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### A COUPLA BAD EGGS!

It is to blush to realize, suddenly, that the generally high moral plane of the community has been violated. Two charter members of the Rogue River Sportsmen's association were caught poaching fish and an upright Ashland has been hanging heads and voicing remorse that such a thing could happen here. Tsk! tsk! tsk!

### SOAKING THE MOTORIST!

Grass must be watered, and Ashland's beautiful esplanade on Siskiyou boulevard has been kept in fine condition by a liberal soaking these spring evenings. But there is objection on the part of passing motorists that their shiny cars, too, are included in the drenching.

The sprinkling seems to occur at an hour most inconvenient for traffic these balmy spring days and the thought has occurred to many that perhaps some later time, when cars are off the street, might do just as well for the watering.

Perhaps public expression here of the sprinkling nuisance might attract attention of the powers that be and result in elimination of what must be an unnecessary irritation.

### CALIFORNIA'S MERCIFUL GOVERNOR!

Following three years of reprieves, Governor Olson of California has commuted to life imprisonment the death sentences of John and Coke Brite, who killed three members of an officers' posse who sought to arrest them in their Siskiyou mountain camp.

Olson's action has caused some criticism in and near Yreka where the murdered men had lived but many are there who will receive the governor's action with a feeling that the ends of justice have best been served.

The Brite brothers, former residents of Jacksonville and the Applegate country, are half-breed Indians and given to peaceful ways unless urged by firewater. They became involved in a quarrel with a neighbor who ran for the law and urged the officers into taking unusual action under questionable circumstances. In another day, and in a less domesticated west, the Brite brothers would have been regarded as defenders of their reasonable rights.

Today, however, although we prize the sanctity of the home and of our right to take whatever means necessary to protect it, trigger justice is not accepted. That the two Brites thought they were protecting their home—which at the moment was a bedding down under a convenient tree—was made quite evident following their surrender, and had the raiding party been anyone but representatives of the law, doubtless John and Coke would not have needed the mercy of an understanding governor.

Society is not inclined to include the killing of officers as a justifiable act and it is well that this is so. For the Brite brothers will neither die by white man's law nor will they go free to carry on with their own brand of law which happens to be several generations out of date.

### Attendance at Shasta Fair Building Is High

Attendance at the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland building and exhibits on Treasure Island totalled 550,362 persons from every state in the Union and 20 foreign countries up to and including May 1, according to the report of Managing Director Tom L. Stanley to the Shasta-Cascade Exposition commission at a business meeting held Saturday. Total registration of visitors at that time was 9,400 and requests to be supplied with specific information about the scenic, recreational, cultural, agricultural and other resources of the Wonderland region and its nine member counties totalled 17,237.

The commission's finance committee reported receipt of approximately \$5,000 in operating reve-

nues during the past 30 days, audited and ordered paid current operating bills, and discussed routine business in connection with operation and maintenance of the building and county exhibits. Manager Stanley reported all individual county exhibits now complete with the exception of Jackson and Klamath counties which will be finished during the current week.

More than 1,500 people from the nine counties of the Wonderland have already registered at the Shasta-Cascade building. Visitors who have registered from foreign countries total 157. With the exception of California and Oregon, Washington leads Pacific coast states with 277 visitors registered. Illinois leads middle western states and New York leads Atlantic coast states. Those who register represent only a small percent of the total number of visitors in the building.

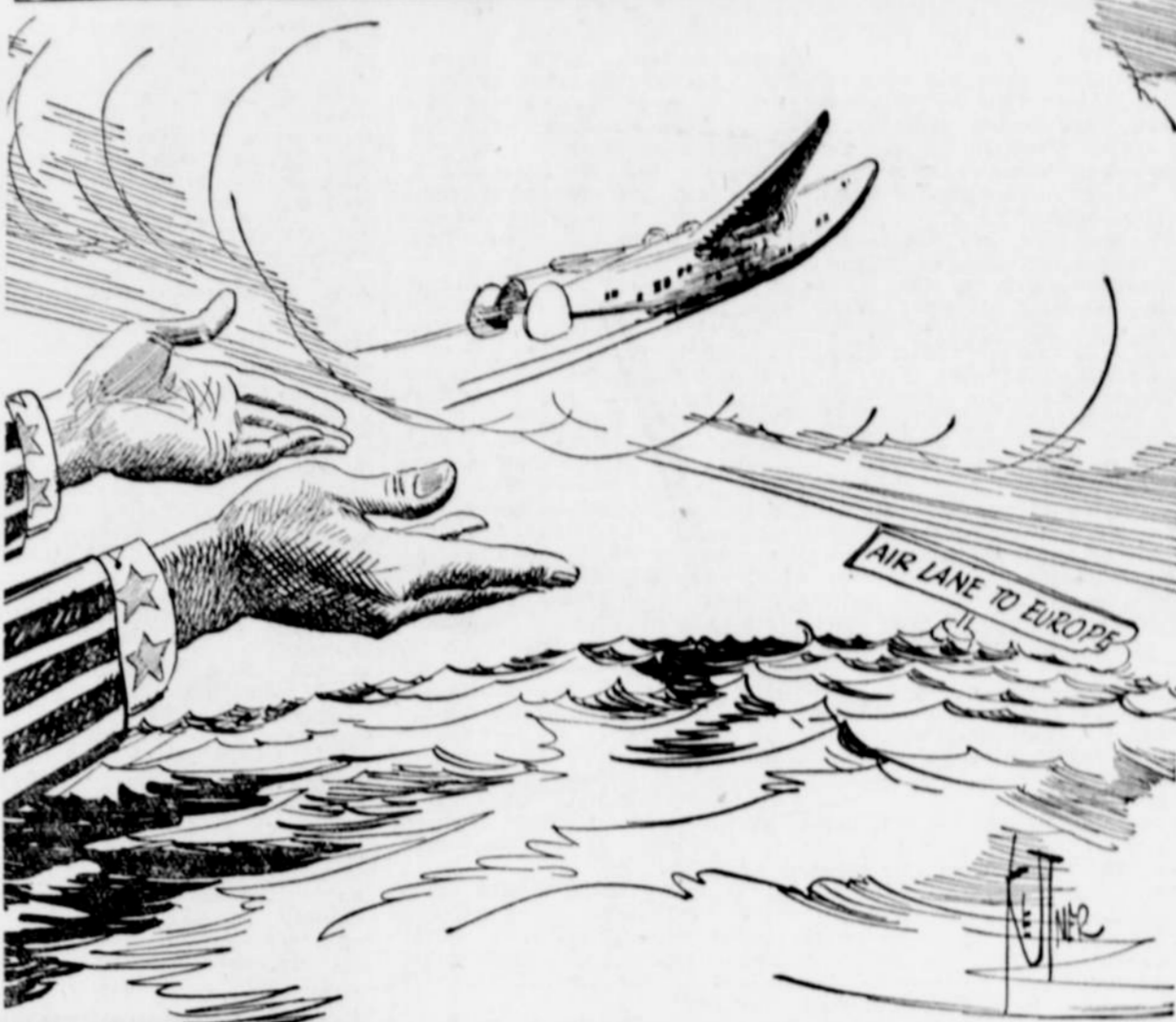
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## Happy Landings'



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### OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

DOWN in Morocco there is a town named Metlui which gets our vote for the best place to run a picture show. The town has a population of about 2,000 but half of it changes every week, going out or coming in with caravans. An itinerant exhibitor landed there with a film, "The Plainsman," intending to work on down to Timbuktu exhibiting as he went but he has been in Metlui for two years and so far has never had to change his program due to the constant turnover in population. However, the permanent residents, some of whom have seen the show 20 times, have registered a protest and the operator has a new show, "Union Pacific," coming for fall delivery.

For some others television is here but only for those within a 50-mile radius of New York City. At present the only television broadcasting apparatus is located there but other large cities are coming along with plans. Sets cost from \$150 up with a \$25 to \$50 installation charge. So far only about 400 sets are in private hands in this country. In England where they got an earlier start there is an estimate of 15,000 private owners.

Germany has two powerful radio stations whose sole purpose is to jam the reception of neighboring countries radio casts whenever expedient. To prevent U. S. stations from coming under dominations of aliens the Federal Communications commission provides that not more than one-fourth of the board of directors and no officers of a broadcasting company shall be foreigners.

In Russia the government owns the retail stores. Only service establishments where the employer is not allowed to hire more than one person outside of his family are privately owned. Salaries of salespeople average \$7.75 monthly and if you don't get the stock turnover and margins they set down for you the government steps in and deals with you in any one of a number of different ways for which the Soviets are well known.

Privately owned stores are the rule in Germany, but Hitler won't countenance losers. If you don't make it there he can find other work for you to do and losing establishments can't be the source of fat tax collections, something that he rather needs. They are attempting to cut the number of retail establishments to seven per thousand population. In the United States it runs about 12 stores per thousand of population.

In The Netherlands you take an examination to prove your ability to operate a store, also your financial situation is checked. About 25 per cent of the applicants can't make the grade.

In Berlin there stands the most expensive embassy ever built for an American ambassador, but so far there is no ambassador for it and at present no prospects. . . . Times change—Jimmy Walker, former mayor of New York, who lived in France for some time after having to leave this country a jump ahead of the process servers, is now back and conducting a broadcast over a national hook-up three times weekly. . . . "Hellzapoppin," gargantuan musical comedy running in New York City has taken in over \$1,000,000 and Walt Disney's Snow White has done over \$6,000,000. During the intermission of the concert which he is conducting, Toscanini retires

### What Other Editors Are Saying!

**POOH TO YOU TOO!** Thus saith Len Hall of Ashland in his nefarious sheet: "Clark Wood has taken to filling his Weston Leader with bum limericks, and we'd write a derogatory one about him, only we can't make it rhyme because it would be all truth and no poetry." Yeah! Hall writes such putrid prose he couldn't do verse.—Weston Leader.

### MILITARY HIGHWAY OFFERS OPPORTUNITY

With Oregon's highway department apparently preparing to swing support for the federal Bureau of Public Roads' and President Roosevelt's military highway project, that project takes on a local importance in Grants Pass that the earlier federal toll highway plan did not merit.

The highway department was against the plan to build a grid of great high-speed toll highways across the country on entirely new routings that would have avoided every town and city.

For one thing, people would have objected to paying toll on any highway that followed older tax-built highways even partially. So the toll highways would have had to be entirely new across such difficult terrain that their excessive cost would have been greater than the possible tolls could have maintained.

The new military highway plan is different, and perhaps is suggested by the great network of military highways that serves Germany today. It radiates out of Berlin in all directions toward Germany's expanding borders, and offers instantaneous passage without traffic jams or delays for Germany's great armies and artillery forces and supplies, now motorized to key into the highway system.

Well, the United States is motorizing and streamlining its military forces. The great lines of transports and kitchen, gun, range-finder and searchlight trucks which are a summer sight on our highways, when the army is maneuvering, are patterned after the new European military design.

But our highways are not. Particularly our Pacific highway across this southern Oregon mountain barrier area is not. And this is the strategic link between the population areas of the north and the south Pacific coast.

This link will take some \$8,000,000 to construct on a modern military and commercial highway alignment and grade. Twenty years' work by the State Highway Commission, probably.

If the president's proposed military highway plan goes through congress, the highway department sees a chance to build the Pacific highway now. The Pacific highway is designated as one of the

to his dressing room, peels off his clothes, takes an alcohol bath and dons dry clothing, and once Paderewski walked away from his piano and wouldn't touch it for two years.

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four north-and-south military roads, which with three cross-continental military roads would form the military transportation grid.

That is our chance to get the Grants Pass-Roseburg bottleneck of the Pacific highway rebuilt to military and heavy commercial specifications very soon. A chance too good to miss.—Grants Pass Courier.

### IT AIN'T SO!

Forty rattlesnakes were killed the other day in their den near Ashland. Len Hall extracted their venom for his poison column.—Weston Leader.

### TO GO OR NOT TO GO

Thoughts of their future are creeping into the background of the school end activities of graduating high school seniors.

Some will go to college because they really want to; some will want to go but cannot; some will go just because they or their parents think it is the thing to do, and still others, without money, will begin the hard fight of trying to get a college education by working their way through.

Educators are agreed that there are many in college today that do not belong there, but the great majority DO belong there and through their education, the world

### Savings Bonds Is Treasury

According to L. W. The ent postmaster, Secretary Treasury Morgenthau announced that the total savings bonds through aggregated in maturing more than \$2,437,108,850. purchases have been made approximately 1,564,608 in.

Approximately 22,000 offices throughout the United States savings regional reports as to purchases at each of these mail order purchases in their respective territories being forwarded to the ers concerned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Klamath Falls visited here at the home of Mr. and G. Hunt.

will, in centuries to come better place.

To those whose further tion will be a difficult advice is to go to college means, if you really feel want the KNOWLEDGE there for you. The other that college offers are the effort.—Grants Pass

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