

Former Pelican Butte Fire Lookouts Return To Tower

By RUTH KING

The road to the Pelican Butte fire lookout tower on the West side of Upper Klamath Lake is still rocky and steep and the view of the lake country and the Cascade Mountains is as awesome as it was 12 years ago to the couple who honeymooned there.

Last week, Rev. F. Daniel Montague, his wife Zoe, pronounced Zoe-ee, and their three lively small fry returned to the honey-moon cottage atop the high butte, 8,000 feet above sea level, where the Montagues spent the first summer of their married life.

They have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leonard, Rev. and Mrs. Montague returned to Pelican Butte Fire Lookout where they spent 10 weeks after their marriage in New York 12 years ago. They are en route home to a Chicago suburb, Glen Ellyn.

The pastor of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, and his wife laughed as they recalled those days after their marriage in White Plains, N.Y., and their trip to Klamath Falls to visit kin.

This year they were accompanied by son, Dan, 11, and daughters, Melanie, 9, and small Martha, near to being 7.

The young couple had met while attending the University of Chicago, and after the wedding decided on coming to Klamath Falls. They needed work. A letter came to District Ranger Bob Cooper, then with the Rogue River National Forest. There was only one spot for summer employment to be filled and that was Pelican Butte. The newlyweds accepted.

They bought a Model A Ford for \$100 in Klamath Falls and headed up the mountain road. A mile and a half down the trail they encountered snow, a drift too high to plow through, so Dan decided to top it with the "jitney." They had reputation, remember, of going anywhere at any time.

Sonic Booms Will Result From Kingsley Intercepts

In preparing for a defense exercise of the Pacific Northwest area, Kingsley Field has announced that its aircraft will cause a number of sonic booms in the Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass areas in the next two weeks.

The F-101 fighters, speeding toward the ocean to make simulated bomber intercepts, will exceed the speed of sound between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The planes are assigned the responsibility of protecting the area from attacking enemy bombers, and will be utilizing the Semi-Automatic Ground Environment System (SAGE) to perform the missions.

Sonic booms, a sometime effect of the supersonic jet, are made as the jet flies faster than the speed of sound—760 miles per hour. The booms stay with the aircraft during its entire flight, following along behind very much like a shadow.

The sonic boom problem now is unique to the military. But within a decade, a multitude of citizens will be passengers aboard civilian airliners which will fly coast-to-coast faster than sound.

The problem then will be immeasurably more intense than it is now.

For damage, the military services have instituted a claims system, and the government will pay for damage proved to have been caused by a sonic boom. If a home is damaged, the resident may telephone or write to the Base Claims Officer, 40th Fighter Group, Kingsley Field, Ore., for adjustment.

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The very knowledge that the potential aggressors of the United States have high performance aircraft is certainly enough for us to continue our own high-speed efforts to curtail their thoughts about sending a mass bomber invasion to destroy this nation.

Farewell Party

CHILQUIN — The Chilquin community is sponsoring a farewell family potluck dinner honoring the Frank Hale and Al Samples families. Friends and interested persons are invited. The dinner will be held Tuesday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall.

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under any conditions. But the snow bank foiled them. Dan tried to build a road over the drift but the car was stranded, straddling the crust, until summer heat melted the snow. They hiked the rest of the way to their destination.

During the rest of the summer, they haunted junk yards, they recall, looking for cheap, used 21-inch tires to replace the ones that were cut to ribbons on the rocky road up the mountain.

They made the best of the files that hid in crevices of the old wooden tower, the times they had to crawl under the covers to keep warm when the icicles hung from the cutwalk, and the smoky lantern that swayed when the wind blew.

They overlooked the wind that blew the wash away the one time the bride hung out the sheets and pillows, they saw cougar tracks, a bob cat and deer and missed the bear that slid down the mountain.

Zoe stood fire watch while her husband was on the fire line, and they laugh now about the twisted jack they used that failed to do its duty about the late night drive, the one time they were released to see a show in town when the car's wiring caught on fire. To save the car from going up in smoke, Dan pulled loose the wires which in turn shut off the lights. The rest of the way up the mountain was driven by flashlight shined through the windshield.

They spotted 22 fires that summer and had a snow storm before they left the mountain.

The tiny wood stove that baked the sour dough bread and warmed them front and back if they stood close by the fire box, is still hidden away in a niche at the tower where fire lookout Gail Seashield.

One familiar form of the sonic boom is thunder. It is created by a bolt of lightning streaking from one area to another—again—faster than the speed of sound.

The sound is scientifically explained this way: When an object travels faster than sound, a shock wave is generated, similar to the wake of a motorboat.

The waves are strongest at their point of origin—in this case, the plane's nose. After leaving the craft, the wave travels like a cone in all directions and becomes weaker as the distance increases. The sound slaps against the ground as a wave does the shore, but is greatly reduced in intensity because of the distance it has traveled.

The primary disadvantage to the sonic boom then, is the startling characteristic when humans interpret it as a loud "bang." The wave can do slight damage, too, to dwellings which have existing plaster cracks, and has been known to break a number of windows.

It cannot, however, start cracks in plaster, etc., as the pressure required to do that is considerably more than the sonic boom has.

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Women Fly In Derby

Two Bakersfield women, related to a Klamath Falls man, Read Willard, flew in the recent 17th annual 2,400-mile Powder Puff Derby that originated in Bakersfield, Calif., and ended in Atlantic City, N.J.

Mrs. Bertha Hall Haycock, the pilot, Willard's cousin, and Mrs. Priscilla Hall Spencer, co-pilot, his sister, flew a new Piper Comanche owned by Mr. and Mrs. Haycock.

They were disqualified when they turned back to Salina, Kan., after believing they had a gas tank leak. The trouble proved to be a stuck fuel gauge and the two fliers were not short of fuel.

They carried the Key to the City of Bakersfield from Mayor Gene Winer to the mayor of Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard attended a farewell dinner in Bakersfield for the lady fliers. He was an employee of the Klamath Falls Post Office as a route driver before retiring.



A.I.C. BRUCE BLONDIN

Blondin Is Top Airman

A.I.C. Bruce B. Blondin, weapons mechanic for the 40th Consolidated Maintenance Squadron, has been named Airman of the Year for the period from July 1, 1962 through June 30, 1963, the Kingsley Field Information Office has announced.

The 29-year-old airman was selected ahead of 11 other nominees by a six-man selection board. Each of the candidates had been a recipient of the Airman of the Month award during one of the past 12 months.

As winner of the award, Airman Blondin was awarded a \$75 check, a three-day pass, and a three-month excuse from Squadron duties. Col. Edwin J. Witzensburger, commanding officer of the air field, made the presentation and congratulated the airman during a brief ceremony in his office.

A graduate of Boys Town, Neb., Airman Blondin entered the Air Force in February, 1961 and came to Kingsley Field from Lowry AFB, Colo., in October of the same year.

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VISITORS — Rev. and Mrs. F. Daniel Montague and children, Martha, left, Dan, 11, and Melanie, 9, right, have been guests in the home of Mrs. Montague's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leonard. Rev. and Mrs. Montague returned to Pelican Butte Fire Lookout where they spent 10 weeks after their marriage in New York 12 years ago. They are en route home to a Chicago suburb, Glen Ellyn.

Coinword Players Foiled Again; Action Ahead

EXPLANATIONS ACROSS

1. The direction of the WAND or archery target might force an archer to face the sun and account for his poor score. Any real archer would allow for the WIND.

2. The man who is PICKED or selected by his mate instead of doing the selecting shows indifference and would deserve what he gets, good or bad. The man who is PECKED or constantly irritated may have merely made an unfortunate mistake.

3. An intelligent girl would never be seen on the beach with a silly ROBE. A silly ROBE could be a relative or someone an intelligent girl felt sorry for and was unwilling to hurt.

4. Any CORNER may suddenly reveal the happiness we seek if, walking around it, we meet someone important to us. Any CAREER could not offer happiness to all people.

5. Walking down a slippery HALL that had just been washed, a man complaining. He would be less likely to hear a shout if he was walking down a slippery HILL.

6. A couple with arthritis may know a similar PAIR or couple with the same trouble. If a couple with arthritis knew a similar PAIN, the PAIN would have to be compared with some other person's PAIN.

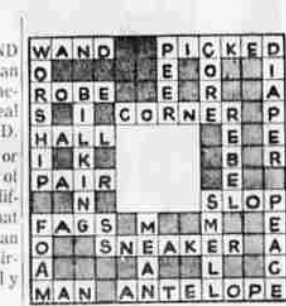
7. Little children who SLOP should be reprimanded. Little children who SLAP may be playing a game where they SLAP their hands together.

8. British FAGS or freshmen at school serve boys in advanced forms and this habit can obscure their vision causing them to expect this servility when they leave school. British FOGS can obscure anyone's vision.

9. The SNEAKER or rubber-soled shoe that blisters is often small and narrow. The SPEAKER who blisters or verbally scorchers someone deserving it is often big and broad-minded in his effort to eventually perform a kindness.

10. The value of a MAN should not be based on color but a MAP might require color to be of value to someone who did not want one in black and white.

11. A city might put considerable money in an ANTELOPE for its zoo. An employee of the



city might put a check into an ENVELOPE for a zoo.

EXPLANATIONS DOWN

1. A sailor's courage could depend upon his WORSHIP and the religious beliefs surrounding it. Almost any sailor would have confidence in a WARSHIP today but this would not necessarily give him courage.

2. Queen Elizabeth might bestow dedication upon a new PEER if she wrote a book and the PEER was a close friend or relative. She is not as likely to bestow dedication upon a PIER as to have someone of less importance do it.

3. The CORE or inside reason for an emotional upset is nearly always obvious. When a CURE is established, it is known and is always obvious.

4. Mothers no longer have to resort to the old-fashioned DIPPER now that they have become disposable. The old-fashioned DIPPER is still in use in many places with no real substitute.

5. A sour businessman might have no scruples about BILKING or cheating his partner. Scruples would not be involved if he were merely BALKING or objecting.

6. When a strict father is away, his children may be prone to REBEL or resist other authority. Children are apt to play in their own fashion but not to REVEL or carouse.

7. Most crustaceans or shelled arthropods including lobsters and crabs have the same SMELL. They differ widely in the shape and texture of the SHELL.

8. All of us should try to find some worthwhile PEACE in this world for ourselves and for others. A worthwhile PEACE to one person would not be worthwhile to another.

13. Advertised beer nearly always shows some FOAM when we pour it. As we do so, it has very little FORM.

14. An abbreviation for Steamship is SS.

15. People who starve themselves are usually grouchy, sulky and MEAN due to hunger. They are not LEAN but usually stout and trying to reduce.

Judge Okays Hoffa Trial

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — A federal judge ruled Friday that Teamsters President James R. Hoffa must stand trial here on charges of attempting to fix a jury.

U.S. District Court Judge Frank Gray Jr. refused to throw out a five-count indictment charging the labor leader with conspiring in alleged attempts to bribe jurors trying him on charges of sharing in an illegal labor payoff.

Gray also denied a defense motion to move the trial to another city. The trial date was not immediately determined.

Hoffa, who attended the pre-trial hearings earlier in the week, was not present to hear the decisions announced. He went to Detroit by plane Thursday night.

The union boss could be sentenced to 25 years in prison and fined \$25,000 if convicted. He and 10 co-defendants in the case have pleaded innocent.

The defense had asked Gray to throw out the indictment on a variety of grounds, including alleged leaks of grand jury testimony, vague wording of charges and the possibility federal agents illegally obtained evidence by wiretapping.

The change of venue motion was based on grounds that the public in the middle Tennessee district had been "prejudiced" by news accounts of the Teamsters chief's earlier trial.

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Special Units Participate In Military Plan

"Scrounging" has been a traditional military operation ever since warfare has consisted of flinging spears and arrows at one's enemies.

Translated to more polite language, "scrounging" means the acquisition by begging, borrowing, or discreetly obtaining, of needed military equipment. Those military units that "don't have" scrounge from those that "do have."

Such was the operation carried out this past week by members of the 8639th Air Force Reserve Recovery Group of Vancouver Barracks, Wash., and three Recovery Squadrons under it — the 9600th of Redmond, Ore., the 9600th of Salem, and the 9610th of Eugene.

These units are assigned the job of operating emergency military airfields at civilian locations in times of war or national emergency. To do the job, they need literally tons of communications equipment—radio sending and receiving sets, teletypes, and the like.

But in setting up the recovery program two years ago, the budget-minded Air Force told the recovery units, in effect, "find your own equipment." For two years the recovery group and squadrons have been doing just that—for the most part "scrounging" surplus equipment from other Air Force units.

But last week they carried out the biggest "scrounging" operation so far. Using a C-47 from Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls, where the group and three squadrons were on two weeks' active duty, personnel from the communications sections of the four outfits flew to McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento.

There they obtained some 6,000 pounds of needed communications equipment—four large radio transmitters, power supply units for radio and teletypes, receivers and miscellaneous spare parts. All had been declared surplus by McClellan AFB. Part of the equipment was flown back to Kingsley, the balance sent by truck.

Once back at their home stations the group and squadrons will revamp the equipment and put it in working order. It will be used with other equipment already obtained to establish a functioning communications network between the four units and other recovery units across the country.

The four units were to finish up their two weeks of active duty training Sunday, July 28, and return home. Some 150 reservists participated in the two-week tour.

Man Killed In Accident

An Elkton man was killed about 10 a.m. Friday when he lost control of his car while negotiating a curve and skidded into the path of another automobile proceeding in the opposite direction, on Highway 58, near Odell Junction, according to information received by State Police at Klamath Falls.

Dead is Fred Lee Dickinson, 53, who was traveling east when he collided with a westbound car operated by H. Alden Bunker, of Winston Mountain School, Lenox, Mass., resulting in injuries to the driver and his passengers, including his wife, Judith, 27, and Lucille Perry, 16, also of Lenox.

Those injured were transferred to a hospital at Eugene by an Oakridge ambulance. The extent of their injuries is unknown.



FOLLY OF FOOD — Bruce Mackey of Alturas couldn't understand why the hawk he found in his corral Monday evening showed little or no inclination to escape — until he discovered that the bird was so stuffed with food it couldn't leave the ground. Sometime later Bruce lent a helping hand by throwing his feathered friend into the air for a successful take-off over the barn and a flight to freedom.

American Legion In State Shows Increase In Roster

The Department of Oregon, American Legion, announces its total membership in the state exceeds its status of a year ago, stopping a 10-year plunge and registering a "dramatic recovery" which is also reflected in an upturn in the Legion's national membership status. As of last week, the Legion easily claimed its title as the world's largest veterans organization with nearly 2,800,000 members.

Officers Set Crackdown On 'Litterbugs'

SOME 3,000 Legionnaires and their families will trek to Pendleton for a state convention scheduled from Aug. 1 through Aug. 3. Many Legion leaders will, however, be in the eastern Oregon city earlier for a Department Executive Committee meeting which convenes at the Tapadera Motel on Wednesday, July 31.

The Department of Oregon's membership chairman, William R. Stevens, who is also vice commander and the only announced candidate for department commander, attributed the rise in Legion membership to "the need for a stronger America in these turbulent times." Stevens said the Legion will embark on a revitalized program in the forthcoming year, commensurate with the role asked of the Legion and the needs of the country as the Legion appraises them.

Abuses of the litterbug law were noted at such spots as South Fork, Smith Flat and Dorris Reservoir.

"We feel that people here should have fair warning of the high fines that may be assessed violators of the laws," wardens said. "The maximum fine is \$500, and the court has assured us they will back us all the way."

The wardens pointed out that if people have room to take it with them, they should have a room to take it back. A shovel, wardens said, is sometimes easier. All litter should be deeply buried if not carried home.

Ella Hall Gets Kingsley Award

Ella Hall, resigning coordinator of the Kingsley Field Family Services volunteers, has been selected Volunteer of the Month. Mrs. Hall has been instrumental in increasing the number of volunteers, planning and directing orientation programs, and coordinating the efforts of her chairmen and their staffs.

The Family Services group is a volunteer organization which aids newly-assigned military personnel and their dependents to settle in the Klamath Falls area.

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