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Look Back

By BILL JENKINS

I guess it is about time we got out the old black book and took a peek into last year's weather during the summer month of July.

According to the record it rained off and on the first day of July, 1958. Hard at times, I said then, and at others just plain miserable. "Rotten," is the comment.

By the next day it was clearing after a cloudy morning, the third was a fair day and on the fourth of July I note a hot day.

The fifth and sixth were hot but it rained again on the seventh along in the evening. The next day was clear and hot.

On the ninth it was clear and hot. Note that we drove to Red Bluff and spent the night there. Had dinner with Curly and Helen Walker at the Chrystal and found the food excellent and the weather foul beyond belief. Still in the eighties when we went in to a late, late steak.

Went on to Sonoma the next day and spent that afternoon and two more days touring such wineries as Fountain Grove, now extinct, Schramberg, Beaulieu and others. The weather at home during this tour was a more moderate affair. I noted on return that it was 85 degrees here on July 10 with a low of 61.

On July 12th we hit Red Bluff again for dinner and the night. It was 106 degrees in the shade when we checked in at six o'clock our time. Here in Klamath Falls it reached a high of 85 and a low of 53 that same day.

July 13 and 14 were nice, warm summer days. On July 15 I went with Tom Garratt and Jim Mohr on a duck brood count on the Upper Lake. A brood of some 40 or 45 miles by water around the area from Modoc Point to Agency to the Westside, Shoalwater and back. At 4:30 in the afternoon we had what I describe in the book as "a hard thunder and lightning storm followed by a heavy rain which lasted for about an hour." A gentle rain followed that lasted off and on all night.

The next day was muggy and hot with rain in the evening. Same thing on the 17th. The next day was hot and depressing and muggy.

July 20 was hot and clear and dry. Same thing on the 21st. July 22 was hot. I took the dogs up into the hills for a run and counted many mountain quail. July 23 was hot. Stayed hot, too.

On July 27 we went to Portland. Ran into heat at Oakridge and it got progressively hotter until we reached Portland where it was 102 downtown. Here it was 90 and a low of 61.

Stayed in Portland the next day and it stayed hot again. Here the temperature hit a high of 95 and a low of 62.

The last three days of the month were hot but the nights and mornings were fairly cool. Temps in the mid 80's with a drop to 57 or 58, usually, at night.

And that's the way the book says the weather went last July.

gols, the defenders cooked up a batch of saltpeper, sulfur and charcoal and frightened their attackers with "arrows of flying fire."

Arabs copied the weapon, the Crusaders brought it back to Europe, where Italians discovered their exhibition quality.

In 1520, when Henry VIII met Francis I on the Field of the Cloth of Gold in Northern France, the historic moment was celebrated by the appearance of a huge dragon thundering across the sky breathing fire.

By the 1600's an argument over the methods of display developed. One side built elaborate structures from which they exploded fireworks, and shrouded the method of firing them in secrecy.

The other school exhibited their fireworks before the show, for all to admire.

While the two schools fumed over their firecrackers, fireworks crossed the Atlantic and became an American institution.

At least that's the historical background supplied by Field Enterprises Educational Corporation.

Fire Chief Roy Rowe indicated that the area around "K" Hill will be burned off later this week so that chances of fireworks touching off a fire are remote.

From "K" Hill the fireworks can be easily seen by almost every section of town except down on California. The spot was selected, however, because it offered the best viewing site.

Rowe and a crew of city firemen take on the chore of lighting the fireworks. Of course, it really isn't much of a chore, at least, it's a chore that every boy in town would volunteer for in their stead.

But they do a fine job, and merit your thanks for their efforts.

lightweight hollow spheres are about the size of ping-pong balls and are popped out of a plastic gun called the Ack-Ack.

There are more gift-giving days in the year nowadays, too. And more convenient ways of giving presents. Flowers by wire and singing telegrams have long been with us. More recent are gifts-by-wire which are available from coast to coast.

Newest is the CandyGram. Through this service, a box of chocolates can be ordered by telephone from Western Union and delivered any place in the United States for the cost of the candy plus telegram tolls.

Even if our way of life does cost more these days, it is easier to be thoughtful and shopping is more fun.

pen to paper in a day or so and, presto: The buck in your pocket or the dollar in your bank will be in the process of shrinking some more.

This scratch of pen on paper will signify a hike in the top limit of the national debt, in this instance a temporary bounce to 295 billions.

Neither the weight nor the dimensions of your dollar or your folding money will shrink. But their purchasing power will shrink in terms of beans, biscuits butter and baby shoes or in terms of anything you may buy.

This is larceny on a scale greater than grand. All of the footpads and burglars of all time plus the embezzlers could not have made away with as much of the citizens' money as the process of currency inflation is accomplishing. There have been big and little years of currency inflation in the past 30 years or so during which the U.S. dollar has been taking a beating.

The year 1942, for example was a big one in the cycle of currency inflation. The finance committee of the U.S. Senate calculated that in 1942 the dollar shrank in purchasing power by 2.1 cents. The year 1947 showed a nine-cent shrinkage. Only 4.4 cents were melted away from the value of the dollar in 1948 and only half a cent or less in each of the following years, according to the committee's calculations. In very recent years the inflation trend has been substantially checked but not stopped.

The big, bad fact, however, is that the committee's figures show that from an arbitrary valuation of 100 cents in the year 1939, the dollar has shrunk to 48 cents or thereabouts. In just 20 years, 1,439-59, the purchasing power of the proud U.S. dollar has gone off by upward of 52 cents. A \$10 bill now in your pocket or bank is worth slightly less than \$5 in terms of 1939.

Where all of this will end, none can say. Especially none of the politicians in Washington who borrow and spend the money which puts the government more in debt and requires the constant raising of the national debt ceiling. Where another 20 years like the past 20 would end, of course, can be calculated simply enough.

They would end with something less than a 25-cent or two-bit dollar. What that would do to persons on a fixed income of dollars would be very rough, indeed. Based on the situation of a married couple with two children, and what this couple must earn merely to break even in 1959 is shown in the following chart in relations to their 1942 income.

Year	1942	1959
\$2,000	\$3,743	
\$3,000	\$5,613	
\$5,000	\$9,233	
\$10,000	\$18,100	

The increase required to break even ranges from 82 to 87 per cent. This is a fair measure of what high taxes and rubbery money do to the working man, his wife, and his kids.

Fishy Discourse
By NELSON REED

When Isaac Walton wrote his book, 'Bout all you needed was a hook, A piece of string, a willow pole, And close to home, a fishing hole.

In Isaac's day the silly fish Considered worms a tasty dish— Or if some trout was more alert, A nice fat grub for his dessert.

Alas such simple gear as that Would make no tackle makers fat. They hired an Ichthyologist, And then, of course, a publicist.

They told us what the fishes thought, And how they really should be caught— With slick glass rods and spinning reels, And nylon lines and rubber eels.

They hired some crazy artist guys To tie up gaudy looking flies, And paint some iridescent plugs, And dream up goofy looking bugs.

They said a fish turned up his nose Unless you wore the proper clothes; At dirty shirt and ragged pants, A knowing fish would look askance.

And how would any nice fish feel If resting in a beat up creel? To any fish that you may see, You must look like an Xmas tree.

The only thing they did not tell, And that's the truth as sure as —well, A fish's brains are very small; Most fishermen have none at all.

Warning
Corvallis (To the Editor) — I wonder if other Oregonians might benefit from our experience in Modoc County over the state line two weeks ago.

We were stopped by a California Highway Patrol unit in the open country for speeding (62 m.p.h.) with a small open (and empty) trailer. Unknown to us the California law, on the books, is 45 m.p.h. for any trailer. There is no sign or indication at the border of this situation; so, of course, it is a push-over to haul in Webfoots who don't have this restriction. No warning—just pay \$16 at Tulelake Justice Court (and no personal checks).

I don't quite understand this business, as the local California drivers were continually passing us up with house trailers, boats, etc.

On the return trip the same officer was only a few hundred yards from the Oregon line. He previously told me he preferred trading in Klamath Falls. Are we getting a fair deal?

Bruce Sawir, 1925 Brooklane

Shrinking Dollar
By LYLE C. WILSON
WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower will scratch

SHORT RIBS
By Frank O'Neal

Places First
Army Pfc. Delmar D. Rodgers, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Rodgers, Route 2, Tulelake, placed first in the quarter-ton vehicle category in the recent 35th Artillery driver proficiency contest in Germany. Rodgers is assigned to the 35th's Battery C in Wertheim. He entered the Army in January, 1957 and arrived in Europe the following August. He attended Tulelake High School.

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They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

THE MAIN THING IS TO GET YOU WELL, HENRY... JUST TAKE A COMPLETE REST... BUT AS LONG AS I WAS COMING OVER TO SEE YOU, I THOUGHT YOU COULD LOOK OVER THESE LETTERS AND DICTATE ANSWERS TO HAZEL HERE, SINCE YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH THESE ACCOUNTS... AND THEN IF YOU'LL BRING JUNKIES UP TO DATE ON THE BOOKS....

YEAH—JUST REST—BUT DO A WEEKS WORK BETWEEN PENICILLIN SHOTS...

BIDSOME GAVE HIM THE BREAKDOWN IN THE FIRST PLACE—NOW IT'S DOUBLE OR NOTHING!

AND WHEN TREMBLECHIN IS ABLE TO USE A WHEELCHAIR HE CAN GO BACK TO WORK AS NIGHT WATCHMAN...

BIDSOME WILL GO ON A CRUISE SO HE WON'T HAVE TO SEE TREMBLECHIN SUFFER...

GETTING BEAUCOUP SYMPATHY FROM THE OFFICE SIMON LEGREE... AND HEARD THAT AMBERMAN AND CHRISTOPHER GARDEN CITY, LONG ISLAND N.Y.

Final Rites Set Thursday For Demo Boss, Dave Epps

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Funeral services will be held in Portland Thursday morning for David C. Epps, 51, chairman of the Oregon state Democratic Central Committee.

His physician said death resulted from arterial hemorrhage caused by a stomach ulcer. He entered a Salem hospital Sunday after being ill about two days.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore) Tuesday sent a telegram paying tribute to Epps.

It said, "Epps will have an enduring place in the chronicles of our state because of his unselfish and devoted service as a member of the legislative Interim Committee on Indian Affairs, which did so much to help solve the Klamath Indian Reservation question with such success."

"Both in our state and in his travels to Washington, D.C., David Epps made a lasting impression in his advocacy of a solution which would be fair to the Indians involved and which also would safeguard Oregon's great stake in an enduring and continuing lumber industry."

"In public life as in private life, David Epps was a sportsman who played fair and square—a tribute to his greatness on the basketball court and baseball diamond, when

he was one of the outstanding athletes ever produced by the University of Oregon."

In Portland, C. Girard Davidson, Democratic national committeeman for Oregon, said, "Every one who knew Dave Epps will be shocked and greatly saddened by the news. Democrats in Oregon, for whom he worked with enormous dedication all his adult life, have lost one of their strongest leaders."

Epps was described by State Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) as an unselfish liberal.

"To Dave Epps," Sweetland said, "liberalism was a dedication. Only rarely in politics do men come along who seek nothing for themselves of position, or power, or even recognition."

The League of Nations in Geneva voted itself out of existence, turning its physical assets over to the United Nations on April 18, 1946.

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