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### Birdlife

By BILL JENKINS  
If anyone thinks there is a shortage of bald eagles in the country—a fact which various easterners seem to be convinced of—they need only to go out along Upper Klamath Lake these days and take a look.  
The big white-headed scavengers are everywhere. While eating lunch the other day we were watching at least 20 of the birds swoop around the edge of the ice in the lake. In a big dead snag behind the house the other day I counted eight of the birds sitting there looking majestic. Five adults and three immature birds. In case you didn't know it immature birds are bigger than the adults when they are two years old. Nor do they have the white head and tail.

Last Friday morning was, if you will remember, a windy and gusty one with a good breeze booming in out of the south, eating away at the ice in the lake and the snow on the hills and making the old pine trees shiver and shed needles in a storm.  
Early in the morning eight hunkers got up off the open water and had themselves a ball in the wind. I think they were in the same mood as an otter is when it slides down a mud slide.  
They would fight their way into the wind, gaining altitude all the way, and then loop and somersault down through the air in a series of wild swoops and gyrations.  
Then they'd go at it again. Tiring of this they tried flying into the wind until they got to Link River at which point they would turn down wind and come sweeping down the lake, honking like mad and evidently having a wonderful time of it.  
The little band kept it up for a half an hour or more and then settled decorously down on the lake, tucked their wings up and sat primly bobbing on the waves.

Some of the ice had gone out of the ponds along the state line road late in the week and the swans had moved in on the flooded fields.  
They are a lovely bird whether in the air or on the water. It is well worth your while to drive down that way and take a look when you need a little fresh air. Quite a few ruddy ducks, what Tom Garratt used to call "little boy ducks," sitting in the open canals. And the usual collection of spoonies and scaup.

### Home Safety

By FLORENCE JENKINS  
A century ago, warnings were probably being given not to catch a finger in a spinning wheel or not to spill lye on the floor while making soap.  
Today, the homemaker works in much more complex surroundings. Her equipment is potentially much more dangerous. On a day when one is tired and hurried, many of our wonderful, modern appliances and products seem to be devilish devices and potions just lying in wait for innocent and unsuspecting victims.  
However, no manufacturer wants to sell a product that is harmful or one which would even cause discomfort. Manufacturers spend large sums of money in research to make their products as safe as possible and they provide the best possible instructions for the use of the products.  
Most of us don't bother to read the labels.  
Here are just a few rules given at the annual safety convention of the Greater New York Safety Council by Mrs. Lucille Bush, consumer education director for Johnson's Wax of Racine, Wisconsin:  
Never puncture an aerosol can; it may explode.  
Never use clothes pins when you hang up an electric blanket.  
Never plug a portable dishwasher into an outlet that is not grounded.  
Never use a combustible cleaning ingredient or solution in an automatic dryer or combination washer-dryer; it may blow the front off the appliance.  
Never plug a portable heater into an electric light outlet; the wiring for lights is not heavy enough to handle heating elements.  
"What, if anything, is in a woman's mind," says Mrs. Bush, "when she puts pins in her mouth while she is sewing? . . . when she stands on a wobbly chair to reach the top shelf? . . . when she empties ash trays into a wastebasket full of paper? . . . or when she uses a new appliance without reading directions?"  
Numerous Christmas decorations are combustible and even explosive. A friend of ours wrapped up a mantel arrangement, tightly, in newspaper and set fire to the package in the fireplace. It exploded

and the living room required the attention of commercial cleaners. Fortunately, there were no members of the family injured.  
At our house that would be unlikely to happen, according to the man of the house.  
His comment was: "We'd have put it away to use next year."

### Sheriff Replies

Klamath Falls (To the Editor): This letter to the editor is in answer to one printed in this newspaper on January 22, 1960, written by Roland S. Clark.

The contents of Mr. Clark's letter seem to indicate that he desires the Klamath County Sheriff's Office to initiate a suburban patrol. He also states that this should be done within the present Klamath County Sheriff Budget.  
I am a duly elected Klamath County sheriff by a majority of the voters in Klamath County and am willing to serve them in any and all ways possible; however, I feel sure that the taxpayers of Klamath County do not want a duplication of a service already provided for by the Oregon State Police Department whose main function is that of patrol.

On January 13, 1960, Floyd Wynne, city editor of the newspaper stated that the local State Police Office had a full complement of 21 persons. This includes game men, two men stationed in Lakeview and three men at Gilchrist. He further stated that the State Police Office actually has 14 men who participate in local patrolling. In reading further in this column, we find that the local Oregon State Police Department has a vicinity patrol whose primary function is patrolling of the suburban area. Do you, as Klamath County taxpayers, want to duplicate a service already rendered by the Oregon State Police Department? Remember, Mr. Taxpayer, your Oregon State tax money supports the Oregon State Police.

Mr. Roland Clark, former Oregon State patrolman, has misinformed you taxpayers on many phases of the operation of the Sheriff's Office. He stated that this office has 14 deputies and eight persons to handle the tax department and office. I do not know how he arrived at these figures as we have only seven deputies who are responsible for the collection in excess of four million dollars annually. This number of tax office personnel has not been increased since I became sheriff in January of 1952.

In regard to the others, three deputies operate directly from the office in the courthouse; one is stationed in Chiloquin, two in Bly for the Bly, Beatty and Sprague River area, one at Bonanza who is on a half salary basis. There are only seven. We have five jailers assigned to three eight-hour shifts so that our office may offer 24 hour service to Klamath County residents. We have one county jail matron and two secretaries for the civil and criminal department. We operate the entire department on an over-all budget of \$142,807. Including the sheriff, this office has 23 persons receiving \$87,140 for wages as prescribed by budget. This makes an average yearly wage of approximately \$3,788 per person.

Mr. Clark compares the City Police Department budget with the Sheriff's Office budget. The City Police Department's budget, he says, is \$243,226, with 38 persons receiving \$170,000 for wages. This makes an average yearly salary of \$4,473 per employee.  
Mr. Clark gave no budget figure for the Oregon State Police Office in Klamath County; however, being a former Oregon State patrolman he should be well acquainted with those figures also. In regard to the percentages of

apprehension mentioned by Mr. Clark, he states the City Police Department and the local Oregon State Police Office combined, making a total of 53 officers, apprehended 76 per cent of the felons in 1958. While the Sheriff's department has only seven deputies, apprehended approximately 24 per cent of the felons. This makes a ratio of 1.4 per cent for combined City and State against 3.4 per cent for the Sheriff's department.

Mr. Clark also states that in 1959 the City and State combined (53 men) apprehended 89 per cent of the felons while the Sheriff's Office (seven men) apprehended approximately 11 per cent, making a ratio for the combined City and State of 1.6 per cent apprehensions to the Sheriff's department of 1.5 per cent apprehensions of felons. If Mr. Clark's approximate percentages are correct, the ratio of men who apprehend speaks for itself.

It is my opinion, after reviewing the facts as stated by Mr. Clark, you are getting what you pay for in County Police protection.

Mr. Clark would have you discredit all the other functions of the Sheriff's Office entirely. Transporting felons to and from the penitentiary and returning prisoners from all parts of the United States, safely, to be processed by our circuit court is very time and man consuming. In addition to all criminal matters, the Sheriff's Office has a tremendous overload of civil process which is not a function of either the City or State police.

I cannot understand why Mr. Clark made this vicious attack upon the sheriff and this office. Perhaps this being election year, Mr. Clark or some of his friends may have aspirations for the office of sheriff.

Murray "Red" Britton  
Klamath County Sheriff

### Heavy Padding

By LYLE C. WILSON  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. John F. Kennedy will wear heavy protective padding into his Wisconsin Democratic presidential primary contest against Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey.  
Kennedy's padding is necessary to blunt the built-in Wisconsin advantages enjoyed by Humphrey. The padding consists of a smartly ballyhooed campaign to identify Kennedy as definitely the Wisconsin underdog.

The ballyhoo has set Kennedy up as a candidate of much courage. By deciding to enter the Wisconsin primary, Kennedy revealed himself to be a man who dared to take a long chance with his political future.  
All of this was achieved in a matter of a fortnight or so by Kennedy's brothers, Robert and Edward, who told newsmen here and there around the nation that brother John should stay out of Wisconsin because it would be an unfair contest. Robert and Edward made of Humphrey an almost invincible candidate in Wisconsin because he lives in neighboring Minnesota and over the years has become as well known in one state as in the other—a two-state favorite son.  
These advantages Humphrey undoubtedly does possess. The preliminary ballyhoo, however, probably has created a public state of mind which expects Kennedy to be licked in Wisconsin and which will credit him with a moral victory if he is not licked too badly. If Humphrey loses, he probably is dead as a presidential candidate. Not so, Kennedy!

Kennedy's pre-convention drive for the presidency has too much steam for it to be derailed in Wisconsin unless the vote is utterly lopsided in Humphrey's behalf. If Kennedy comes in a

moderately good second to Humphrey, then Humphrey's standing will suffer because he failed to lick Kennedy in a big way. And Kennedy will gain as the man who ran well in an admittedly uphill sprint.

Whoever it may be who makes campaign strategy in the Kennedy - for - President headquarters, he is a pretty smart fellow and deserves a raise.

The Wisconsin primary and certain political factors related to it probably are overestimated this year as in previous presidential years. The facts are that the Wisconsin test sometimes has had a direct bearing on the nomination of a presidential candidate and sometimes it has had none.

Consider 1944. Wendell L. Willkie, the 1940 Republican presidential nominee, had a fairly good start toward renomination in 1944. The Wisconsin presidential primary destroyed Willkie as a candidate. He was opposed by Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Harold E. Stassen, the latter then a Navy lieutenant commander. Dewey won 15 delegates, MacArthur and Stassen three each. Willkie was blanked and promptly withdrew as a candidate for renomination. A few months later Willkie died.

Willkie was bitter about Wisconsin, claiming a double cross and other affronts. But the Wisconsin results were in and Willkie was out. It was quite different in 1948. Stassen, a native Minnesotan and thrice elected governor of that state, won 19 of 27 Wisconsin delegates in 1948. MacArthur won eight, Dewey was whitewashed.

Dewey went on, however, to an easy presidential nomination.

### Vet's Mail Bag

Widows or orphans of World War II or Korean-conflict veterans who are ineligible for pension payments under the present law should investigate the possibility that they may become eligible on July 1, 1960, the VA said today.  
The VA pointed out that on July 1 the new pension system passed by Congress in 1959 goes into effect.

The new system does not require that a veteran have a service-connected disability before his dependents become eligible for pension following his death.  
The new pension system requires that the deceased veteran must have had at least ninety days service on active duty, at least part of it during wartime, and was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

However, the new pension system has certain annual income limitations and sets up a specific definition of a widow for pension purposes.  
World War II or Korean-conflict widows, orphans or their representatives should now contact the nearest VA office to see if they are eligible under the new law, VA said.

### The Almanac

By United Press International  
Today is Sunday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of the year, with 335 more days to follow in 1960.

The moon is approaching its first quarter.  
The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Venus.  
On this day in history:  
In 1797, the Austrian composer Franz Schubert was born.  
In 1803, the Louisiana territory was purchased from Napoleon Bonaparte for 11,250,000.  
In 1917, Germany announced she was instituting a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.  
In 1950, President Truman authorized the Atomic Energy Commission to develop the hydrogen bomb.

In 1953, North Sea storms flooded the lowlands of Holland and Belgium in the worst flood Holland had experienced since 1421. Dikes were smashed and more than two-thousand persons killed.  
In 1958, America's first satellite, "Explorer One," was placed in orbit by the U.S. Army.

A thought for today: Austrian composer Franz Schubert said: "My compositions spring from my sorrows. Those that give the world the greatest delight were born of my deepest grief."

### Quotes

United Press International  
DAYTON, Ohio — Dr. G. Edward Pendray, pioneer rocket scientist, discussing his early efforts:  
"Up to 1944, the idea of rockets was still ridiculous. The Army, Navy and Air Force wouldn't pay attention until the Germans started lobbing V-2's into London."

### They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



### Foster Home Awaits Lad

Billie Joe Breeding, the 3-year-old boy discovered last month with severe bruises and third - degree burns over most of his body, will be placed in a foster home Monday.

The juvenile home said 'Jody,' as he is better known, has recovered physically and has adjusted well enough socially, to be placed in a home temporarily.

The child's injuries were discovered by a babysitter December 18, the day after his 11-month-old half-brother, Gary Lee Bursik, died.

The man with whom the babies' mother was living, William Olen Gairson, was found guilty last week of beating both children. He is to be sentenced on those charges at 9:30 Tuesday morning.

Gairson also has been indicted for first degree murder in Gary Lee's death, and is to enter plea on that charge at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The briard is a French breed of dog used to herd sheep and cattle and to pull carts.

### Travel Plan Given Britons

LONDON (AP) — Now Britons can see the United States on the easy payment plan.  
About two million persons in this country are expected to travel abroad this year. Most will go to old favorites like France and Italy. Travel agencies and carriers are also urging that America can be fitted into vacation budgets.  
The BOAC (British Overseas Airways Corp.) advertises a round-trip package vacation in New York for \$46.20 down and the \$500 balance payable over two years.  
Travel agents suggest summer sea trips to the United States for \$439 round trip.

It's too early to say how many British tourists will take advantage of the chances to see the United States. But prerush-season estimates are that at least 100,000 will.

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### SHORT RIBS By Frank O'Neal

