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Old Story

By BILL JENKINS

Along about this time every year the papers and magazines are full of a lot of material regarding the frosty season, the turning of the leaves and the imminence of winter.

The bulk of these pieces are written by editors who pride themselves on keeping up with the times and who spend their office time sticking pins in popular beliefs.

I am using this space merely to reassure any uneasy readers that I am not to be included in the mental agility to "keep up with the times" nor the desire to scrap a lot of perfectly good beliefs in favor of some sugar-coated modern version which has been stripped of all glamour, appeal and common sense.

I refer specifically to the oft repeated tale that it is not Jack Frost who paints the leaves yellow and red in the Fall but a process involving chlorophyll, unused food in the leaves, chemical changes within the tree and all that sort of thing.

I haven't the slightest objection to anyone believing this if it is going to make him feel any better. But I shall continue thinking that the trees turn color because of a frost. I have always believed that, I'm sure my mother and father have always believed that, and I'm positive my grandparents believed that. All of which is commendation enough for me.

If this puts me outside the pale in this modern world of scientific know-how then I'll just have to learn to be lonely.

An even more heinous fabrication is currently being forced on the public by undercover groups who would have us believe that ducks don't begin their southward migration because winter is coming but because there is a subtle chemical change in them that calls them south with a resistless force.

Poppycock! Everyone knows that ducks and geese stay in the North as long as they can and leave only when forced to do so by weather. Bad weather, frost and freeze and bitter wind and all that sort of thing.

But there is, as I say, this skulking group of hangdog practitioners of the art of deception who slyly keep on with their preposterous propaganda that Old Man Winter has no say in the southward migration of the birds.

I advise everyone to keep a closed ear when such people are about. If they will speak out in favor of this obvious untruth they are not to be trusted. No telling what they might advocate. Higher taxes, maybe.

This business of chemical change being responsible for human and animal action alike is so much rubbish anyway.

About the only reaction that has any basis in fact is the one that takes place when the stomach shrinks up and lets you know it is time for dinner.

Now there is a reaction that I can go along with. But don't go on telling me that Jack Frost doesn't paint the leaves and that Old Man Winter doesn't start the ducks and geese on their way.

Gracious sakes, we've gotta have something sacred in this world.

Taxes Breakdown

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

Where do your taxes go? By "your taxes," I refer to the real property tax which home-owners pay, and which contributes the biggest single amount of revenue for the operation of schools, cities and counties.

Some home-owners received a recent, lengthy, explanatory pamphlet from the county assessor's office which went into detail to explain the taxing system for the entire county.

Not all received these pamphlets, however. I understand that a great many of these pamphlets are available for distribution, however, and any taxpayer can have one by contacting the assessor's office.

It would be well for every taxpayer to have one.

Let's break down the expenditure of your real property dollar in Klamath County.

For comparison's sake let's take a home that has a value of \$10,000. If this home is located in the city of Klamath Falls it would be taxed approximately \$213.00. This is figured on an assessed value of \$2,000 (20 per cent of true value) assessed at the rate of 106.9 mills or \$106.90 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

This same \$10,000 home would be taxed \$157.40 if in the Lake-shore district for instance. It would

be taxed \$171.00 if it were in the suburban fire district area, \$170.40 if in the Stewart Lenox Fire district area, and \$104.60 if it were just in the county proper, and not in the suburban area of Klamath Falls nor a fire district.

It represents a considerable difference where that home is located.

While the person living in the suburban area pays only the county and school taxes in addition to possible fire districts, the person living inside the city of Klamath Falls must pay county and school taxes, plus city taxes.

All taxes, with the exception of the county budget are based on benefits received. The county budget is apportioned alike to all taxpayers, whether they benefit little or much.

Let's also break the tax dollar down for certain areas.

In the city of Klamath Falls, each tax dollar collected in real property taxes is apportioned in this manner: 16 cents to the county, 18 cents to Klamath Union High School, 26 cents to the city, and 40 cents to the elementary school system.

In the suburban area, the tax dollar is broken down this way: 20 cents for the county, 22 cents for Klamath Union High School (if in the KHS district), 50 cents for the elementary schools, and eight cents for the fire district.

As an overall average for all taxing districts in the county, and there are 49 different such taxing areas, the property tax dollar is apportioned this way: 49.3 cents of every dollar goes for schools, 17.2 cents of each dollar for the county, 10.9 cents for cities, 1.3 cents for fire districts, six-tenths of a cent for park districts, and two-tenths of a cent for cemetery districts.

In connection with taxes, and the annual tax statements, I wonder if it wouldn't be a good idea to have the statements go to the property owner of record, with a copy of the tax statement going to the financing agency holding the mortgage.

Most taxpayers (myself, included) do not get a direct tax statement in their home. The only contact with such a tax statement is when it appears on the mortgage payment book.

Certainly, the financing agency has a big stake in the home, at least in mine, and deserves to be sent the tax statement, but also the actual home-owner has a stake in it, too, since he pays the bill, and he certainly deserves a statement sent directly to him.

Many institutions make the tax payment directly and append it to the mortgage, but the end result is all the same, the home-owner of record has to pay the bill eventually.

I would suggest the county assessor give this idea of a direct tax statement to the property owner of record some thought.

Spanish

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Across the country, more and more schools are incorporating the study of foreign languages in the curriculum of the grade school age.

About 700,000 children, some starting in the first grade, are learning foreign languages today in a move to cure the critical shortage of linguists in this country. This shortage has handicapped our commerce, scientific research and foreign relations, the experts declare.

The linguistic drought apparently started during the World War I era when isolationism and war hysteria led 22 state legislatures to pass laws curbing foreign language instruction.

The laws have been repealed, but the effect on the nation's edu-

cational theories has been far-reaching.

The United States has been so language-poor that our embassies abroad are sometimes without a single American staff member who knows the language of the country. It is amazing to many persons that visitors from foreign lands are familiar with English before they visit this country. And Americans traveling abroad find enough English-speaking persons to get around very well without having to learn a foreign language.

According to Canadian neurologist Wilder Penfield, the psychological development of the "organ of the mind" causes it to specialize in the learning of language before the ages of 10 to 14. Because of the psychologists' findings about childhood mental growth, they recommend the teaching of foreign languages in grade school.

Among the pioneers in language teaching for the lower grades are Mrs. Mirjam Ahlman and Mrs. Zenobia Gilbert who are well known for their French and Spanish language radio programs prepared for the New York State Department of Education. These are directed to elementary schools in that state.

Together, they have developed a unique series of language teaching records for children. Called "Speak My Language: Spanish for Young Beginners," the set includes two 10-inch LP records and a booklet containing the complete recorded text and vocabulary.

A train in Spain is the setting for this recorded adventure in language which is told in story form. A little American girl and her mother and young Spanish cousin travel to visit relatives at Zaragoza. By the end of the journey, the little girl (and the listeners) have learned quite a useful vocabulary of spoken Spanish.

This should be a big help for the next trip to the Casa de los Tesoros at Alamos, Sonora, Mexico, where the Alvin Gordons hold forth each winter. Guess we'll write Dover Publications, Inc., at 150 Varick Street, New York City. Then maybe we'll know a little more of the language than "Una mas, por favor," which works fine for a second cup of coffee or a rum punch, but doesn't do much else.

Disarm Gimmicks

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

In recent weeks, and to the exclusion of almost all else, Soviet propaganda has hammered away at the theme of world disarmament.

Less obvious, but there for the looking, are the Russian "gimmicks" which seem certain to doom future efforts toward disarmament to the failure of all such in the last 15 years.

In the coming months there will be no less than three separate international conferences with disarmament as a common topic. Geneva, it is the meeting of U.S., British and Soviet representatives seeking agreement on a ban against nuclear weapons tests.

Early next year a 10-nation United Nations committee will meet in Geneva to consider a bundle of disarmament proposals, including Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's proposal for "total and general disarmament in four years," a step-by-step plan proposed by British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd and several others.

Finally, in the spring it is expected that the United States, Britain, France and Russia will meet at the summit for further disarmament discussions. Generally unnoticed but clearly defined by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at the closing session of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow was this gimmick: "Control inspection to see that disarmament terms are carried out must correspond to the extent and stage of disarmament. Control without disarmament would be an attempt to establish espionage."

In other words to the West: "Lay down your arms first, and then we will let you see that we also have laid down ours."

With Communist deception in the rearming of North Korea as an existing example, the West finds it impossible to agree to any such condition.

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They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Mrs. Churchill Aids Winnie As Statesman Nearing 85

By ROBERT MUSEL
United Press International

LONDON (UPI) — Sir Winston Churchill obstinately jettied the famous building chin that brought strong men to their knees during his reign as prime minister. It was wasted on Lady Churchill.

"Put on your hat," she commanded. Sir Winston began to grumble, then he caught his wife's amused glance and his face broke into a cherubic smile.

He clapped his fedora on his head where Lady Churchill wanted it as protection against the cool autumn air. And another little domestic victory was hers.

The great statesman's battle against time is an epic as his struggles against tyranny in two wars. Time will win, as it always must, but few world figures have fought back so often and so valiantly.

Less than a month before his 85th birthday—November 30 — Sir Winston is apt to forget his age, his two strokes, three heart attacks and innumerable serious illnesses. The weight of the years

Vanish Probe Scheduled

HAVANA (AP)—Fidel Castro's government ordered an investigation today into the origin of a fake report that the missing army commander, Maj. Camilo Cienfuegos, was alive on a small island off Cuba.

Supporters of Castro suggested counter-revolutionaries were behind the hoax to lure the Prime Minister into a trap on the uninhabited island 120 miles south-east of Havana.

The original report was attributed to two ham radio operators relaying what purported to be a message from a navy launch that said it had rescued Cienfuegos and called for Castro to fly by helicopter and pick him up.

The report that the popular army commander was safe after being missing a week touched off a wild, spontaneous demonstration. Shots were fired in the air in jubilation, and there were unconfirmed reports of seven persons being wounded by bullets.

President Osvaldo Dorticos, after conferring with Castro, quickly announced that the report was false and told newsmen: "At this time we have no news to give on the whereabouts of Maj. Cienfuegos."

Cienfuegos and two companions vanished on a 300-mile flight in a twin-engine plane from Camaguey to Havana.

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Camp Medic Transfer Set

Dr. George H. Adler, member of the medical staff at Camp White for the past two years, has been transferred to Vancouver Veterans Hospital.

Henry C. Herzog, VA domiciliary manager, announced the transfer took place November 1.

Before joining the Veterans Administration in March of 1957, Dr. Adler was a practicing physician in Klamath Falls, and had also been identified with the Klamath Indian Reservation.

For more than 20 years he held the post of coroner in Klamath County and is well known both in medical and musical circles here. He was accompanied in the transfer by his wife.

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WASHINGTON — The Rev. Charles E. (Stoney) Jackson, of Tallahoma, Tenn., giving an explanation (which he later said probably was an exaggeration) of why he didn't state on the air that the "564,000 Question" and "894,000 Challenge" were rigged: "I could see my bullet-riddled body as I passed an alley somewhere."

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Sheila Winkley, 27, who has given away two of her children, asking an American couple to come forward and take a baby she expects in February: "It isn't that I don't like babies, but I just do not want the trouble connected with them."

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