.

Health Insurance

By FLORENCE JENKINS

The results of the first survey of public attitudes toward health insurance have been released by the Health Insurance Institute of New York City, sponsor of the survey made by National Analysts, Inc.

The Institute states it is the central source of information for the public on behalf of the nation's insurance companies.

The survey was made in the latter part of 1957 from interviews obtained with 2,000 representative families across the country. The findings released are on data secured from some 6,600 individuals.

The Institute estimates that more than 121,000,000 Americans were covered by some form of health insurance at the start of 1958.

Interviewers ascertained that nearly two out of every five families having such protection reported they had received benefits under their policies during the 12 months immediately preceding the date they were interviewed.

The survey reports that in 73 per cent of the families interviewed, at least one member was covered by health insurance and in 60 per cent of the cases, all family members were insured.

Fully half of the insured families who expressed a wish for more information, said they could use additional coverage.

This survey should provide a useful sales tool for insurance salesmen.

We hold no brief for or against health insurance. We are inclined toward the belief that the develop-

ment of stronger drugs and medicines in the last decade has resulted in the survival of a mighty virulent population of "bugs" which attack the human body.

On the other hand, we still hold to the belief that "doctoring" should be done only upon the advice of one's family doctor and that he gets fewer calls from those individuals and families who get enough restful sleep, fresh air and a goodly quantity of the food they want to eat.

Newspaper offices receive the results of survey after survey, day after day, on every subject imaginable.

Personally, we've never known a newspaperman who was interviewed for a survey.

Strikes us as just a little odd, somehow.

Off-Beat Notes

By TOM STIMMEL

Judge Edward Howell of Canyon City, assigned to hear the Ruff murder trial, will be on familiar grounds when he returns June 1.

It was here that Judge Howell heard his first case as a jurist. The time was 10 years ago, the defendant was accused of giving liquor to an Indian, and the district attorney was present District Judge D. E. Van Vactor.

Van Vactor lost the case.

Reporters swap stories, you know: Peter Loudon, Victoria Daily Times reporter here on a trip through Oregon, imparted the information that Governor Hatfield will visit British Columbia when the Oregon Legislature goes home.

The governor told Loudon he had visited B. C. once before—as a Boy Scout in 1935.

Bill Ryer of the Butte Valley Star relates the woes of Russell Shoemaker, relief police chief in Dorris.

Russ busied himself burning trash on the city dump. He left, and shortly afterward his dad, Mac Shoemaker, drove in to unload some trash. Fate also entered the picture.

His dad parked Russ' pickup truck over the spot where Russ had been at work, unmindful of still-warm ashes immediately under the gas tank.

Boom! went the whole business, and the truck became a total loss.

Two dogs got into a bit of a scrap Sunday morning, as dogs do. Then, state police report, their respective masters stepped outside to investigate and wound up in a fight themselves. It had to do with one owner employing a pipe on his neighbor's dog, officers said.

The melee enlivened a South Suburban street for a while, but no arrests were made.

Bold sign on a street-level garage facing North Tenth Street: "A Woman Driver Uses This Garage—Park Accordingly."

Measure Of Value

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—I just noticed you said in today's paper that when the miners used gold dust for money it represented so many hours actual work for a certain amount and "that is a real measure of value."

My "vacation" period is over for awhile, as I was notified that they can use me back on the job now. I did use it to look up a few things. One happened to be to check all the books by our college professor economists as to what constitutes value, and to see if any one of them credited Franklin as being the man who clearly pointed out value as the labor time required to produce a thing. None mentioned Franklin at all. None took value as labor time.

Quotes

United Press International LONDON—Sir Winston Churchill, saying that in basic East-West issues the Western Allies are one: "But I will say that I should like to see the Western Allies show more sympathy for each other's problems. Clearly, to achieve our purposes in our talks with the Soviets we must be united and strong."

BUTLER, Pa.—C. Arthur Perkins, arriving home to find himself and three relatives the object of a 13-state missing persons alarm because they had driven to Des Moines, Iowa, for a tractor part without telling anyone: "Holy smoke. It's the first time I've ever had my name on the front page."

STEVENAGE, England—Wilfred J. Mannion, on Queen Elizabeth's visit to his pub: "The Queen said that she thought it was a good thing for people to get together here."

These things being as they were found, I thought, in view of what you wrote, you might be interested. Before Franklin, the man who had most nearly perceived value as labor time was William Petty, who wrote about the time of the mechanical English Revolution and undoubtedly these are essentially the economic views under John Locke's political philosophy.

Franklin wrote in 1729, and by the time of the American Revolution his view was widely held and was included in Adam Smith's views expressed in "The Wealth of Nations." It is certain that without that view on value, the political philosophy of the American Revolution would itself never have developed as it has. Someone certainly should be calling attention to these things, and to the need of more careful scholarship in coverage of the evolutionary development of ideas in our schools.

Also you will find Lincoln, when talking on the need of a protective tariff on some things to insure their production in the United States, pointed out labor is the only true measure of value.

In case you happen to want my opinion of some of the college professors, all of them in fact—"expert economists" ought to go soak their heads. Certainly no one should accept views just because of who else did, in my opinion.

But when you completely ignore and sneer at the views of value held by men whom history has upheld as having been as great in their times as were those men, and do not even give them any consideration at all in what you set forth as real inquiry into political economy, that is a horse of an entirely different color.

One has to think quite as much of his own utter infallibility as the certain French lady whom Franklin told about, who, in a little quarrel with her sister, said: "Sister, I don't know how it is, but I never find anyone but myself who is always in the right."

So I was pleased to see you ended your column on that note of what constitutes value.

O. O. Womack
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Vets Mail Bag

Hang onto family documents such as birth and marriage certificates and keep them where they can be readily found, Veterans Administration advised veterans and their dependents today.

VA said documents of this sort may be needed to support claims for veterans benefits, and for other purposes.

These include military discharge or separation papers, death certificates, divorce decrees, and guardianship or child custody evidence, VA said.

"Preserve these valuable papers carefully and make sure your family knows where they are at all times," VA said.

VA said types of veterans claims in which the documents may be needed include disability or death compensation or pension and burial benefits.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Q—My World War II permanent GI life insurance policy lapsed two months ago and I am making application to VA to reinstate it. Must I pay interest on my premiums in arrears when I send them in?

A—Not if your application and the premiums in arrears are submitted to VA within three months of the due date of the first premium you missed. Interest is charged only if application is made after three months from date of lapse.

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By Jimmy Hatto



Ike Puts A-Ban Proposal Squarely Up To Khrushchev

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower has put directly up to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev a proposal to ban nuclear weapons tests which dangerously pollute the atmosphere.

A first-stage agreement to outlaw tests below 30 miles in the atmosphere, Eisenhower wrote Khrushchev, could ease the deadlock among negotiators now seeking a way to halt all weapons testing.

Details of the President's appeal to the Kremlin leader were made public as Eisenhower arranged to end a two-week vacation at the Augusta National Golf Club and fly back to Washington. He scheduled his departure aboard the

plane Columbine III for mid afternoon.

Presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty said Khrushchev had not replied to the Eisenhower letter. It was made public Monday night only after a Soviet official had talked about it, apparently by accident, in Geneva where East-West talks have been blocked since October.

The letter was sent to Khrushchev on April 13—the same day U.S. negotiators outlined the new U.S. proposal in Geneva. Eisenhower said in effect that a partial agreement would be better than none, and "these negotiations must not be permitted completely to fail."

He said a simplified control system to detect any test explosions in the atmosphere could easily be developed from expert recommendations already at hand.

Test explosions in the atmosphere cause more radioactive fallout than those conducted underground or in outer space—two types which would not be banned now under the newest U.S. proposal.

But with agreement on the one phase—he called it the most important phase—Eisenhower said negotiators could continue working toward a general ban.

In Washington, Sens. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) and Frank Church (D-Idaho) praised Eisenhower's action.

It means, Church told the Senate, that the newest proposal "is not a tactical maneuver calculated to give us some transient advantage at the conference table, but a serious proposition, earnestly made."

Gore said he hopes that if the U.S.S.R. should refuse, Eisenhower would nevertheless stop all U.S. testing in the atmosphere for perhaps three years and invite the Soviet Union to do likewise.

Eisenhower's letter disclosed that he had discussed the proposal with British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

The President said that so far as a comprehensive agreement is concerned, no basis for such is now in sight.

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Ex-Showgirl's Estate Reported

NEW YORK (AP)—Peggy Hopkins Joyce, blonde showgirl of the 20s, left an estate with a gross value of \$525,096. She died June 12, 1957.

Most of the estate was willed to her sixth husband, Andrew C. Meyer, of Woodbury, Conn., a retired New York broker. The inventory was released by a Surrogate's Court.

GETS NEW HEAD LONDON (UPI)—Prime Minister Harold Macmillan is being fitted for a new head.

Madame Tussaud's wax museum said it will show Macmillan's aging since his present likeness was put on display eight years ago.

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Confessed Killer Seeks Reprieve

LINCOLN (AP)—Charles Starkweather, 29, confessed slayer of 11 persons by gun, knife and club, was to ask two state officials today to spare his life.

Starkweather is under sentence to die in the electric chair for the slaying of a Bennet, Neb., school boy. His appeal to the State Pardon Board apparently is his last move to escape electrocution.

State Attorney General C. S. Beck and Secretary of State Frank Marsh were to hear his plea.



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