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## No Go

By BILL JENKINS  
Now that the heat of the various political campaigns is beginning to reach a boil we might as well admit that we are joining with an ever increasing number of newspapers across the nation in saying to the politicians that we aren't interested in their press conferences.

Just as simple as all that. We aren't going to go unless the politician in question bargains to be someone like the President of the United States or our governor who wants to outline a state plan of such magnitude as to raise individual appearances impossible and unwise.

The run of the mill politician can count on an extra seat at their convalescence in case they want to invite a relative. We won't be there.

And for a good reason. The so-called press conference is nothing but an elaborate shield erected around the aspirant for office in order that he can't be backtracked by a newsman with an embarrassing question.

They lend, it is believed by politicians and others who have their hand out, an air of dignity to the affair which might be lacking should they be exposed to the cruel light of a newspaper of free.

The average press conference goes about like this: You are invited well in advance. There are honeyed words about what will be said and the candidate's advance men promise that he will be honest and straightforward in answering all your questions. If the candidate is an affluent one there may even be refreshments served to the visiting news media. It will be held in the plushiest possible surroundings.

But once you arrive all similarity between this and a meeting where questions will be answered ends. You usually walk in a corner surrounded by hirelings. Introductions are made, the candidate shows his wife's picture, pictures of the children, talks a little about what he fondly hopes are "local" topics, admits that he is an ardent duck hunter (one of them not long ago spent some time talking about the beauties of the ducks nesting in the fall) and then edges into the publicity pitch.

All well and good so far. But the breakdown comes when the reporters present start asking questions. At first, the questions are all routine. They get a routine answer. But pretty soon the sharper strikes are asking questions that the candidate doesn't want to answer. He stalls. He beats around the bush. Everyone begins to realize that he is appearing in a bad light. He repeats again that he is against sin and considers motherhood to be sacred.

And the reporters jab another leading question at him. Right here is where the hired body guards get into action. When the situation reaches the point where the candidate's answer, which is obvious, would put him in a bad light, one of the curly-haired young men who comprise his retinue jumps to his feet and announces that the candidate has a busy schedule ahead of him, had a hard night, needs some rest, and so the "conference" must end. The candidate is hustled into the bedroom by a couple of press agents while the rest of the hired help break out the booze and try to force printed statements on you.

The end result is merely that you have wasted an hour or more, gotten nothing out of it but a bad taste in your mouth, and you still have nothing to say unless you want to say that the candidate appeared to oppose the forces of evil and thought he was the best man in the race.

## Good Move

By FLOYD L. WYNNE  
ONE OF THE MOST promising moves in recent years is being made now under the guidance of the county court.

That is the establishment of a County Road Advisory Committee.

All TOO OFTEN in the past, Klamath County roads have been

a hodgepodge. There were no clear lines as to what constituted a county road, and what factors were essential to merit paving or other improvements on a road.

This led to county roads just growing, like Topsy, with little rhyme or reason.

It also led to the neglect of a number of roads that merited consideration, but never got it.

THE NEW COMMITTEE will be given the job of evaluating all roads in Klamath County.

Their task will be to set up criteria by which a road can be judged a county road, a public road or some other.

The criteria should be such that it cannot be twisted to fit situations. It should be hard and fast.

Once established, the court should be required to stick to it, and evaluate all road requests by it.

A road maintenance and improvement program should then be woven around the evaluation determined by such a committee.

IN THE PAST many candidates for county court posts were motivated purely by desires to improve roads in their area. While this is understandable, it led to a haphazard road system that many times worked for the benefit of the few rather than the many.

In a sense, road favors have been one of the plums that went with membership on the county court.

This is not to say that it has necessarily been abused in any specific instance, but rather that general road practices were not in accordance with what one considers government for the benefit of the majority.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER Frank Ganong has been one of the prime movers of the new committee, and deserves commendation for his effort.

The committee is a good one, and appears to be widely representative of the county.

Francis Landrum, chairman, has a thorough working familiarity with the road situation in Klamath County. In addition to County Engineer Jack Karpinski and the three members of the county court, the remainder of the committee consists of Jim Kerans, Klamath Falls, Don Hummel of the south suburban area, Al Cheyne of Henley and F. G. Markwardt of Chiloquin.

THE BASIC PURPOSE of the committee is to take the road situation in Klamath County out of politics.

If permitted to work without pressure, the committee can do just that. They can come up with a complete listing of the values of roads in the county and set up a pattern for future road work.

However, there will not be an easy nor a short job. Once accomplished, however, it should be a pattern that all future county courts be required to adhere to.

It's a move in the right direction, and we highly commend it.

## Baby Week

By FLORENCE JENKINS  
National Baby Week is coming. Dates have been set from April 30 to May 7 this year.

Because the home economics department of Heinz Baby Foods is sure that many a young mother and father are wishing they could take off for a week—alone—it is offering just that prize this year.

The dream of a flight to Paris for a whole week will come true for one young couple. Meanwhile, the tiny offspring will be safe at home in the care of a trained nurse.

take the youngsters on a family outing. Prizes in the contest come to more than \$100,000 and the Heinz people say the entry blanks are available at grocery stores.

Meanwhile, the National Association of Retail Grocers is pointing out to members, by way of its official bulletin, the importance of the nation's babies to the food business.

More than eight new babies were born per minute last year, and every one of them set up a demand for baby food, milk, toys and non-food items, the bulletin declares.

"The shopper who picks up baby foods spends twice as much, on the average, as one not trying to feed a growing family."

"She buys about \$200 worth of baby foods during the child's first year."

"She usually takes about 14 containers of baby food at one time."

"She spends 67 per cent more per shopping trip than the non-baby food customer."

"In addition to baby foods, she buys enough other products to represent 17 per cent of total sales," according to the NARGUS Bulletin.

During that week we'll probably be hearing lullabies on the supermarkets' public address systems.

## Fairground Rentals

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—Recently, representatives of 36 organizations met with members of the fair board and the county court to discuss criticisms relating to the use of the fairgrounds and charges made for different functions.

As a result, the fair board obliged by posting a rate schedule, which includes fees that apply to all rodeos, professional, amateur and junior alike.

The rent of the fairgrounds for such events according to this posted schedule is \$150 for the first day and \$100 for each day thereafter, with other charges being made for barn use, pasture, and lights if used. Unfortunately, the Basin Junior Rodeo Association, a nonprofit organization whose function is in promoting youth rodeo activities, is not supported by state pari-mutuel monies or by grants of any kind.

It is supported solely by a group of interested individuals, and since funds are available for only the most necessary expenses, and all proceeds are returned to participants in prizes, the posted rent for the Klamath County Fairgrounds is prohibitive. It is for this reason that the junior rodeo will not take place in Klamath County.

The Junior Rodeo Committee is not advocating special favors or preferred treatment. However, with the juvenile problem that exists all over the country today, it does appear that concessions might be made for this group who proposes to stage an activity that involves local youth, especially if they wish to utilize a \$50,000 tax supported facility.

Yet they are told that they must pay the same rent that the R.C.A. group pays, even though this group is given \$4,000 gratis from the state racing commission, and the contestants are not only from out of the county but from out of state.

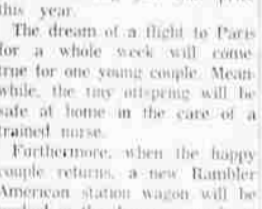
Further, due to the fact that the race track rail has been removed, it is impossible for safety's sake to hold races, and races are a must in a junior show.

We are grateful to Tulalake for extending to us the opportunity to use their excellent facilities, and wish to publicly thank them for having made it possible to continue holding junior rodeo in the Basin.

Basin Junior Rodeo Committee  
Gordon Givan, Elwyn

## SHORT RIBS

By Frank O'Neal



Hill, Warren Woodard, Ernie Froeman, Bud Farello, Kenneth Holbrook, Louis Randall, Bill Doak, By Judy Decker, Secretary.

## College Crop

By HAL BOYLE

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. (AP)—It's about harvest time in the meadows of learning.

America's greatest spring crop—its college graduating classes—is matured and ready to seek its own place in the golden granary of time. The 1960 crop looks like a record one in terms of both quantity and quality.

Critics of our younger generation might feel better about our nation's future if they would take the trouble right now to go and see how these "hopes of tomorrow" really measure up.

I did just that the other day during a visit here to the University of North Carolina, which has won over the years an enlarging recognition as one of the great bastions of the mind and spirit.

Chapel Hill has always had a tradition of relaxed freedom and wide culture, and the late Thomas Wolfe was only one of many creative minds that have found inspiration here.

For any middle-aged man his return to a college campus is always a kind of journey into Australia. But it can teach him a few things too.

The campus at Chapel Hill is beautiful. The walks are shaded by trees so old they are like shrines in leaf. The buildings, a mixture of many architectures, blend in a friendly weathered warmth.

But on this walk upon this day it was the students, not the mellow atmosphere of the campus, that knifed in me a reverie of comparison.

One does not like to be unfair to his own youth, but on the other hand it is not wise ever to get the idea that all that was best in the world died with it.

Looking around at the students I passed, pausing now and then to listen to them, I had the feeling they were superior to the college students of my own generation.

It wasn't only that they had more height and perhaps more health. They had an air of easy assurance and self-confidence visible even to an outsider.

In my depression-haunted generation the fear of being unable to find a job after graduation often made the last two years in college miserable. We hated to leave alma mater because we feared the world had no place for us. At one ball session I can recall a group of seniors deciding that if they could sign up right then for a guaranteed income of \$200 a month for life they would be glad to do so.

These students here would strike me such frightened bargains. They are not fearful. They are hopeful, and they believe in themselves.

Many educators defend this college generation as perhaps the best in our history, and I am inclined to go along with this view rather than with those doom-criers who hold we have raised a generation of spoiled milklops.

Returning from my stroll I had no desire to relive my own college days. One time of youth is enough for one life.

I felt no tinge of envy for these young men and women. But I did feel that the world they so soon will set forth to better will fare no worse at their hands than it has at ours.

## The Almanac

By United Press International  
Today is Wednesday, April 13, the 104th day of the year, with 262 more in 1960.

The moon is approaching its last quarter.

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

On this day in history:

In 1742, Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States was born in Albemarle County, Va.

In 1890, the Pennsylvania Railroad was chartered.

In 1832, Frank W. Woolworth, American merchant and founder of the five and ten cent store, was born.

In 1934, Harry Hopkins, chief of the Civil Works Administration, announced that 4,700,000 families in the U.S. were on relief.

In 1941, Russia and Japan signed a five-year neutrality pact. In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Thomas Jefferson Memorial in Washington as a shrine to freedom.

A thought for today: U.S. President Thomas Jefferson said, "Deity is preferable to error."

## They'll Do It Every Time



## By Jimmy Hatlo



## Tear Gas Shell Barrage VFW, Aux Flushes Out Desperado Name Chiefs

FULASKI, Va. (AP)—The 30-hour stand of a teenage desperado, who swore he'd "go out in a blaze of glory in a tie and white shirt with blood on it," ended Tuesday night. Police dragged him shrieking from the home where he had held his young sister-in-law hostage.

The plucky 10-year-old girl, unharmed, said afterwards, "I wasn't scared."

A barrage of tear gas shells flushed Harless Hardin "Jackie" Jennings from the trim brick bungalow of his in-laws at 10:30 p.m. after a day that saw the siege range from terrifying to almost ridiculous.

Jennings came out firing wildly, but ineffectually with a shotgun, pushing Barbara Butts out the door ahead of him.

"Duck, Barbara!" officers called an instant before they snatched her aside. Then Jennings, an 18-year-old unemployed mill hand, was overpowered, knocked down and pulled screaming down the walk to a state police car that whisked him to a mental hospital at Marion about 50 miles away.

Barbara examined at a local hospital, showed no signs of injuries and seemed unruffled by her ordeal that began at 4:12 p.m. Monday.

That was when Jennings, who police said had served time in industrial schools in Virginia and Maryland, grabbed her after escaping from police as he was being taken to jail for unauthorized use of his father-in-law's car.

Barbara said she had not been terrorized. "Jackie never hurt me."

Her eyes were red and puffy, although "I shut my eyes tight" when the tear gas was lobbed into her parents' home. She said Jennings gave her plenty to eat, mostly hot dogs and toasted cheese sandwiches.

The long siege reached a climax after Jennings balked at a second offer of psychiatric treatment made by a mental hospital director and a radio newsmen.

Dr. Charles A. Zeller and Ray Carnoy of Dallas, Tex., made a last try at negotiations after 50 officers finished preparations for the final attack. Jennings was unmoved.

Toward the house went Blaine Hatlo, a motor vehicles inspector who is a relative of the youth. As he walked, he spoke to Jennings in a calm, slow voice:

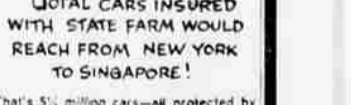
"Will you talk to me, Jackie?" he asked. "I'll shine a light so you can see."

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## Among The Best

CHILOQUIN — Claudia Heglund of Chiloquin earned perfect 4.0 grades during the winter term ending recently at Southern Oregon College, Ashland.

She was among 20 students who won first honors, and 77 who earned second honors—a record number.

Aaron Burr secured his full term as vice president of the United States.

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LAKEVIEW — Marjorie Samples won first honors for a perfect grade-point average and Don Alger won a place on the honor roll for superior marks during the winter term which ended recently at Southern Oregon College, Ashland. Both are of Lakeview.

A record 20 students won high honors.

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