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Report

By BILL JENKINS
Well, April one has rolled around again and it is time for the monthly report on what last April looked and felt like. So here is the dope straight from the little black book: April 1, 1959 was cloudy in the morning but cleared up by noon. It was warm and pleasant. I drove to Adin for a meeting and noted a bundle of geese around Tulelake and quite a few deer on the road around Perez. The temperature ran from 71 to 72.

The next six days were nice. Bob Norris and George Overmire and I drove to Portland via the Santiam and found it a lovely trip on the sixth. It was nice the following day for the return trip. The temperatures for this period hung around a high of 70 or a little more and lows around 50.

It continued nice. On April ninth I moved the lawn for the first time. The following few days the temperature dropped to the mid-60's but it stayed clear and pleasant. I noted a band of some 2000 honkers in a field up on the west side of the lake. On April 13 I took a tour of the Sycan area with George Wardell and John Vogel. It was like summer with a lot of mud along the road. The temperature that day was 56 and 19.

The next day, the 14th, started out nice but turned raw and cold by afternoon. I left the lawn sprinklers on and the lawn was well coated with ice that night. The next day was nice and crisp. I went to Lake of the Woods in the morning for pictures and drove over the state line road that afternoon. Half a pintails, specks, snaws and some honkers.

It stayed crisp and nice for the next few days. Drove around the west side of the lake on the 18th. Some mud but a pretty day. Saw one grouse, four deer and very few ducks. It was 53 and 28 that day.

The next day Florence and I went to Crater Lake to see the windup of the winter snow school for the park youngsters. Drove home on a sunny day around the west side again and found it dusty. My, how quickly things can change in this country.

April 29 I describe in the book as a summer day with a high of 67 and a low of 37. April 21 had a nice morning with a brief thunderstorm around two o'clock, clear again by three. A little rain in the downtown area. Toured Squaw Point in the afternoon with Ted Telling but saw little in the way of wildlife. The next two days were warm and overcast. April 24 was a lovely day with a high of 74 and a low of 34.

April 25 dawned cloudy and it was raining hard by one o'clock. This shortly tapered off to a drizzle that lasted the rest of the day. April 26, Sunday, saw rain off and on all day. Drove all the way round Upper Lake and saw maybe four or five thousand geese in two bands feeding in a field near Fort Klamath. The high for the day was 50, the low 23.

The next three days were cloudy but warm, it spitted a little rain on the 28th. On the whole it was a good month. The gardens grew like mad, the squirrels came out and everyone seemed to have a pretty good time.

Schools
By FLOYD L. WYNNE
RIVERSIDE SCHOOL will be commemorating its half-century mark this Saturday with a special reunion of old students of the school.

It was not the first school in Klamath Falls.

It was the first school built that is still in use.

LOOKING BACK over the records, one finds that the first school in the Klamath country was established in the fall of 1870.

Linkville was an infant town, just three years old. George Nurse had just finished building a wooden bridge across Link River replacing the ferry line which he had run for three years.

"Uncle George" Nurse's store was still the focal point of this young community, located on the west side of the new bridge. A few more buildings had been added, including a saloon for James Barclay, a blacksmith shop for a Mr. Gault, a carpenter's shop by Nelson Stevenson and one of the first residences, this for James Barclay.

Two cabins were in the building process on the west side of Link River. These were being built for Dave Durvall and another party. This was the beginning of West Klamath Falls.

Into this community in the fall of 1870 came the need for a school.

that time covered much of what is Lake County today.

Yet, a school was needed for the growing juvenile population, and these pioneering individuals set out to organize one. They appeared first to the county officials (then Jackson County), but received no assistance. So, they raised enough money to rent a building and hire a teacher.

They managed to get a man by the name of Nail to teach the first group and the first school in Klamath County opened in the fall of 1870.

After it had been conducted for three months, notice was received that the county would give some aid, and the Linkville school was officially organized by the court. Mrs. Chauncey Nye became the teacher for the second term.

THE BUILDING apparently continued in use for a few years as the school. It was located approximately where Main and Ninth streets now intersect and consisted of a one-room house about 12 by 16 feet. There was a small porch on the front, about five feet square, with posts to support the roof.

In 1877, for instance, B. S. Griggs, who was then 14 attended the school and reported there was a class of eight. He listed them as Marion, John and Ella Hanks, Walt Alfred, Pattie and Quincy Brooks and Jim Pearson. A "Doc" Allen was the teacher.

LATER, in 1878, Mrs. George Nurse, then Miss Mary E. Corpe, taught in this school. The site is the same as that donated for school purposes by George Nurse in his original platting.

The first county school superintendent was named by the governor in 1882.

He was Charles Herbert Dyrson, of the Modoc War Indian agent.

He served two years until the regular June election in 1884 when he was succeeded by the first elected superintendent, C. R. DeLap.

Finally, in 1885, the school building had become so bad that it was considered a disgrace to an otherwise thriving town.

People called a mass meeting to do something about it. Meeting followed meeting and finally a building was constructed for a total cost of \$1,500.

THIS ORIGINAL school site was pre-empted by the demands of commerce in 1925. It was judged that traffic on Main Street was hazardous and the school board sold the property. At that time, the Central School building was torn down, Ninth Street opened up from Main to Pine, and the Medical-Dental Building erected.

THUS ENDED the inaugural chapter of the first school site in Klamath County, and Linkville.

Riverside School came along in 1910, and today is still functioning as a very useful school building. Remodeling and alterations have taken place over the span of half a century, but otherwise the building is still in excellent condition, and faces a busy, useful active future.

Gifts
By FLORENCE JENKINS
Bon voyage gifts represent a problem to many persons, both travelers and well-wishers.

Air travelers, flying overseas, are frequently deluged at the airport by gifts from well-meaning friends. Often the gifts are impractical and it is too late to leave them home.

The American Express Travel Service has published a number of suggestions for this type of occasion.

"The first rule in sending bon voyage gifts is to send them in advance so they can be packed

before departure—or left home," it states.

First class passengers going by air have but 66 pounds allowance, economy only 44 pounds.

The second rule is to select gifts which are compact, lightweight, necessary or disposable.

Here are some items recommended for women: soft, easily packable cocktail bag, a gay silk scarf or small "chapel" veil which can be tucked into the purse to use as head covering in churches, a lightweight silk or wool stole, a suede jewelry case, stick perfume or perfume in aerosol containers, nylon string shopping bag, a tape measure for checking foreign sizes, hand lotion in packets.

Men, according to the travel service, like passport wallets, dachon and cotton shirts, pencil size flashlights, nylon cases for shaving gear, film for camera lens, ball-point pens and refills.

Favorites with both men and women are the new face-washing and laundering aids which can be carried in wallet or purse, soap leaves and capsules, compressed disposable washcloths, stick spot remover, sleep shades, small transistor radios, paperback books, sturdy plastic luggage tags, guide books.

American Express offers several appropriate gifts of its own for sale: prepaid evening and night-club tours in Paris, Rome, Madrid, Vienna or London; dinner tickets to any of a number of famous restaurants.

And, of course, one of the most welcome gifts for any traveler is the simplest—money.

Off-Beat Notes

By TOM STIMMEL

Klamath County's Democratic ballot for the May primary election will be printed in Lakeview. County Clerk Charles DeLap said inclusion of 49 candidates for the Democratic National Convention requires a ballot 41 inches long. There's not a commercial printing press in Klamath Falls that can handle it—but the Lakeview Examiner can.

After 25 foreign exchange students from a dozen different lands had finished a fabulous visit at the Williamson River Mission and had boarded their bus, a student from China made his farewell greeting in Spanish. Said he, in a Chinese sing-song voice: "Hasta la vista!"

The United States Chamber of Commerce was much impressed by success of the Action Course in Practical Politics conducted by the chamber here. It asked for a full report, including a photograph of Chief Deputy Assessor Ray Brackman with city precinct maps he had reproduced for his class. They were the only copies known to exist.

Irvin Farris of New Pine Creek tells about 8-year-old Verne Vincent. The lad unexpectedly announced one day, "My dad is boss at our house." No one said anything, but Verne was aware of a few puzzled looks. He added promptly, "Well, Dad's boss, but Mother makes all the decisions."

More For Less

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—Crocodile tears for that poor, benighted bureau, our friends, the Fish and Wild Life Service. The duck hunters will not buy enough of their duck stamps, so they are trying to sell their stamps to philatelists—no, Rover; they are some other kind of geeks; not duck hunters.

The Fish and Wild Life boys are complaining bitterly because hunters won't buy their stamps. And if they don't, what is going to become of the ducks? How naive can they get? They raised the price of duck stamps so they could take away more and more shoot-

ing grounds from the poor duck hunters who have nowhere left to hunt as it is. Can you think of anyone but a government bureau being so silly as to think that by charging more for offering less, they could increase their sales?

Anyone who is still enough of a hopeless optimist to buy a duck stamp and go hunting, knows that it is not the shortage of ducks but the almost total lack of places to hunt, thanks to all the reserves, that has ruined the duck hunting.

And what have all the reserves done for the poor hopeful that buys a duck stamp that provides the reserve? Very little hereabouts if the truth were admitted. The hunting grounds that have been provided in the reserves have been totally inadequate and largely unproductive. Anyone who has lived in this country for 30 years knows that it is the grain farmers who are far more responsible for the millions of ducks and geese that visit us each fall than anything the Fish and Wild Life ever did.

Our Fish and Wild Life friends complain that if they do not sell more duck stamps they cannot create any more reserves. We might be a bit more sympathetic if they made better use of the vast reserves they already have, and if they gave the duck hunter, who is paying for them, a better break.

We have a suggestion for our friends. Why don't they sell a million or so of their duck stamps to their ardent admirers, the bird watchers? Certainly the way the reserves are controlled and restricted around here they get far more benefit from them than the duck hunters.

We feel sure that those people who hunt the wilds of big city parks, field glass and notebook in hand, would be glad to buy a duck stamp. That way at least they could see a duck, for they are firmly convinced, thanks to what they have been told by our friends, that the duck will soon go the way of the carrier pigeon, slaughtered remorselessly by those foul duck hunters.

We, the maligned, are asked to pay, not for something more given to us, but for something taken away!

Nelson Reed,
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Appreciation

Dorris (To the Editor)—On behalf of the Dorris Lions Club, the Butte Valley Federated Women's Club, other organizations, individuals and merchants who donated time, work, cash and building materials which went into the construction of the Dorris Youth Center, a Lions project, which was turned over by the Lions Club in a formal ceremony to the city of Dorris March 23.

And, on behalf of the city of Dorris, we wish to thank you for your interest in this worthwhile project for our youth and for your previous cooperation in publicity for our organizations.

And, finally we wish to extend our thanks to your photographer, Don Kettler, who came down to Dorris and took such fine pictures of the ceremonies, building and of individuals. Three of which were published on the front page of your March 24 edition.

It warms our hearts to know we have a newspaper—the Herald and News—which takes an active interest in our affairs and especially in the activities which concern our youth.

Tom Chubburn, Dorris Lions Club president,
Robert H. Edgar, Dorris Mayor.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Friday, April 1st, the 2nd day of the year, with 274 more to follow in 1960. The National Census begins officially today. It's also April Fools Day. The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The morning stars are Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. On this day in history: In 1815, Otto Von Bismarck, founder of the German empire, was born.

In 1905, the first traveling library started rolling in Washington County, Md. In 1918, Great Britain founded the Royal Air Force. In 1943, American Armed Forces launched an invasion of Okinawa. In 1949, Newfoundland became the 10th Canadian Province.

Quotes

By United Press International
GENEVA — Semyon K. Tsarapkin, Soviet delegate to the Geneva nuclear conference, stating he was sending the Western offer of a short small test moratorium to Moscow because many parts of it were unclear: "I shall have to read between the lines."

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

Young Felons Condemned To Hang

GARDEN CITY, Kan. (AP) — Two young felons who gambled that multiple murder would shield them from the consequences of a botched robbery have been condemned to hang.

Richard Eugene Hickock, 28, of Edgerton, Kan., and Perry Edward Smith, 31, of Las Vegas, Nev., were convicted Tuesday of killing four members of a prominent farm family last Nov. 15.

Both men admitted participating in the crime. They said they killed so their victims couldn't identify them as the men who looted the home of Herbert W. Clutter near here.

But Hickock and Smith disagreed as to who fired shotgun shells into the heads of Clutter, 48; his wife, Bonnie, 45; a son, Kenyon, 15; and a daughter, Nancy, 16.

Hickock said Smith was the triggerman. Smith said he killed two and Hickock killed two.

Prosecutor Logan Green said it didn't make any difference. He said Smith and Hickock cooperated in the crime and were equally guilty.

After deliberating less than two hours, the all-male jury agreed. It made no provision for mercy, thus condemning Hickock and Smith to the gallows.

Judge Roland Tate will hear motions for a new trial in 10 days. The defendants showed no emotion. They smiled and held whispered conversations with their guards.

At the time of the murders, Hickock and Smith were on parole from the Kansas penitentiary, where each served time for larceny. They were linked to the crime by Hickock's former cellmate.

Convict Floyd Wells, who once worked for Clutter, told Hickock that Clutter kept a large amount of money in a home safe. After the slayings, Wells told authorities Hickock had planned to rob Clutter.

Wells' information about the money was false.

PACIFIST SPANIEL

ROSELLE, N.J. (UPI) — When a bandit entered Frank Mulasz's liquor store Thursday and announced a holdup by firing a shot into the floor, Mulasz shouted to his cocker spaniel: "Go get him!"

The spaniel sat down and the thief escaped with \$150.

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Once An Imaginary Line, Iron Curtain Now Walled

BERLIN (UPI)—The "Iron Curtain," once only a Churchillian phrase dramatizing the ideological barrier separating the Communist and Western worlds, today is a fortified line of barbed wire, steel and concrete running from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

Prior to the Hungarian Revolt in 1956, there was one break in this long prison fence walling off the satellite peoples from their European brothers. That was the border between Hungary and Austria. The Soviets were powerless at the time to prevent the flood of refugees streaming into Austria.

Within a few weeks, however, the gap was closed. Today all along the hundreds of miles of what once was an imaginary line the refugee torrents have dwindled to a trickle.

Physically, the Iron Curtain, except in city areas, is a hundred-foot wide strip of land along much of which has been built four barbed wire fences. Three of them are six feet high and the fourth is ten feet high and electrified. Land mines are spotted between the fences. There are passages through it, but they are surrounded by alarm systems and rocket-flare warnings.

Watchtowers constructed so that each is in visual contact with another are manned twenty-four hours a day to make certain no desperate citizen from the Eastern area escapes.

Apparently the Communists now envision this as a permanent barrier, for the wooden fence posts are being replaced by concrete ones, and the wooden towers are being converted to steel.

Berlin was a problem for the

7 To Attend Legislature

Seven Klamath Union High School students will represent the Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y Clubs of the Klamath County YMCA during the 13th annual Youth and Government Legislature in Salem Friday and Saturday.

Those attending are Pat Anderson, Pattie Probst, Pamela Anderson, Linda Annin, Terry Bramble, Dick Long and Jack Riley. Lloyd Seely, assistant adviser of Modoc Hi-Y Club and Paul Campbell, YMCA executive, are with the group.

The purpose of the program is "to acquaint youth with the methods by which we, in our American form of democratic self-government determine public policy—that is, make our laws—and to help youth apply Christian ideals to the problems of state legislation."

Two bills have been prepared by local youngsters. One deals with qualifications required of voters in primary elections. The other is an act relating to "misdemeanor, employment, supervision, distribution of earnings, diminution of sentence, and penalties for the violation thereof."

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