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Outdoor Life

By BILL JENKINS

A new magazine on outdoor topics has hit the newsstands this week. It is called Better Camping. The Magazine of The Open Road, and will be devoted, say its publishers, to "the improvement of campsites, the increase in their numbers, and national recognition of camping as a constantly growing and increasingly enjoyed American way of life."

In its first edition the magazine bears a heavy eastern flavor despite the fact that the cover shot was taken at Catherine Creek state park over near Union. However one can't expect a national magazine to cover all the territory at one crack.

I think probably the most outstanding impression one gains from reading the magazine is the realization that the day of the wilderness camp is drawing to a close. Camping, one is led to believe, is becoming more and more of a community affair and less and less of an individual enterprise.

The strong pitch today seems to be for "improved" campgrounds in which the rugged pioneers of the modern age can rough it without giving up any of the comforts of home. A sort of capsule wilderness which can be viewed safely and sanitariously from the steam heated comfort of a public campground equipped with electric stoves, washing machines and hot and cold running water.

Not that I would have you believe that I am opposed to such. On the contrary, I am all in favor of such development. The more the better. I am all for the wholesome benefits of the outdoor life and believe firmly in the benefits to be derived by the whole family from such activities. And the more public campsites are set up the fewer pilgrims we'll have wandering around in the few remaining outdoor areas, the fewer fires will be started by careless campers, the fewer garbage dumps that will have to be cleaned up and the less land will be closed to all public use because of gross negligence on the part of inconsiderate outdoor enthusiasts.

Thumbing through the magazine we find the usual camping equipment review leaning heavily toward improved camp trailers, articles on camping in various regions, an interesting and informative story on the goldenrod gallfly, a lengthy dissertation on how to build a campfire, a cooking section, unfortunately written in what is supposed to be outdoor idiom, dealing with beekabobs and a series of highly interesting picture-with-story pieces on various outstanding campsites and historic regions.

On the whole it will probably be of a good deal of interest to those aficionados of the open road and the public campground. It will also, if properly edited, serve a useful purpose in bringing pressure to bear where pressure is needed in gaining the developments that are needed in campground facilities.

It is at least the official voice of an ever growing army of Americans who are exercising the American heritage of life in the outdoors. That they want that heritage in comfort-coated doses is made quite apparent by the magazine.

I predict an ever growing number of such campgrounds and an ever-increasing number of people using them. I think the outdoors is probably here to stay.

Within the confines of a campground, anyway.

They make the average American feel at home. There's someone there to tell him where to line up to get firewood, where to dump his garbage and where to pay the fee.

Healthy Sign

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

IF THERE IS ONE thing that the political scene needs, it's more interest on the part of the general public.

There is nothing wrong with government that cannot be corrected by the people . . . quickly . . . at the polls.

This is true whether it be city, county, state or federal government.

Whether the problem is taxation, corruption, wasteful spending, nepotism or whatever, the power to correct it still lies with the ballot box.

The indication today that the political picture in Klamath County is in a boiling stage is the fact that we already have 11 men who have filed for the three county court jobs.

Three Democrats and one Republican have filed for the post currently held by Frank Ganong, the two-year term.

Three Republicans and one Democrat have filed for the four-year commissioner post held by Ed Gowen who has yet to declare his intentions.

Two Republicans and one Democrat have filed for the county judge post.

And, there will be more from every indication.

Why such a rush of candidates?

It's pure speculation, but I feel that it stems from public dissatisfaction.

Not necessarily dissatisfaction with the present members of the county court, but rather general dissatisfaction with the trend of government.

People are complaining more today about taxes than I've ever heard before. It would seem they have reached the stage where they no longer are going to just complain, but are actively going to do something about it.

That's good.

AN AROUSED PUBLIC, awakening to the responsibility that lies in their hands to change the things they don't like about government, is the American answer to all these cries of a decadent society.

An informed public is America's greatest protection against complete socialism, communism or any other "ism" that is alien to our free way of life.

THERE IS EVERY indication, also, that this is a somewhat confusing political year in Klamath County.

In past years, the "ins" were either solidly "in" or clearly "out," but this year there doesn't appear to be such a trend.

The May primary promises to be a wide-open struggle that could carry some strong political battles on into the fall election and produce some surprises.

WE'LL HAVE to wait and see. In the meantime, the avalanche of candidates for the various elective county jobs is a healthy sign in my opinion.

An Award

By FLORENCE JENKINS

If you happen to be going past the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce office, be sure and go in and see the gold ribbon award which R. Frank Tucker brought home from Tuesday evening's third annual awards dinner in Portland.

The Oregon Advertising Club listed 31 categories for individual awards. A sifting committee studied the vast number of entries until it had arrived at the top five in each category. From this total of 155 entries, the judges picked 31 winners.

Klamath County Chamber of Commerce won top spot in Category 27 which was one of three on sales promotion literature. The winning entry was the four-color brochure on the Klamath country prepared by Mr. Tucker and Ed Brotherhood (before he left for a new post on the Oregon Coast).

Last year 150,000 copies were printed by Agency Lithograph Company of Portland and were distributed by Klamath Falls firms.

"Oregon's fabulous Klamath Country . . . land of beautiful lakes and year 'round fun" . . . is shown by sketches and by actual photographs in color and is by far the handsomest piece of promotion literature we have ever seen.

(We said that last year—before the judges at Ad Club agreed with us this week.)

The big center spread map shows Crater Lake National Park, the Klamath Indian Reservation, Odell Lake, Crescent Lake, Diamond Lake, Upper Klamath Lake and Lake of the Woods.

Get a copy to mail to a friend away from here.

Chances are you'll learn a little more about this part of the state by reading it carefully yourself, too.

Tranquil

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—I was interested in your article "Don't Be Tranquil" by Harold T. Hyman, M.D., Monday editorials, and I think it is well worth consideration and evaluation by everyone.

Parents might be interested in a well-written letter on Page 4, under "Letters our readers write us," in the February, 1960, Ladies' Home Journal titled "Drugs for Children."

I am also aware of the value now accredited to these drugs as told in a recent public affairs pamphlet from the county library titled "New Drugs for the Mind."

Mary Wentworth, 3848 Bristol Ave.

Suburbanites

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—Judging from George Johnson's article headed "Suburban Area" there must be many phases of business procedures, including taxation, that we the people should be informed on, but who informs, or should we not concern ourselves or better yet, just pay the bill. Yes, that would be the easy way, then again what would our grand old America be today if our forefathers took this attitude.

There are always people who are willing to stick their necks out to probe for the answers to justify the cause.

Speaking of answers, are there reasons why the questions referred to regarding the South Suburban Sanitary District business ethics can't be published in our Herald and News or is this classified "Confidential?"

The questions of interest to the suburbanites could read as follows: Why should a tax be levied on an existing contract that hasn't been fulfilled as agreed?

What happened to the bonding company?

Who is to be the judge on the damage suffered, some needlessly, other than those directly involved?

Why are some given preference for street repairs and others ignored?

Are the members of the South Suburban Sanitary District qualified as required by law, for the positions and functions they perform?

What constitutes a legal election in that respect?

Is the document on file at the courthouse, on behalf of the property owners, assuring complete confidence that streets and driveways would be replaced, worth the paper it is written on?

The reward for these answers—a better relationship due to understanding.

Mrs. George E. LaSalle, 1000 Lakeshore Drive

Taxpayers Lament

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—I found Roland Clark's letter, and his reference to the "uncooperative, inefficient and expensive administration of our present sheriff's office," very interesting reading. We have owned our home in Klamath County for almost 25 years. More and more of each tax dollar earned over the years is going for taxes. This along with a much higher cost of living (including, of course, many hidden taxes) makes it harder all the time for the average citizen to earn a living for himself and family above trying to keep his taxes all paid. Properly owners of this county know that their taxes took another leap skyward this last year; it seems about time to check and

see if our tax dollar is being well spent.

Facts and figures as to how the county tax dollars are spent is a matter of public record for taxpayers having time to dig a little through various county files. I have checked six photostat copies of Sheriff Britton's budgets as submitted to the county court. In each of these, for six fiscal years, his department exceeded the funds budgeted him by the court from \$2,006.78 to \$16,467.41. Is this efficiency? Is this economy? Is this having an eye for the taxpayer's welfare?

While the sheriff's budgets are in themselves interesting, they become even more so when compared to those of another county. For instance, Jackson County. For the fiscal year 1958-59 Mr. Britton had seven regular tax deputies (as he stated in his letter of January 31, 1960), and Jackson County only had five. Both counties had extra help during rush periods, yet, even though Jackson County has approximately a 20,000 larger population than Klamath County, their cost of tax collection was \$7,320 lower.

Along with other great differences, why in the last fiscal year has Jackson County with only one more deputy than Klamath County, made over 300 more arrests of criminals while operating on a budget approximately \$10,000 less in taxes than Klamath County?

In the sheriff's letter replying to an earlier letter by Clark, Britton, in speaking for his own department concerning felony arrest statistics, stated he only had seven arresting deputies out of a personnel of 23. And yet in his comparison of percentages he included the complete number of personnel (53) for the city and state police in figuring these percentages—without mentioning that of these departments there are police radio operators, warrant servers, office workers, metermaids, and etc.

In other words, just like the sheriff's office, the city and state police have many other duties aside from making arrests. Even to a housewife Britton's figures just don't add up.

Also isn't it true that Sheriff Britton's arrests mainly result from the serving of warrants from the district attorney's office after most all the preliminary investigation has already been done?

I thought that one of the chief duties of a sheriff was criminal investigation. Hasn't Klamath County a considerably higher crime rate to other Oregon counties in ratio to population? How can we expect good teachers to want to bring their families and make their homes here? How can we blame manufacturers for preferring to locate their businesses in areas with lower crime and tax rates?

Gladys Golden, 2305 Patterson Street

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Feb. 19, the 50th day of the year, with 316 more days in 1960.

The moon is in its last quarter. The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Venus.

The evening star is Mercury.

On this day in history:

In 1473, world famous astronomer Copernicus was born at Torun, Poland.

In 1864, a fraternal organization, the Knights of Pythias, was founded in Washington, D.C.

In 1878, Thomas Edison received a patent for his invention of the phonograph.

In 1922, the "Perfect Fool" Ed Wynn became the first big name in show business to sign up for a regular radio program.

In 1945, the U.S. Marines landed on Iwo Jima.

A thought for today: Thomas Edison said: "There is no substitute for hard work."

Quotes

By United Press International

RANGOR, North Wales—Identical twins Howard and Vaughan Clarke, 19, staging a 100-mile walking race for the hand of a 19-year-old coed, disclosing what they will do if they finish in a dead heat:

"We'll try something else—perhaps a boxing match."

VICTORIA FALLS, Southern Rhodesia—Evangelist Billy Graham, recording his impressions at the halfway point of his African "crusade" in an article for United Press International:

"Anyone who says the West African is hostile to Americans doesn't know what he is talking about."

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By Jimmy Hatlo



Ohio Motorist Misunderstands Arm Signals

MILFORD, Ohio (AP)—Doing a good turn can take a bad turn, W. B. Goodman learned.

Goodman, turning onto a street

NO BOYS—NO TEASING

ANCHOR, Wyo. — Girls attending the only school in this small northwestern Wyoming community are never teased by boys. There aren't any. All seven students are girls.

here Wednesday, saw a car apparently stalled. The driver was making motions which Goodman interpreted as meaning he wanted a push.

So Goodman eased his car into position and started pushing. The frantic signalling continued and Goodman thought that meant "go fast." He speeded up.

Finally a stop signal caused a halt.

The motorist being pushed rushed back and among the unprintable words he uttered, Goodman learned the man didn't want to be pushed—he was trying to flag Goodman past so he could back into a parking space.

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STILL A BACHELOR

LONDON (UPI) — "American women are gorgeous, hard to resist, and like gunmen at targets when they spot a likely bachelor," said Michael Medwin, founder of the British Bachelors Assn., on his return from America Monday night. He added that he was still a bachelor.

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