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Ham Radio

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Among the unsung heroes of the Roseburg disaster are the ham radio operators.

These hobbyists, whose names are seldom known, stand by in case of emergency across the nation and in many foreign countries.

Some years ago, in the Mexico City home of an airline manager and his wife, we listened while a Mesa, Arizona, banker spoke to friends in his home city from the Mexican capital where he was attending a convention. We learned a little on that trip of the amount of study necessary to obtain a license to operate a ham set and the intricacies of the set itself.

During the 1958 general election, the ham radio operators of Grants Pass assisted that city's daily newspaper in gathering election returns. They were so efficient that Jerry Acklen, news editor, won the Associated Press award for the first county in Oregon to turn in complete returns to that wire service.

The Roseburg ham radio operators stood by when disaster struck shortly before 1:30 a.m. last Friday. Not only did they assist in getting the news out to the wire services and newspapers, but information relayed to other amateur radio operators around the country answered the frantic questions of worried relatives and friends of Roseburg citizens.

When electric power is interrupted and telephone service is out, the air waves still serve because the amateur sets work off batteries.

The Klamath Falls amateur radio operators eased the anxiety of many persons here in relaying personal information otherwise unobtainable.

Joe Seales, Klamath County Civil Defense director, pays the local group high tribute. Members of the local association are the life blood of the Civil Defense communications center here. He feels, with us, that too little is known of this service segment of our life here in the Klamath Basin.

In his words: "They stand by to serve."

Mail Bag

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

The Negroite Tribe in the South Pacific has one of the world's simplest marriage ceremonies. The bride and groom appear before the chief, who briskly knocks their heads together, then declares them man and wife. In civilized countries, the head-knocking usually comes after the honeymoon.

Weddings in Finland are sometimes more doleful than funerals. The bride cries throughout the ceremony—to show her grief at leaving her parents and girlhood.

Do you know which ocean is the least salty? The Arctic Ocean. Don't just take our word for this. Taste and compare them yourself.

Thought for today: Comics Phil Ford and Mimi lines point out that many movies on TV are just like furniture — they're either Early American or Old English.

Skill pays off in fishing, as in any other art. Studies show that 60 per cent of the fish are caught by 10 per cent of the fishermen.

Few kids know this, but it was a schoolteacher, L. A. Marcus Thompson, who designed the world's first roller coaster at Coney Island in 1884.

The Soviet Encyclopedia devotes 78 lines to the dean of Canterbury, known as "The Red Dean," but only eight lines to Jesus Christ.

Don't lose your credit card. Under some credit card systems you may be legally responsible for charges by anyone who uses your card.

Beach bums who try to see how dark a tan they can get are medically foolish. A light tan screens out fewer of the ultra violet rays which help produce health-giving vitamin D.

American girls feel a doctor is a prize marital catch. Soviet bachelors feel the same way. Three out of four Soviet doctors are women.

Prosperity note: The Hotel Edison here reports towel thefts by guests have fallen to an all-time low. The ashtray is the favored souvenir now.

The modest vocalist, Polly Bergen, who refused to divulge her bust-waist-hip figures, says, "If TV viewers were to watch me because of my measurements instead of my talent, I'd quit!"

One of the early signs of schizophrenia may be carelessness about one's personal cleanliness. Now, junior, will you go and wash

your hands and face quietly?

Which reminds us of the sign posted in a local beatnik bar: "If your bar rag is cleaner than your shirt—get out of here!"

We don't know whether this will start a trend or not, but the Argentine film, "Strange Visitors," gives screen credit to the bank which loaned the money to make the picture.

Does speeding make you nervous? Then here's something to worry you: The human nervous system sends messages at speeds up to 265 m.p.h. So slow down.

It was Jean Jacques Rousseau who asked, "What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?"

Credit Rush

By SAM DAWSON

AP Business News Analyst

NEW YORK (AP)—The rush is on to garner on-the-cuff dollars. And some of the competitors for consumer credit are causing head wagging today among the old-timers.

Take the banks. On the one hand they urge you to save money—and deposit it with them. On the other hand many of them are making it easier for your wife to run up charge accounts at the stores—a lot of stores.

Take the stores. They're thinking up new switches on the old charge account. And some of the long-time all-cash holdouts are coming out with new gimmicks that let you take it home now and pay later.

It's just recognition that consumer credit plays a major role today in American life. The total is now around 46 billion dollars. Of that, 35 billion dollars are of the installment payment type. Of the rest some four billion dollars are carried as charge accounts.

This old faithful of family life is gathering new recruits and new variations.

Among the latest is Macy's, the giant New York department store which boasted for 100 years it could sell for 6 per cent less than its competitors because of its all-cash policy.

It has just come out with a charge account variation which lets it balance its books each night on a cash basis, but lets its customers pay later — sometimes quite a bit later by paying more.

Macy's officials say initial response was way beyond expectations.

Other variations on the old-fashioned charge account are the budget plan, which calls for a monthly payment based on the amount owed, and the open-end account, which is a fixed payment each month despite what the month's new charges may have been.

Macy's, as far back as 1914, yielded to its customer's desire to order without cash in pocket by setting up Macy's Bank. It takes customer's deposits—the total of late running as high as five million dollars — against which the customer can charge. If his deposits stay in long enough he gets 1½ per cent interest at an annual rate.

The store's new plan lets customers set up a credit rating and then charge purchases. The bank pays Macy's the total of such charges each night. But the customer has the choice of paying without cost within 10 days of billing, or paying at least one-fifth in cash and being charged by Macy's Bank 1½ per cent a month service charge on the unpaid balance.

Commercial banks are out for this retail credit business. More than 200 have gone in for charge account banking this year.

A typical charge account system is that of the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York.

Merchants pay a \$25 entrance

fee and a service charge that varies between 6 per cent and 10 per cent a month depending on size of credit sales.

The consumer can buy at or all of the member stores but gets just one monthly bill. There's no charge if the bill is paid within 10 days. If not, he must pay at least one-fifth in cash and is charged 1 per cent a month on the remainder.

Typical of the revolving credit plan is the one used by another New York giant, the First National City Bank.

You set up a credit rating at the bank with a fixed limit. The bank issues you specially numbered checks with which you can purchase goods from member merchants up to your total credit limit. You repay the bank along lines set up in the original contract.

Lighter Side

By FRANK ELEAZER

WASHINGTON (UPI) — This is the period, sometimes referred to locally as barn burning time, when House liberals start manifesting unaccustomed concern for the health, welfare, and whereabouts of Rep. Howard W. Smith (D-Va.).

Especially the whereabouts. Smith is 76. He is a banker who still thinks a million dollars is money, especially when it's borrowed. He also has other peculiarities, including a tendency to drop out of sight along toward the end of each congressional session.

It's not so much that the liberals can't do without Howard Smith's company. What gets them is that he is the all-powerful chairman of the very powerful House Rules Committee, and when he disappears some of their favorite bills seems always to fade out of the picture.

The rules committee's job is to route bills from other committees to the House floor. When it doesn't, they usually die.

About this time last year the committee had a roomful of bills which Judge Smith felt sure would cost money. One would have let the Tennessee Valley Authority sell bonds to expand power production.

So one August day he didn't answer when the House clerk called his name on the roll. Neither did he answer the following day. Rep. Watkins Abbt (D-Va.) hinted helpfully that the judge was aboard the submarine Nautilus which that very day was beneath the North Pole.

I guess that wasn't so, because when Judge Smith returned, 10 days later, he wore a nice tan. Also an enigmatic smile. He didn't say where he had been.

He got back though just in time for last rites to be said for the TVA bill which the Congress, only now, one year later, finally has revived and enacted.

Coupled with other measures lost in the rush to adjourn, Abbt said happily that Smith's vacation, whatever it cost Smith, had saved the taxpayers \$10,000,000,000.

The vanishing judge set a precedent even more upsetting to the liberal bloc the previous year.

The Judiciary Committee, under Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.), had approved a strong civil rights bill at that time. Manny and Judge Smith have much in common. Both are members of the House. But apparently they don't speak the same language. On March 2 Manny asked Smith to clear the civil rights bill. It was May 2 before Smith seemed able to hear him.

He took up the bill May 2—and must have found it interesting. On May 17 he was still taking testimony. Other committee members found their interest lagging

though and, over the judge's protest, finally cleared the bill for a vote in the House. The House passed the bill, and sent it to the Senate. It was amended and came back to the House for consideration of the Senate amendments.

This, according to the Rule book which Smith reveres third only to the constitution and the bible, required a fresh clearance from the Rules Committee. It was mid-August, and members were ready to quit for the year. Smith himself was so anxious to leave he couldn't wait for adjournment. He just left. The liberals chafed a while, and finally went into action to by-pass the judge.

This they can do, provided they have plenty of time. After days of delay they smashed the parliamentary roadblocks. They convened the Rules Committee without him — just as Smith walked, smiling, into the room.

His barn had burned down, out in Loudon County, Va., he explained, and it had taken him 10 days to rebuild it.

Now the Judiciary Committee has approved another civil rights bill. Smith has said he will consider a request for clearance once he gets it in writing, along with a proper printed report on the bill.

After that, Smith will need time to think.

I have heard that the judge's moving machine shows signs of collapsing. I know for a fact he has a bad tooth, and no telling how long it might take if the dentist says it has to be fixed. His grandchildren in Texas are reported demanding to see him.

The liberals had best keep a detective if they want to keep their eye on the judge.

Almanac

United Press International

Today is Monday, Aug. 10 the 222nd day of the year, with 143 more days in 1959.

The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The morning star is Mercury.

The evening stars are Jupiter, Saturn and Venus.

On this date in history:

In 1776, a committee made up of Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson suggested "E Pluribus Unum" as the motto for the great seal of the United States.

In 1792, the French monarchy was overthrown when the Paris Commune attacked the royal palace, driving King Louis XVI to the French Legislative Assembly for Sanctuary.

In 1821, Missouri, the 24th state, was admitted to the Union.

In 1833, Chicago, with a population of about 200, was incorporated as a village.

In 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, 31st President of the United States, was born at West Branch, Iowa.

In 1945, the Japanese offered to surrender to the Allies if their emperor was left on the throne.

Thought for today: Former President Herbert Hoover said: "Older men declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die. And it is youth who must inherit the tribulation, the sorrow and the triumphs that are the aftermath of war."

Quotes

United Press International

WASHINGTON—Vice President Richard M. Nixon, on the economic contest between the United States and Russia:

"We have a tendency too often just to assume that because we are ahead, that we will continue to stay ahead."

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—The Rev. M. L. Moser, a segregationist minister on Wednesday's scheduled opening of Little Rock schools on an integrated basis:

"I question the wisdom of integration, but I want us to pray to one end... and that is that there is no trouble."

NEW YORK — William Randolph Hearst Jr., editor-in-chief of the Hearst newspapers, saying the Russians want trade not war with the West:

"If they (the Russians) will renounce all movements that attempt to overthrow recognized governments, the Western world might make trade agreements. But the Russians first must demonstrate a relaxation of their Fifth Column movement. And then if we catch them at it, we can call them off and tell them 'You're the skunks at the garden party.'"

DES ALLEMANDS, La.—Gov. Earl K. Long, defending his record during a campaign tour:

"You know what the Bible says? It says 'He who is without fault let him chuck the first rock.'"

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



THE WAY HE TELLS IT IN THE OFFICE, BULLISTER IS MR. DEEP-SEA GAME FISHERMAN, PAR EXCELLENCE—



Foreign Ministers Confer On Tensions In Caribbean

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Christian A. Herter leaves today for an Inter-American foreign ministers conference aimed at easing tensions in the Caribbean area.

The meeting opens Wednesday at Santiago, Chile.

Officials here hope the session will produce conditions to discourage any would-be invaders among the Latin American nations.

Several modest steps toward making an effective peace-pre-

serving instrument out of the Inter-American system are favored by the United States.

Some of the more involved issues may be left for further study before a broader Inter-American conference to be held next Feb. 1 in Quito.

Cuban participation in the Santiago meeting had been in definite because of friction between the regime of Prime Minister Fidel Castro and some other governments in the area.

But Sunday the Havana government announced Foreign Minister Paul Roa will head a seven-man delegation to the conference. Castro may attend later.

Census Crews Enumerated

SEATTLE (AP) — Six regional supervisors, 102 crew leaders and 1,312 enumerators will take a farm census in the Pacific Northwest this fall.

The census will take about three weeks in each area. It will start Oct. 7 in Montana; Oct. 28 in Idaho, Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon; and Nov. 4 in Western Washington and Western Oregon.

Guy E. Rainboth, regional director for the Census Bureau, announced Saturday the appointment of Mrs. Neatrix D. McElroy of Spokane as supervisor for Eastern Washington and North Idaho; Robert E. McManus, Marysville, Western Washington; Charles Patterson, Missoula, Western Montana; Arthur Wilson, Boise, most of Idaho; Edward G. Bates, Eugene, Western Oregon; and Homer E. Rainey, Bend, Eastern Oregon.

RUSHING THE SEASON LONDON (UPI) — The London Times, this 10th day of August, carried this advertisement: "Father Christmas with own costume wanted immediately."

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