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## Here And There

By BILL JENKINS

As if it wasn't bad enough to have the usual springtime itch to quit the office and take to the hills, I just got a letter from Bob Cooper in Alaska.

The "letter" consisted of a few brief scrawls around the margin of an Alaska Railroad milepost description. Bob writes a former district ranger for the Rogue Forest here, says "... just a note while enjoying the scenery on way to Anchorage. It takes twelve and a half hours by train and one hour and ten minutes by auto. I lost the envelope so don't know from where. Lots of moose along the right of way. Temperature about seventeen degrees. I've flown over this country several times but the train trip gives a lot better picture of it. I hope you get the Forest Service film 'The New Alaska' from Portland. I was along for most of the filming of it. When are you coming up?"

I wish I could take a train trip and see a lot of moose along the right of way.

It would almost make it worthwhile to ride a train. I have been planning to drive up and see old Cooper ever since he went up there two or three years ago. Maybe this Fall I'll make it. In time for the duck season.

They tell me shooting is terrific up there.

Sunday was not what you would call a splendid day for hunting. It was cold, the lake was full of ice at the south end and chunks of thin ice were being drifted down the lake before a spanking north wind.

But it was warm enough to keep the ducks out of the water. There were at least half a dozen boats on the lake, leaving up and down in the biting wind.

I had to go down to the neighborhood grocery late in the afternoon and saw one of the boats coming out of the water. It was liberally salted with ice frozen along the gunwales. The people in it looked like they had a thin coat of the cold stuff, too.

Walked in to the Aspen Lake area early Sunday morning and can report first-hand that the wind up there is just as cold as it can get and still stay pleasurable. Two degrees colder and you could have it in chunks.

But it was bright and cheerful, the snow is still white and clean and no tracks to speak of.

The roads are frozen iron bars and there are a few rutted stretches that would hinder a mule. I was looking around up that way a week ago and got half way over the old Lake of the Woods road when I broke the clutch linkage out.

I'd admit that getting back to town was no joke but in a way it was a pleasure.

I've me a chance to take the car into a garage when it really had something wrong with it. No alarm that time.

Yesterday morning we saw several high flying wedges of geese heading south.

Suppose that they got the word that spring isn't here yet and headed around?

## Pondosa

By FLORENCE JENKINS

The "Center of America" problem has been settled, at least to the satisfaction of the Northeastern part of this state.

Lebanon, Kansas, was the mythical geographical center of the United States for some 46 years. The addition of two states, bringing the total to 50, changed all that.

W. O. and B. J. Holmes of Research Publications, Inc., San Carlos, California, became intrigued with the problem. As professionals in geography, astronomy and navigation, they went to work on it and came up with a point on China Cap Mountain, 11 miles northeast of little Pondosa, Oregon.

The news bureau of Northeast Oregon Vacationland explains how the new center was determined.

The U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey cut out a cardboard map of the 50 new states, left out great gaps for the Pacific Ocean and Canada, and came up with a new center near Castle Rock, South Dakota. However, that spot was not equidistant from anywhere so Holmes and Holmes started independent calculations.

They mathematically constructed a "box" of the 50 states. For the north line they used 71 degrees, 23 minutes north latitude, the parallel which passes through Point Barrow, Alaska, the northern tip of the 50 United States.

At the south they chose 18 degrees, 54 minutes, 45 seconds north latitude, the parallel at Cape Lee, southern tip of the main

island of Hawaii. On the east they used the parallel of longitude which passes through Quoddy Head, Maine, and on the west the line through Attu Island.

This didn't work, either. It placed the geographic center out in the Pacific Ocean.

As a compromise, they sliced off the Aleutian chain of almost uninhabited islands which straggle out toward Russia's Siberia and accepted the line running through Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska, the westernmost point of the continental United States.

The center of the box turned out to just at 11 degrees, 32 minutes, 10 seconds west longitude; 45 degrees, 8 minutes, 53 seconds north latitude — just 11 miles northeast of Pondosa.

The island pin-point is 2,478 miles, 2,463 feet, two inches from the western boundary and exactly the same distance from the eastern edge. It is 1,813 miles from the northern boundary and the same distance from the southern line.

Fame hit Pondosa at an unlikely little lumber town at the foot of the Wallowa Mountains is a ghost town, what is left of it after a public sale of the buildings, last spring, and a disastrous fire the summer.

But the Northeast Oregon Vacationland organization aims to bring Pondosa its due fame as the Center of America. Signs are up in the area to this effect. The spot on Highway 33 from where the Catherine Creek road leads to Pondosa has been marked.

A three-mile hike from the end of the road and an old trail over China Cap Mountain leads to the center of America.

The group is even planning a spire to mark the spot.

## It's Mad as Hell

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)

Your logic completely escapes me.

In one paragraph you say in effect that only a maniac would kill people as one would normally kill an animal.

Yet, in the following paragraph you equate dealing with a rabid dog with a method of treatment for a pathologically disturbed man!

Let's leave the animals out of this. Even if they haven't endorsed capital punishment.

There is no justification in heaven or on earth for murder. We need to do more than assume "that capital punishment is a grim and awful thing." It is sin.

Wilbur E. Brumbaugh, 4273 Bristol Avenue.

## Reply To Reader

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)

Last week, Nada Tagelis, 13 3310 Derby Street, wrote to this column criticizing a headline which used "Laz" in place of Queen Elizabeth.

Perhaps she is right but no one, and even the President objects when we headline writers refer to him as "Laz."

You see, Nada, in this country, we don't stand so much on formality... and as it states in our Constitution, "All men are created equal."

For years, because of space limitations which I have to work, Franklin Delano Roosevelt became simply FDR. Harry S. Truman was known as HST, and probably the greatest shortening of a name in modern history is when we write the headlines refer to the leader of the Russian people, Nikita Khrushchev, simply as K. Khrush or Nikita.

However, you were right to criticize, Nada.

Your daily newspaper, The Herald and News, is the spokesman for your community.

The modern newspaper is your right to know what is going on.

It informs you of the events and happenings of your community and of the world.

It is a trust that few newspapers violate, a confidence as it were, placed in us by people such as you and your family who read what we have composed daily.

So, Nada, if you feel that we have violated that trust or confidence, then you are entirely correct in your criticism. Just as we Americans are free to criticize the President, our senators or any statesman, you are free to do the job as you see it.

So, as a headline writer, I'm taking the opportunity to tell you that we're still friends and welcome your remarks. But perhaps you can better understand the workings of this great institution if one day after school you were to come down here and sit at my plant.

I'll be happy to show you around.

Dave Cofer,  
News Editor,  
The Herald and News.

## The Liberty Side

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Now that my ears have quit ringing, I can tell you what I've been doing. I've been filibuster watching in the Senate.

Watching a filibuster is something like watching an ice berg. Its movement is imperceptible and 90 per cent of it is below the surface.

The great civil rights debate of 1960 was barely getting underway when I arrived in the Senate press gallery. People are scurrying about as in preparation for a siege.

Southerners had been pictured as standing at a "new Appomattox" in the struggle. But for the moment, at least, it seemed more like Bull Run.

Following is the log kept during the early hours of what might be described as the "Olympics of the Larynx":

5:18 p.m. — Made first descent into cave of the winds. Sen. A. Willis Robertson (D-Va.) holding fort for South Sen. Spessard Holland (D-Fla.) guarding flanks. Both in good voice.

5:20 p.m. — Spotted Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) at desk in rear row, creating newspaper. Had dreamy look. Could be reading about his favorite presidential candidate?

5:25 p.m. — Southerners send in Sen. Russell B. Long (D-La.) to ask Robertson questions. This gives Robertson's vocal cords rest, makes speech less longer.

6:22 p.m. — Long still questioning Robertson. Crowd in gallery thinning out. For some reason I began thinking about a television program called "Keep Talking."

6:30 p.m. — Tote out for dinner. See Footnote.

6:10 p.m. — Return to Senate chamber. Galleries filling up again. More senators driving in.

8:15 p.m. — Sen. Lester Hunt (D-Ala.) comes to aid of Robertson. Asks if it not true that George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and Patrick Henry were Virginians? Robertson confirms.

8:31 p.m. — Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) asks why Hill left John Smith and Pocahontas out of list of famous Virginians. Hill says if he named them all he might be accused of filibustering.

8:44 p.m. — Robertson, who has been talking 270 minutes, yields floor. Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) calls for vote. Everyone gives hollow laugh.

11:05 p.m. — Kennedy gets floor, giving Southerners a respite. I decide I also need a respite and retire from the field of battle.

Footnote — The menu at the

place where I had dinner listed one dish — I swear it is true — called "integrated chicken."

## Total Ignacy

By BEM PRICE

WASHINGTON (AP) — To prepare for the possibility of a thermonuclear war without preparing for the consequences may be justifiably, perhaps, be described as total ignacy.

This is a point no one of any public stature has raised very tellingly so far in the current debate over whether the United States is lagging behind the Soviet Union in the so-called missile race.

There is a building in the arctic someplace called the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System which, supposedly, will give you 30 minutes warning of an attack.

On a casual conversation with Sen. Legett Saltonstall (R-Mass.) one day, the question was posed as to what he would do if the warning siren blew.

The senator replied, "I would probably get down on the sidewalk and pray. I'd rather do that than go into a cellar. The building might collapse on me."

As an afterthought, Saltonstall said he had often wondered whether or not warning of all would be preferable.

The point is: There is now a place to hide in a thermonuclear war.

From time to time you are advised by your federal government to prepare for disaster by keeping a certain amount of gasoline in your car along with an escape kit of food and water. Where are you going?

You are also advised to keep a two-week supply of food and water on hand in your house. What for?

Public buildings now have exit signs and are saying "Shelter." Except at great distance they'd be useless if a hydrogen bomb falls.

Has anyone ever told you the effects of fire, blast and fallout to be expected by the explosion of a thermonuclear war and containing the equivalent of millions of tons of high explosive?

Keep in mind, too, that this nation is committed, publicly, at least, to a policy of submitting to attack first, or striking back only if we are hit.

In a general, all-out thermonuclear war the nation with the most survival potential will be the winner. If there is such a war.

This means shelters underground designed to withstand fire and blast and to filter fallout. With 30 minutes warning at least some people can escape death by taking refuge in them. Those who reach them are the ones upon whom the nation will depend to pick up the pieces.

To date, however, no government agency has made a determined, massive effort to provide such shelters or to tell you what to do if you have to use them.

The Soviets are being far more realistic. There are compulsory survival courses for the entire population. Shelters are being built around factories.

Whatever the casualties in the cities, the Soviet apparently are making an effort to save as many of their technical workers as possible.

A deterrent force serves its purpose only if it can guarantee utter destruction of the enemy's will and capacity to fight.

Will and capacity depend on what and what survive.

## The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Tuesday, March 1, the 61st day of the year, with 304 more days in 1960.

The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The morning stars are Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening star is Mercury. On this day in history:

In 1781, the American colonies adopted the Articles of Confederation, paving the way for a federal union.

In 1790, the first census was begun, showing a population of four million.

In 1803, Ohio was admitted to the Union as the 17th state.


In 1837, American novelist, poet and editor William Dean Howells was born.

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state in the Union.

In 1932, Charles Lindbergh Jr. was kidnapped from his home near Hopewell, N.J.

I thought for today: William Dean Howells said: "See how today's achievement is only tomorrow's confusion; see how possession always opens the thing that was precious."

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



EXCUSE NO. 38, 421... NOT ANOTHER BUSINESS FOR MILES AROUND... BUT HE'S GONNA BUY LOCALLY...

**Payroll Listed By Lawmakers**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Oregon's four House members had 25 persons on their Congressional staffs during the first month of the new session for a total payroll of \$12,366.69.

For the month of January, the gross payrolls for various employees ranged from \$64.56 to \$1,112.05.

Records of the House disbursing office listed these employees and their gross January pay:

Rep. Walter Norblad (R), five employees—L. Stanley Kemp \$1,112.05; Mary Elizabeth Fox \$619.28; Louise Carlson \$619.88; Mary E. Young \$520.97; Florence A. Young \$64.56.

Rep. Al Gillman (D), seven employees—George W. Tucker \$677; Ron Aherd \$416; Lester Burton \$350.01; Mary Jane Yarrington \$470.73; Diane F. Williams \$213.44; Cressa A. Wern \$169.30; Adeline C. George \$264.19.

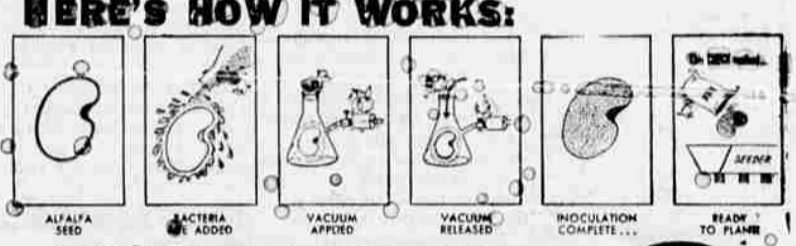
Rep. Edith Green (D), six employees—James B. Harrison \$621.32; Leima M. Copp \$627.74; Margaret L. McGee \$304.83; Ardyce E. Harrison \$53.51; Juanita Current \$417.34; Esther Goldsmith \$281.10.

Rep. Charles O. Porter (D), employees—Jac L. Billings \$1,066.69; Barbara Burke \$541.38; Laura Mayge Olson \$533.53; Venita R. Clair \$462.88; Audrey Katherine Manuel \$621.91; Erna L. Subaram \$190.87; Paul J. Sanner \$106.35.

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