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Here And There

By BILL JENKINS

Good news on the animal front. The sea otter is making a comeback.

That is the word we have from the National Geographic Society.

Seems that the sea otter population has increased to about 30,000 along the coasts of Aleutian Islands, Alaska and California. For some reason they don't seem to like Oregon.

Back in the good old days the sea otter was a prime fur animal because the Chinese in particular liked to use the fur to line their robes. A prime skin was known to have brought as high as \$2500.

Nowadays we line our coats with mortgages to keep warm.

The duck counters aren't reporting such good news. Seems that some of the regions are still suffering. Mountain and prairie states were the hardest hit. Some areas of the Central Flyway are reported down by as much as forty seven percent. Canvasbacks, redheads and ruddies in that area fell off by seventy percent.

The Atlantic Flyway count remained about the same with some healthy increases noted.

While all this is going on there is an appeal still being sounded by the department boys for conservation minded sportsmen to buy more of last year's duck stamps. The total sales of duck stamps for the last season were off by about twenty five percent.

Reason for the appeal is that the funds from these stamps are the sole source of revenue for the purchase of wetlands for future duck raising and hunting.

If you want to participate you may send your order and money to the Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D.C. and you will receive not only the old stamp but a special certificate of appreciation signed by Secretary of the Interior, Seaton.

Even if you are violently opposed to further federal ownership, as I am, it must be admitted that there is a good deal of merit in the wetlands idea.

If we don't preserve some areas there just isn't going to be any hunting in the very near future.

Progress, ridden by Big Business and spurred by capital gains, will ride roughshod over the hunting lands and that will be the end.

In case you have been in California lately and noticed that the traffic is somewhat heavier than it is up here in our comparative little village atmosphere you might be interested in knowing that there are today 7,927,020 licensed drivers in the state.

At least there were yesterday. In the last year California has gained over 400,000 new drivers. You can figure out the daily increase for yourself.

Me. I'm going off somewhere and lie down. It's the only safe thing to do.

KUHS Budget Notes

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

WE SPENT the greater share of one budget evening listening to a sales talk on use of a new IBM grading and data processing machine.

Roger Perry, salesman for IBM, made the presentation, and did an excellent job.

He pointed out that the IBM system is now being used in Lincoln High School in Portland.

Fields to be handled by the IBM system would include grading, registration, class organization, school census reports, test results, student record cards and other uses.

The system would consist of a printing card punch, a sorter, and an alphabetical accounting machine.

WHAT WOULD IT COST? If purchased by the school board, it would cost \$25,000, not including maintenance charges.

If rented by the school, the approximate cost would be about \$350 per month or about \$4,200 per year.

However, the initial outlay for such a machine system for the first year would total about \$4,947.

THE BUDGET BOARD was told that it would save approximately 2,600 teaching hours and relieve the teachers of a tedious job, and would give the school administration more flexibility in its task of organizing classes and transferring grades.

It was also pointed out that the 2,600 hours saved could not be cut from the money allocated for new teachers because the 2,600 hours saved could not be so re-fashioned as to take the place of even one

of these four new proposed teachers.

THE IBM MACHINE system was to come back for a later consideration after the budget had been wrapped up, because somehow it got into the area of being available under federal matching monies.

More about that later, however.

OUR STUDIES continued in the instructional field.

In art, the board approved a raise in instructional supplies from \$1,400 up to \$1,772. This was coupled with a boost from \$103 to \$240 in the maintenance, repair and replacement department, and \$500 in capital outlay, up from \$300 the previous year.

Business education drew \$416 for instructional supplies, \$3,835 in maintenance, repair and replacement. This figure included 15 new typewriter replacements, and one IBM electric typewriter replacement (cut from request for two). Capital outlay for the department was cut from \$500 to \$113 when a request for a rotary calculator was eliminated.

DRAMATICS budget of \$480 for instructional supplies, \$189 for maintenance and replacement and \$115 capital outlay was approved.

Homemaking budget received little change. Figures of \$480, \$111.70 and \$75 were approved. All were down slightly from last year's budget.

Journalism was also a very light budget, amounting to \$113 for instructional supplies, \$139 for maintenance and \$87 for capital outlay.

However, the journalism course was given a boost on two other fronts.

The budget board approved a figure of \$300 to subsidize the school paper, the Krater. Principal McKinney announced that this would enable the school to put out a paper perhaps every two weeks, rather than once a month.

It was felt by the board that this was a natural adjunct to journalism and also of considerable value for school morale.

In addition, the board reinstated the photography department which had been abolished several years ago. The room and materials were still available, and the board added a total of \$270 to the budget for the photography department.

TOMORROW, let's take a look at the mathematics and science items. It is here that the federal matching money program is making its presence felt most strongly.

Geriatrics

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Despite today's accent on youth, the older woman in business certainly received a vote of confidence in a recent study made by the Institute of Life Insurance.

The study grew out of an observation by the Bureau of Labor Statistics: that, as workers reach and pass the age of 45, "when their training and experience should be an asset, they often meet resistance when seeking a new position."

To see if productivity really drops as a worker grows older, the bureau looked into the job performance of clerical workers of all ages who worked for 21 large business firms and five federal agencies.

This is what the bureau discovered:

Workers in the older age groups had a steadier rate of production with "considerably less variation from week to week" than workers in the younger age groups.

Many workers in the older ages exceeded the performance of younger workers.

On the basis of amount of work produced per hour, older workers

did just as well as younger ones.

Most of the workers surveyed were women.

"The findings substantiate the need for individual evaluation of workers," the bureau concluded.

What the bureau found is especially important to many of the older women who will be seeking jobs in the next few years, after their children have grown. A large proportion of these women will have no particular training or skill, aside from what they had acquired in working a few years before their marriage.

There is no indication, according to Institute of Life Insurance figures, to show that women are going to change their attitude toward working in their later years.

"From the look of things," the Institute reports, "women are going to continue to go back to work as the nature of their responsibilities to their children begins to change and taper off."

A frequent reason for an older woman to return to business is to help build her family's retirement fund.

In taking a job, an older woman is often pleasantly surprised to discover that one of the fringe benefits of the job is group life insurance. While this is temporary insurance and usually ends when a worker leaves a job, a woman with group life insurance is nonetheless supplementing her family's protection program as long as she works for that particular company, the Institute points out.

Index Watchers

By SAM DAWSON

AP Business News Analyst

NEW YORK (AP)—Wall Street pros and amateur index-watchers across the country—many owning no stock at all—shivered Tuesday when the Dow Jones industrial index dipped below 600.

Yet it's a good bet that few of the amateurs could name the 30 stocks in the index or explain how the closing index figure of 599.10 was arrived at, especially since the actual dollar average of the 30 stocks that day was only \$73.03.

A few may even think that 599.10 is the dollar average of the 30 stocks rather than a percentage of the index level that existed during a base period.

But stock market averages—such as Dow Jones industrial, the Associated Press 60-stock index, and Standard & Poor's 500 stock index—are closely followed by pros, amateurs, and much of the general public.

Thus newspaper readers noted that the Dow Jones hadn't been below 600 since Feb. 19, 1959, and by Jan. 4 of this year had reached 685.

So the drop below 600 brings wonderment about what's coming next.

Indexes usually reflect accurately the changes in market trend, which is all they're designed to do. They don't show the trend of individual stocks or particular industries. Often these are going in the opposite direction from the index.

The oldest index is the Dow Jones, which started Jan. 2, 1887 with 12 stocks whose average that day was 41, at that time in both percentage points and dollars.

The AP 60-stock average has been compiled since 1933, although for comparison it was carried back to Jan. 1, 1927. Its range in 1935 was 61.8 to 83.7. It was compiled by simple arithmetic—just adding up the stock prices and dividing by 60.

Standard & Poor's 500 stock index started March 1, 1957, but uses the base years 1941-43 to get its percentage comparisons. Dow Jones and AP use market leaders. Standard & Poor's uses about half of the issues listed on the New York Stock Exchange, but the

stocks used represent about 90 percent of the value of all stocks held by investors.

The present Dow Jones index and AP's to a much less degree, bears scant resemblance to the original.

Only two stocks now in the Dow Jones index were in the original, and even these were out of it for some time. Three of the original 12 companies no longer exist. Another is now a division of a present index occupant. Four stocks were dropped last year and four others substituted.

The index number was raised to 20 in 1916 and to 30 in 1928. Simple arithmetic had to be given up. There have been so many stock splits, stock dividends, and substitutions of companies that just adding the 30 up and dividing by 30 couldn't give a true picture of the percentage of change.

So divisors are used. Dow Jones first started dividing the 30 stocks by 15 instead of 30. This sent the index figure well above the dollar average on any particular day. The divisor has had to be lowered again and again. At the start of 1960 the total dollar value of the 30 stocks was divided by 3.83.

That is why, when Tuesday's index figure of 599.10 was down 4.92 points from Monday's close, the dollar average of \$73.03 was down only \$1 from Monday's average of the actual price of one share each of the 30.

Why divisors are needed can be seen in what happened to the 13 utilities in the AP index between this Monday and Tuesday.

Monday the utility index was 97.3, the divisor was 7.97, and the dollar average \$49.54. But Tuesday a 3-1 split in one of the utilities used went into effect. To compensate for that, the utility divisor was lowered to 7.64. Tuesday's utility index closed at 97.3 for a loss of two tenths of one per cent for the day.

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Thursday, March 10, the 70th day of the year, with 296 more days in 1960.

The moon is approaching its full phase.

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

On this day in history:

In 1775, Daniel Boone and a company of frontiersmen were hired by the Transylvania Company to cut a road through the wilderness to the Kentucky River.

In 1862, the U.S. government issued the first paper money, available in notes valued at 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 dollars.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell transmitted the first clear telephone message in Boston. "said 'come here, Watson, I want you.'"

In 1942, General Joseph (Vinegar) Joe Stilwell was appointed Chief of Staff of the Allied Forces in the Chinese theater of operations in World War II.

A thought for today: French essayist Michel de Montaigne said: "Whoever would be cured of ignorance must first confess it."

Quotes

By United Press International

OLD BRIDGE, N. J. — Richard E. Combs, 29, who may lose the 4-year-old girl he and his wife have reared since she was 10 months old because the Child Welfare Board says the girl is too bright for them:

"It's not what the blood line is — she's our daughter, and that's that. I know—it's their policy. But they're dealing with human beings — not material things — human beings with feelings and love."

HOLLYWOOD — Rock 'n' roll singer Fabian, 17, on his arch-rival Elvis Presley:

"I remember him from the time I was a kid. I was only about 13 when his first big record hit, 'Heartbreak Hotel' came out. I guess a lot of his fans have grown up with him."

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ABOARD THE U.S.S. GLACIER NEAR ANTARCTICA — Polar explorer Sir Vivian Fuchs, radioing thanks to the U.S. Navy icebreaker Glacier for leading the Danish icebreaker Kista Dan into open waters:

"We enjoyed meeting you and hope to see you all again."

They'll Do It Every Time

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By Jimmy Hatlo



Talk Complications Seen Because Of Ike Decision

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. decision against resuming high altitude plane flights to West Berlin may complicate President Eisenhower's summit policy talks here next week with German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

Adenauer is coming to Washington next Tuesday to urge a stiff American stand on Germany and Berlin issues in the summit negotiations with the Soviet Union at Paris next May.

He is known, furthermore, to be suspicious of any Allied action which might be construed as a sign of weakness or lack of resolve. Diplomats say he may take the new U.S. decision as such an action.

In an effort to forestall any misunderstanding by Adenauer of the official U.S. position, Secretary of State Christian A. Herter sent word to Bonn late Tuesday advising that the decision had been made and providing an explanation as to the reason.

Similar advance notice was given to the British and French governments when Ambassador Sir Harold Caccia and Ambassador Herve Alphand were summoned to the State Department Tuesday afternoon.

The decision was announced publicly Wednesday by Herter at his news conference. He said Eisenhower had decided "that there is no operational necessity at the present time" for flying the corridors to Berlin above the 10,000-foot level in defiance of Soviet objections and possibly dangerous counteractions.

This was a complete reversal of the U.S. position on high altitude flights as it had been agreed with Britain and France about two weeks earlier.

The decision at that time was that flights would be resumed shortly and the Soviet Union would be given advance notice. Although that was not announced it became known, and officials said the reason was that jet-powered aircraft operate most efficiently above 10,000 feet.

The Western powers had for years rejected the Soviet's claim of an agreed ceiling. Therefore it was decided that the air space above 10,000 feet should be employed, since jet craft are coming into increasing use and the failure to act might be construed by the Soviets as a tacit acceptance of the ceiling.

The reversal came, officials said, after the Air Force decided that the higher altitude was not necessary for the short flights into West Berlin, about 100 miles inside East Germany. Herter then decided there was no sound reason for making the flights and so recommended to Eisenhower, who made the decision.

These officials, although saying it might be so construed, insisted that the action was neither a conciliatory gesture to the Soviets nor a yielding to British objections.

Before the cancellation, the planned high-level flights had appeared to many Europeans to be a demonstration of strength by the United States.

What prompted the Air Force to change its mind has still not been explained. Apparently someone in top authority in either the Air Force or the Defense Department ordered the review at the time a note to the Soviet Union was being put into final shape.

Pair Back Home After Vacation

DORRIS—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hamilton returned home after a two-week vacation during which they visited their daughter, Kay, a student at the University of Nevada. They also made a visit to the Warren Richmond family at San Mateo. Mrs. Richmond is Mrs. Hamilton's sister.

The Hamiltons toured Nevada, Arizona and California. They viewed many out-of-the-way points of interest which, said Mrs. Hamilton, they have wanted to see for a "long, long time."

Hamilton is a Siskiyou County road foreman and lives here with his wife, Virginia. Mrs. Hamilton is Dorris city clerk.

Candy Being Sold By CF Girls

Camp Fire Girls still are hard at work selling candy to help provide funds for operation and new facilities and to enable the local council to accommodate more members.

The girls work in pairs from door-to-door. Part of the profit goes into the council treasury. Another part goes to the girls' own sub-unit treasuries.

Klamath County or Dorris residents who have not been contacted and who would like to buy some candy are asked to call council headquarters, TU 4-4084. The sale ends March 12.

Joker's Tricks Not Very Funny

Neither city police nor Mrs. Ira C. Heath, 202 Lincoln Street, think an anonymous joker's tricks are very funny.

Nor do the city fire department, various fuel companies, a television repairman and a cab driver.

A man who called himself Buzz Smith invited them to the Heath home March 3 and again March 8. Mrs. Heath had to tell them all she needed no TV repair, fuel, or transportation, and, of course, that there was no fire to put out.

Police asked residents so bothered to call them immediately and for victims to have the call traced if possible.

Leaves of Labrador Tea, a small evergreen shrub in northern United States, are sometimes crushed as a substitute for tea.

U.S. Attitude Hit By Justice

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas said Tuesday night that Americans have developed totalitarian attitudes in fighting communism.

"We tend to mimic the tactics and attitudes of our adversaries," he told a Princeton University audience.

Douglas said the United States would become a second-rate power unless it overcomes complacency, mediocrity and intolerance.

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SHORT RIBS

By Frank O'Neal



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