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Road Need

By **BILL JENKINS**

At this week's meeting of the various timber agencies and operators the distressing fact was brought to light that all that glitters is not gold and all that grows green in the forest is not necessarily fodder for the Basin mills.

The problem is far from a new one and the answer is as old as mankind. It is simply a matter of better transportation.

Focal point of this particular meeting when it came to the problem of transport was the Diamond Lake Highway. That little skein of gravel and oil that stretches from the junction on Highway 97 to Diamond Lake and, eventually, on over the plateau and down the Umpqua to Roseburg.

This highway could be the main artery for log hauls if it weren't for one thing—it isn't built to stand heavy loads. It was built originally as a tourist pathway and with the exception of some special permits issued during dry weather for reduced load hauling the road has never served as a log route.

There can be no doubt that such a road would be a great asset to the Klamath Basin in the face of current tight timber situation simply because it would enable local firms to bid on timber further away and still make a profitable haul.

But most important of all the item points up a hard fact that we are going to have to face sooner or later. And the time is getting sooner than you might think. Practically all our timber today is under sustained yield management. This means a certain amount each year, each decade, each cutting cycle or however you term it. A certain amount of borrowing from year to year can be done, but it has to be repaid later if borrowed now. In short there isn't going to be any great increase in our timber supply in the near future despite intensified management plans.

Add to this the fact that there is a growing demand for more and more national parks, national monuments and wilderness areas. Without exception these all remove the timber from the market for all time. Such a park in the volcanic region of the Deschutes is now being proposed which would take 20 percent of that forest's reserves of timber out of the market forever.

So, we are going to have to kiss goodbye the good old days when timber was close at hand and cheap to get into the mill and face the hard realities of paying for what we get. And when it comes to logging and the timber interests the whole cost can't be left up to them. Not when it comes to roads.

Communities all over the west are going to have to realize that transport is a major item and look to the day when they will have to spend local money to keep local industries going. A good deal of thought has already gone into that hopper here in Klamath County. And don't think for a minute that Douglas County and Lane County, over the hill and on the downhill haul for a lot of timber that could be in our working area, aren't keeping abreast of things. The area that gets there first with the fastest road is going to reap the rich benefits of the timber.

It is just something to think about. Something expensive, but you gotta spend a little to make a little.

Drunken Driving

By **FLOYD L. WYNNE**

The cure was worse than the disease!

That's not an idle phrase. Oftentimes, in this complex world in which we subsist, actions taken to correct a situation result in even more complications, although they accomplish their original intent.

Such may be the case with Legislative actions to curb drunken driving.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, I have no sympathy for the drunken driver.

I don't question for a minute that he is a menace on the highway and should be prevented from operating a vehicle while in that condition.

However, there is a great divergence at this point over what measures should be taken to eradicate this menace from the state's highways.

SOMETIME AGO, members of the Legislative Interim Committee on Highways ordered the draft of four tough bills to curb the drinking driver in Oregon.

The measures would allow chemical testing for alcohol of any driver with the present consent requirement, allowing police to make

drunken driving a felony if any one other than the driver is injured in an accident and allowing the fact that a person refused to allow chemical tests for intoxication be admitted as evidence in court cases.

FRIDAY, Senator Anthony Yturri of Ontario said that work on a bill aimed at curbing drunken driving was "off to a good start" after a draft of a proposed compulsory chemical test law was read to the Legislative Highway Interim Committee.

The measure provides that anyone applying for a driver's license would automatically give his consent to chemical test for alcohol in case of arrest.

Present Oregon law requires written consent from a suspect before the test can be made.

Under the proposed measure, a driver's license could be revoked prior to trial if he failed to allow the testing.

I MUST DISAGREE with the proposed measure.

I agree with the intent, but not the method.

It should never be necessary for anyone to sign away his constitutional rights to gain a driver's license.

Also, that license should never be revocable merely because a person insists on that constitutional right.

You can class my opposition as pig-headedness, if you wish, but I find myself objecting because of the things this approach can lead to.

If you must sign away your rights and privileges for a driver's license, then additional things can be required of you that violate the sense and meaning of the Constitution which protects us from the unreasonable aspects of the law.

There has always been an argument over determining whether a man is drunk or not, and even experts will agree that chemical analysis is not always the answer, that alcohol does not work the same on all individuals.

MAKING drunk driving a felony if anyone is injured other than the driver is all right. I'm in accord with that. If a man wants to break his own neck, fine, but when it comes to someone else's neck, that's a different story.

I also agree that chemical tests are good when the individual grants his approval.

Sobriety tests are all right, but inconclusive.

Also, it would be another gross violation if the fact you refused such a sobriety test were to be used against the driver in court as proof that the driver was drunk.

LET'S EMPLOY some common sense to curb this highway menace, but let's not kill the Constitution in an effort to protect our rights under it.

Soap

By **FLORENCE JENKINS**

Cleanliness may be next to impossible, as the little boy said in last Sunday's funny paper, but it is a highly desirable state.

If the international news gets you down, consider this bright little item: The number of new bathtubs purchased in America is double the number of new housing starts, according to year end figures.

Now bathtubs don't wear out very fast, even with daily use, so it is obvious that a lot of these new bathtubs were bought for the modernization of older homes instead of being installed in new houses. It surely should result in a brighter, cleaner race of Americans.

Back in the 18th century, some homes had two tubs in each bath-

room; one for washing with soap and the other for rinsing it off. Running water inside the house changed a lot of habits.

If the youngsters balk at hand-scrubbing before meals, they might be reminded of the Mohammedan school boys. Like all others of their religion, they are required to wash hands, feet, face and neck and ears and rinse the mouth not once, but five times a day. This is called "Wudu," or ritual cleansing before prayer.

Soap is said to have originated with the Gauls. It was a pretty crude product. Their version is said to have been made of water, Beech ash and goat's tallow. When the lye in the ashes was added to the hot mixture of fat and water, it foamed up and then subsided into a soft, jelly-like substance.

They used it chiefly to wash their hair before battle to give it a fiery red color.

Void

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—Re your editorial of January 20. The intellectual void displayed in your contributions to the Herald and News was at its zenith in your little tantrum over foreign aid.

There are quite a few taxpayers who believe our foreign aid dollars are not intended to "buy" friendship from our less fortunate neighbors. These people hope that the few dollars which each of us contributes yearly may help in some way to alleviate the technical deficiencies, and raise the low standards of living on which world chaos thrives. If this sounds too idealistic maybe the Care packages were a mistake too.

On January 19, you were bemoaning the fact that none of your office references contained the word genocide. May I suggest that you consult Webster's New World Dictionary (page 604). Maybe our foreign aid can help to eliminate the need of this term in the future.

E. J. Vandermillen

Thermal Angle

Etna (To the Editor) — In regards the article your magazine section of January 10, 1960, describing the super colossal logging operation at Lava Burn and its all-time high as to heat.

I wish to say my brother fell off the farm here in Siskiyou County and landed in Arizona. He said the heat was terrible — as high as 120 degrees — that when he strayed a half day from water, he dehydrated so fast they had to be soaked three days before they would hold still.

As to the Lava Burn snakes, that brother of mine also said the Arizona type rattler subjected to a little ole 120 temperature for a short time just curled up and died. Might be a good idea for the USTA to trade snakes with Arizona.

Coming back to the thermal angle, I understand aluminum lets go (melts) at about 2400. I think the forestry boys supervising this operation should be entitled to an extra pocketful of pencils instead of the usual one pocketful.

That brother of mine also says that if a good job is done on the Lava Burn logging roads, we can again hook up the old Blue Ox, drag the roads out, and sell them to California for more broken down super highways. He said he sure there are a lot of intricate and contradictory traffic signs included.

We take and enjoy your paper. For me, Frank Jenkins' comments first, then the news, even if he has the misfortune to live in Jefferson State (dam Yank territory). Keep that column coming!

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P.S. Some day I may tell you how the first "Oakie" was stranded in California.

SHORT RIBS By Frank O'Neal



Political Games

By **DICK WEST**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — This seems to be the season for thinking up new political games. Mine is called "spin the Democrat." It is a variation of the old game "capture the delegate."

The game is played on a board on which a race track is drawn. The track is divided into lanes with crossing lines which form squares. In the center is a numbered wheel.

Four can play. Each player selects a campaign button labeled "Kennedy," "Humphrey," "Symington" or "Johnson." The buttons are placed on the starting line, which is formed by a row of question marks.

The players take turns spinning the wheel and moving their buttons forward the number of spaces indicated by the pointer. This continues until they reach the square marked "news conference."

The first two players to reach this square pick up cards marked "front runner" and follow an arrow pointing to "primaries." The other two pick up cards marked "dark horse" and follow an arrow pointing to "draft."

The two players on the "primaries" lane continue moving their buttons until one reaches the square marked "New Hampshire." This entitles him to "challenge" the other player.

The other player may accept the "challenge" and move his button onto the "New Hampshire" square. Or he may bypass "New Hampshire" and move on to the square marked "Wisconsin." The player on "New Hampshire" is then entitled to pick up a "delegate" card.

If two buttons land on the same primary square at the same time, one must go back five spaces and forfeit his "front runner" card.

Meanwhile, the two players with the "dark horse" cards continue to move their buttons along the "draft" lane. If they land on squares marked "opinion poll" or "grass roots," they may pick up a "delegate" card.

But if either player stops on a square marked "Stevenson," he must forfeit all of his "delegate" cards and is out of the game.

The play continues until all the buttons reach the last square, which is marked "convention." Now three of the players must try to "block" the player holding the "front runner" card. They move their buttons into a circle marked "smoke filled room."

The three players stay in the circle until one gets possession of all of the "delegate" cards held by the other two. This entitles him to leave the circle and pick up cards from the "favorite son" stack.

The player holding the "front runner" card may now exchange it for a "handwagon" card, which is equal to three "favorite son" cards.

This completes the rules of the game. All you have to do now is figure out who wins.

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Sunday, Jan. 24, the 24th day of the year, with 342 more days to follow in 1960. The moon is approaching its new phase.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Venus.

On this day in history:
In 1848, gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill, Calif.
In 1907, Carrie Nation made the first raid on saloons in Kansas.
In 1955, President Eisenhower sent the Formosa declaration to Congress, saying the U.S. would fight if necessary to defend Formosa and the Pescadores Islands.

A thought for today: Aristotle said: "A man may wrong his enemies, because that is pleasant. He may equally wrong his friends because that is easy."

Quotes

United Press International

SAN FRANCISCO — James Farley, one time king-maker of the Democrats, claiming it would be a tragedy to renominate Adlai Stevenson as the party's presidential candidate:
"He's had his chance."

PRESCOTT, Ariz. — Deputy Sheriff Jerry Foster, describing rescuers' efforts to talk an elderly hermit into letting them carry him out of his snow-bound mountain cabin, where he was in danger of freezing to death:
"He was pretty ornery. We had to promise he could go back when he felt good and the snow melts a little."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

CHEDDAR IS VERY PICKY AND CHOOSY ABOUT THE MOVIES HE'LL DEIGN TO SEE....

OH, YEAH? WELL, THEN, WHAT'S HE LOOK AT UNTIL THREE A.M. PRACTICALLY EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK?



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT DEHLINGER, Route 1 Box 922 L, Klamath Falls, have won the Strout Nationwide Leaders' Club Banner for 1959, a repeat performance. Strout Realty's Western States division had a new high record of nearly \$25.4 million, or an increase of 37 per cent for 1959, topping all Strout divisions. The chain has been operating since 1900 in 36 states and has 550 offices. Only 25 are chosen for Leaders' Club annually. K. H. Myers, president of the chain, looks forward "to an acceleration of the present strong market during 1960 with a continuing trend toward more than average growth in the West."

Gas Asked For Finch

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A woman who dined with Mrs. Barbara Finch the night she was killed today testified the victim carried a white purse when she left for home. No purse was found at the scene of the July 18 slaying.

Prosecutor Fred N. Whichello said after presentation of the bulk of the state's case that he would ask the gas chamber for defendants Dr. R. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff in the killing of the surgeon's brunette wife.

Mrs. Betty Behr said she and the slain Mrs. Barbara Jean Finch played tennis in the afternoon, then met at a steak house for dinner. She said Mrs. Finch was accompanied by Herbert Adair, investigator for the slain woman's divorce attorney.

Mrs. Behr did not recall whether the victim wore jewelry other than earrings but recalled the purse because Mrs. Finch fished a package of cigarettes out of it when the witness was out of them.

STRIKE SAVES LIVES

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower's Traffic Safety Committee told him Thursday the steel strike helped save motorists' lives by cutting down the use of automobiles. Editor William Randolph Hearst Jr., committee chairman, said the auto death rate was lower during the last half of 1959 when the steel investigator for the slain woman's strike was in progress.



TOKYO TOWER — It looks like the Eiffel Tower and some people say it's starting to tilt like the Leaning Tower of Pisa, but this is the Tokyo Tower, a huge television mast. About five million people have paid to ride up to an observation platform during the 1,091-foot tower's first year of existence. Engineers say rumors the tower is bending are nonsense.

Cleric Aided By Travelers

EL DORADO, Ark. (AP)—The Rev. Bill Baker, 26, was trapped in a wrecked sports car—the seat of his pants caught on a window post.

A bus stopped and the driver and passengers helped free the minister Tuesday—after he shed his trousers in the freezing weather.

KILLED IN 'COPTER CRASH

ROODHOUSE, Ill. (UPI) — Clarence Sylvester, 43, of Goshen, Ind., bought a helicopter at Frederick, Okla., Thursday and took it up on its first flight by himself. The helicopter plunged into a field here later in the day and Sylvester was killed.

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