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Here And There

By BILL JENKINS

Back in Brandon, Florida, the chamber of commerce put on a rodeo a while back.

One of the high points of the show was reached when the queen appeared wearing a pair of silver blue mink jeans.

The fancy pants were made of 22 matched skins and cost a neat \$3500.

The gift for the girl who has everything?

Not that just plain old every day clothes are getting any cheaper.

I have a notice from St. Louis to the effect that a store in that thriving city, Wilkinson's, has announced considerable interest in their Safari suit, a pure Vicuna wool number, which bears a price tag of \$665.

At least two of the suits have sold.

No word for some time from the safari down in Humboldt County that went out on the trail of Bigfoot, the legendary monster of Bluff Creek.

Now should be a good tracking period, but then maybe it isn't too. We'll watch with interest.

There's something about a monster of any kind that stimulates a good deal of enthusiasm in most of us.

As long as it isn't too close, that is.

California reports that hunters paid \$388,200 for 293,599 deer tags this year.

This tallies up with a figure of \$603,736 for 300,389 tags in 1958.

That from a state that, if we are to believe the many voices raised in various protests, really has a deer problem.

A report last weekend from Bob Russell, refuge manager down at the Tulelake wildlife refuge, says that the numbers of birds on the reserve are holding up well.

He listed as of last Friday at Tulelake a total of 39,700 ducks and 22,000 geese for a total of 61,700. On Lower Klamath the count was considerably larger with 226,600 ducks and 11,000 geese for a total of 237,600 birds.

So it would seem that there are still a few of the wily birds about for the scattergunners to aim for. I've maintained for a good many years that one of the principle beefs sent up by disgruntled hunters arises not from a lack of birds but from the fact that the late season hunting is not as easy as it might be.

Seems as if there are a lot of the boys who don't want to work very hard for their birds.

Russell, incidentally, will attend the Fourth Departmental Manager Development Program in Washington, D.C., from January 7 through June third.

Quite a tour of duty back in the stifling east. He'll be glad to see the open reaches of the west again I should imagine.

Investment Clubs

By FLORENCE JENKINS

A phenomenon of the 1950s was the mushroom-like growth of investment clubs across the country.

This idea for the mass-production of educated investors began in Detroit, the birthplace of automotive mass-production, but has spread even more rapidly than that original idea across the whole free world.

Next July, representatives of investment clubs are planning their first world-wide convention at London, England. The British Investment Club Association will be host to the affair. It is expected that representatives from clubs and groups interested in fostering clubs will come from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, the United States and nearly all of the free European nations.

The National Association of Investment Clubs has its headquarters at 1245 First National Building in Detroit. It was organized in October, 1951, by four clubs composed of 40 members.

Today, just over eight years later, there are 5,000 clubs in the association with more than 67,000 members.

During 1959, the number of individuals per club rose from an average of 13 to 14. The total holdings of all member clubs rose to more than \$40 million. Clubs are adding to their holdings currently at the rate of one million dollars each month compared with \$750,000 a month just a year ago.

Women are joining investment clubs at an increasing rate, the association reports. Women now constitute 18 per cent of club members, an increase of eight per cent in one year.

Another trend shows that people

are joining investment clubs at an earlier age. The number of people under 30 has grown from two to eight per cent. Fifty six per cent of the clubs are two years old or less. Their average individual worth is just over \$6,000. Three-year-old clubs average \$23,000 in worth.

The national association offers to send a free folder to the representatives of any groups which wish to organize investment clubs.

Cool Rocky

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a study in frigidty.

New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's statement Saturday—that he will not be a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination—was a cold piece of business.

There was nothing friendly in it toward Vice President Richard M. Nixon or the professional Republican politicians.

Although Rockefeller's withdrawal leaves Nixon unopposed for their party's presidential nomination, the governor never mentioned Nixon's name.

Rockefeller, in fact, didn't even promise to support the Republican Party or its nominee. The most he was willing to say was that he expects to, Newsweek tried to get him to say specifically Sunday whether he would back Nixon. But he replied he would not go beyond his statement Saturday which said, in part, "I expect to support the nominees, as well as the program, of the party in 1960."

Further, it is possible to read into Rockefeller's words the idea he will be a critical thorn to both the Republican bosses and the Eisenhower administration before the Republican convention opens in Chicago July 25.

Rockefeller, in stepping aside, at no place indicated he felt the majority of rank-and-file Republicans preferred Nixon over him or even that he wouldn't have a chance against Nixon if he did oppose him.

He put his reason for withdrawing squarely on the "great majority of those (Republicans) who will control" the convention.

This is what he said, in the sequence of his thinking:

1. The majority of professionals don't want a contest among Republicans for the nomination.

2. Therefore, in order to overcome the opposition of the pros to him, he'd have to give the rank - and - file Republicans a chance to choose between him and Nixon by going into state primaries.

3. But this would take up so much of his time and energy he couldn't properly fulfill his obligations to the people of New York who elected him to do a job as governor.

In the past few months Rockefeller, while whisking around the country to appraise his chances, was critical a number of times of the Eisenhower administration.

That he may continue to be now, from the sidelines, can be read into this part of his statement:

He listed the various issues facing the country, at home and abroad, and then said: "I will contribute all I can" toward a "profound and continuous act of national self-examination."

He said: "I shall speak with full freedom and vigor on these issues that confront our nation and the world."

Nixon now looks like a sure shot for the Republican presidential nomination. But the future is unpredictable and Rockefeller did not rule himself out as a possibility.

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By PHIL NEWSOM

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Lighter Side

By FRANK ELEAZER

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Do-it-yourself census forms for 1960 have been on public view for several weeks now and the Census Bureau can't believe its good luck. Nobody so far has raised any serious squawk.

Oh, a few congressmen have complained that the census taker these days is getting too nosy, wanting to know about our plumbing (indoors or out); our washing machines (automatic or not); and how we get to work in the morning (many a morning I wonder about that one myself).

One lawmaker went so far as to suspect, publicly, that psychiatrists might have taken over the bureau. By and large, though, the bureau's final decisions on what questions to include and leave out in the 18th decennial census have been received with resignation if not outright enthusiasm.

The bureau doesn't expect enthusiasm. All it asks is that you answer the questions, ranging from your income to your telephone number. Nobody who refuses can be fined \$10 or sent to jail for 90 days, though the bureau can't recall a case where this actually happened.

"We persuade 'em," a spokesman said of the comparative few who every 10 years can be depended on to balk at some question or other or even to refuse, on religious grounds, to have any part at all of the census.

Anyway, it's not as bad as it might be. In 1850 the census taker inquired among other things whether each household included any paupers, idiots, or convicts.

There are other grounds to be grateful. After proper deliberation the census experts turned down inquiries on the color of our hair, if any (the cosmetics makers wanted to know); the number and kind of our pets (for the dog food makers, I think); our height and weight (the tailors hoped to engineer better fits); and whether or not we have faith, and if so what kind (a touchy subject on constitutional grounds).

Even so, some of the 139 million people the nose-count is expected to turn up are likely to view the inquiry as unduly inquisitive.

A basic form will be mailed to all householders in March, to be filled out and held for the census taker's call early in April. It covers name, age, race, marital status, etc., of all residents. It includes a similar inquiry about any non-resident who may have stayed overnight on March 31, a question which it is hoped won't embarrass too many people.

Then there's some basic stuff about the house, including whether or not there's a toilet that flushes.

At every fourth house will be left an additional two pages of questions on the house and two extra pages for details about each person living therein. That's where we get into where you work and for how much, and whether you get there by bus, railroad, car pool, or muleback. Also, how many years schooling you got; how many times you've been married; and (for women) how many babies you've had. To be ready, you also may as well count now your radios, TV's, and automobiles.

Most of the form-filling will be done by those being counted. Still, 160,000 enumerators will be hired for about two weeks of hoofing around. These jobs will pay about \$12 daily. To get one you have to read, write, and vote Republican.

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They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

TEN PERSONS ARRESTED

NEW YORK (UPI) — Detectives Sunday arrested five girls and five young men at a party which they said began Christmas Eve. All were charged with possession of narcotics. The password to get into the apartment, police said, was "Santa Claus is here, Daddy-O."

Quakes Level Peru Village

LIMA, Peru (UPI)—Two week-end earthquakes wrecked the provincial town of Pomabamba, leveling most of its houses and killing at least 10 residents, it was reported today.

Refineries in Jefferson County, Tex., have a capacity of 886,000 barrels of oil a day.

AGREEMENT REACHED

BAGHDAD (UPI) — The Soviet Union has agreed to set up 10 technical centers in Iraq to train students in the fields of metallurgy, oil and textiles it was announced Sunday.

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