

Scribe Revisits Klamath; Astonished By Changes

Editor's Note: A fellow newspaperman, Mike Sweeney, dropped in to the Herald and News office recently to renew acquaintances and spend several days in the community. We felt it might be interesting to get a trained opinion of our city as seen through the eyes of a visitor. His comment follows.

By MICHAEL FRANK SWEENEY

It has been approximately 10 years since the writer visited Klamath Falls.

Early Thursday morning, City Editor Floyd Wynne of the Herald and News assigned me to write a story concerning impressions of the city and the drastic changes which have taken place since last visiting here.

There has been a definite diametrical change which is more than astonishing, and the general tempo of the city is in marked contrast to that of 1950.

During the past 10 years, the writer has worked on several newspapers in the Far West, and it was with apparent relief that I found Klamath Falls was no longer "tinted" with that certain cloak of "smugness" so prevalent in the old days.

The very air seemed to be charged with hospitality and the conviviality of the residents, especially manifested by businessmen and women ranging from clerks to top-flight executives, is indeed something to "write home about."

The esprit de corps of the latter is particularly pleasing and interesting.

Bitter Taste

At this juncture, it is well to parenthetically point out that the writer, during the past fortnight, had visited other cities of similar size, both in Oregon and Washington, and that he left with a "bitter taste" in his mouth.

This reporter visited a number of cities, and in no instance was any attempt made by the respective businessmen or saleswomen to "high pressure" him. The same can be said about downtown hotel clerks who made no attempt to "Jesse James" him into renting the bridal suite. They simply stated their prices for both plain and rooms with bath, and that was that.

And while we are on the subject of clerks in general, we found the majority of them "on their toes" and giving prompt and courteous service.

Waitresses, whether they are "strutting their stuff in Noo Yawk, Chicago, San Francisco, Noo Awlms, or in the small towns and communities throughout the nation, have always, more or less, been the bane of our existence. We had a happy awakening in Klamath.

Visited some of the smaller cafes, and some of the more swanky eating emporiums about town, but failed to see the waitresses huddled in the rear of the establishments with a cigarette dangling from their carmined lips, while they discussed the relative virtues of their respective boyfriends. This was indeed a relief. The service was both efficient and prompt.

"Perhaps the most exhilarating experience in covering this assignment took place in one of Klamath Falls' most exclusive woman's wearing apparel shops. Here, expensive fur coats were the specialty.

Manville Attitude

"Without 'bating an eye' (and

Oregon Weather

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

24 hours to 4:30 a.m.

	Max	Min	Prep
Astoria	46	32	.02
Baker	30	18	.10
Brookings	50	48	.62
Burns	47	30	.06
Chemult	39	32	
Chiloquin	39	32	0.12
Eugene	51	39	.79
Lakeview	34	32	.28
Medford	54	36	.16
Newport	51	39	.25
North Bend	55	49	.97
Pendleton	18	16	.18
Portland	29	26	.33
Red Bluff	32	47	.44
Redmond	24	12	.17
Roseburg	58	46	.40
Salem	33	32	.35
The Dalles	21	17	.43

Eastern Oregon—Mostly cloudy through Saturday with occasional snow or freezing rain. Slightly warmer in the south Saturday. Low tonight 12-22 in north and 25-35 in south; high Saturday 22-32 in north and 32-42 in south.

Western Oregon—Mostly cloudy with intermittent rain through Saturday. Freezing rain tonight in extreme north. Little change in temperature. Low tonight 32-42 except 20-30 in extreme north. Southwesterly winds 16-28 miles an hour on coast, increasing to 30-40 tonight or Saturday.

Northern Oregon Beaches—Mostly cloudy Saturday with rainy periods. Temperature range 36-53. Southerly to southeasterly winds 10-20 knots.

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CITY BRIEFS

John Moffitt, local resident, was elected to the office of president of Sigma Pi national social fraternity at Oregon State College February 29. Other local boys elected were Mike O'Hair, steward; Eldon Johns, secretary and Dave Riley, pledge trainer.

Mrs. Ida Rowe has received word of the death of a former Klamath Falls resident, Mrs. Ross (Leslie) Nickerson, February 15, at the home of a sister, Hazel Powell, in San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson were in the restaurant business here for many years before moving to Sacramento in 1934.

A Chili-Soup luncheon will be served by members of the Wesleyan Guild of the First Methodist Church Saturday, March 5, in the basement of the church. Serving hours will be from 11:15 to 2 p.m. The public is invited.

Volunteer Workers selling tickets for the 1960-1961 community concert series must conclude their sales before Saturday, March 5. Anyone wishing a season ticket may call Ace Mimco Service, 312 South Seventh Street, TU 4-7084 before Saturday night.

The Rev. George and Mrs. Caldwell, former residents of Klamath Falls, have announced the birth of a son, Bryce Alton, February 16. The Reverend Caldwell is now assistant pastor in the Central Christian Church, Portland.

High School youth will be in charge of the evening service at First Christian Church Sunday, March 6, starting at 6:30 with the showing of the missionary film, "Conquering Jungle Barriers." The Vesper Choir of young people will sing special numbers under direction of Arlene Skaugset.

Harvey Collins, 1820 Johnson Street, is being released from Hillsdale Hospital today and will be in bed at home for some time. He will welcome visitors.

Oldtimers will dance as usual at the K.C. Hall Saturday, March 5, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. to good music. Everyone welcome.

Harold Ashley will show slides at a meeting of the OTI Faculty Wives and the City Faculty Wives, Tuesday, March 8, at 8 p.m. in the high school library.

I Love Lucy? No More; Desi, Lucy To Divorce

By JAMES BACON
AP Movie-TV Writer

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, television's most popular married couple, are in the divorce courts today, victims of too much success.

The red-haired comedienne, often called the greatest feminine clown, sued her Cuban tycoon in nearby Santa Monica Thursday.

Her charge was the usual Hollywood complaint—mental cruelty.

Her action confirmed a fact which had been well known in the movie colony for months. In her suit, she said the couple separated Feb. 26, 1959, after 19 years and three months of married life.

During the year of separation, the two denied any rift in the marriage. One close friend explained why.

"The Desilu television empire is so vast that it's taken a team of Philadelphia lawyers a year to work out a settlement. There was

nothing else they could do but deny that there was a break-up."

The two even filmed several "I Love Lucy" shows together in that time. The last was filmed only in January and of that one, Vivian Vance, who plays Lucy's sidekick, said prophetically just the other day:

"We did the last Lucy in January, the last one ~~and ever will~~ be done. We did 210 of them. I miss the early days. We had fun."

Arnaz, at 43, five years younger than his wife, has been living in Palm Springs. Miss Ball has been living in the couple's Beverly Hills mansion with their two children, Lucy Desiree, 9, and Desi IV, 7.

"I've tried to hard to be fair and solve our problems—but now I find it impossible to go on," she said.

She added that the two will share joint custody of the children.

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Archives Of University Illuminate 1882 Hanging

By NORM CARDOZA

The hanging of Spokane Ike at Fort Klamath in 1882 is overshadowed in the imagination by the execution of Captain Jack, but the story is no less bizarre.

It is especially so when the clean, clinical facts as found in the University of Oregon archives are seasoned with witnessing Indians' point of view.

The former were supplied by Theodore Stern of the university's anthropology department in a letter to Elnathan Davis of Klamath Falls; the latter by Mrs. Elizabeth Loosley, an amateur historian from Fort Klamath as told to her by Indians 40 years ago or more.

Ike was an Indian of a Washington tribe, and that is how he got his nickname. He somehow gravitated south. In 1866 he killed his child in Jacksonville. A Captain Sprague at the old fort heard about the killing and he and Indian Agent Lindsay Applegate called all Indians to the reservation.

Sprague sent three Indians on snowshoes to Applegate at Jacksonville to investigate the charges against Ike. In 1867 the suspect was brought to justice and fined \$50.

Ike married a local Indian woman to the chagrin of local tribesmen. The pair soon had a son. Neighbors did not consider the birth a blessing.

In Indian legend one whose path is crossed by the "two headed snake," a local wormlike reptile with spots on its blunt tail that look like its bulbous eyes, will die within the year.

The boy was so cursed and fear soon killed him despite the best efforts of Medicine Man Skookum Doctor.

Shamans, if they were good, to that of today's best surgeons.

But the job carried an occupational hazard that must have discouraged all but the foolhardy from practicing medicine. For custom often permitted tribesmen to do away with the shaman if his medicine failed.

That happened to Skookum Doctor, who was the best shaman that Ike could find. The doctor did his best, but the boy grew worse. Ike threatened. The boy died. Ike accused the doctor of poisoning the boy. He shot Skookum Doctor five times, the last time in the forehead. He did not deny it.

In July, 1882, Ike escaped to the mountains, was trailed 150 miles over broken country by police, overtaken and arrested near Prineville and jailed at the Klamath agency.

Since the U.S. had no jurisdiction and the state declined to try Ike, tribal regulations took over. He might have been freed but for his "foreign" birth. Twelve Indians condemned him to die.

A scaffold went up and a big crowd gathered on execution day, September 22. "Fully half the people of the nation were present," said the Indian agent.

"You cannot break my neck with that contraption," said Ike. And they could not. For when the trap was sprung and while Indian women chanted, Spokane Ike strangled.

He was the first, perhaps the last, Indian convicted and executed publicly by tribal members since the reservation was organized.

Mrs. Loosley says she has seen the two-headed snake on the Klamath River at Beswick and that it is not uncommon on the stream's lower portion.

Neuberger Files Again

SALEM (AP) — U. S. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland Democrat, filed Thursday for a second six-year term.

Neuberger is the first Democrat to file for the position. Two Republicans have filed, however. They are George Altwater, Portland, and R. F. Cook, Silverton turkey grower.

The deadline for filing for the May 20 primary is March 11.

Neuberger now is at his home recovering from attacks of virus and the shingles.

Other filings:

State Rep. Carl Fisher (R-Eugene) for reelection.

Edward W. Elder, Eugene Republican, for state representative.

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