

BASIN BRIEFS

NEW PINE CREEK
HARRY MORRIS, a layman and prospective ministerial student, filled the pulpit of the Baptist Church here last Sunday while the pastor, Elder Gordon Harris, conducted services at Bieber, Calif. He announced that Elder Paul Dean of Joseph, Ore., will conduct the services on Sunday, Dec. 22. Morris has been leading services at Bieber, Cedarville, and other towns in recent weeks.

VERNON J. REYNOLDS of Alturas recently purchased the cabin across the road from the Buck Creek Ranger Station for a summer cottage. The cabin was owned for many years by former Buck Creek Ranger Lawrence Smith, now retired.

MR. AND MRS. HERMAN E. HARTER of Pomona, Calif., visited a few days with old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clark, at the first of the week. Harter works for Kaiser Steel.

MARTIN "MICKY" HARRIS is home on a two-week furlough from Fort Ord. He entered the service last October. When his leave expires on Dec. 23, he will join his detachment of Army engineers which will leave for Alaska. He will be stationed there for an indefinite period.

EAST SIDE HOME EC CLUB will hold a pinocle party in the garage hall on Dec. 23, beginning at 8 p.m.

SPORTSMEN'S pinocle party, held the evening of Dec. 14 in the Willow Ranch Fire Hall, had a low of seven tables of play due to conflicting interests. Men's high was won by Maury Morton, with low going to Perry Clark. Mrs. Maude Butler captured the women's

Dunsmuir Will Host AA Meet

DUNSMUIR — The Northern California units of Alcoholics Anonymous will hold a conference at the Methodist Church on Saturday, Dec. 21. Over 100 members of AA units from Marysville north have announced plans to attend, and anyone interested in the work of Alcoholics Anonymous will be welcome. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m., with a special business meeting at 7 p.m. Delegates to the New York office of AA will speak and a question period will follow the formal program. Plans will be discussed for the Alcoholics Anonymous convention which will be held in Dunsmuir June 6-7.

high, and Mrs. Alice Allen took the low. Irvin Faris received the traveling prize.

DAIRY
MR. AND MRS. BILLY NELSON and Denise have moved back to their home after spending several months in Fort Klamath.

ROBERT RICE spent the weekend with the Bill Milne family of Klamath Falls. Terry Milne returned home Saturday following knee surgery at Klamath Valley Hospital.

MR. AND MRS. DAN HOUSE and family spent the weekend at Medford with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. House.

MR. AND MRS. NEAL JONES went to Gilchrist Thursday and brought their daughter, Mrs. Henry Clark, home with them for a few days. Her husband and children came down for the weekend and took her back. The Jones received word from their daughter, Betty Jones, who is teaching in Arabia, that she will visit Cairo and other parts of Egypt during Christmas vacation. The Jones' son, Richard, is now in Cuba with the Marines.

BONANZA
ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH choir members went to Klamath Falls on Dec. 11 to sing five selections for the annual Christmas party of the Women of St. Paul's Church.

MR. AND MRS. PHIL LUKE of Olympia, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burnett on Wednesday evening.

HANS STRUVE of Peetz, Colo., is visiting his son, Art Struve, and family. He accompanied his nephew, Gerald Woolrige, also of Peetz, who will visit his brothers, Larry and LeRoy Woolrige.

MRS. WESLEY MENG spent a few days in Portland with relatives and friends.

MR. AND MRS. GUY HITSO took their small daughter, Christie, to Portland where she will undergo surgery at Shriner's Hospital. Hitzo returned home and Mrs. Hitzo will stay with her sister, Mrs. Warren Dick, and family.

MR. AND MRS. JACK LYNCH and sons recently spent a few days at the coast.

MRS. HERMAN TOWNER will be honored with a wedding shower at the Bonanza Library on Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. She is the former Geni Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lee. Friends and relatives are invited.

Senator's Problem May Be Acoustics, Not Journalistic Concealment Policies

By DICK WEST
United Press International
WASHINGTON (UPI) — My general science teacher in high school used to tell his classes that sound does not exist unless it is heard.

If a mighty tree toppled over in the forest, and nobody was within earshot, then its fall would be noiseless, according to this pedagogogue.

Assuming this is true, I suppose the principle also applies to the U.S. Senate. If a senator makes a speech, and nobody hears it, then he actually does not say anything.

It might be argued, of course that he doesn't say anything even if someone does hear it. But I'm trying to keep this scientific.

Senators Adhere to Rule.
At any rate, senators appear to have learned their physics lessons well. To a man, they show a strong preference for speaking in places where they can be heard. In that regard, they are fortunate.

Any time a senator feels like uttering a few thousand well-chosen words, he can drop by the Senate chamber and find a built-in captive audience.

As long as a senator is speaking, it is considered bad parliamentary form for the presiding officer to turn out the lights and go home.

Moreover, there are always at

least two newspapermen present. The two wire services make it a point to have reporters in the chamber at all times in case something unexpected happens—like a senator saying something newsworthy.

This brings us to a senator who recently complained that one of his speeches on the foreign aid bill failed to produce adequate reverberation.

Claims Views Suppressed.
He told the Senate he was unable to find any mention of his remarks in the next day's newspapers. He concluded, therefore, that he was a victim of "journalistic concealment policies."

I am not familiar with all the circumstances, but it may be that the problem was not so much a matter of concealment as of acoustics.

As the adage goes, the acoustics in the Senate chamber are terrible; you can hear every word they say.

I made a random check in the Congressional Record and found that during one 12-day period this senator was credited with at least 93 entries on the subject of foreign aid.

To update another adage, I may or may not agree with what you say, but I get pretty tired of hearing you say it.

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"And tell Betsy Ross to send fewer flags and more sweaters!"

Four Night Classes Scheduled

Four college-level evening courses will be sponsored in Klamath Falls this winter by the division of continuing education of the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Courses and the date of the first classes of each course are as follows: Jewelry and metal-smithing, Monday, Jan. 6; the maladjusted child, Monday, Jan. 6; painting, Tuesday, Jan. 7; and world literature, Thursday, Jan. 9.

Classes will be held in Klamath Falls Union High School from 7 to 9:45 p.m. on the scheduled evening. Instructors will be faculty members from colleges and universities within the State System of Higher Education and other qualified persons.

Each course offers three hours of college credit for those who satisfactorily complete it. A time schedule, containing information on registration, fees, and a listing of other evening courses to be offered in Southern Oregon may be obtained from the Ashland Continuation Center, College Campus, Ashland.

Lightning Device Considered

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) has added fresh impetus to belief that lightning or a massive static discharge blew up the Pan American World Airways jet that crashed at Elkton, Md., Dec. 8 killing all 81 aboard.

The agency disclosed that it was considering an order requiring installation of a device to prevent electrical discharges on the wingtips of all jets. The modifications would not involve grounding the planes.

The FAA said the Pan American plane was one of 56 early model Boeing 707's which carried the so-called "static discharge eliminators" on horizontal tail surfaces but not on its wingtips. A few early DCE's also are believed to carry them only on the tail surfaces.

The Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) said last week it had found evidence of a lightning strike on the left wing of the Pan American plane. It also said that a fuel-air mixture explosion had occurred in a left wing fuel cell, although it carefully avoided saying that the explosion resulted from the lightning strike.

The FAA emphasized there was no evidence that the absence of the discharge wicks invited a lightning strike. Jets carrying the static eliminators only in their tails have been exposed to lightning bolts and huge static discharges hundreds of times without experiencing difficulty.

The chimpanzee has terrific strength, equal to that of several men. In captivity, it seldom lives longer than 15 years.

Coos County Equalization Board Favored In Tax Commission Ruling

SALEM (UPI) — The State Tax Commission has refused to take jurisdiction of a tax dispute involving industrial lands along the Coos Bay shoreline, and has upheld the assessments levied by the Coos County Board of Equalization. It was announced Wednesday.

The commission's action voids assessment increases ranging from 50 per cent to 4,000 per cent that had been levied by Coos County Assessor F. R. Flanagan.

The Equalization Board's action reduced the assessment increases levied by Flanagan. Involved in the dispute were waterfront properties belonging to the Menasha Corporation, Weyerhaeuser Company, Al Pierce Co., Evans Products Company, Coos Bay Dredging Company, Central Dock Company and Coos Bay Timber Company.

The properties were valued at \$31,663 before being increased to \$104,487 by Flanagan.

Total \$55,250
The Board of Equalization's assessments which were ratified by the tax commission decision, total \$55,250.

The dispute was aired before the commission at a hearing here Dec. 3.

Appearing before the commission were Joseph McKeown and John Whitty, representing the taxpayers; Dale W. Conn, Coos County deputy district attorney, representing the equalization board; Robert Oslund of Georgia-Pacific Corp.; Marlon Larson of Weyerhaeuser; Harry Loggan, director of the valuation division, and Gerald F.

Bartz of the law section of the Tax Commission, and Flanagan. On May 15 the Board of Equalization issued an order changing Flanagan's assessments.

The commission ruled Flanagan did not appeal the assessments within the 30-day period required by law, and therefore turned down Flanagan's request that the State Tax Commission take jurisdiction and fix the

new assessments. The true cash values set by the board and ratified by the tax commission were:

Menasha \$7,000, Weyerhaeuser \$18,500, Al Pierce \$13,250, Evans Products \$4,500, Central Dock \$7,500, and Coos Bay Timber \$4,500.

The values for Coos Bay Dredging were unchanged, and not listed in the commission's ruling.

Business Trip Or Junket? Congressmen Debate Point

WASHINGTON (UPI) — As far as Rep. John Dent, D-Pa., is concerned, glass house-dwellers should go easy on stonethrowing.

The dweller in this case is Ohio Republican Rep. William H. Ayres.

Dent was one of four Democrats scheduled to go to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands for four days of House Education and Labor Committee work.

Committee chairman Adam Clayton Powell, D-N.Y., announced plans for the trip Monday, but later that same day announced it had been postponed because of the press of pre-adjournment business.

Dent read to the House Tuesday a newspaper account of the postponement which quoted Ayres as saying the trip would have "hurt the image of the committee and the House." "This person," he said, "who is worried about the 'image of

the House' still has the smell of leis around his neck that he got in Hawaii just two days ago as the representative of this same committee."

Rep. Wayne Hays, D-Ohio, who came under heavy fire earlier this year because he took the head waiter of the House restaurant along on a trip to the NATO meeting in Paris, asked Dent if he didn't realize that the trip to Hawaii was official business.

"Just what is the difference between an official business trip and a junket?" Hays asked in mock seriousness.

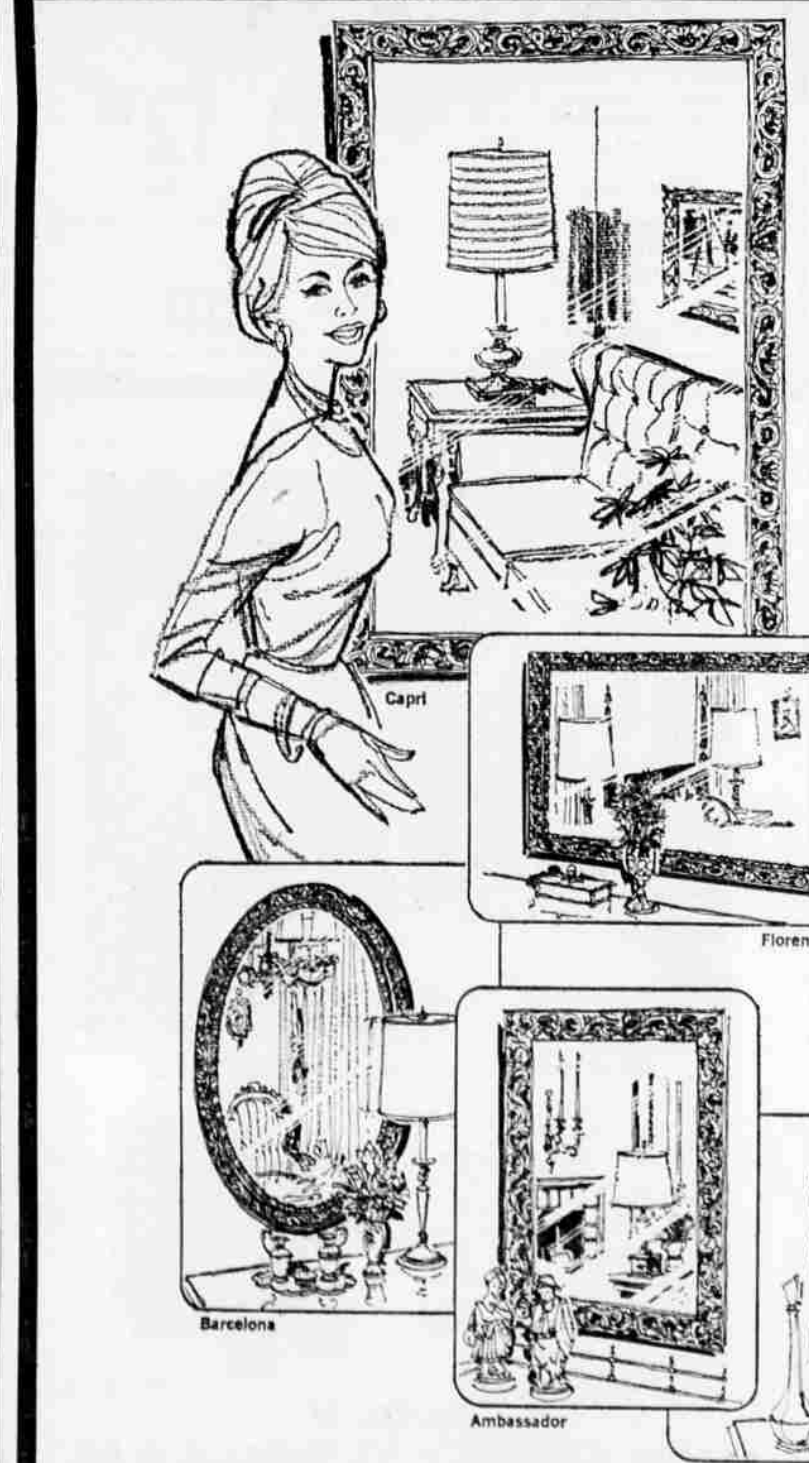
Dent said one member's official business trip sometimes is another's junket.

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