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Keep Crater Lake Open

Following the recent announcement of a new policy of the National Park Service to encourage a winter use program in the nation's national parks, the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce sought the assistance of Oregon and northern California communities in an effort to apply this policy at once to Crater Lake National Park.

THE fly in the ointment, however, proved to be the lack of National Park Service funds. The nation's playgrounds are still operating on drastically reduced wartime budgets, it seems, and the chance of clearing Crater Lake Park roads this winter is slight if we must depend upon this source for paying the bill.

THERE is, however, another solution to the problem. The Navy Department has already asked that Crater Lake's winter sports area be available for the use of Marines at the Klamath Falls barracks. Navy men who come to Camp White's hospital would also benefit by the winter opening of the park.

So, if the Navy will reimburse the National Park Service for the cost of snow removal and operation of the winter area at Crater Lake, the Marines, the Navy hospital men and the general public will be able to enjoy winter-time recreation there this year. Otherwise it will be closed as soon as the snow flies.

THERE is precedent for such a step. The Badger Pass recreation area at Yosemite National Park was kept open during the 1943-44 winter season for the use of men at a nearby naval convalescent hospital. The Navy reimbursed the Park Service for this program. Why cannot it be done at Crater Lake?

THE local chamber's park committee, after a survey of Crater Lake's situation, estimates that only \$50,000 additional funds will be needed to do the job this winter—clear snow from the roads and meet the cost of additional salaries and materials. It would be money well spent. It would help to speed the recovery of wounded and battle weary Marines and Navy men and would open the park to thousands of civilians of Oregon and northern California who have indicated a strong desire for such a winter use program.

THE chamber here is also urging a prompt return to a pre-war basis for Crater Lake National Park. The basic year's appropriation before the war was \$100,000. Increased labor costs should call for a \$25,000 increase, with a similar amount added to replace the equipment which was relinquished for wartime use after Pearl Harbor. Thus, the next appropriation for Crater Lake should be \$150,000, and the people of this community are making a strong appeal for this sum.

With a big tourist season ahead, at least \$80,000 of this sum should be returned in the form of income from the sale of automobile permits.

BUT the immediate job is to keep the snow off the roads this year and hasten the winter use program at Crater Lake park. There is every good reason why the Navy and the Park Service should work out a deal. People of this state and northern California, who enjoy winter-time recreation, hope they do it at once.—H.G.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

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Last night, when some one spoke his name, From my swift blood that went and came, A thousand little shafts of flame Were shivered in my narrow frame.

Corporal Desmond T. Doss, who distinguished himself in the rescue of many wounded men under fire on the Pacific battle fronts, is the first conscientious objector to be awarded the congressional medal of honor.

MEAN OLD THING! (Kansas City Star) "The story is told of a Kansas City woman who wrote to a New York hotel for a reservation for next December. She received a reply saying, 'We shall be very glad to see you on the date you mention. And will be delighted if you'll bring back the towels which disappeared at the time of your previous visit in 1938.'"

"This auto is for sale by the owner, in good running condition."—(Want ad this paper.)—Maybe, he better be.

The latest local civic organization to be formed informally here is the "Three Scared Mice." It is composed of husbands who publicly confess their wives are tyrants, and, boast when they get home they will have to go to bed in the dark without any supper.

While Philadelphians continue to stoutly maintain a resident of their city invented the ice cream soda, the firm of Sanders, of Detroit, Mich., features as its slogan: "Originators of Ice Cream Soda." "Lady Bountiful robbed by youths she helped" is headline note. Fellow who wrote that headline qualifies as a young old timer. How about you? Do you remember the Lady Bountiful comic strip? It was a contemporary of Alphonse and Gaston, Foxy Grandpa and the Hallroom Boys.

Horses & Women How are you on the language of flowers? Our horses and women experts claim the sending of flowers which have a meaning is an extremely effective way of winning the regard of an object of affections. According to a recently issued language of flowers, an orchid means: "You are a beautiful creature." A rose means: "You are truly lovely. I love you." Or try arbutus, which means: "You have beautiful eyes." It is also possible to tell a female off with the language of flowers. If the conceit of a young woman is found to be annoying, and it often is, you can send her narcissus which means: "Baby, you certainly love yourself." Lettuce continues to be included in the language of flowers. It means: "You are cold and unresponsive." So, young fellow, if some haughty blonde or brunette puts the chill on you send her a head of lettuce.

Passing by "Greasy" Neale. If you remember when "Greasy" played the outfield for the Cincinnati Reds you can call yourself a young old timer. That is, if you can also recall when he coached the Washington and Jefferson college football team that stopped the University of California "wonder team" cold in the Rose

Bowl game of 1922. Neale is now coach of the Philadelphia pro football team. It is said this outfit is the best football team in the country... Ted Lewis, dean of dance band maestros, once billed in vaudeville as "The high hatted tragedian of song." Ted and his charming matrimonial mate just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. That is the pearl wedding. Make a note of that, sir, so when your own thirtieth anniversary comes around you will remember to give your wife a pearl necklace.

It is my belief Chicago husbands are the most appreciative matrimonial mates in this country. Hardly a day passes I do not receive a letter from some Chicagoan telling how much he appreciates a wife. An excerpt from such a communication follows: "My wife is really beautiful. She has gorgeous black hair hanging to her straight shoulders and is five feet, six and a half inches tall with a figure like a Hollywood glamour girl. She is also the mother of three lovely daughters. What success I have had in life is largely due to her unflinching loyalty, sympathy, understanding and belief in me."

Chicago health authorities claim pigeons are carriers of virus pneumonia and parrot fever. There must be something to this or the aforementioned health authorities wouldn't have made it. Chicago is a bad place to get yourself too far out on the limb. The residents of that city are great checkers up. Distinctly "you have to show us" types. Anyway, the claim has me worried. I believe New York City has more and fatter pigeons than any major city in the world except Venice, Italy.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 16 — Mr. Truman is having more trouble with congress than is apparent.



Leader Barkley was necessary, for instance, to get the C.I.O.-P.A.C. man Raymond M. Keough, confirmed for six years on the maritime commission. It was dragged out of the senate by a margin of only eight votes, after considerable inside dickering. To get it through, Barkley had to make it a party matter, and even then nine Democrats refused to go along.

THE opposition frankly questioned the wisdom of putting a C. I. O. official, but even more than that, a man who led the political action part of C. I. O. in three western states, into a position of power over the merchant marine, whose unions are recognized as probably the most extreme in the country — and all over the objection of A. E. of L.

More Democrats privately held this conviction than voted it. These were appeased by personal promises. McKeough would not use his position for C.I.O.-P.A.C. purposes, but his actions on the commission will find close congressional scrutiny from now on.

CONVERSELY, the developing administration foreign policy is meeting almost unanimous senate approval. After two and a half hours behind the doors with State Secretary Byrnes; the foreign relations committee members, both Republicans and Democrats, emerged in a favorable mood.

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Braden appointment. This nomination of the new ambassador to Argentina has been delayed through several secret sessions of the committee. Senators felt Byrnes had made a mistake in not consulting the committee in advance, not notifying the other Latin-American nations, and that Braden had been too active in earlier Argentinian affairs. Some were angry because the Pan-American conference set for October 20 had been postponed to November 20. I judge that Latin affairs got out of Byrnes' hands while he was busy preparing for London and at the peace conference.

THE tax bill went almost unanimously through the house when the administration came to terms with the varying viewpoints. It will be amended in the senate, but only in details, unless the Republicans break loose and demand a less modest cut. The other parts of the administration program are still facing opposition.

Considered all in all, it is evident Mr. Truman has lost some ground in congress, but not to any decisive extent yet comparable to the condition into which Mr. Roosevelt worked himself. His statement when he returned from his week-end vacation urging the country to go to work conveyed an inspiration which caught popular favor, although many are waiting to see how he comes out with the strike question. For instance, the oil people got their 15 per cent and the opportunity to dicker for the other 15 per cent, and in the settlements it is clear he can yet lose his whole case against inflation.

Some murmuring was heard because he went away for his long-planned trip in the middle of the strike crisis, but there is a tendency in congress to judge him by the results he gets.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago

TEN YEARS AGO October 16, 1935 (It Was Wednesday)

Britain prepares for war as Italian war with Ethiopia viewed as menace to Egypt.

County farmers to vote on hog-corn bonus payments.

Vice President John N. Garner sails for Philippines for inauguration of new commonwealth.

Increasing cloudiness. High 58, low 40 degrees.

American fruit growers to enlarge plant here.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO October 16, 1925 (It Was Friday)

Jackson County Teachers Institute opens and hears speech opposing "glorification of war."

Klamath county duck hunting halted by reports ducks are poisoned.

Tom Murray, leader of state prison break found guilty of murder of guard.

Fair. High 71, low 30 degrees.

Range cattle on Sardine Creek in fine shape.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO October 16, 1911 (It Was Monday)

Athletics with Eddie Plank pitching defeat Giants 3 to 1, in second world series game.

Baker hits a homer.

Governor Os West here tomorrow.

Foreigners advised to leave China as civil war nears.

Gold Hill is mad. Name of town is left off new county maps.

COALITIONISTS WIN Winnipeg, Oct. 16 — (U.P.) — Manitoba has returned the coalition government of Premier Stuart Garson to power, returns from yesterday's provincial election showed today. The Liberal Progressive-Progressive Conservative-Social Credit administration was assured of at least a four-to-one majority over the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (Socialist) party.

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Doolittle Raiders Back in U. S. A.



Three liberated American fliers, who were captured after their plane went down during famous Doolittle raid on Tokyo in 1942, arrived at National airport where they will be transferred to Walter Reed Hospital for a well-earned rest and convalescent period. Left to right: S/Sgt. Jacob DeSazer, bombardier, Salem, Ore.; Lt. Chase J. Neilsen, navigator, Hyrum, Utah, and Robert Hite, co-pilot, Earth, Texas.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH Member of Congress From Oregon

Not long ago, I heard an Englishman use the phrase "the wake of the battle" to describe the period of confusion and misery that exists in any area or in any country after the shooting stops. Apparently most of the world is now in what might be called "the wake of the battle."

Members of Congress are aware of the complexities of the present home front problem. Congress, however, finds itself in a curious, in-between situation. The end of the emergency has not yet been declared. Hence, the war powers of the President are still in force. In other words, the domestic affairs of the country are still being operated on a war-time basis even though the war has ended. Meanwhile, there is great public demand to have normal peace-time conditions restored and war-time controls removed. If Congress were to act immediately in response to this demand, its action logically would be the declaration of the end of the emergency, which would automatically end executive powers. We must realize, however, that to throw off all brakes right at this time might easily have disastrous results. It will be recalled that the serious inflation of the first World War period came after the war was over and was followed by a sharp depression. It is almost a certainty that inflation would take place rapidly right now if controls were taken off.

THE problem inevitably, therefore, is President Truman's to deal with, at least for the next few months. He has all the power needed to do what is necessary, but right at this time more than ever before, the President needs the cooperation of the people for the good of the country.

THE CAPITAL CITY has done honor to several returning heroes, but no demonstration heretofore was equal to that in honor of Admiral Nimitz. It is estimated that nearly a million people lined the streets and gathered on the Washington Monument grounds to see the parade and hear the welcoming ceremonies.

Admiral Nimitz is a white-haired man with a kindly face. He is rather small in stature, but has a bearing of authority. Admiral Nimitz is a typical American family man, who has risen to the very top of his chosen profession, and will take his place in history as one of this nation's great naval heroes.

THE SPEED of Army demobilization has, up to now, exceeded original schedules. I understand that revised estimates are being made. According to reliable information, men will be discharged from the army at the rate of one-million a month during the first months of 1946. The reported objective is to have all army personnel discharged and home by June 1.

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The navy demobilization is not moving so rapidly. A speed-up of this program is being worked out and will probably become effective in November, with a downward revision of points. It is planned also to speed up the rate at which officers are released. The navy plans also to be down to a peace-time level before June 1.

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