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CONGRATULATIONS OLD TIMERS—

Amateur historians who collect local historical data are making a most valuable contribution to the annals of national Americana, says Elmo Scott Watson writing in the July 8 issue of the Publishers' Auxiliary. In the compiling of such material, many American newspapers are taking a part in the preservation of important past events which will eventually become a part of the picture of the country's development. "I refer" said Mr. Watson, "to the rescuing from obscurity, and possible oblivion — many important items of American history, (both local and regional) which the professional historians, concerned with the broader aspects of our national life, either pass over or consider too insignificant to rate even a brief mention in passing."
 "By collecting these items — which often involves a more painstaking research than the printed product reveals — and getting them "on the record," these amateur historians are making a valuable contribution to history." — F. M.

DYNAMITE—

In the daily kaleidoscopic international changes being brought about by the Korean conflict, many of the issues for which there has been so much publicity and propaganda are becoming unworkable or dangerous. Among them is the one which has been given such a build-up by the group which backed the Morgenthau plan, and which has been presented to the Senate for ratification as a treaty. It is known as the "Genocide" proposal.

"Genocide" is a newly coined word not found in any dictionary but meaning the extermination of racial, religious or political groups. The U. N. adopted a resolution making genocide a crime and providing for its punishment by an international court. If ratified by the Senate, the "Genocide" treaty will take precedence over our state and federal laws and the Constitution itself.

The American Bar Association has made a careful study of the proposal and has found that under its terms an American could be "arrested, carried to a foreign land, and tried by a foreign court for the killing of one person. If he were an officer or a member of any group or organization which caused mental harm to members of a racial or religious group by barring them from membership, or otherwise discriminating against them, he is subject to prosecution for genocide."

An analysis of that fantastic proposal in the light of threatened war may cool the ardor of some of its proponents and give them reason to learn that what may be sauce for the goose can become plenty hot for the gander. — F. M.

Letter From Washington...

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth, Congressman, 4th District

To better understand what is happening in Korea now it is necessary to review some recent history. The Japanese surrendered August 10, 1945. General Order Number One, which established the 38th parallel as a dividing line, was written the next day, approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and by the President and was telegraphed to MacArthur in Manila on August 15th. Meanwhile, on August 12th Soviet military forces entered North Korea. The Russian government later agreed to the 38th parallel line. General Order Number One, addressed to the people of Korea, was not actually transmitted to them and put into effect until September 2, 1945.

The last paragraph of the preamble of the order reads: "By virtue of the authority vested in me as Commander in Chief, United States Forces, Pacific, I hereby establish military control over Korea south of 38 degrees north latitude and the inhabitants thereof, and announce the following conditions of occupation:"

The sole purpose of making the division line at that point was military convenience for taking the surrender of the Japanese forces.

And so, although GO No. 1 was never written for such purpose, that action of the conquering powers resulted in the creation of two new governments where only one should have been. Thus the Russian puppet state, "The Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea," was formed in the north. The "Republic of Korea," sponsored by the United Nations and aided by the United States, was set up in the south.

The Russians knew, or at least shrewdly guessed, that having been thus separated the two halves of Korea would only be united by a civil war. They proceeded at once to make the north into an armed camp. We, meanwhile, withdrew our forces and under the guise of military aid gave the southern Koreans some small arms and ammunition "for internal security purposes." On June 25th, the well-armed and well-trained north-erners moved southward. The daily news reports continue the story.

Since GO No. 1 we have authorized \$466,000,000 in economic assistance to Southern Korea and a total of only \$57,000,000 in military assistance, which consisted of \$56 millions in war surplus stuff and a million dollars worth of our old equipment turned over when our troops were withdrawn. To those who knew the story it seemed pretty obvious that economic aid unprotected by military assistance amounted to fattening a lamb for the slaughter.

Just a year ago, on July 26, on the House Foreign Affairs 1949, the Republican minority committee dissented from the majority view regarding further economic aid for Korea in a report which contains the following paragraph:

"If this is the case (that Soviet troops attached to the North Korean puppet government armies are in positions of command as well as acting as advisers) and there is no reason to doubt the report of the South Korean Government, the Soviet has actually entered the conflict along the frontier. This development may well presage the launching of a full-scale military drive across the 38th parallel. Unless this nation is prepared to meet force with comparable force, economic assistance cannot of itself insure the safety or the integrity of South Korea. To the contrary, there is every reason to believe that the lending of economic assistance at this time will only enhance the prize to be taken by force of arms and internal intrigue."

Now we are fighting in Korea. It is going to be a long, tragic and costly effort. We cannot turn back. Those of us who have objected to the Asiatic policy of the Administration in the past are now giving full support to the present effort. Among other things, we attempted for years to make the President and the State Department realize that the Russian government is our enemy and cannot be trusted to keep agreements. We attempted, without avail, to advance the idea that any independent government of China which was friendly to the United States should be supported against Moscow controlled communists. Now we are fighting because the Russians violat-

NEW HEAD NAMED FOR TELEGRAPH SYSTEM OF S. P.

Appointment of W. R. Birt as superintendent of telegraph for Southern Pacific, effective August 1, with jurisdiction over the railroad's vast telegraph and telephone system in six western states, was announced by the company Monday.

Birt succeeds A. W. Flanagan, whose plans for retirement after a half century career with the railroad were announced recently.

Starting with Southern Pacific in 1900 as a telegraph operator at Sacramento, Birt has become one of the best known among western railroad communications officers. Since 1924 he has been assistant superintendent of the department which he is soon to head.

Diamond Lake attracted many week end visitors from Ashland who spent a few days relaxing from the heat. Among those who were registered at the lodge were Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Gorman Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Brownson, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Squire, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Musgrove and Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Dillon, together with an assortment of the younger generation. Chet Squire added much to the gaiety of the evenings with his square dance calling which enticed many novices onto the floor.

ed solemn agreements and we are fighting against the greatest of odds because the Russian government has the great power of the Chinese communist army against us.

Now that they have learned the hard way that it might pay to listen to the views and opinions of the other fellow, I hope the President and the State Department from now on will really put foreign policy on an honestly bi-partisan basis.

Cloud Seeding To Be Tried Again

The unique cloud seeding operation season. Irrigations flown last winter in the Rogue river valley in an attempt to increase precipitation on mountain watersheds will be continued next winter to further check the economic value of such flights, it has been announced by cooperating agencies.

A preliminary progress report on the results of last winter's flight operations is contained in a report prepared by the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station and the irrigation division of the Soil Conservation service, who cooperated in the analysis of flight data.

Overall results of the flights cannot be determined conclusively yet because the essential figures on water runoff from the watersheds will not be available until the end of the irrigation season. Renewal of the weather flight contract was announced by superintendents of the three irrigation districts sponsoring the flights, R. M. Kent, Talent; W. D. Steadman, Rogue River; Ed Leach, Medford.

Tele-fun

by Warren Goodrich



"Thanks for releasing this party line. It's very urgent—a frog here says he's going to croak!"... Good party-line neighbors let the other folks use the line for important calls... Pacific Telephone.

Kiwanis Dames Meet At Bracker Home

The July meeting of Kiwanis Dames was held at the home of Mrs. Enid Bracker on Roca street Monday evening with an attendance of 19. Following a dessert supper, tables of bridge and other games were played with Mrs. Enny Schulz and Mrs. Phoebe Elhart winning prizes. The next meeting will be held in Mrs. Elhart's garden on the evening of August 21.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

717 Siskiyou Blvd. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Fran- 11:00 A.M. Worship service; Sermon by Dr. Borden, "The Kingdom's Joy." Special music, duet by Maryls Elhart and Doreen Phillips with Margaret Ramsey, organist. July 21, Plymouth Guild will hold an old fashioned ice cream social on the church lawn. The public is invited.

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JESSIE MACKIE IS LIONS CLUB GUEST

Miss Jessie Mackie, Ashland's only candidate for queen of the Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee, was guest of her sponsors, the Lions club, at their regular meeting Tuesday evening. Guest speaker was James Sandoe, member of the directional staff of the Shakespearean Festival who spoke about the writer Charles Dickens.

Church Expects Many Old Time Members

Plans are proceeding for the Diamond Jubilee celebration in August by the Ashland First Presbyterian church. Invitations will be mailed next week to many of the early ministers and members of the church who are still living, with the hope that there may be a reunion of old time friends, joining together in the historical event.

DAKOTA PICNIC TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JULY 23

The annual Dakota picnic will be held Sunday, July 23 at Touville state park on Table Rock road north of Medford. The picnic is to start at 10 a.m. and will include games and races as well as entertainment. All former residents of North and South Dakota are invited to attend and bring their own basket lunch. Ice cream, coffee and punch will be furnished.

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