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Up North

By BILL JENKINS

We seem to have a habit of piling these little trips one right on top of the other. No sooner back from one spot than we take off in a cloud of dust for another.

On this occasion we spent a day at home in between the extremes of the warm and balmy Sonoma area and the fog-bound precincts of Portland.

I have seldom seen a prettier trip than we had going over the North Santiam, however. One of those rare days in November (the last one in fact) when the sun is out in all its glory, there was no snow, the sky was blue and the mountains pruned up into the blue like so many pen strokes.

Paused in Bend for a chat with Larry and Margaret Smith of the House of Leathers. By the time we got out of there we were a few hours late, had arranged for an early season opener on the Deschutes and talked the two of them into going down for the Red Bluff Bull Sale in February.

I seem to keep harping on it, but the trip across the mountains from Bend to Salem is one of the prettiest in the state. Of course the lake at Detroit Dam is a non-existent thing these days, nothing but a little trickle of water down through a stump field, but the upper reaches of the Santiam are pretty, the timber is all washed and neat and the soft winter colors are soothing.

Portland was alternately wet, dry, clear and foggy. Got our business taken care of and visited with Stewart Holbrook, the author chap, for a while. He has a new book on the market, The Golden Age of Quackery, about which more later. As soon as I can get it back from my wife, who gloomed onto it first.

Also brought back the news to my outdoor friends that Norm Thompson, the importer and supplier to sportsmen through his mail order business, is opening a retail outlet at the Thurman Street address.

We went in and looked around and it looks like it will be quite a place. A big, outdoorsy sort of a room with a wooden moose on the outside.

Marion Billings, one of the VIP's there, showed us through the warehouse, too. A real trip for a guy who likes that sort of thing and who has to stop and finger each item. The place is a treasure house of sporting clothes and equipment, the whole thing pervaded by the smell of moth balls.

While we were there Leith Abbot, the public relations expert for Southern Pacific in the region, picked up a bolo tie. But that didn't last long. That night at dinner his wife took it over and may well have started a new style in the Portland area.

Portland, incidentally, is undergoing a rather frightful hangover of the centennial. The beards, by and large, are gone, but a whole new crop of mustaches have remained. I would estimate that there are fifty percent more mustaches up there now than there were a year ago.

Coming home we drove through a fog. A veritable fog. A terrible fog. A fog so thick, as Leith Abbot told us, that one could spray it with black ink, cut it up in chunks and sell it for coal.

This lasted all the way to Salem where we ran out of it between that town and Aumsville.

Incidentally, when you are next over that way headed north keep an eye peeled just the other side of the five corners junction west of Aumsville. The turnoff to the Salem bypass now cuts directly to the right off the road instead of going up to the bridge and turning left. It is easy to miss if you are not looking for it.

Bloodmobile

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Mrs. Virginia Dixon, executive secretary of the American Red Cross for the Klamath chapter, can give you quick answers to all abbas for not contributing blood when the bloodmobile comes to town.

"You make that pint of blood back in 48 hours," she tells those who say it is weakening to give blood.

"You never pay for the blood itself when it is supplied through the Red Cross. Hospitals charge a laboratory and administration fee and they now help defray part of the cost of the Red Cross Blood Program by paying \$3.45 per unit service charges for supplies and handling. These charges are passed on to the recipient," is her reply to those who think they have to pay \$25 a pint to receive blood in this county.

give because his blood "is two-thirds alcohol." Mrs. Dixon replied: "No problem. Think of the fun some hospital patient will have."

All blood donors are checked at the bloodmobile by registered nurses and members of the Klamath County Medical Society. Only if your temperature, pulse, blood pressure and hemoglobin meet the requirements are you permitted to donate blood.

Each donor receives a handy billfold size card showing his blood type and date of deposit. All types of blood are needed.

Donors are not contributing to a corporation but to their fellow human beings. The Red Cross is the only public service agency in this vicinity which has the personnel, the equipment and the facilities to process and store the blood of the sick and injured of our community.

Persons who have had jaundice or malaria can now contribute to the program. Specially processed, it is very valuable for specific purposes, Mrs. Dixon declares.

One hundred and eighty five pints of blood were used in Klamath Falls in October. It is only if the bloodmobile receives its quota all over the state that all of the needed blood is available when there is a call.

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the VFW Hall, 515 Klamath Avenue, on Tuesday and on the OTT campus on Wednesday. Appointments may be made in advance by calling the Red Cross headquarters, TU 4-4125.

Communications

By FRANK ELEAZER

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Word was passed that a new communications marvel was to be unveiled. Wondering what hath Western Union wrought, I hurried over for the historic event.

Sure enough, the publicity release said a wondrous machine called Wirefax was ready to start transmitting messages coast to coast, exactly as we scribbled them out. No more blaming Western Union operators for errors, it said, because Wirefax messages, handwritten or typed, are moved intact like a picture.

For years now I've been passing a plaque in the Capital basement marking the date and place of Samuel F. B. Morse's first telegram to Baltimore on May 24, 1844. The electrical impulses he sent over the wire weren't too different from those that now transmit millions of words every day, although the key he used has been replaced by the teletype and his dot and dash code has been mostly forgotten.

A Bible-minded lady wrote out Morse's first message, and if there is anybody left who doesn't know what it was, he can go look it up in the World Almanac.

Western Union was now ready with another historic transmission, this one to Los Angeles. It had two first messages ready to go—one from J. Russell Wiggins, president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and executive editor of the Washington Post, to Norman Chandler, publisher of the Los Angeles Times; and another from Howard Kacy, president of the Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Co., to his firm's Los Angeles branch.

Each of these typed one-page letters was snapped into place on a drum. When the machine was turned on, the drum revolved. It took six minutes for each page to be scanned, transmitted, and reproduced in Los Angeles.

Wiggins told Chandler he was sure most press copy some day would travel by Wirefax rather than teletype. And, in as neat a plug as I've seen for a favorite theme, he said this won't help much unless the press is free to get at the news in the first place.

Chandler, in a Wirefax reply, said the West Coast welcomes the new communications technique. Kacy, next at bat, pointed out to his Los Angeles helpers that his words were reaching them in a matter of minutes, and said he hoped this would help to remind them that "every minute counts" if they are to reach their 1959 quota of sales.

Acacia's man in Los Angeles, whose name came back on the Wirefax as La Noue Matta, so it must be right, replied he was happy to take part in the day's historic event and also to assure the boss "that by Dec. 24 our placed quota of \$12,134,000 will be exceeded."

As far as I know, Western Union got nothing for all these commercials. However, Robert T. Hartmann, Washington bureau chief for the Los Angeles Times, stepped up helpfully with a piece of paid copy.

The first news dispatch transmitted by Wirefax ran 250 words, double-spaced on the typewriter and filling a page. It cost \$7.90. Hartmann could have squeezed 600 words into the same space for the same price by single-spacing. To send 600 words by teletype, at today's press rates, would have cost him \$22.16.

What Hartmann said in his story was that reporters hereafter will have to brush up on their spelling. And, he said, X-ing out errors uses up space just like words.

Worse, I guess we'll also have to learn to type.

Rommel Study

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Field Marshal Erwin Rommel of Germany was Britain's favorite enemy—perhaps America's too—in World War II. But after a 10-year study, author Cornelius Ryan has concluded the Allies were a bit overkind in their estimates of the dashing Nazi armor genius.

"Rommel has been sometimes portrayed as a high-minded military idealist who played war as a big exciting game," said Ryan, author of an account of the Allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944.

"The truth is he was a Hitler favorite bitterly resented by the career officers of the regular German army."

"Actually, Rommel was a very ambitious man willing to trample on anybody to get ahead. He was an utter politician. He was a fine tactician, but he simply didn't have the depth of training to handle the defense of Europe against the invasion."

His study convinced Ryan that Field Marshal von Rundstedt, who nicknamed Rommel "Marshal Bubi"—the baby marshal—was the superior soldier.

He feels that the Allied beachhead would have been in dire peril—perhaps even thrown into the sea—if von Rundstedt had been allowed to carry out his plans for a massive counterattack on the third day of the landings, instead of attacking piecemeal on D-Day itself, as Rommel ordered.

But both sides bungled their own intelligent reports badly, and says Ryan: "Plans were tossed out the window on that day, and in the final irretrievable moment when the soldiers met face to face, history voted for the Allied guy."

It is impossible to get a completely clear view of what goes on in a major battle. But Ryan gives as clear a picture as we ever will get of what actually happened in those first few mighty hours as an Allied armada of 5,000 ships bearing 200,000 troops hit the Normandy coast.

Interest Rates

By SAM DAWSON

AP Business News Analyst

NEW YORK (AP)—With inter-

est rates still rising, a lot of individual Americans are benefiting. The pinch on borrowers isn't the entire picture.

The federal government alone is paying out more than nine billion dollars a year to those from whom it borrows and you may be among the millions getting some of that as a partial offset to the taxes you pay.

Individuals are getting more of that nine billion dollars than you might suspect. They also are collecting on state and municipal bonds, as members of savings and loans associations and credit unions, as holders of corporate debt securities and on savings accounts in the banks.

Millions of Americans also expect sooner or later, one way or another, to get returns on investments in life insurance, mutual funds, and private pension and retirement funds. Some are getting such returns right now.

The banks and other financial institutions may be getting a smaller portion of the increasing total of interest payments than you think.

The U. S. Treasury says it pays out \$1.5 billion dollars a year in interest to the 40 million persons who own U. S. savings bonds. It pays another half-billion to individuals holding other forms of its securities.

The next largest volume of interest goes to various government investment accounts, like Social Security, which put their idle funds in Treasury securities; and to the commercial banks, each getting 1 1/2 billion a year on their holdings.

Federal reserve banks holdings of the U. S. debt bring in 400 million dollars a year, according to the latest available figures. Nonfinancial corporations get 600 million a year or more at latest count.

State and local governments also get interest from Uncle Sam, about 400 million dollars a year. Insurance company holdings are good for 300 million dollars and mutual savings banks for 200 million. The Treasury lists the rest as going to miscellaneous investors.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Sunday, December 6th, the 340th day of the year, with 25 more days to follow in 1959.

The moon is in its first quarter.

The morning stars are Mercury and Venus.

On this date in history:

In 1847, Abraham Lincoln took a seat in the House of Representatives as a delegate from Illinois.

In 1857, Joseph Conrad—the celebrated English novelist—was born.

In 1889, Southerners were saddened at news of the death of Jefferson Davis—former president of the Confederacy.

In 1917, the collision of two munitions ships in the harbor of Halifax, Nova Scotia, killed some 16-hundred persons and left 20-thousand homeless.

In 1933, Americans jammed liquor stores and bars to buy their first legal alcoholic beverages in 15 years.

Quotes

By United Press International
LOS ANGELES—Gary Crosby, who left Canada in a huff after a row with his three brothers:

"It kind of looks like I can't get along with nobody these days."

CHICAGO—Vivian Duncan on the death of Rosetta Duncan, her sister and partner in their famous comedy team:

"God must have needed a top-sy. That's probably why he called her."

ROME—John Eisenhower, accompanying his father on the President's 11-country tour, describing the accommodations in the Quirinal Palace:

"This is living."

WASHINGTON—Chief steel industry negotiator, R. Conrad Cooper, remarking on President Eisenhower's request for round-the-clock negotiations:

"Continuous hours of meetings do not necessarily mean effective bargaining."

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va.—New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, disclosing that he is expanding a Midwestern tour this month to include Oklahoma, Texas and Florida:

"I figured if I was going to get to them, I'd better get moving."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

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On The Record

KLAMATH FALLS

BOYS

BADGER—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Badger, December 2 in

Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 7 lbs., 4 ozs.

KREMPSKI—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Krempski, December 1 in

Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 6 lbs., 12 ozs.

LUKING—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Luking, December 2 in

Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 7 lbs., 3 ozs.

MORGAN—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Morgan, December 2 in

Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 9 lbs., 4 ozs.

CHISPELL—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Crispell, December 1 in

Klamath Valley Hospital, a girl, weighing 7 lbs., 3 ozs.

MARTIN—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton J. Martin, December 1 in

Klamath Valley Hospital, a girl, weighing 7 lbs., 2 ozs.

ORTEGA—Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Ortega, December 2 in

Klamath Valley Hospital, a girl, weighing 6 lbs., 13 ozs.

PELOQUIN—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Pelouquin, December 2 in

Klamath Valley Hospital, a girl, weighing 6 lbs., 15 ozs.

WILSON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wilson, December 2 in

Klamath Valley Hospital, a girl, weighing 6 lbs., 11 ozs.

1959 ROUNDUP

Boys: 340 Girls: 442

Merrill Girl Wins Test

Sharon Hobson, 15, a junior at Merrill High School won last week over entries from four other schools to cop the 13th annual Broadcast Script Writing Contest in the county.

The contest, sponsored by the National and Oregon Association of Broadcasters, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and locally by Radio Ka-GO, required essay and vocal commentary on the theme, "I Speak for Democracy."

Miss Hobson's talk and those of the four other county finalists were recorded on tape and presented recently over Ka-GO. Content first had to be written in essay form. The choice essay from each participating school then recorded in the style of a radio commentator.

Miss Hobson next will participate in a regional contest in Medford early this month. If she wins again, she will enter the state finals in Salem and so on to the national finals in Washington, D.C.

At stake is a \$1,500 scholarship to the college of the winner's choice.

Ka-GO gave her a radio. Other county finalists received record albums. They were Ann Jendziewski of Sacred Heart Academy, Martha Pierson of Klamath Union High School, Randy Miller of Malin High School, and Vern Howard of Henley High School.

Bloodmobile Visit Set

With the arrival date of the bloodmobile to the community set for Tuesday, December 8, Red Cross volunteers are intensifying their efforts to secure an adequate number of donors to supply the community's needs for the forthcoming three months. Quota for the two-day visit is 435 pints; 185 pints were used locally last October, and the approaching holiday season is traditionally one of blood shortages.

Dorothy Collier, donor recruitment chairman in charge of organizations, urges that all pledge cards be returned to her this weekend. Cards may be left at the Red Cross office. Miss Collier has contacted all service clubs, fraternal orders, and home extension units asking their support.

Mrs. Winston Purvine, staff aide chairman for the local chapter, has organized a calling committee from the volunteers in this Red Cross service; this group has secured 40 pledges from donors who have not given during 1959.

VFW members under the leadership of John Ross have turned in 35 pledge cards. All churches of the communities have received letters asking assistance in publicizing the critical need for a successful bloodmobile visit. Members of the VFW Auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. Keith Walrath plan a telephone campaign among their membership and that of the VFW.

The bloodmobile will operate at the VFW Hall Tuesday, December 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The following day OTI will host the visit, with donor hours at the Student Union Building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donors can make appointments by phoning the Red Cross office Monday, TU 4-4125.

ORE SHIPMENTS FROZEN

ESCANABA, Mich. (UPI)—Freezing weather may have ended the iron ore shipping season in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, rail, mine and ship officials said Saturday. They said the cold snap which froze the ore halted all shipments from iron mines.

Memorial Rites Set

Memorial services for deceased brothers of Klamath Falls Lodge, No. 1247, BPOE's will be held Sunday, December 6, at 8 p.m. in the lodge room. The day of Memorial, set aside by Grand Lodge statute will honor the memories of 20 members of the Klamath Falls lodge who died in 1959.

This year's service is to be one of the most impressive the lodge has planned and Elks are urged to attend. The memorial is also open to the public. The families of those to be honored are especially invited to be present.

Names to be remembered are Lawrence S. Hansen, Martin L. Sutton, John P. McAuliffe, George Bratton Sr., Gail Ridenour, Wayne Niehaus, Charles J. Martin, charter member; Burton Foss, Paul M. Noel, Lawrence F. Zirkle, Harold F. Meininger, R. C. Klepper, Otto P. Ellis, E. S. Veatch, past exalted ruler; A. W. Macken, C. A. Pauley, G. W. Houston, C. Roy Deffenbacher, Walter C. Dawne, Emil Polivka, Stephen Salmans and G. E. Purdin.

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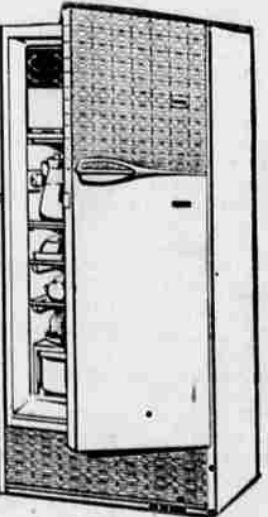
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