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Trailer Trip

By BILL JENKINS

Having undergone a good deal of kidding about my refusal to join the outdoor crowd in the swing toward a sleeping trailer I decided it was the better part of something or other to go along last week when John Henderson asked me to give him a hand at getting his out of the woods for the season.

We left here on a bright afternoon and drove out the other side of Bly into the area where Creeping Jenny, an aluminum 15-footer, had been tethered for the past several weeks. The site was well chosen. The trailer was on an abandoned logging road. Just a few feet off the road and sheltered by the timber was a tiny little creek that headed in a series of springs further up the ridge and suddenly dropped out of sight into a hole in the earth a few yards below the camp.

Since the road was a dead end there was little travel. No dust at this time of year. Comfortable chairs all around. We sat on a log in front of the fire. Cooked over a bed of coals beside a big warming fire.

The moon was delayed in coming up. Something to do with a personal jinx I have. Some mystic curse. If I have to meet any train, plane or bus it is always late. Seems that it applies to the moon as well. But it finally staggered up over the tops of the pines, gave me a bleary glance or two and promptly pulled a cloud over its face and went back into the black silences. So did I.

Got up the next morning and hiked to the top of the first ridge. Lots of activity. Saw two sets of doe (?) tracks in the dust, two hunters, neither of whom had seen anything either, and one pine squirrel who kept peeking around a huge pine and scolding me at the top of his voice.

Got back to the trailer just in time to catch John crawling out from under the car where he had been busily attaching overload springs. I didn't time it quite right, however. I was still in time to haul the trailer around by brute force and hook it on the hitch and to dry the dishes we had left from the night before. Oh well.

A light rain had started by this time and we hit the grit for home before the road got slick. Towing a trailer on the blacktop is no chore at all.

On the way in and out we saw plenty of trailers. Enough to convince me that they are here to stay. In all on the short trip I counted 11 in the woods and 14 on the highway between Klamath Falls and Bly.

In addition I saw three old-style camps set up. The kind with a wall tent pitched under the trees, a sheepherder stove installed for warmth, a warming fire in front and drying dishcloths and shirts hanging all over the surrounding mahogany brush.

I did not see any deer hanging from poles, however. Saw one good sized set of horns in a station wagon on the highway. As good a look as one can get when a car flashes by at something like 80 miles per hour in the rain.

Percentage-wise at least I guess you'd have to draw the conclusion that the hunting trailer is here to stay.

However, before any salesmen come barging around with their pitch let me say right now that I slept in my trusty old sleeping bag on the bank of the creek. And I am not at the moment in the market for a trailer of any size, shape or description.

I might be for a wall tent, but not a trailer.

Not right now.

UN Defense

Klamath Falls (To the Editor) —The local chapter of the American Association for United Nations wishes to reply to the editorial appearing in the Herald-News on the eve of United Nations Day, Friday, October 23.

The AAUN is a national non-governmental organization, composed of individual members and local chapters, whose entire educational program is devoted to building a strong and effective public opinion in support of the United Nations.

The implication that support of the United Nations is in conflict with complete loyalty to the United States is not acceptable to us. We believe that the use of the UN as an instrument to protect our physical security and our social and political institutions is an extension of loyalty to our own country.

Mr. Wynne's identification of the many problems of the world point directly to the need to support and strengthen any world organization dedicated, as is the United Na-

tions, to the search for peaceful solutions.

Let us acknowledge that as citizens of the United States, an active member nation of the United Nations, we must share in the responsibilities for limitations and failures, and that the UN is "We," not "They." The UN is non-partisan, supported by both major parties and ardently supported by our President, Mr. Eisenhower, as stated in his recent proclamation.

It is not feasible for us to define the purpose, detail the structure, or enumerate the accomplishments of the United Nations in this statement. We would cite one example of success—any study of recent conflicts in the Middle East would yield the conviction that the UN played a positive role in maintaining world peace.

We are asking if you will kindly give us space in future issues of your newspaper to place information about the United Nations before your readers for their evaluation.

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State Chairman for United Nations Day Observance.

Cost Of Interest

FROM THE BEND BULLETIN

The "tight money" policy of the Federal Reserve system, designed to combat inflation, has returned with a vengeance. Home loans, as a result, have seen another jump in interest rates.

This is the same policy which was followed in 1956 and 1957, when it looked like inflation was a danger.

Anyone then in the Pacific Northwest, too dependent upon lumber as a basic item of the economy, remembers what happened.

Lumber went through an economic wringer, and still has not returned to its 1955 price level. Recent downturns have come again to the lumber market.

There is one consoling factor, this time. Prices may not drop as far, since inventories are not nearly so high as they were at the start of the price drop of two years ago.

With the government selling short-term bonds at an interest rate of five per cent, the government is at the same time competing with the mortgage market for money.

What's the net effect?

Well, let's take an average new home, selling for \$13,500.

Only a few short years ago, money was available at 4 1/2 per cent for purchase of this home, with no discount. Over a 25-year loan, a borrower paid monthly payments of \$75.04, plus an amount sufficient to cover taxes and insurance.

He repaid the \$13,500, and paid an additional \$9,012 in interest charges. Add taxes and insurance, and in most cases he had paid well over twice the original \$13,500.

Now, interest rates generally are 8 1/2 per cent, or more, and often carry discounts in addition. The discounts add another one per cent or so over the life of the loan.

But let's say a man is buying that same \$13,500 home, borrowing the money and paying an interest rate of seven per cent.

Now his monthly payments, exclusive of taxes and insurance, are \$95.43, an increase of \$20.39 per month.

Over the life of his loan, the interest costs alone have increased \$6,129. His total interest is \$15,141.

SHORT RIBS

By Frank O'Neal



more than his house cost to build. Even figures like that don't bother many home buyers. They go ahead and buy, anyway.

But the higher interest rates, combined with a shortage of funds to support the mortgage market, puts a big halt in home construction.

The lumber industry does not remain very profitable when home construction drops below a rate of \$1,250,000 per year. And when the business is not profitable, the inevitable result is a wholesale series of layoffs and shutdowns of less efficient operators.

At the same time, during the last year, other prices and wages kept advancing.

There must be some other method of controlling inflation, one which will not put the lumber and farm machinery businesses in serious financial trouble. The present system is okay for the areas of highly diversified big industry, but pretty rough on the Pacific Northwest.

Federal Aid

FROM THE RENO GAZETTE

Local government, with its limited tax base, is having trouble meeting its growing needs, and "a major reason is the failure of the federal government to come through with its fair share." So declared Gov. Edmund C. Brown of California, addressing a League of California Cities meeting in San Francisco.

The first part of his statement is correct. The second one needs a long, close look. Governor Brown assumes that it is up to the federal government to dish out ever-increasing amounts of cash to local governments. He should know that this federal money comes only from the same taxpayers that support state, county, city governments, and all the special taxing agencies that exist today. And as the federal government takes more and more from the tax dollar, there is less left for the local level to split.

Governor Brown is a fast-running candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination next year. And his San Francisco speech sounds like it. Indirectly, he is promising federal largess to local governmental units, but he doesn't tell them that any federal aid still comes directly out of the taxpayers' pockets, and loses a considerable amount on its trip to Washington and back again.

He would make a more convincing appearance as a presidential candidate if he would promise to take the government out of the tax-everything, spend - everything field and leave more money available for the state, counties and cities.

Tax Dodges

By FRANK ELEAZER

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Our top man, Dana Latham, keeps reminding us we have the greatest voluntary income tax system in the world. That's why he wanted 100 extra revenue agents this year. It seems we volunteer best when somebody is watching.

Congress thought this was reasonable, and told him to go hire the agents. So I got to wondering how this has worked out.

Well, there was the case of the baldheaded salesman. His tax offering seemed shy to the agents. They wondered especially about a big deduction for cost and upkeep of a hairpiece.

Just a necessary and normal cost of his business, the salesman explained. What he sold was vitamins, to help hang onto youth. Latham's agents regretfully knocked the claim in the head.

About 60 million of us volunteered something, on or before last April 15, as the voluntary tax law requires. But the expanded staff of revenue agents every day now turns up fresh indica-

tions we weren't always enthusiastic enough in our filings.

Take the question of casualty loss. That's what you suffer when a tree falls on the roof or a hurricane smashes the windows. These are acts of God and you can claim deductions for 'em when you figure your taxes.

Recently, it develops, a few bearded ladies have been claiming deductions for the loss of their husbands. Latham's helpers are sympathetic of course. But the fact a man has been killed on the highway doesn't make him a casualty loss in the eyes of the tax man.

But keep trying, ladies. Times change.

Consider the matter of termite damage. Home owners for years have been claiming termite damage as a casualty loss. Internal Revenue agents just as regularly have been bouncing the claims back, disallowed.

Now comes the U.S. Tax Court with a ruling which blows the tax man at least half out of the water. In the case of a Winter Park, Fla., fellow it said recently that under some circumstances termite damage can, too, qualify as a casualty loss.

These circumstances may not be too clear in every case, I'm afraid. The question of "suddenness" seems to be crucial. And when the termite claims start winging in next April 15 Latham's extra tax men may wish they could crawl right into the woodwork.

Even this year I guess they've been busy. A lady taxpayer, unfortunately not otherwise described in reports to the revenue boss, thought her three great daises might qualify as dependents. She said they were necessary to her health and safety. She explained they kept away wolves.

A male volunteer sought to deduct from his income for his several purchases of bourbon. He termed these outlays civic contributions. He said local authorities during a drought had asked residents to go easy on water.

In addition to our other failings, Latham suspects that many of us volunteers were forgetful this year about some of our income. He has reason to think we overlooked maybe 3 billion dollars in interest, for instance, and another 1 billion dollars in dividend checks.

He is pushing now a subtle scheme to help us remember by easing the pain. He suggests we work out our withholding from wages so that at the end of the year he owes us money instead of vice versa. To do this, just have your boss figure one less percent for you than you actually have.

But when claiming your refund, don't send off any carbons. Latham's men turned up a fellow in Chicago who filed not one return but 56, claiming refunds totalling \$21,070.29. He got back 50 checks, totalling \$17,857.50, before somebody noticed.

For the next 10 years, anyway, this fellow's troubles with taxes are solved, unless the Parole Board lets him out early.

The Almanac

United Press International

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 28, the 301st day of the year, with 64 more days in 1959.

The moon is approaching its new phase.

The morning star is Venus. The evening star is Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn.

On this date in history: In 1636, Harvard College was founded.

The 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor.

In 1919, the Volstead Act enforcing prohibition was passed over President Wilson's veto. In 1922, black-shirted Italian Fascists set out from Naples to begin their March on Rome, thereby bringing Benito Mussolini to power.

In 1929, losses on the New York stock and curb exchanges exceeded 10 billion dollars.

In 1940, Italy invaded Greece. A thought for today: President Grover Cleveland said, "we will not forget that liberty has here made her home, nor will her chosen altar be neglected."

Quotes

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Sen. Olin D. Johnston, (D-S.C.), recalling before the National Association of Postmasters that the Post Office Department had experimented with sending the mail by missiles:

"When I read of the progress being made in our missile program. I sometimes think it would be better to send the missiles by mail."

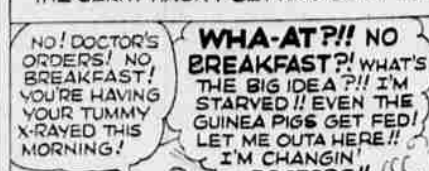
They'll Do It Every Time

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By Jimmy Hatlo



SO...OOO! IN THE HOSPITAL HE HAD TO SKIP A MEAL FOR X-RAY PICS... THE JERK HADN'T SETTLED DOWN YET.



4-H NEWS

MODOC TOILERS

The October meeting of the Modoc Toilers was called to order by President Johnny Fairclo, and the flag salute and 4-H pledge were given.

Officers elected were David Krizo, president; Danny Harley, vice president; Lisa Fuller, secretary; Judy Schaffner, treasurer; Cheyl Bradley, reporter; Judy Workman, song leader; Rick Fuller recreation leader, and Johnny Fairclo, ser-

geant at arms.

Achievement night will be November 2 at 7:30 in the Home Economics Building at the fairgrounds. Enrollments were turned in by new members.

Rita Williams, Reporter.

Alcoholic beverages take about four cents of every dollar of the average American's spending money.

Prison Employee Hurt In Accident

SALEM (AP)—An Oregon State Prison employee was injured Tuesday when struck down with a steel pipe wielded by an inmate.

Knute Anderson, 50, Salem, was taken to the prison hospital after being struck behind the ear. Anderson, a laundry foreman, was listed in satisfactory condition and was expected to be hospitalized about three days, Warden Clarence Gladden said.

The inmate, Barney Clay Skipworth, 50, sentenced from Douglas County to 10 years for assault with intent to kill, was locked in segregation after the attack, Gladden added.

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