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POLITICS IS IN THE AIR

According to the point of view, one of the best or worst things about the New Year is that it will be a political year. When President Roosevelt returned from Teheran he tossed off a remark at his first press conference which is being widely and differently interpreted. He said in substance:

"Dr. New Deal is out of the picture; from now on we will have a new practitioner, Dr. Win-the-War."

The "antis" of course, interpreted that as the fourth term announcement. On the other hand, there are those who profess to have information that Mr. Roosevelt does not want to run again, if he can step out gracefully. However, it stands to reason the Democrats have no other leader around whom to rally.

Therefore, to those who claim to be capable of a cold and analytical study of politics and politicians, the president's remark means that he will run again, but that he intends to break away from some of the left-wingers and professional "Nudealers," who have been such an important element of his support heretofore, and offer himself to the American public on the program of simple patriotic duty (or fear), with the simple formula—"Win the War!"

Could be! And the situation presents to the bewildered and bungling leaders of the Republican party some golden opportunities. If the issue is to be how best and cheapest to win the war, then Mr. Roosevelt is going to be quite vulnerable, because his greatest handicap in war leadership has been the profusion and confusion of New Deal agencies, and his repudiation of them is quite tardy—it is a repudiation.

The complete mess in the handling of the railroad wage dispute is only the latest example of how "too many cooks" have gummed up the New Deal kitchen. Behind the taking over by government of all the railroads in the United States lies the preposterous fact that at the moment when amicable adjustment by ordinary process was possible, the deal was wrecked because a certain White House secretary forgot to deliver the proper message to Stabilizer Vinson. Vinson got out on a limb and the wartime transportation of a nation has been jeopardized by face saving manipulations more fantastic than anything ever conceived by Rube Goldberg.

This is a political year, but we do not share the dread which many seem to have of political "upheavals" in wartime. In many ways Mr. Roosevelt has given the nation superb leadership in war, but he is not the only American capable of bringing us through to victory. In this republic the safety factor is the common sense of common people.

If they demand the return of Mr. Roosevelt, it will be because the opposition has failed to produce any leader who is convincing. If they turn to a new man, it will not be because they have turned back from the great social and economic reforms toward which Mr. Roosevelt has directed them, but because they have taken literally his statement that winning the war is the first aim and they want the process streamlined, speeded up, and divorced from 12-year "regime ramifications."

The very atmosphere of the New Year is political, but even that is American.

TAKING COMMUNITY INVENTORY

In that pause before the clock struck 12 (you know how everybody begins to fidget and look at his watch) somebody said:

"What was the outstanding accomplishment of this community in 1943?"

The question was never answered because the clock struck and the whistles began to blow and the almost-tenor began to lead out with "Auld Lang Syne," and the New Year was ushered in.

However the question lingers and there are a good many "candidates" for "outstanding accomplishment" in this community:

War Chest quota of \$115,000 oversubscribed by approximately \$25,000.

Third War Loan Quota, \$4,564,000 oversubscribed by \$1,500,000.

Second War Loan Quota, \$4,500,000; total, \$4,988,000.

Red Cross goal, \$41,400 topped by substantial sum.

Lumber production in Lane county tops 1 billion feet, more than Minneapolis could boast when it was "Lumber Capital of the World."

First wood sugar plant (to cost \$4,600,000) authorized by joint efforts of Willamette Valley Lumbermen and Eugene and Springfield Chambers of Commerce—the first real step toward utilizing our enormous wood wastes.

Lane Central Planning Council organized to develop integrated post-war plans for entire "urban area."

Century Progress Fund established, a community endowment project on a democratic basis, to which all can contribute "for the common good."

The first 7-mill 5-year levy voted for the new Eugene high school setting a pattern of practical action for the post-war which has won nation-wide attention.

It would be possible to expand the list of accomplishments greatly but to our way of thinking all of these accomplishments add up to just one noteworthy accomplishment:

The people of Lane county are beginning to think and act as ONE COMMUNITY.

True, Lane county is composed of many

different units, each of which is a community in itself. In fact "community" is a word which requires flexible boundaries. In some matters Eugene does not need to act with Springfield or Cottage Grove or Junction City, but in others where our NEEDS coincide we become one community.

When one "War Chest" for all Lane county was proposed, there were many with experience in larger centers who said it could not be done. It was done.

It was united action of all the interested towns in Lane county that made the wood sugar project possible.

Lane county did not get the aluminum-from-clay plant (which was allocated to Salem) but it was Lane county which originated the demand that all Oregon communities unite to get this pioneering project for Oregon.

It may be that the war has taught us some lessons. Be that as it may, the year 1943 is memorable for giving us a sense of community power in accomplishment. We may need to remember this in some of the more difficult years which lie ahead.

PROBLEMS OF THE NEW YEAR

Although the year 1944 may not bring the end of the war, it is almost certain to bring the first of the many problems of readjustment, and for that reason it is prudent to consider some of the needs which must be met:

1. Not later than the May primaries, county government should go to the people with not less than 3 mills in special levies for post-war bridges, roads and other practical projects.

2. Not later than the May primaries, the city of Eugene should be ready with not less than 5 mills for sewers, sanitation and other badly needed improvements.

3. Other cities and school districts may or may not choose to follow Eugene's pattern of cash financing but their budgets and projects should be getting under way.

4. Inventory of private resources for post-war employment is a big job and a prime job for the Chambers of Commerce and the new Planning Council.

5. Legislation, such as better control of planning and road layouts in property development must be made ready for the 1945 legislature without delay.

6. The Fourth War Loan begins in January; the Red Cross drive confers in March; the 1944 War Chest will be just as important as 1943; the demands upon the community are not going to be lighter in the bright New Year.

There are many other "chores." The preparation of the new charter for the city of Eugene is well under way but it is a job requiring much thought and patience and care.

The University of Oregon faces the necessity of finding a new president, and it is going to be difficult to find a man who can take up where Don Erb left off with the University's war work and with its plans for post-war education.

The Eugene schools must find a man to replace Jack Cramer (who becomes Dean of Extension in Higher Education) and this Eugene assignment offers one of the finest opportunities in American education.

Nearly everywhere in Lane county, people are aware of growth and growth pains. We have had a bad polio scare and we are fumbling with wartime morals problems and delinquency.

Drainage and river bank control must go with the major flood control dams which the U. S. Engineers are planning, but here is a point at which we must consider:

"Shall we go at this piecemeal with a dozen little inadequate local drainage districts, or will we get together in one comprehensive, well-financed program?"

We have boasted that Lane county is going to be ready to "take care of its own" when the time comes, but the year 1944 is going to give us some rigorous tests. There is reason to believe that business and employment will continue to be good in spite of all war handicaps, but this may be the last year of easy ("shot and shell") prosperity.

It will be a year for some tough-minded doing!

BY DIRECTIVE OR LAW?

Congress has been given, by the Constitution, sole power to make all laws necessary and proper for the raising of an army. See Article I, Section 1; Section 8, paragraphs 18 and 12, preferably in that order.

Congress has decreed, by law, that pre-Pearl Harbor fathers shall be placed at the bottom of the list of selective service eligibles. This, says President Roosevelt, who signed that law, is nothing but a "pious wish," without binding force.

Congress also decreed, wisely or foolishly but legally, that Paul McNutt should be divorced from the administration of the draft. President Roosevelt, whose signature approved this decree, also, says he is going to take advantage of another law to continue McNutt's participation in the selective service setup.

Ain't we got fun?

The fly in the ointment these days is the scarcity of some beauty preparations.

Thirty pounds of butter fell off a truck and landed at the feet of a Los Angeles woman. That settles it—there is a Santa Claus.

Just think of the good time moths must be having in bathing suits about now.

Now more than ever the spread of cheer is one of the best comforters.

Col. Knox, Former Local Resident, Dead

Lt. Col. Robert Roy Knox, former resident of Eugene and graduate of the University of Oregon in 1900, who died Tuesday at Sawtelle, Calif., will be buried at his birthplace, Cottage Grove, in Masonic-IOOF cemetery following funeral services in the Episcopal church, Eugene, Monday, Jan. 8 at 1:30 p.m. His mortuary at Cottage Grove will be in charge. He was born there July 18, 1878.

Filling the position of director of operations and training at Camp Roberts, Calif., at the time of his death, Colonel Knox also was in the last war, and served as a major on General Pershing's staff. He was one of the founders of the American Legion.

Following his graduation from the university, Knox joined the Eugene Loan and Savings bank, where he was employed for seven years. Later he went to the Albany Mill and Elevator company for ten years, as manager. On his return from France after the first world war, Colonel Knox joined the Portland National bank, of which he became cashier.

He was married in 1922, to Leonora C. Brown of Portland, who survives him at their home in Oswego. Also surviving are a brother, Frank Knox of North Bend, Ore., and two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Anthony, Los Angeles and Mrs. Mary Knox Bledier, Cottage Grove. Col. Knox was a son of O. F. and Sarah Knox, pioneers. He was a member of the Oregon national guard and entered service in 1939.

Mrs. Alta Louise Upshaw

YONCALLA—Mrs. Alta Louise Upshaw, 22, a native of Yoncalla, died Thursday morning at a hospital in Eugene, following sudden illness. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Daugherty of Yoncalla, she was born here June 13, 1921. She had lived here until the past four years, during which time she made her home in Portland. She was a graduate of the Yoncalla high school.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband, Paul G. Upshaw; a son and daughter, Garrie Michael and Martha Jo; two sisters, Mrs. Naomi Cox, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. Katharine Ryckard, Yoncalla; a brother, Claude Daugherty, U. S. army; grandmother, Mrs. Zedie Bishop, Portland.

Services will be held in the Methodist church Sunday at 2 p.m., Rev. Fred O. Hunt officiating, and interment will be in the Yoncalla cemetery. Stearns mortuary of Oakland is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Genevieve Gerstner

Mrs. Genevieve Gerstner, 40, of Culp Creek died of burns Wednesday at a local hospital. She was a native of Kansas, born Oct. 16, 1903, and received her education in that state. She was married to Peter Gerstner at Garden City, Kans., Jan. 13, 1921. The couple moved to Colorado in 1926, and to Oregon in 1941, living first at Saginaw before moving to Culp Creek. Mrs. Gerstner was a member of the Catholic church.

She is survived by her husband and the following eight sons and daughters: Julius, with the army in Texas; Isadore, in the army, a prisoner of war of Germany; John, in the army at Fort Lewis, Wash.; Martin, Lorene, Irene, Peter, Jr., and Gertrude, at home; one grandchild; her father, John Heile, of Garden City, Kans.; three brothers, Nick and Celestine Heile, both of Culp Creek, and John Heile, of California; five sisters, Mrs. Clinton Russell, Cottage Grove; Mrs. Nick Lehnert and Mrs. Jake Knob, both of Colorado, and Mrs. Joe Berning and Mrs. Lucy Herman, both of Kansas.

Funeral services will be held at Smith's chapel Sunday at 8 p.m. and Monday at 8 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Catholic church in Cottage Grove, Father James Maxwell officiating. Interment will be in Masonic-IOOF cemetery, Cottage Grove.

John William Wright

COTTAGE GROVE—The funeral of John William Wright, who died at his home, 337 North G street, Cottage Grove, at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, was held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the Mills mortuary here, Rev. Hilton Park officiating, and interment in Masonic-IOOF cemetery.

John W. Wright was born on Rice hill near Oakland, Oregon. He had been a resident of this section 50 years. He married Lucy Haskins at Albany in 1913.

He is survived by his wife and two sister, Mrs. Pearl Collier, Myrtle Point, and Mrs. Madge Mote, Cottage Grove.

George Luckey Bayn

COTTAGE GROVE—Funeral services for George Luckey Bayn, who died at his home at Divide, will be held at Toledo, Oregon, Monday, Jan. 3. Interment will take place at Newport cemetery. Mills mortuary of Cottage Grove has charge of arrangements.

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Applications for New Nursery School Needed

SPRINGFIELD—Any working mothers who are interested in enrolling their children during working hours in a nursery school are asked to contact E. H. Silke at the high school as soon as possible. More applicants for the school are needed before any definite action can be taken.

The project is paid for by the federal government but is sponsored by the school district. Children from 2 to 5 years of age will be taken into the nursery school.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS TO MEET

SPRINGFIELD—A meeting of the Royal Neighbors will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The state supervisor, Mae Logan, will be present for this meeting and all members are requested to be present.

WSOS MEETING HELD

SPRINGFIELD—A meeting of the general WSOS will be held Wednesday at eleven o'clock. A 35-cent luncheon will be served at 12:15 by Circle 1 to business people and society members attending.

Following the luncheon a short business meeting will be held with Mrs. Genevieve Turnpseed as speaker. Mrs. Turnpseed will speak on the subject, "Christ At the Peace Table."

NEEDLECRAFT CLUB

SPRINGFIELD—The Needlecraft club will meet Thursday at the home of Mrs. Carl Olsen, 833 D street for a regular meeting. The meeting will begin at 2:30.

PINE CIRCLE NO. 45

SPRINGFIELD—Pine Circle 45, NOW, will hold its regular meeting January 12 at the American Legion hall at 8 o'clock.

Following the meeting refreshments will be served. The following committee will be in charge: Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stevens, Mrs. Eunice Sigdahl, and Mrs. Doris Sweeney.

FAST NOBLE GRANDS HOLD MEETING

SPRINGFIELD—The Past Noble Grand club of the Juanita Rebekah lodge will meet Tuesday noon for a potluck luncheon and business session at Odd Fellows hall in Springfield.

The new officers for the year will preside at this meeting. They are as follows: Mrs. Fred Louk, president; Mrs. Ernest Black, vice-president; Mrs. Henry Korf, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Arthur Taylor, Mrs. Ernest Black, Mrs. Lee Putnam, dining room committee.

ANEAS MEETING POSTPONED

SPRINGFIELD—The meeting of the Aneas club which was to have been held Tuesday of this week has been postponed. Announcements regarding a future meeting will be given later.

THIRSTY TURN TO MILK

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Alcoholic liquor is rationed in Oregon and several whiskeys have disappeared from the shelves of liquor dispensaries, but milk consumption increases daily. The Marion county health department reported Salem consumed approximately 15 per cent more milk during the first half of 1943 than for the same period in 1942.

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MISS NYMPHA LAM

Local Girl First Chinese Girl in WAVE

First young woman of Chinese ancestry to be enlisted in the WAVE in Oregon is Miss Nympha Lam, 1238 Oak street, Eugene.

She was enlisted in the WAVE through the U.S. navy recruiting substation with Chief William E. Bell, officer-in-charge, handling details. Miss Lam was formally sworn into the WAVE at the Portland branch, office of naval officer procurement, which handles enlistment of WAVES in Oregon, southwestern Washington and Idaho. She is the first Chinese girl to join the WAVE in the Pacific northwest as far as present records show.

An outstanding student and leader, Miss Lam is scheduled for a vital job in the WAVE. Her background of familiarity with the Chinese language and Oriental customs will qualify her for special work for the U.S. navy.

Miss Lam attended Stanford university from 1939 to 1941, majoring in education. She was a pianist for the Stanford glee club, a member of the Stanford choir and an honorary member of the Chinese Students' club. She attended University of Oregon from 1941 to 1943, majoring in music. She received her bachelor of arts degree in music in 1943. While at the University of Oregon, she served as treasurer for Mu Phi Epsilon, national music honorary society; was a member of the chorus; was pianist for student and vocal professors; and was active in the American-Chinese Women's league.

For eight years, Miss Lam was piano accompanist for professional and amateur soloists at the University of Oregon, University of California, Stanford University, and in Portland and San Francisco. She has traveled in both China and Japan. Her main avocations are reading, the piano, sports, and Chinese-American civic organizations, in many of which she is

Miss Schrader Joins Marine Reserve

Miss Mary Schrader, senior telephone operator at the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company office, Eugene, has enlisted in the marine corps reservists at Portland. It is announced by Sergeant L. L. Pittenger, local recruiter. Miss Schrader is the daughter of Mrs. Etta M. Schrader, 580 1/2 Thirteenth Avenue west. Private Schrader is a 1933 graduate of Eugene high school. She has been an operator at the P-TT office here since 1936. Her brother, Ralph is in the army. She will be transferred to Camp Lejeune, N. C. for training within a few weeks.

Also reported as enlistees in the women marines through the local recruiting office the past week are Misses Virginia and Faith Young of Roseburg. Virginia Young has been secretary in a realty firm's office in Roseburg, Faith Young a technician at the Roseburg radio station.

IN WALTERVILLE

WALTERVILLE—The Walterville Ladies Aid society met Thursday, all day. Mrs. George Willian, teacher in the Cedar Flat school who was at home for her vacation, was present for the meeting. A quilt for Kathleen Millican was finished and taken from the frames and a flower garden quilt put in for work. A covered dish dinner was served at noon to six members with two

an active member.

Miss Lam graduated from Lincoln high school in Portland in 1939.

Active in war work, she has served as a member of the Red Cross motor corps in Portland and as a leader of the Chinese-American Women's league. She is a member of the Chinese Presbyterian church in Portland.

Miss Lam was born in Tacoma. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Y. T. Lam, Portland.

Previous to her enlistment in the WAVE, Miss Lam was a stenographer-bookkeeper for a firm in Eugene.

She will receive her indoctrination training at Hunter college of Columbia university, New York city, after which she will be assigned to an advanced school for specialized training.

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