

All Around the Town

BY JOE CARAHER

A phone call came in the other day from Doug Puckett of Keno. Doug had one of those "Ain't Nature Grand" items he thought our good readers should know about.

"There's a Christmas tree out here the likes of which I've never seen," Doug reported. He said, in fact, that 22 trees were growing out of one stock and that the whole confounded thing was completely decorated and on display at the Whoa Tavern.

Travellers happening into the vicinity, who want to view this phenomenon, better pull hard on the reins and yell "whoa" at the Whoa.

If you'd like to see a different Christmas tree closer to home, there's a beauty in the middle of the swimming pool at the Union Manor apartments, one of the artistic things Dorothea Nolan has done in connection with the Yule, 1963. Strangers, especially those who may have had a few snorts before arriving and who want to get a real close look at the tree: Beware! There's water in the pool and it's colder than the bathtub on Saturday night.

Newcomers are usually asked if they like Klamath Falls and in our case the answer, naturally, is "We sure do!"

You get to thinking about what it is you like about the area. It could be summed up something as follows:

The "buzy-ness" of Main Street, which gives the impression the city's larger than it really is, and the hustle of C of C Mgr. George Callison.

The number of well-kept parks and the fact the citizens are farsighted enough to have a good recreation director, Gary Woodring.

The hot springs which heat people's homes, certainly a unique arrangement. Steam coming out of the ground reminds you of Yellowstone Park. And it makes you wonder why, after all these years, Klamath doesn't have a spa and attract people to these springs from all over the West. There are several places with the same kind of hot water that do — Sol Duc in Northwest Washington, Harrison Hot Springs in British Columbia and Hot Springs, Montana.

A newcomer is impressed with all the sunshine but not unhappy about the present wet spell as the latter makes the fairways greener and the trees taller and those mountain lakes more blue. Besides rain here makes snow at higher elevations providing lots of fun for skiers at places like Chemult. Shortage of snow at Willamette Pass has made it real tough for operators of same, several of whom are schoolteachers who dropped \$10,000 apiece into the venture and so far, so an informant confides, they have realized no profit. So a little snow would be great for these folks.

A newcomer is impressed with a lot of good things about Klamath like the friendliness of the people, the beauty of the city's churches, the quality of its restaurants and many, many of its homes. The airport and the terminal building are terrific. The highway to and from the airport is not so hot. You get a poor image of the city en route into town from there. Too many run-down shacks.

You're impressed with the view of the city from the living room vantage point at the "Juck" Juckeland home, the exciting new Oregon Tech campus and the fact the city is near a lake. You are surprised some effort hasn't been made to beautify the part of the lake closest to town; things like eliminating or sawing off pilings that stick out of the water, and landscaping the shoreline.

A newcomer is not impressed with the long list of persons whose names appear in the paper for being drunks or vagrants or for shooting someone else. These items give the community a bad image but then the newspaper only reports the news. It doesn't make it.

A newcomer is impressed with the quality of schools, the teachers and the administration of them but not with the rhubarb that has been so continuous with respect to consolidation and boundaries.

A newcomer is taken by the sounds of the city, the four "beeps" of the train as it takes off for the Siskiyou or northward toward the sprawling Winema National Forest; the screech of the F-101's as they whistle overhead on a mission designed to save our skins in the event of hostile attack — certainly no small burden for the commanding officer, veteran airman Col. Edwin J. Witzemberger. You're not too nutty about the blast of the train's air horn or the piercing scream of the jets if the noise occurs at night. But then these are sounds of commerce and industry; the defense of our nation. Probably the counteractor is to give up coffee before retiring, taking a bromide or a solid rap on the head.

Foreign Aid Program Faces 1964 Overhaul

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The multi-billion-dollar foreign aid program, a cornerstone of United States diplomacy since shortly after World War II, may be in for a massive overhaul in 1964.

The difficulties that President Johnson and his predecessor the late President Kennedy encountered this year in steering the program through a frequently hostile Congress prompted the latest scrutiny of the often criticized aid program.

The House and the Senate slashed Kennedy's \$4.5 billion aid request to \$3 billion after a long and bitter debate which still has not ended. Even the usually friendly Senate Foreign Relations Committee urged a wholesale reappraisal of the program.

The Senate meets Monday and is expected to pass the bill appropriating the money for the

present fiscal year, already almost half over.

President Johnson's new committee to review the aims and operations of the program held its first full-dress session Friday. The eight-man study group, under the chairmanship of Undersecretary of State George Ball, is charged with seeking ways to streamline administration of the program and "all possible means to achieve economies and efficiencies."

Johnson, in announcing formation of the study group Thursday, instructed it to conduct an "intensive review" of the controversial aid program, with particular emphasis on possible economies.

Officials said the President wanted the review to give his administration a basis for producing a foreign aid program next year which can be justified more effectively to the Congress.

Contempt Of Court Charge Filed Against Rep. Powell

NEW YORK (UPI) — Controversial Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, D-N.Y., was held in contempt of court Friday for failure to heed a legal summons in connection with a \$211,500 libel judgment against him.

The Harlem Democrat was ordered to pay the full amount

or to appear in court here on Jan. 6 for a determination of whether he could pay any amount of the settlement. The latter probably would entail a complete study of Powell's financial status.

However, his lawyers said the congressman would appeal the decision. Powell was at his residence in Puerto Rico.

Powell stepped into the libel suit during a television interview in 1960. He was in the midst of a campaign against gambling and alleged police corruption in Harlem. During the interview he labeled Mrs. Esther James, a 66-year-old Harlem widow, as a "bag woman" (grat collector) for the police department.

Mrs. James sued and won the judgment earlier this year. However, attempts to collect the money failed and Powell did not answer a court summons in September. He contended through his lawyers that it was illegally served.

One subpoena had been tacked to the door of his apartment in Manhattan and a second had been mailed to him. State Supreme Court Justice Arthur Markewich ruled Friday that the subpoena had been served according to due process. However, he said Powell could purge himself of contempt by paying the total judgment or appearing in court for examination.

Gunmen Rob Bend Home

BEND (UPI) — Two men reportedly broke into a home at Sisters at gunpoint early Saturday and then fled with two companions in a stolen car after one of them raped a 17-year-old girl.

Bend city police later arrested four youths from the Seattle area and charged them with larceny of an auto and carrying concealed weapons. Taken into custody were Orland Ray Summers, 24; Jerry Harvego, 18; Dennis Frederiek Marchetti, 16, and Hal Rucker, 15.

Police said they found three revolvers and a rifle in the car and another pistol in Summers' waistband.

The car reportedly was taken at gunpoint from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Gray at Sisters.

State police indicated more serious charges might be filed against at least one of the men early this week.

Sisters City Marshal Fred Painter said the men also took \$17.50 from the house. He speculated that robbery was the original motive for the break-in. A car reported stolen in Washington was found nearby.

Climb Ends In 2 Deaths

EVERETT, Wash. (UPI) — A rescue party resumed efforts Saturday to bring out the bodies of a Seattle man and his 12-year-old son who died on the slopes of Mt. Index early Friday morning of cold and exhaustion.

Dangerous terrain and light conditions forced a halt to the attempt Friday night to recover the bodies of Horace Gates, 41, and his son, Frank.

A second son, Louis, 13, was found unconscious about 50 yards from the remains of a fire apparently built to keep the group warm.

Gates was found dead with an arm around Frank. A third son, William, 15, hiked down the mountain during the night to alert authorities of the trouble at the 3,000-foot level of the 5,639-foot peak. He was treated for exposure at a Monroe, Wash., hospital and sent home.

Bet Nets 50 Grand

MIAMI (UPI) — A casually dressed mystery man walked out of Tropical Park Friday with his pockets stuffed with \$50,678.60 in cold cash — the biggest twin double payoff in Florida on a \$2 bet.

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