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Here And There

By BILL JENKINS

There seem to be some hurt feelings on the part of a few people who haven't yet gotten a new plate for their automobile that says "Pacific Wonderland" on the bottom.

It would seem that it is going to be some time before we all have them.

According to a recent story in the Portland Chamber of Commerce's weekly bulletin it may be several years.

To date some 90,000 such license plates have been acquired. There are currently about 873,000 vehicles operating in the state.

I might add that when I am late for work anyway and trying to hurry I think that figure is too low.

There must be more cars than that right ahead of me. And not a one of them in a hurry.

Earlier I was mentioning in this column that I am a guy who knows nothing about the modern auto except that you step in, step on the button, push the throttle and move off. If it runs, that is.

Perhaps I had also better add that there are other things which give me trouble.

I can't handle locks of any kind. I am the only one in the party when we go to a hotel where the bellboy has to come up with me at night and unlock the door. I can't manage alone it seems. Keys never fit. Or if they do the lock turns backwards or something.

I also have trouble with any electrical tool, have given up trying to rewire extension cords, refuse to use a telephone in a strange town and admit my inability to set the time clock on an oven.

Them hills are getting closer every day.

According to the Wall Street Journal this is going to be a great year for the political slogan and for the manufacturers of the buttons on which they are printed.

In the last election it is estimated, says Wall Street Journal, that one hundred million badges and buttons were sold. The year 1960 is looking well to tie that figure. It will amount to an estimated million dollars that politicians will spend on badges and slogans.

I have some dandy slogans myself but so far have been unable to sell them to the button makers. They claim the language is abusive.

Cortland Line Company, which manufactures fishing lines, has a public relations director by the name of R. F. Jennings.

When he puts out a publicity blurb, like his last one about their new shooter taper fly line, he always includes a comment or two. Sample: Taste makes waist.

Or, if you prefer jingles: Whatever trouble Adam had, No man in days of yore Could say when Adam cracked a joke.

"I've heard that one before." And that should be enough for today.

Organized Labor
By FLOYD L. WYNNE

GOV. MARK HATFIELD took an unprecedented action yesterday that was of vital importance to the continuation of organized labor.

He ordered the State Police to investigate the "All Union Caucus Bulletin" which he said was inciting union members to violence in the Portland newspaper strike.

He said the four-page mimeographed newspaper is published by lunatics and extremists, doubting that the labor unions are involved.

The governor said the paper, with an address of Post Office Box 3842, is inciting people to anarchy.

CALLING A PRESS conference to make his announcement, the governor particularly objected to two paragraphs in the paper which said, "Every worker should own a revolver and a rifle. He should be a marksman with each and keep a good supply of ammunition for each."

"Organize and train workers' gun clubs for target shooting, and-or hunting and fishing clubs, in every enterprise and in every union jurisdiction."

Those kinds of suggestions certainly should throw a mantle of fear over the mind of any law-abiding citizen.

"WE HAVE constitutional methods and peaceful procedures to make changes, and we don't have to resort to violence or to Algerian type of revolt," added the governor.

Certainly, the public in general has been disgusted and angered by

such incidents as the dynamiting of some 19 trucks that hauled newsprint to the Oregonian-Journal's struck operations in Portland.

They also have viewed with dismay and anger the incidents of violence that are reported along the picket line.

And perhaps to themselves they have wondered if this is the type of thing that can be permitted to happen in America.

THE UNIONS have maintained their innocence through all these incidents of violence and terror.

They disavowed any connection with the mimeographed sheet, and have even offered a \$1,000 reward for apprehension of those involved in the dynamiting.

They have stated that incidents such as the dynamiting have hurt their cause greatly.

Truer words were never spoken. However, it is only fair to point out that their arguments may be valid. It is entirely possible that they had nothing to do with the truck dynamiting and with the pamphlets which advocate out-and-out anarchy.

I'M INCLINED to agree with them when they say they did not have a hand in these things, since responsible union leaders realize that such incidents as these can only prove detrimental to organized labor as a whole.

The days when goon squad tactics would terrorize and cower mature people are a thing of the past. Responsible, organized labor realizes this and has benefited accordingly.

Investigation may reveal that those who have edited the lunatic pamphlets may also have had a hand in the truck bombings.

I think it will be to organized labor's advantage as well as to the authorities' to root out these individuals before they do more irreparable harm to the cause of organized labor.

Little Care
By FLORENCE JENKINS

The introduction of small, compact American-built cars is expected to boost total new car sales in the United States this year.

National sales last year reached approximately six million despite the steel strike.

This year's sales, including sales of imports, should top 6,000,000, according to the Universal C.I.T. Credit Corporation's estimate.

The facts of that company's 1959 survey are applied to Oregon's economy.

In 1959, the state's 500 franchised auto dealers had sales amounting to \$330 million, equal to 15.4 per cent of all retail sales in the state.

Oregon motorists bought 67,000 new cars last year and are expected to buy 75,000 during 1960.

These 500 dealers employed 9,000 persons in 1959 and there are many thousands employed in so-called allied industries and services dependent upon the retail automotive industry. Included are service station operators, garage mechanics, accessory store operators and their sales staffs and even drivers of commercial vehicles. Nationally, the automobile accounts for one out of every seven jobs on that basis.

In Oregon, as in other states, the Universal C.I.T. Credit Corporation points out, an increasing proportion of car buyers are using installment credit to finance their purchases.

At present, credit is involved in at least seven out of 10 automobile sales. This proportion is growing as more and more families find time buying a convenient (and many times the only) way they can purchase cars and other goods.

It's even getting so sellers give you a suspicious look if you walk

in with the cash clutched in your little hot hands.

Public Interest

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—I am a reader of Floyd Wynne's column. I read about his opinion concerning the newly proposed wing to the Klamath County Courthouse. I also read the reply of Loyd DeLap and then I began to wonder "are we able in this country to express our opinion in the public interest without being accused and mixed with the worst?"

Floyd Wynne could very well close his eyes on everything that is going on. After all, millions of Americans are doing just that, so why be different?

It takes a brave man to place the public interest in his heart and to make him sacrifice himself for the good of others.

If our great President Lincoln had "minded his own business," he would probably have lived to a ripe age. However, he cared too much for the good of those in slavery. This is why he died, but, by dying, he lives in our hearts forever.

Another example is Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin. He was very much interested in the well being of our American country. Because of that, almost three fourths of the American people turned against him. The rest of us remained silent.

He did not die from a bullet wound, but because of horrible slander which ruined his health and put him in the grave.

Later, realizing how right he was, we erected a monument for him. Too late! What he really wanted and needed was our firm support when he was alive, when his heart beat with so much love and sacrifice for the well being of our American country.

If we have a brave, honest man in today's world, we must firmly stand by him, as the need for those is great. I have been listening and reading Floyd Wynne's commentary since 1955. That is the year we came to Klamath Falls. I found him a man of great knowledge.

You see, Mr. DeLap, to write a newspaper column, it is not enough to sit in a comfortable office. It is absolutely necessary to have a brain which contains knowledge of what is going on in the city, state, country and the whole world.

Floyd Wynne surely knows what is going on, and for that reason he takes his stand, and we, as citizens, are proud and fortunate to have a man like him in our community. More power to you, Mr. Wynne!

Now, finally I would like to thank Mr. DeLap for mentioning the election coming up. It is about time that we women get busy and help our country by placing the right men in the right offices.

Mrs. Frank Krok,
703 Lincoln.

Police Praise
Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—While reading your readers' comment column in a recent issue, I noted an article by a gentleman regarding the lack of police protection in suburban areas.

I live almost 1 1/2 miles from the police station, and had occasion to call the city police on a pretty serious matter. I called them at 11:20 p.m. and at 11:24 p.m., I had three cars city police, two cars state police and one sheriff's car on the scene. I don't know just how fast this gentleman wants them to respond, but I, for one, think I at least got very efficient service.

So, why don't we give the boys a break? Also, I might add I appreciate our law enforcement, city, county and state police, and say, "Thanks, fellows, for a job well done."

Most people don't realize how much work or how difficult their job is.

Roy W. Jackson
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Goon Crackdown
By LYLE C. WILSON

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Solidly built into the Civil Rights bill now moving slowly toward consideration by the House of Representatives is authority for a federal crackdown on labor goons.

This is contained in a section which would amend the U. S. criminal code with respect to bomb squads and arsonists. The amendment would make it a felony for a person to cross a state line in flight from arrest, prosecution or confinement after conviction on charges of bombing or arson.

As written originally in the Civil Rights bill, this section was directed only to offenses against educational or religious structures, offenses deemed to have been inspired by racial antagonisms.

The Eisenhower administration was content with that narrow limit on the bill's scope. In the House Judiciary Committee, however, Rep. J. Carlisle (D-Tenn.) moved that the amendment be broadened to extend to the bombing or burning of any building or vehicle. There was no record vote in the committee, but on a voice vote Loser's motion had overwhelming support. Northern as well as southern Democrats were for it.

As now written, the amendment would punish flight to avoid giving testimony in bombing or arson cases equally with flight to avoid prosecution for tossing the bomb or setting the fire. The penalty would be a fine of not more than \$5000 or imprisonment for not more than five years.

The amendment would have no effect, however, unless local law at the place of the bombing or arson forbade the bombing or burning of vehicles and buildings. The new federal felony is merely the flight across state lines from such an act if the bombing or arson were in violation of local law.

Communities which have laws against such acts should become relatively free of bombings and arson if the pending bill is enacted. The brass knuckle in the proposed legislation most likely to persuade goon squads of all kinds to think twice before hurling explosives or setting fires is this:

The bill authorizes prosecution of violators in federal courts. The bill's authors were careful to protect local communities against a point of view which the Supreme Court has expressed from time to time. The amendment stipulates that it is not the intent of Congress to deprive any state, territory or local community of jurisdiction over any offense of this nature.

If any state, territory or local community were willing to accept bombing and arson as the modern American way, a bomber or arsonist would be relatively safe so long as he did not run away and cross a state line in the process. Once across a state line, however, the bomber or arsonist would be a fugitive from the FBI.

AFL-CIO President George Meany and other top labor leaders have contended that there is plenty of local law against labor violence by explosives and fire and that no federal legislation was needed or, even desirable. The amendment now pending would not supersede all of that local law. It would backstop it with U.S. power.

The Almanac
By United Press International
Today is Friday, Feb. 5th the 36th day of the year, with 330 more days to follow in 1960.

The moon is approaching its full phase.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Venus.

On this day in history:
In 1831, Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island, arrived in America.

In 1900, former governor of Illinois Adlai Stevenson, was born.

In 1904, Russia and Japan severed diplomatic relations over a dispute on Manchuria and Korea.

In 1943, the U. S. Army broke through the German Siegfried Line.

In 1949, the Nationalist Chinese government moved its headquarters to Canton.

In 1953, State Department records proved that Russians shot down a C-130 transport plane with 17 American servicemen aboard.

In 1959, Soviet Premier Khrushchev invited President Eisenhower to visit Russia.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



WORLD WAR I VETS of Klamath Falls Barracks 925 installed a new slate of officers Thursday, January 28, at the VFW Hall, Lester Scarbrough, past Barracks commander, installed the new slate. Shown here, back row, left to right, are Rollin Gillette, junior vice commander; Paul Robertson, senior vice commander; J. O. Svegarden, judge advocate; B. H. Grumbles, Clarence Hunziker and Bob Canoy, all trustees; and Ben Starr, chaplain. Front row, same order, John Kinnick, adjutant, William Holt, commander, and Howard Wells, quartermaster.

Beatniks File For Office

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Two bearded beatniks left their coffee houses Monday night long enough to file for political office.

Each filed for the post of Democratic precinct chairman—the only office that requires no filing fee.

"Big Mike" filed in Precinct 95, an exclusive residential district near Texas Christian University.

"The Hero" filed in a downtown district, Precinct 4.

Wrapped in an outfit made of two Army blankets tied around the waist with some old cord, and wearing leather thong sandals, "Big Mike" said he plans to start a door-to-door campaign today.

His real name is Mike Callaway, 23, recently discharged from the Air Force.

His pad is in the rear of a coffee house called "The Kismet" where Mike reads poetry.

"The Hero" is Peter Gill, a tall, bearded Fort Worth resident who pads down above "The Cellar," a downtown coffee house where he reads poetry, bounces uncooper-

ative guests and greets the interested non-beat. A former auto mechanic, Gill refuses to give his age but looks to be about 25.

Gill proclaimed himself a foe of the poll tax. Asked if he was a conservative or liberal he replied: "Mother, I'm whichever is most politically wise."

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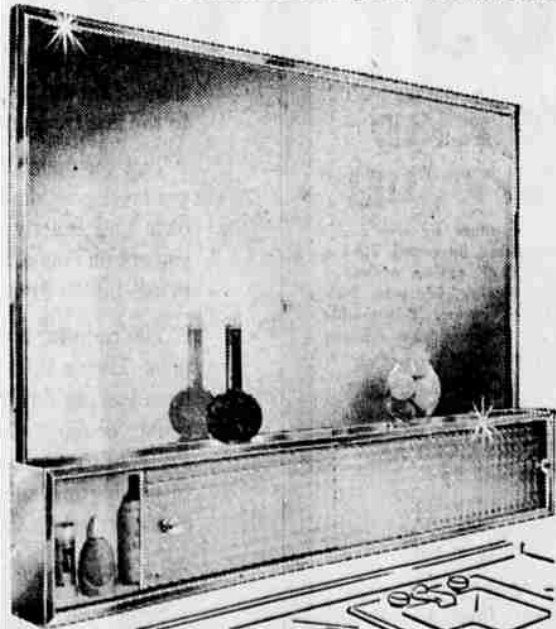
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