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## Still Summer

By BILL JENKINS  
Had a few errands to do down Weed way a day or so ago and so drove down in the morning. Had looked for a storm of some sort as it had been all lovely and cloudy but ran into nothing but fine weather.

The sun shone in all its glory. Mount Shasta was almost free of snow and the sky was as bright a blue as one would ask.

Paused in the lovely little town of Mount Shasta for a short break and shared in the general alarm when a sonic boom took place. Nearly shook the bricks out of the wall in the cafe we were in and the windows gave off with what I can only describe as a very threatening sort of sound.

Reminds me that we were down thataway a week ago today when we drove down for the occasion of Lou Sbarbaro's party honoring his mother, Aurelia, on her 80th birthday.

The occasion was further heightened by the fact that Louie and his wife Jean were celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary.

It was a real party and had the Genova Hotel creaking at the seams to hold the many friends who came by.

That was another summer day, too. Warm and lovely. One almost expected the flowers outside to burst into spring bloom.

Still on the weather, was talking to Scott Warren the other day and he made the remark that if ever a year got off to a running start as far as dry was concerned next year was it.

Looks like he's right, too. Moisture seems to have quit us for other and gloomier climes.

But everywhere in the area there seems to be hope. Positively enormous supplies of skis are being laid in by the various retail outlets.

I hope we can get enough snow to make skiing fine around these parts. We need it and the sport is a grand one.

To watch, from my standpoint, of course, I am not what you call a born skier. But I like to watch others.

## Prophets

By FLOYD L. WYNNE  
Every age produces its own men of vision, who look far beyond the reaches of their day to the long sweeps of history, and set forth goals and ideals for succeeding generations to follow.

This has ever been so. While most men are completely engrossed with the material wants and desires of the day, and act or react in accordance with their contact with the world, there are others who shine out in the ages of history as men of vision, prophets.

I was browsing through an early day edition of the Klamath Republican, dated September 27, 1900, a little more than 59 years ago, when I ran across an item of this type that certainly laid out a path for the infant Klamath County area to follow through the years.

The remarkable thing about it is that the county has followed fairly well the vision of this prophet.

It was an editorial, written as I deduce by W. Huse or his son, who were editors and proprietors of the Republican at that time.

It said, "What this town and county urgently needs, and what the Klamath Board of Trade can greatly assist in getting, are: (1) The arrival of the Oregon Midland Railway, (2) A great irrigating ditch from the upper Klamath lake, sufficient to irrigate 200,000 acres of rich land, (3) Large mills to utilize the great water power at Klamath Falls and especially to cut into lumber the 750,000 acres of sugar pine forests which are adjacent to Klamath lake and its tributary rivers, (4) A woolen factory to provide for the 1,300,000 pounds of wool which annually goes to distant markets from Lake and Klamath counties, and (5) A paper mill to make into paper the inexhaustible supply of fir timber.

"And there are many other things needed, but if merely the above five are obtained, the result will add 1,000 per cent to the wealth, population and prosperity of Klamath county."

Reviewed in the light of about 59 years of history in this county since then, we find that most of his points have already materialized. Even at that time there was talk of the Oregon Midland Railway which had been granted a contract of \$2,150,000 to build a railroad from Redding, California, to Klamath Falls, a distance listed as 83 miles. We know that the rail link was completed nine years later.

he spoke of became a reality about four years later in late 1904 and early 1905 when the Klamath Canal Company put in the big irrigation ditch from Upper Klamath Lake.

The large mills utilizing the water power of the Klamath area and to cut and utilize the lumber of the area also have materialized, with expansion of the power capacity still going on in the reaches of the Klamath River.

The last two points have not materialized. The wool factory has been somewhat downgraded since that era when sheep were so predominant and were one of the top factors in the agricultural scale.

However, the last of the five points, a possible paper mill, is still very much in the talking stage. We hear reports of companies studying the area for the location of such a pulp or paper mill, and it may well come to pass.

So of the points advanced by the editor of the Klamath Republican 59 years ago, many have already come to pass.

Even more remarkable was his prediction on the growth of the country. In 1900, there were about 4,000 people in Klamath County, it that were increased 1,000 per cent it would amount to 40,000, and the latest population of the county is 45,000.

Yes, there are men in every age who have the faculty of divining the course of future events. We have them today in our age.

History can do well to listen to them, just as those who have followed the history of this county for the past 59 years could have greatly benefited from the little advice of this newspaper editor, written in 1900.

## Sharing

By FLORENCE JENKINS  
Christmas will be here almost too soon.

Again this year an appeal is being made for gifts for the 6,000 mentally ill patients in Oregon's 20 state hospitals.

Residents of Klamath County have been very generous in answering this appeal and they are being called upon again this year.

This is not a money drive. It is an opportunity to share the Christmas spirit with individuals who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Mrs. Hagan A. Moore, 324 South Fifth Street, Klamath Falls, will be responsible for receiving Christmas gifts here and will also see that they are delivered directly to the hospital at Salem.

Gifts are not to be wrapped, but extra wrappings, ribbons, seals and cards may be included so they can be wrapped by the hospital authorities before they are distributed at Christmastime.

General gifts might include items that have been duplicated in your own household—a toaster, waffle iron or radio to be used at the hospital. Or, fruit cake, cookies, cake mixes, jellies, jam and candy. Any musical instrument, sheet music, records or a card table.

Gifts for men may be articles of wear, apparel, tobacco, toilet articles and cosmetics.

Gifts sought for women include yarn and crochet threads, remnants of material, wearing apparel, handkerchiefs, cleaning tissue, and of course cosmetics and costume jewelry.

Both men and women appreciate bath towels, wash cloths, hair brushes, hand lotion, playing cards, puzzles and games.

Articles unsuited for gifts at the hospital are knives, razor blades or scissors, of course.

The appeal is being made before Thanksgiving because the gifts should be delivered within the next four and one-half weeks. At this time of year, time races along and

it is the things we get done early that are the easy ones to do.

## Off-Beat Notes

By TOM STIMMEL  
KUHNS students fanned about the city to explain to service clubs the purpose and function of the new parking plan at the high school. Before the Kiwanis Club one young speaker revealed this secret: The plan was condensed when explained to city council, he said, "because the council couldn't understand it all."

Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon mailed unique meeting notices to members of the Sheriff's posse this weekend. Each was an ordinary postcard on which Eddie Chilquin, a jail prisoner, had penned a detailed western drawing. Each of 28 cards was done individually, and most scenes differed.

Chiloquin has left an artistic mark at the county jail with sketches, a mural in the Blue Room, and decorations on Sheriff Red Britton's centennial paraphernalia outside.

Harold, the company cat, still is with us, and it's doubtful that anybody—even a cat—has done so well. The other morning he had phoosant and quail for breakfast. That noon he spurned a crab luncheon.

## Land Of Make Believe

By CHARLES V. STANTON  
Editor Roseburg News-Review

A few days ago I ventured the assertion that I couldn't get overly excited because some of our television shows reportedly were rigged. It was my thought that some people like to be fooled.

Few people accepted the so-called rigged programs at face value. It was my opinion—and let me stress the fact that it is strictly my opinion, not that of all people, nor to be imposed on all people—that the issue has been blown out of all proportion to its true value.

It is interesting to note that the networks are getting a great preponderance of letters, telegrams and phone calls of much the same character as my own expression. Yet there are some people who honestly and sincerely are shocked by the exposures. There are some people who insist that trickery and fakery in television programs is sinful.

My own statement has aroused personal messages in both agreement and disagreement. In fact, I've been quite roundly chastised both publicly and privately by some people who demand purity in their television programs. And let me say that they have as much right in their opinions and to the expression of those opinions as I have in mine.

One of our very prominent political leaders in Oregon, one who manages to tie his name into nearly all news headlines, achieved considerable notoriety and widespread comment by pious utterances against misleading television programs, but he seldom misses an opportunity to make misleading inferences, use half truths and undertake devious strategy in his own news releases and public utterances.

But I can't help thinking how dull television programs would be if all fakery was to be removed and programs made completely honest.

A great many of our television viewers thrill to the sight of covered wagons wending their way across the plains with the possibility of hostile Indians hiding in ambush. But how many of them see, or get excited, about the jet trail that appears in the background, while a picture relating to events of many years ago is being shown.

Did you ever watch one of those thrilling, spine-twitching horseback chases? The prisoner, with the aid

of friendly crooks, has escaped from jail. The sheriff takes off in pursuit. He has rounded up a posse of the town's citizens. They ride at full gallop up and down hill, shooting from 50 paces. The trusty six-gun shoots about 50 times without reloading. Not a horse falls. Not a man is wounded. And the ground over which the horses gallop is cut with automobile tire tracks.

A horde of hideously painted Indians surround the burning homestead. They leap in glee as the flames lick at the doomed log cabin and the golden-haired heroine is trapped. Soon she will be the prey of her gloating attackers. But from across the ridge sounds the bugle call. The soldiers race to the rescue. The hero arrives just in time to save the blonde hair of the brunet heroine as she staggers from the collapsing building.

Time and again I have watched a boxer on the television screen held up an opponent and carry him through one or two rounds until he recovers enough so that they can provide a good match. Often you see a near knockout in an early round. If the fight stopped here, where would television get its audience? But today's boxers seem to be more performers than fighters. Appearances would indicate they get a bonus if the fight goes seven or eight rounds. I don't know they do, but I certainly suspect it.

Why, when we wink at fakery in many other lines of entertainment—and love it—should we get so excited about our quiz shows being faked, at least in part?

As I said before, I can't get a bit concerned about limited fakery on television quiz shows. Contestants are paid as performers. Sponsors on quiz shows would have paid as much or more simply to have Marilyn Monroe or other of the big shot entertainers stand up and go through their antics for a like space of time. And the public wouldn't have enjoyed it nearly so much.

## Mice All Gone

From The Bend Bulletin  
Just a year ago, this region faced an infestation of field mice second to none ever known east of the Cascades.

They destroyed crops, moved into barns in great numbers and even nested dwellings. Health in some areas was menaced when plague-carriers were found.

Federal agencies were called on for help. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service made an appropriation, to be used in a research project this fall.

Now not enough mice can be found to carry out the research work. Fact is, Jim McAlister, Deschutes County agent has noted, "mice are so scarce that even the coyotes are going hungry."

What a change in a year! But the sudden disappearance of mice was not unexpected by a number of biologists. They pointed out that such "population explosions" occur periodically.

Apparently in field mice, the population gains occur every four or five years. Last year, the increase occurred at a time when conditions were abnormally favorable to survival.

The result was millions of mice. They ruined potato crops in the Klamath Basin, caused great damage in the Lakeview country, showed up in central Oregon in vast numbers.

Poisoning was tried, and other control methods considered.

But scientists versed in the ways of lemmings, mice and other creatures cautioned that there was no great worry. Nature, they said, would take care of the situation, as it has over a vast period of time.

They were right. Mice have not only greatly decreased in numbers, but they have virtually disappeared. The mysterious force that cut into the population has brought that population down far below normal.

From the Klamath and Lakeview regions comes information that scarcely a mouse can be located. Fish and Wildlife Service men are seeking them in the central Oregon area without much success. And, as Jim McAlister noted, "coyotes are going hungry."

There are many strange things in this old world. Among the strangest are nature's methods of controlling animal populations.

Quotes  
United Press International  
FLINT, Mich. — Former General Motors President Harlow H. Curtice after he accidentally shot and killed his friend, former GM Vice President Harry W. Anderson:

"I am deeply grieved. Hagry Anderson was my very dear friend for many years."

## They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Harlo  
THE LITTLE GUY ON A DIET AND THE BIG, HUSKY TRUCK DRIVER ARE VERY EXPLICIT AS TO HOW THEY GIVE THEIR ORDERS—

ONE HAMBURGER MEDIUM RARE... NOTHING ON IT PLEASE—ON PLAIN BUN...  
CHEESEBURGER—WELL DONE—WITH A SLICE OF ONION AND PICCALILLI ON IT—AN' TOAST THE BUN...  
OKAY—THERE YOU ARE—NOW WHAT'LL YOU HAVE TO DRINK?  
ERP! UH... FARM ME, MISS...  
THANK AND A TIP OF THE HATLO HAT TO JIM YOUNG, FLORE CLARE, QUEBEC, CANADA

## So Who Gets What Plopped Down in Front of 'em

By Jimmy Harlo  
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## Card Meeting Postponed

The Lakeshore Duplicate Bridge Club will not meet this week because the regular meeting date falls on Thanksgiving Day. Next duplicate bridge tournament will be held on Thursday, December 3, at 7:15 p.m., according to Mrs. David Richardson, director.

The Tuesday morning bridge sessions will meet for the next tournament on December 1 at 10:30 a.m. with Mrs. Ted Hyde as director.

Both tournaments are held at the city library.

North-south winners in Thursday evening's tournament held November 19 were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tarr, first; Mrs. Claude Davis and Mrs. Lloyd J. Goble, second; Mrs. Ted Hyde and Mrs. G. H. Hancock, third.

East-west winners were Mrs. C. E. Sharp and George McClary, first; Mrs. E. C. Lemler and Mrs. Bill Cunningham, second; Mrs. G. H. Merryman and Mrs. L. B. Bartholomew, third.

Mrs. Richardson points out that all bridge players are welcome to attend either the daytime or evening duplicate sessions. Those coming to the Tuesday morning tournaments should bring a sandwich for lunch. Coffee is available at the library for the tournament players.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT  
WHITTECHURCH, England (UPI)—What should a young member of the Fire Department do to make himself a better fireman?  
Fireman Herbert Dulson, 21, Wednesday told the court he started a fire because he wanted to practice by putting it out.

## British Exchange Student Talks On Health, Education

TULELAKE — A University of California student in business administration and economics, in America under the reciprocal student exchange plan, Christopher A. Ball, was guest speaker November 18 at a luncheon meeting of the Tulelake Rotary Club. Ball is studying on a one-year Rotary Foundation Fellowship.

He was sponsored and introduced by W. G. Hagelstein, banking official, and was a guest in the Hagelstein home in Klamath Falls during his stay.

In a pre-appearance interview, the visitor from Bude Cornwall, England, and graduate last summer of the University of Oregon, touched briefly on education and health in the British Commonwealth.

UNDER THE BRITISH free state system, a compulsory law keeps students in the classroom to 15 years of age. They may attend voluntarily without cost to 18 years.

University students may not work under English law during semesters. All student needs, living accommodations, fees, books, are state paid during the three-year college period which is maximum for a BA degree.

College attendance is based on academic standards in secondary schools and usually only those students who can qualify for scholarships register. Percentage of high school students who attend college in Britain is much lower than in this country, Ball said. A very small group accomplishes graduate work.

Britain's system of education is more specialized than in America, students concentrating on a chosen field. "The British student," he continued, "knows a lot about one thing, where the student in American schools know a smattering about many things."

BRITAIN'S FREE MEDICAL care, treated as a public service, is extremely popular among its citizens. Choice of family doctors is optional with the patient. Medical doctors and surgeons are paid by the government. Hospital care is free, dental care for children is free and a charge of \$3 for each course of treatment is charged to others. A nominal charge of 15 cents for medicine is made.

Foreign travelers in Britain are accorded the same services, even to free hospitalization in long illnesses. However, the visitor said, hospital facilities in the country are limited, emergencies get immediate consideration but in cases of a chronic condition, surgery patients frequently wait for long periods of time before admittance. Result of this situation is of course fewer emergency demands.

The student had his first air trip on his visit here, coming to Klamath Falls on West Coast Airlines from Berkeley. He was impressed with the speed of transportation in this country and will return he said, "to Europe with completely different ideas of distance."

## FOWL PLAY

LONDON (UPI)—Officials of next month's National Poultry Show announced Thursday that no poultry will be shown at the show because of current poultry diseases.

## On Honor Roll

Friends of Jeff Geiger will be interested to know that he made the honor roll at Grant High School in Portland.  
From an enrollment of 2,600, 120 were on the honor roll. Of that 120, only 20 students received A's in all subjects and Jeff was one of that number.  
Jeff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Geiger, former Klamath Falls residents, was graduated from Fremont Junior High School in 1959 and received all his elementary education in Klamath Falls public schools.

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