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"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"

NINE YEARS OF GOOD WORK!

With the resignation this week of H. L. Claycomb as chairman of the July 4 celebration committee, Ashland loses the leadership of one who has spent days and months of unselfish effort toward building what has grown to be a southern Oregon and northern California tradition—our annual Independence day celebrations.

Claycomb's resignation comes on the upbeat of his greatest success, the 1939 three-day observance, which drew an estimated 18,000 people to this city. Herschel's rodeo—his personal brain-child—was the most outstanding accomplishment and doubtless will and should be made a permanent feature.

Too often the chairman and the dozens of other civic-minded committeemen who help stage the annual show hear more criticism than compliment. Many sit to one side while the work is being done to save their energy for kibitzing and thereby make a hard job more difficult. Nine years of relentless effort on the part of Claycomb are deserving of community-wide appreciation and applause.

Surely among those who have worked closely with Claycomb are other leaders who can and will take his place successfully, but they will have a high mark to shoot at.

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DEFEATING THEIR OWN PURPOSE!

A large majority of strikes during recent months have left a bad taste in mouths of most people, but the recently attempted WPA demonstrations have been a new low in disgusting exhibitions.

Inaugurated as a stop-gap for unemployment and as a means of preventing hunger and suffering in families whose breadwinners were out of work, strikers against WPA apparently have reached the point where they believe that federal succor is their right and that they are justified in dictating the terms.

Fortunately not many WPA beneficiaries have struck, but those who have been biting the hand that feeds them have given a black eye to the entire organization. Demonstrators have displayed a wholesale ingratitude which lowers them in the general estimation of the public and it would not be surprising if the strikes, rather than helping the plight of those on relief, will embitter many who felt compassion for the unemployed.

Striking against a beneficent government is a poor way to help one's self and the gesture surely will defeat its own purpose. WPA relief was given as an emergency aid, not a vocation.

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KEEP WAR AWAY FROM HOME!

Of course America wants to keep out of European fighting if such isolation is at all possible and practical and, we suppose, such might be congress' object in delaying neutrality legislation.

Assuming that the love of peace and not hatred of the President was the underlying cause of congressional stubbornness, the present situation still leaves much to be desired by those who would not be drawn into other nations' battles, for the best way to stay out of them is to help prevent them from occurring.

The do-nothing policy, as exercised by the present arms embargo, is comparable to the stand-aside-and-let-'em-kill attitude of law enforcement officers at a mob lynching. Doing nothing often is tantamount to helping the ruthless, and that is a position which Mr. Roosevelt has been trying to avoid.

Surely it is more godless to say that wholesale murder and international lawlessness is none of our business than it is to make a sincere effort to discourage wanton aggrandizement. And certainly it must be the better course of national defense to hobble the war god now than to placate him in full stride.

If war should result regardless, then who can say it is not wiser to fight on foreign soil than to mess up our own countryside and suffer the slaughtering of our own civilians? The farther away we send our soldiers

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to the battles the safer will be those who remain at home. As for the soldiers, who would want to return home and find nothing but the scarred remains of a battlefield?

OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

WHAT I would do if I had a million dollars:
Hire a masseuse to give my feet a working over every night.
Buy myself a specially built mattress for my individual topography.
Have a chicken dinner with nothing but drumsticks served.
Establish a vocational clinic and training school for boys who need this attention.
Have my lawn mowed every day so I could gaze at the close-cropped grass after dark and particularly in the moonlight.
Learn to play the bass drum.
Build a tin roof adjacent to my sleeping room and have an arrangement which would scoop my bed out under it when it rained at night.
Furnish a layette and provide proper care for needy mothers at childbirth.
Be awakened by a pipe organist playing first fluty woodwind measures changing to gradually faster tempo and increasing crescendo to where I would roll out of bed to the stirring strains of a college marching piece or a rollicking drinking song.
Buy a suit of clothes for every needy high school boy and dress for girls ditto.
Give a day's work to anybody who asked for it.
Pay my debts.

Things I would not do if I had a million dollars:
Keep accounts beyond counting my money.
Go out in the rain if I didn't want to.
Try to collect from my present debtors.
Turn out unnecessary lights.
Make personal loans.
Anticipate my income.
Wear darned socks or resoled shoes.
Answer the telephone.
Throw away the pair of old pants I have on.
Hurry.

First Baptist Church

Charles E. Dunham, Pastor
Church school meets at 9:45 a. m., C. N. Gilmore, superintendent.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock. "In the Ages to Come" is the pastor's sermon subject.
The Young People's union will be at 7 p. m. Come and listen to the radio broadcast.
Evening service at 8 o'clock. The pastor will preach on "Children of the Light."
Prayer and conference meeting, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.
Jack and June Christian of Fresno, Calif., are visiting at the Siskiyou home of their aunt, Mrs. Ruby Tilley.
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TALENT

Mr. and Mrs. H. Dudley of Yreka called on Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Tame Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wheeler spent Sunday in Grants Pass.
Charlie Morris of Ashland called on Mrs. Miles Saturday afternoon.
George Baylor returned from Jerome Prairie Sunday, where he had been spending his vacation with his aunt Lydia Van Winkle.
Five 4-H club boys left Sunday morning for Lake o' the Woods to camp for a week. They are Gerald Locke, Bob Baylor, Ray Reid, Harry Withrow and Bill Witte.
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Terrill and daughter Barbara are attending the San Francisco fair and visiting California friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hotchkiss and baby made a business trip to Scotts Valley, Calif., Wednesday.
E. E. Evans, principal of Chilquin schools, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lowe Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Clark and family returned Friday from South Dakota, where they visited relatives.
Mona Pace of Sacramento, Calif., visited friends in Talent Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Denham of Medford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Conner Friday evening.
Frank Parke, who is employed by a construction company now working near Diamond lake, received broken ribs as the result of falling rocks and will spend some time recovering at his home near Talent.
Mrs. Kate Edgar of Seattle, Wash., moved to the Cook apartment this week. Mrs. Edgar and Mrs. Cook are sisters.
Donald Walden and Virgil Pope left Monday for Kirk, where they are employed in a sawmill.
Joe Dennis' house is receiving a new coat of paint.
Hazel and Mary Walker of Phoenix visited relatives here who are staying in the camp ground.
Kenneth Rosen of Bellview was a business caller here Saturday morning.
Roy and Archie Estes spent Thursday at Hiatt lake fishing.
Earl Allen, employed in Klamath county, spent the week-end with his family here.
C. W. Collins and wife of Aspen lake were visiting friends in Talent Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Townley and family of Iowa are stopping in the auto camp for several days while looking for a valley location.
Mrs. Ida Crandall and Iva Blackwell of Ashland called in Talent Friday evening.
Edna Wiseley of Bakersfield, Calif., Esther Spangenberg of Shafter and Mrs. Dorothy Morris

About People You Know!

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Newton and children, Mr. and Mrs. B. Newton, Mrs. Minnie Newton and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Newton spent Sunday in the Applegate valley.
Mary Claire Delsman left Monday for her home in Oakland, Calif., following a visit here with relatives and friends.
Mrs. Margaret Dean and daughter Mary of Portland visited here early this week with Mrs. Dean's son, Dave Chrysler.
Mr. and Mrs. Don Spencer visited in Grants Pass Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Archibald.
Eva Brumble of Klamath Falls visited here Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Brower.
Dwight Patterson is visiting for a few days this week with relatives in Corvallis.
Foster Thompson returned last week-end from Pendleton where he has been visiting with his parents.
Mrs. Jack Roberson of Siskiyou shopped in Ashland Tuesday.
John Hughs, W. J. Chipman and Sam Jordan fished Williamson river in Klamath county Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Brown left Monday for their home in Long Beach, Calif., following a visit here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark True.
E. G. Davis and Stanley Davis spent the week-end at Lake o' the Woods.
Wilbur Fulmer and daughters Jean and Margaret of Wyola, Mont., left Monday for San Francisco following a visit here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Foster.
Mrs. H. L. Moore underwent a major operation at Community hospital recently.
Dan Moon of Fort Klamath visited here last week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Moon.
Mr. and Mrs. P. D. McDougal and daughters June, Billie and

HILTS NEWS

Mrs. Earl Temple drove to San Francisco Wednesday evening to visit relatives. Earl Temple, who spent the last month in the Veterans' hospital in San Francisco, returned with her Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker made a business trip to Weaverville Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams were in Medford Saturday and Sunday.
The Hilt baseball nine met the Redding team on the home diamond Sunday and won the game 4 to 2. This was Hilt's first win of the season. Walt Foster pitched all nine innings.
Fire broke out in the fuel house at the sawmill Monday afternoon but was soon under control with little damage done.
Russell Williams was in Medford on business Tuesday.
Miss June Herr of San Francisco, who has been a guest at the home of her cousin, Mrs. James Purvis, went home Friday evening.
Mrs. M. J. Bailey has been visiting her mother, Mrs. B. R. Brown at Weaverville.