

Speakeasies Don't Worry Washington

No Men, No Space

No Liquor, No Furniture—No Soap!

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WASHINGTON — The dire prediction that we'll have a rebirth of the "old rootin' shootin' speakeasy days" as a result of Jimmy Byrnes' ban on whoopee after midnight is just wishful thinking, according to a consensus of official Washington.

Times just ain't the same, officials point out. It takes space, liquor and manpower for a speakeasy and none of these important ingredients is available, they say. Besides, there's too much red tape involved in setting up even an illegal business these days.



Typical of speakeasies of the roaring twenties is this cellar set-up in New York. Bottleggers today would find it hard to duplicate.

In the roaring twenties it was relatively simple for a bootlegger to peddle his bathtub-hooch in a private den of iniquity. All he had to do was find himself a slightly out-of-the-way place, put a grilled aperture in the door, get a pug-ugly to open it, pass out cards and then wait for the crowd.

Fire Water Scarce

Let's start with OPA's reasons why there won't be speakeasies. Well, first, you've got to have fire water to serve the customers. There's not enough to keep the retail dealers satisfied and the distillers don't have enough to keep the wholesalers happy. Of course there are ways around this, but the legitimate liquor trade is so good it's doubtful bootleggers would endanger their business by getting mixed up with the crooks. At least that's OPA's line of thought. How about bootleg booze? You can't get sugar for it and WPB says you can't get equipment to make it or contain it if you could make it.

Skip that hurdle and let's try to find a place to put our speakeasy. What sites were used during prohibition? Apartments, stores, basements and private homes. If you let more than two people in an apartment in Washington they would claim squatters rights and no customer would ever leave. OPA reports the same situation in practically every other town. The same goes for stores and basements.

Then, of course, there's the little matter of ceiling prices which would be violated probably as they had never been violated before. OPA says it would get awful mad at this and help war manpower commission crack down.

No matter how earthy a speakeasy might be there is still some basic equipment needed, such as ice boxes, glasses, furniture and other things. That problem just about answers itself without WPB's pointing it out. Where would you get it?

Even the frills aren't obtainable. Take sawed-off shotguns. You can't get shells. Even if you could you couldn't get a hack saw to cut the barrel off short.

America's original "Pennsylvania Dutch" came from Germany, although some lived in England for a time before coming to America.

Wounded Veterans At Camp Adair

CAMP ADAIR, Ore., April 5 (UP) — The U. S. naval hospital here received 230 wounded men from the south Pacific on Easter Sunday, it was revealed today by Cmdr. E. P. Harris, public relations officer of the hospital.

The men, most of whom will require long hospitalization for shrapnel and other wounds, are "in good spirits and very happy to be back home," Cmdr. Harris said.

A number of the men will be moved to naval hospitals nearer their homes when they are better able to travel.

Today We Pay Tribute to—



Sgt. Earl E. Johnson, 21, brother of Mrs. James Proffitt of 1407 Balm street, who is over-seen with an engineering unit.

He attended the Baker elementary school and the La Grande high school. Prior to entering the army on February 2, 1943, he was a call boy at the Union Pacific railroad.

Fast, Low Cost Air Service Planned

LONDON, April 5 (UP) — Scottish Aviation, Ltd., of Prestwick, Scotland, announced it will provide immediate postwar daily air trips to America for \$160.

There will be regular day and night service between Prestwick and New York. Planes will leave Prestwick at 5:30 p. m. on sleeper service and will arrive in New York at 9 a. m. New York time.



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Shipyard Workers Reject Strike Plea

SEATTLE, April 5 (UP) — Employees of the Everett-Pacific Shipbuilding and Drydock company have voted five-to-one to reject a strike proposal asked by independent welders, the national labor relations board announced today.

The vote brought the welders members of the Independent Brotherhood of Welders, Cutters and Helpers, a sweeping defeat in their drive for jurisdiction over groups now controlled by the AFL metal trades council.

HOME EXTENSION NEWS

By JULIANNE WISE, Home Demonstration Agent

The Homemakers' festival, at which extension unit women will come to La Grande for a program and luncheon meeting from 11 a. m. to 3:30 p. m., will be held Saturday, April 14, in the Odd Fellows hall in La Grande.

The speaker will be Dr. James Millar, a well known speaker on topics relative to citizenship, who is sponsored by the inter-church council of Oregon.

The afternoon program will be made up of short contributions from each of the twelve extension units of Union county.

Three of the county committee members will serve as chairmen for sections of the day as follows: Morning session, Mrs. Loren Tucker, county committee chairman; luncheon session, Mrs. Dena Towle, former county committee chairman; afternoon session, Mrs. Walter Vogel, assistant chairman of the county committee.

Miss Frances Clinton, assistant state home demonstration agent leader from Corvallis, also will speak. Tickets will be available through the extension unit chairmen and women who are assisting them and through the office of the home demonstration agent. No tickets will be sold through the agent's office until after reports are received on the number of tickets sold in each unit. These reports are due Monday, April 9.

If homemakers cannot be contacted by that time and are interested in attending they may call the office either Monday or Tuesday morning.

Unit Meetings

First unit meeting for the coming week will be Tuesday, when the Elgin unit meets at the home of Mrs. Lee Ellen Coe at 1:30 p. m. The topic "Women and the Law" will be discussed by Carl Helm, La Grande attorney. Mrs. Connie Weatherspoon, unit chairman, will be in charge of the meeting.

The Two-Rock unit of Summerville will meet Wednesday in Grange hall. The topic "Labor Saving Salads" will be presented by the project leaders, Mrs. Grover Grimmett and Mrs. Loren Tucker. Unit chairman, Mrs. Joe Zweifel, will be in charge of the meeting.

The Kamela unit will meet Friday at 1:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Monty Broms for the topic "Labor Saving Salads," are Mrs. Broms and Mrs. Ella Roberts, and the unit chairman, Mrs. Gladys Lopez, will be in charge.

Clothing Salvage

We have been emphasizing fat salvage, paper salvage, and other similar campaigns. Featured for the month of April for the United National clothing campaign, clothing to be collected is for the use of the people in all liberated areas in Europe and includes wearing apparel, bedding, and shoes. The goal set for each person is five pounds of clothing. Won't you cooperate with the rural clothing campaign contest in your community and be sure that your five pounds or more of clothing is turned in this month!

Bulles Will Sit In Security Parley

WASHINGTON, April 5 (UP) — The state department announced today that John Foster Dulles, foreign affairs adviser to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey last year's presidential campaign, has accepted an invitation to serve as an adviser to the American delegation at the San Francisco conference.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor Observer
Dear Sir:

In the April 4th edition of The Observer, the interesting and well edited official newspaper of Eastern Oregon college, there is a very interesting article about the spring enrollment. This article states that the spring enrollment of the college now amounts to a total of 231 students, and that this is an increase of some 45 per cent or more over that of 1944 spring term.

We are all very proud of the healthy growth of this very fine institution of eastern Oregon and the healthy increase which has characterized it even during these war times.

Recently Dr. Robert Maaske made a statement to the effect that in the last year prior to the war the college had an enrollment of 187 men, and a still larger enrollment of women. However, it is a recognized fact that over the war is over the number of men in the institution is bound to substantially increase.

I am writing to call attention to the public to the fact that Eastern Oregon college is greatly in need of a men's dormitory. With the healthy growth of the college it is almost a certainty that over the war the enrollment of men will exceed 187.

The college should have a men's dormitory right now, but it is necessary for the dormitory to be built. I have seen some private schools with as low an enrollment of men students as but I have never seen a college with even that small an enrollment of men, without a men's dormitory.

In the opinion of the writer, it is a shame that the growth of

this institution has not been heretofore recognized by the state and a men's dormitory furnished a long time ago. If our present housing shortage keeps up, where will the increased number of students be housed? There are any number of arguments in favor of a men's dormitory. It adds spirit to the college. It increases the desire of students to attend. It makes the college life of the student more full and happy. It places younger students more effectively under the control and jurisdiction of the college authorities.

The only way we will ever get this men's dormitory is by some active work on the part of the people of Eastern Oregon. The college is increasingly becoming "The College" for eastern Oregonians. It would seem that something should and could be done to bring this matter to the attention of the state board to the end the college be provided with a men's dormitory.

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