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EDITORIAL

THE FREE PRESS

Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes, recently loosed a blast at the newspapers of America, intimating that they are not free because over 70 percent of them failed to express political views similar to the majority of the people—the 55 per cent majority which voted for President Roosevelt.

Regardless of personal political beliefs, regardless of which party we feel best fitted to carry on the American tradition, we cannot fail to take exception to Mr. Ickes intimations.

In the first place, there is nothing in the Constitution which says: 'A free press means that the newspaper must reflect public opinion.' The basic idea of a free press and the basic understanding of what it means has been for over a century and a half, 'The right of any individual to express his own views in print, within the restrictions of the law.' And no law has been passed yet which says that if 55 per cent of the people are Presbyterians, 55 per cent must reflect their opinions.

Mr. Ickes further suggests that the ones who are dictating the policies of the press are those big advertisers who keep the newspapers going. Well, just let one of these advertisers try to change

the policies of this newspaper and see how far he gets.

One fundamental rule for any successful enterprise is that the people who purchase the product must be satisfied. If this newspaper catered to advertisers it would lose subscribers, and then the advertisers would leave us flat.

The aim of this newspaper is to present the news as it occurs, and views which we think are for the best good of America. Freedom of the press simply means freedom to perform that function.

WELCHES PTA NEWS

Welches PTA is giving a dance Friday night, December 6, at the Rhododendron Log Lodge. Bill Howard and his Five Jives will furnish the music. Proceeds from the dance are to go to the hot lunch program which the PTA is sponsoring this year. It is hoped that the amount raised will be enough to enable the organization to start serving the hot lunches before the Christmas holidays.

The December meeting of the Welches PTA is to be held Wednesday, December 4th in the afternoon. The students have prepared an extensive exhibit of their work for the approval of their parents.

Another card party is to be given by the Welches PTA Wednesday evening, December 11th, in the school recreation room. A door prize of \$5.00 is offered, as

well as the usual prizes. Mrs. Davis donated the money for the door prize and deserves a vote of thanks from the PTA. Pinochle and 500 will be played.

LABOR MOBILIZATION IS PROGRESSING

Mobilization of labor for national defense is progressing rapidly in the Sandy district and throughout Clackamas county. In the Sandy district scores of application blanks have been turned in by the local committeemen, Fred Proctor and Orval Butler, and hundreds have been received at the county employment office in the courthouse at Oregon City.

Blanks are now available not only from members of the county labor mobilization board but also at all the newspaper offices and at most of the stores and places of business throughout the county.

The purpose of this mobilization of labor is to contact men throughout the county who are skilled in the various trades which would be applicable to the defense program. For instance many men who are now on small farms and stump ranches just barely able to make a living have the experience in any one of over 300 different jobs offered in the defense program and by taking over these jobs may be able to make a much better living.

Thousands of men will be needed in the ship yards and airplane factories, in building barracks and the numerous tasks necessary in carrying out the vast defense program. While signing up to possible work on government or other contracts is not like enlisting in the army, it is to some extent the same thing. The men agree to report for work on call and as the pay is expected to be good there is every reason to believe that practically all trained men who are without work now will report when they are needed.

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Sandy High School News

(By Lois Shearman)

Miss Ellen Pemberton, Homemaking Instructor of Sandy Union High School, reports that the Homemaking I class are working on the note books which they keep all year. They are studying line and color in dress now.

The Homemaking II class is now making curtains for the Home Economics room. They are also recovering the davenport and chair set. In addition to this they plan to do something to the piano in the way of refinishing it.

The Home Economics club has stated that they plan to have the Home Economics Club Conference held at Sandy Union High School this spring. Last year it was held at McMinnville and Miss Pemberton and six girls from Sandy attended.

There will be approximately 100 present at the all day session with several different high schools taking part in the entertainment and program.

The Big Nine Basketball Jan. bazaar is to be held at Gresham High School on December 6, a 7:45 in Gresham High's new gym.

The ten schools taking part in the tournament are Chemawa, Corbett, Estacada, Silverton, Molalla, Parkrose, Woodburn, Canby, Gresham and Sandy.

There will be nine quarters of basketball played throughout the entire evening at the opening.

Last year the tournament was held at Jefferson High School, Portland.

The 'Crimson S' club or Boy's Lettermen's club held their annual initiation in the Sandy High School gym on Monday evening, December 1.

Those who served on committees were as follows: Entertainment, Ted Marx, Emory Ames, and Lee Crain; Food, Jay Rogers, Wallace Scales and Don Richey; Initiation, Melvin Mulen, Orr and Harold Glover.

Miss Lucille Barkman, biology class has lately been studying dissecting of sea animals.

Tuesday they watched Ben Eyck dissect a baby seal. Some water dogs and some other animals.

Mr. Wallace Buchanan, history and Civics classes are studying the New Revised edition of the Oregon Driver's Manual.

One of the requirements of the class is that the students pass an examination on this manual. The examination will be given by a state patrolman after the students have fully mastered and studied the manual.

Job is just as important as that of the men who operate the army tank, the machine guns and fly our warplanes. America needs to be prepared along all lines in this great world crisis and Oregon must not lag behind in any emergency.

SANDY BASIN REPORT MADE

The Interior Department made public, a report by B. E. Jones, hydraulic engineer, suggested the development of five power sites in the Sandy River basin.

This project, if constructed would not affect the Portland General Electric Co. plant located at Bull Run or the City of Portland's municipal water supply as these both have prior water rights.

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