

Steamboat Trip To Roseburg, Army Discrimination, Shotguns, Plastics Topics At Meeting Of Toastmasters

A variety of topics was on the schedule at Tuesday night's Toastmasters club meeting held at Carl's Haven. Jerry Sheldon, toastmaster, introduced as speakers Ross Newcomb, Glenn Clute, Jim Turk, Tom Coates, Delbert Parker and Carl Permin.

A steamboat's trip to Roseburg in 1870 and efforts to establish water service between Winchester Bay, Roseburg and possibly Canyonville were told by Newcomb. The plan, according to Newcomb, was started by Capt. Hahn, who in 1870 came by steamboat up the Umpqua river to Roseburg. A navigation company, incorporated for \$12,000, was organized and a boat, costing \$7,000 and called the Enterprise, was built. The plan was discontinued when low water the next summer made navigation impossible. More recent plans, also abandoned, called for a series of canals on the river, said Newcomb.

Army Discrimination
Does the army actually offer recruits what the advertisements and literature claim? That was the question asked by Clute. He discussed his observation in the army during the war, when men of high mentality frequently failed to qualify as officers because of technicalities and unfair treatment of their superiors. Officers were turned out by the hundreds in his department, and in many instances, corporals were more highly respected than officers, he related.

Advice on Shotguns
The history of shotguns from early 17th century single-shot models was told by Turk. The British used the blunderbuss successfully in ripping enemy ship sails, and also developed the "twist" or Damascus sporting gun. The double-barrel shotgun was introduced to reduce the "kick" of an ordinary breech loader. It took the Americans to invent the "choke" to more accurately concentrate the shotgun charge. In choosing a shot-

gun, the "fit" is important, he asserted. "Make sure you get a gun whose stock fits you," he advised.

High government expenditures lay not alone with Washington, declared Tom Coates. The laborer and contractor are also equally responsible, he claimed. He cited an example during the war of a group of welders who were supposed to work on a holiday for time and a half pay. Under the foreman's orders the men laid around half the day before they started work. He cited also an incident where a contractor was concealing costs of developing his farm under his plant operation costs. Much of this, he declared, can be eliminated by proper auditing.

Plastic Marvels
Marvels of the plastic industry were told by Delbert Parker. Celluloid was first made in 1871, but it was not until 1909, when the combination of formaldehyde and phenol was perfected that the plastic industry began to advance. The many uses of plastics and the rapid growth of the industry were told by the speaker. Permin described a recent trip he made to Victoria, B. C. The trip was made from Port Angeles and return by way of Anacortes, Wash. The tour, he said, proved exceptionally interesting, especially from his observation of English influence, which is stronger in Victoria than most parts of Canada.

Critics were Phil Harth, Leroy Inman, Roy Barnhart and Bob Harvey. Table topics chairman was Dr. S. L. De Lapp.

The club will continue meeting at Carl's Haven through August. A picnic is scheduled Sunday, Aug. 21, at Harth's home on the North Umpqua.

Next Tuesday's speakers will be Jim Vaughn, Bill Lindsell, Harth and Dr. De Lapp, with one more to be named. Critics will be Parker, Permin and Coates, with two to be named.

Jim Adcox and David Gordon were guests.



END OF SUICIDE DIVE—Terrorized residents of Stockton, Calif., view the wreckage of the small plane in which Russell Higby, 23, was killed when he intentionally power-dived the craft into the cemetery where his wife was buried. Dependent over his wife's death, the youth terrorized the city for two hours with buzzing and low-level stunt flying, then climbed to about 2000 feet and nosed the plane into a "90-degree dive," witnesses said.

Lions Hear Talk By Walter Fisher On European Trip

Thirty-two Drain Lions club members and visitors attended the weekly meeting Tuesday night at Roaring Camp Steak House. Vice President Hank Hathaway presided.

Special guest was Walter Fisher, Roseburg, who, with his wife, has just completed a two-month tour of Europe, visiting England, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland and other countries. He gave an interesting account of his trip, the living conditions in Europe, how the people are rebuilding after the war, and their attitude toward the outside world.

Three new members were presented their Lions pins by acting President Hathaway. They were "Speed" Holmes, Verne Thomas

and Sherman Chapman. Other new Lions present were Jim Bush and Calvin Peterson.

Additional visitors included Hal Eldridge, Harry Cool Jr., Jim Jump, manager of the Kilowatts softball team, and Jack Spencer, manager of the Sand Fleas.

Forming of a softball league for the remainder of the year was discussed in a short directors' meeting after the dinner. If present plans mature there will be doubleheader games at the ball park Monday and Thursday night's with teams of the town participating.

At the Lions sponsored donkey ball game last Monday, \$85 was cleared after paying off the "donkeys." This money will be used partially for expenses of the field and lights and for furtherance of a softball league in Drain.

SUITS FOR MONEY
The following money actions have been filed in circuit court: Chester Bristol and Wilbur DuCharme vs. Clifford Townsley. Plaintiffs ask judgment for \$802.66 allegedly due on truck materials and labor.

State Unemployment Compensation commission vs. Walter W. Decker, doing business as Decker Logging company. Plaintiff demands judgment for \$266.92 as alleged unpaid contributions, plus interest.

Primitive manufacture of iron ore is believed to have begun in some nations well before 1300 B. C.

An iron blade, perhaps 5,000 years old, was found in an Egyptian pyramid.

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JOE
RICHARDS



DETAINED—Louis Goldblatt (above) of San Francisco, secretary-treasurer of the I. L. W. U., a Dutch national and another American were detained by the British Labor Government on charges that they were sent to England as "Communist agents" to block settlement of the London dock strike. A settlement of the strike came shortly after the three were detained. All three were ordered out of the country.



GETS LABOR POST—Phillip M. Kaiser, above, has been nominated by President Truman to be assistant secretary of labor in charge of international labor affairs. The post has been vacant about two years. Kaiser, 36, a native of New York, is now director of the Labor Department's Office of International Labor Affairs.

Modern Philosophy Will Take Republicans Out Of Old Groove

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

The split among leaders of the Republican Party apparently is not going to be healed easily.

Numerous GOP national committeemen are clamoring louder than ever for the ouster of Rep. Hugh D. Scott Jr. of Pennsylvania, the national chairman. Scott was named to the post by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York in return for Pennsylvania's support of the governor in the 1948 Republican convention.

The chairman himself finally took public cognizance of the growing furor by declaring he would not resign until a new leader could be found who would bring the desired harmony to the party.

The fight over Scott is more than a tug of war for control of the party's key machinery. It is symptomatic of the confusion, the bitterness and the doubt that assailed the Republicans after their stunning defeat at the polls last fall.

The GOP is searching for a winning formula. Questioned for ideas, rank and file party workers came up with a bagful. But no cleanly outlined political philosophy or course of action emerged from the welter of proposals and criticisms.

Some Republicans think the party should follow the Democrats down the "welfare state" road. Others want a return to "basic" party principles but can't agree what those fundamentals are. Many have no positive notions except to advise against "me-tooism" of the sort they believe has marked party campaigns since 1940.

Every intelligent citizen who believes in the two-party system must hope that for the sake of our

national political health the Republicans can construct a sound, workable program.

If they do not, the country soon may be on its way to losing a vital element in democracy: the chance to choose at the polls between clear alternatives of policy.

Merely to turn the GOP in the direction the Democrats are moving would not seem to promise fulfillment of the opposition party's function. Unless somehow the Democrats should somehow lose their stuff.

No, the difficult but apparently inescapable Republican task is to piece together a completely modern philosophy that is nevertheless several leagues removed from its Democratic alternative. Only hard soul-searching, possibly in regional and national party conferences, can be depended upon to uncover the elements of such a GOP program. The job is not made easier by the fact that it is not always clear what horizon the Democrats are heading for.

There is no sense, however, in putting off the painful duty. The passage of time simply encourages the GOP to stay in its old groove—the groove that led to five straight presidential defeats.

Chairmen Named For K. Of C. Activities

Chairmen for the organization's activities during the coming year were named at a meeting of Knights of Columbus Council 2939, at the regular meeting Tuesday at the Knights of Pythias hall, Grand Knight H. J. Desbiens presided.

Report was made on the St. Joseph's parish picnic, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, at Umpqua Park July 24. The affair was well attended and enjoyed by all. Prizes were awarded to children who took part in numerous games.

Ernest Schaner was named general chairman of the organization's various activities. Sub-chairmen include Henry Bailey, Catholic activities; Ronald Raade, council activities; Lee Emery, fraternal activities; Grover Follett, membership; John Puitman, publicity; Wayne Farrell, additional supervisor of KC-sponsored Boy Scouts explorers' group.

It was decided to feature entertainment and instructive work in Columbianism at alternate meetings.

The armies of the Egyptian King, Rameses III, were well equipped with iron weapons.

The annual retail value of U. S. meat products now is about 15 billion dollars.

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