

Klamath Forest Has Dry January

Although rainfall statistics at the end of December indicated near-normal conditions up to that time, the picture presented at the end of January is not so pleasing. Following are total precipitation for Klamath Forest stations, and per cent of normal for the month of January, from which the conclusion that January, 1961, was unusually dry may be drawn.

Oak Knoll, 11.51 inches, 73 per cent; Happy Camp, 24.23 inches, 64 per cent; Seiad, 19.65 inches, 70 per cent; Sawyers Bar, 22.25 inches, 69 per cent; Fort Jones, 11.41 inches, 78 per cent; Callahan, 14.90 inches, 85 per cent; Mount Hebron, 6.41 inches, 102 per cent; Ti Bar, 25.91 inches, 100 per cent; Yreka, 9.17 inches, 99 per cent.

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Medical Mirror

BURNS

- Heart Size
- Hair Dyes
- Dark Urine

Q. The best treatment for minor burns is soaking the injured part in ice water. Have you ever heard of this?

A. Yes. A Los Angeles physician used this method in the emergency treatment of 150 patients with minor burns. Results were very good. Soaks (or application of an ice-cold, moist towel) for an hour or so usually took all the pain out of the burn and seemed to promote healing. Any burn treatment, however, should also include precautions to prevent infection.

Q. What causes heart enlargement?

A. The heart enlarges when it is required to do extra work or, if damaged, to do ordinary work. The two main reasons for extra-work enlargement are high blood pressure and leaks in the heart valves. An enlarged heart does not necessarily mean a failing heart, although the cause of the excessive strain should, of course, be determined.

Q. What are the dangers of using permanent hair dyes?

A. The main danger is the development of an allergic rash in persons who are hypersensitive to the dye. Such reactions can be avoided by "patch tests" carried out before dyeing is attempted. Most hairdressers know about the test but often neglect to perform it. One may think that if the test is performed once and is negative it need never be done again. However, the reaction is triggered by previous contact, so it is necessary for the test to be run every time dyeing is to be done.

Q. My urine is very dark. Does this indicate kidney trouble?

A. Morning urine may be dark if the person doesn't drink enough water. But to be safe, have a medical examination. Note to readers: As many questions as possible will be answered in this column, but for obvious reasons replies must be brief.

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Communists Battling Over Phone

WARSAW (AP) — A provincial Polish town is in turmoil with local Communist aristocracy battling over the latest status symbol — a white telephone.

The Communist party organ Trybuna Ludu gave this account of the battle in the town identified only as "B."

The director of communications received a shipment of 40 white telephones to be distributed in his area.

But there were far more people who were deeply convinced that their positions and social rank entitled them to the white "luxury" telephone.

The town began to seethe. Telephone calls began. The director was bombarded not only by the most important citizens but what is worse, by their wives. The possession of a white telephone became a matter of honor, ambition, prestige and importance.

The beleaguered director finally set up a special commission to decide on the allocation of the telephones and all but one were distributed.

"The debate over its distribution is still going on," the paper said. Many important people, however, did not get the badge of importance.

Trybuna Ludu said a number of disappointed wives have threatened their husbands with divorce and some dissatisfied local officials have carried the matter to influential friends in ministries in Warsaw.

"The director is a shadow of his former self," the paper said. "He avoids acquaintances. He has lost his appetite. He has nightmares in which he sees local aristocrats demanding telephones and threatening him with the most dire consequences."

He was last seen leaving town "on an official trip."



"You see, Gram, everything's speeded up nowadays, so 11 o'clock comes a lot sooner than it used to!"

Prison Escape Thwarted

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — A burst of gunfire halted a murderer and a robber as they attempted to scale a wall and flee the Idaho State Penitentiary Saturday.

Guards saw the men as they attempted to throw a makeshift rope over the 16-foot masonry wall which surrounds the institution. They fired a burst of gunfire which sent the men scurrying back to prison buildings.

They were captured without difficulty. Neither was wounded.

The escape was attempted by Lorn B. White, 27, received in 1956 to serve eight years for robbery in Ada County, and Reed Hopla, 33, received in 1954 to serve a life sentence for first-degree murder in Bannock County. Associate Warden Frank O'Neill

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French Town Adopts U.S. Soldier, Appeals To JFK

PONT L'VEQUE, France (AP) — This little Normandy town has adopted an American GI and has appealed to President Kennedy to let him stay in France to complete his education.

The GI, incidentally, happens to be a mainstay on the local basketball team. He is SP4 John H. Givens, 24, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Givens, stationed with the Army Aerial Support Center at nearby St. Andre, warmed up to his French surroundings almost from the moment he arrived in December 1959. It was through his basketball skill that he became acquainted in Pont l'Evéque.

Givens had played on YMCA and high school basketball teams in Milwaukee and found a spot as a forward on the local Army squad. He soon was hooping baskets in Pont l'Evéque and in early 1960 got taken on as center or forward.

Local families set aside a room for him on game nights and he eats at the family table. His French developed to the point where conversation flows easily.

Everything was going well until Givens announced he was booked to return to the States next June. The local citizenry, unknown to Givens, got together and Bernard Chauviere, president of the Pont l'Evéque Sports Union, drafted a letter to President and Mrs. Kennedy.

"Mr. Givens epitomizes the friendship of France and the United States," Chauviere wrote, and then he added two requests:

1. That Givens be given a grant so he can study at the nearby University of Caen after he completes his military service in France.
2. That Mrs. Kennedy become the sponsor of the Pont l'Evéque basketball team.

The letter was sent to the American embassy in Paris and was forwarded to the State Department for the White House.

"This all came as a big surprise to me," Givens told a reporter. "I don't know what of other groups will be effected."

\$647 Collected In Dimes Event

LAKEVIEW — A total of \$647.30 was collected by the 49 mothers who took part in the Mothers' March held Tuesday night, Jan. 31, in Lakeview, according to a report from Mrs. Thelma Hopkins who was in charge of the crew.

The treasury of the local group is badly in need of funds as the expenses during 1960 were high in caring for a few cases.

A further report on the other sources of income for the campaign will be made later by Mrs. Opal Fitzgerald, county chairman, when fund raising activities of other groups will be effected.

Two Big Events Set At Grounds

TULELAKE — Tulelake-Butte Valley Fairground facilities will be used next week for two meetings of local organizations. The Tulelake Growers Association annual ladies' night dinner expected to draw more than 300 persons will be held Feb. 14. Cliff Jenkins, association manager, is in charge. Women of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will prepare and serve the dinner.

On Feb. 19, some 300 guests will be present for the spaghetti dinner planned for the 4-H Club, Lava Beds Aggies, Diane Dingler is in charge of arrangements.

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