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Spellbinders' Year

AT the junior chamber of commerce dinner Wednesday night R. C. Groesbeck spoke impressively on the importance of thinking things through. He referred, particularly, to various issues of a public nature.

The subject was particularly timely at this start of a political year.

Three elections confront Oregon citizens in 1936. That means a vast amount of political ballyhoo, of propagandizing and spell-binding. The voters will be subjected to terrific pressure, as the masters of mass emotional persuasion do their stuff.

There has always been a lot of this sort of thing, but the radio has made it a greater factor than ever. When the president asked for radio time the other night, every air lane was cleared for him, and his address to congress was obviously prepared for the ears of the listening electorate. Throughout the coming year the ether will be filled with the persuasive efforts of orators at work in behalf of issues and men.

There is danger, in all of this promised emotional pressure, that people will be swept too easily along by this or that political wave. There is danger that they will tend to accept the superficial, without thinking things clear through.

It is well to be warned right now to keep a stranglehold on our emotions, and to guard against the flood of high-sounding, silver-tongued oratory that promises to engulf us. It is all right to listen, but it is essential, too, to read and particularly to THINK.

Attend the Auto Show

KLAMATH country folks have a chance to see a real auto show this week.

The auto dealers association has planned the event on a metropolitan scale. Not only will there be plenty to see for those who are interested in the new cars—and who isn't?—but there will be a program of excellent entertainment.

The Armory makes it possible to stage this show better than ever before. It will be warm and comfortable inside, and there will be ample room for special booths, the auto displays, and the entertainment.

There is a small charge for admission, and part of this goes to charity.

The dealers' association is to be congratulated for planning a quality auto show for Klamath Falls this year, and the public, we know, will be well repaid for patronizing this event.

A Deserved Honor

MUCH deserved was the honor accorded Percy Murray at Wednesday night's banquet of the junior chamber of commerce, when he received a gold key symbolizing his selection as the outstanding young man in the community in 1935.

Mr. Murray, despite his comparative youth, has seen civic service in this community for years. He was president of the Kiwanis club five years ago, and he was elected director of the chamber of commerce in 1931. He has given outstanding service as member and chairman of the high school board. He has been interested in many other activities of a civic nature.

It is of extreme importance to the community that young men become interested and active in its service. The annual award of the junior chamber of commerce, inaugurated this year, should encourage others to follow the example of Mr. Murray.

This is the season when there is much doubt about the reliability of the government thermometer, on the part of the poor dub who has to get up first in the morning and build the fires.

City Engineer Thomas is much concerned over the excess water problem. The water, of course, is on the streets and in the stormdrains, and not on any brains hereabouts.

Klamath Agency

KLAMATH AGENCY, Ore.—The long delayed government salary checks arrived last week. Due to the fact that the disbursing office has been changed to Portland, and a delay in transferring the funds, the payday here was two weeks later, which is very unusual in this line of work.

A great deal of interest is being shown in radio here, due to the fact that several small sets have arrived and are to be used for fire control during the coming season. Due to the fact that telephone lines are often down during the winter, one wireless set has been placed at Forest camp and another at Squaw Flat. James Sowder has one in his house here at the Agency, and Melvin Robertson of the Agency, has one also. Robertson has had previous experience with radio in his work on the Colville reservation in Washington. During the past months messages have been picked up here that were broadcast from Nespelem by Roy Quast and other employees there. Quast was formerly employed here. An attempt is being made to pick up a message from Fort Apache, Arizona, where S. O. Davis is now stationed. But it is thought the sets used here are too small for such a distance.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holding, who were until recently employed here, will be interested to know that they

are the parents of a baby girl. The baby was born in Portland, where Mrs. Holding is visiting her parents before joining Mr. Holding in South Dakota.

Mrs. W. W. Phillips is expecting a visit from her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bunce, of Yakima, Wash., this week.

Due to the deep snows, P. E. Duffy and Cecil Acton were unable to get home, and spent the week-end at Forest camp, where he is employed at present.

Plans for a public card party at the mess building, January 24, are under way, with Mrs. James Sowder and Mrs. Cecil Acton on the committee.

Mrs. Alice Hamilton and Mrs. Mollie Lewis, who are employed at the hospital, are back at work, after a brief illness last week. Mrs. Lewis spent a few days of last week in Klamath Falls.

Navy aircraft carriers always sail into the wind when planes are taken off, to give them additional lift.

Today—CHINA-WARE
 "SWANEY RIVER"
 "MYSTERY MAN"
 "SMART WORK"

WASHINGTON

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

The Inside Story From The Capital

By PAUL MALLON

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SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 23.—The most powerful farm leaders up here like inflation, and Borah. You may think that one of those two would be enough, but apparently not for them.

They attended the meeting of farm counselors held in Washington recently after the AAA break-up, but were shunted into group meetings in which their voice was not the loudest. Nevertheless, you will notice, if you look up the file, that the inflationary idea was mentioned in a somewhat pointed way in more than one of the general farm counselors' statements issued at that time. These went unnoticed in Washington during the majority rush for the soil conservation substitute.

What was apparently behind the pointed suggestion was the old commodity dollar theory. It was originally suggested by President Roosevelt, but shelved early in the New Deal. The rest of the country may have forgotten about it, but not the farm folks in this neck of the national woods.

RECALL

In this connection, train conductors noticed Prof. Warren on the Washington-bound sleeper once since the AAA decision. They saw him return to his Cornell university post shortly thereafter. Nothing about it appeared in the papers because the invisible professor has a way of getting in and out of Washington unnoticed.

Persons with long memories will recall he was the original commodity dollar man, but do not let that mean too much to you. He formerly taught Treasury Secretary Morgenthau. Morgenthau occasionally calls him in for private advice on a variety of monetary subjects.

It does not necessarily indicate that Morgenthau is toying again with the Warren theory. He is probably now interested in only one phase of it, and the White House may not be interested at all.

SPLIT

Best guess among the best guessers is that the largest of all state delegations to the coming republican convention will be split three ways. They expect New York to be divided among Knox, Borah and Landon.

The Idaho farm orator bill will probably get the bulk of the up-state farm delegates. It is not generally known, but he has been playing ball with this crowd for many years.

The other two entries will split most of the rest, with Hoover having a few.

NOTE—A poll conducted by a Waterbury newspaper covering northern portion of the state recently showed Gov. Landon of Kansas with 60 per cent of the vote. Borah was second, Hoover third.

FUNDAMENTALS

Here, in Syracuse, you can find some of the important particulars in the national bill of health. The generalities which you may have heard about relief, unemployment, business and politics can be reduced to specific provable fundamentals.

No. 1.—The business outlook has perked up considerably since the turn of the year. One large factory is about to reopen another. General motors closed up its branch here when the depression slide started. It employed 3,000 men at the pre-depression peak. Now it will open up on a smaller scale (employing about 200 at the start) to make headlights and fenders.

The old Franklin car was made here, until the depression stopped it. Now some negotiations are supposed to be under way, looking toward resumption of production.

These things make the local people think in entirely different terms than they have been thinking for the past few years.

RELIEF

The Syracuse relief load has been cut from 1934 peak of 40,000 persons to about 25,000 currently. That means it has been reduced about half. If General Motors and Franklin could hit their peak, the entire relief load could be absorbed. Of course, this is not in early prospect.

The population of the city is about 220,000. Thus about 10 per cent now is on relief. The method and burden of handling them is a main topic of political and private discussion.

WPA Local WPA office was organized last July, but dallied until October. Real activity did not begin until a week before the election last November. Then 4,000 relievers were transferred to work.

What they are doing now is mostly outdoor boondoggling, fixing up the parks, manhandling the trees. The county has had one really worthwhile project, a sewerage disposal plant. The city could do without the rest.

POLITICS The connection between relief and politics seems to have been developed along thoroughly practical lines.

The mayor, Roland B. Marvin, is a republican, and in constant disagreement with WPA. He is serving his fourth consecutive term, and his friends say he will run for the republican gubernatorial nomination. Mayor Marvin is mourning because the city cost of handling 5,200 relief cases this year under WPA is higher than the cost of handling 9,000 cases last year under direct relief.

Also there are technical difficulties. WPA is in charge of a New Deal administrator who has been quoted as saying he would fire anyone if the color of his necktie was unsatisfactory. So far, apparently, all tie shades have been satisfactory.

But there are some trouble just before the last election when New Dealers were canvassing voters and a few jobs were offered in return for votes. It would not have been so bad if they had not approached a republican alderman (Harry Ostrander, 14th ward) and suggested he could get into a relief job by voting for the democratic mayoralty candidate.

You can imagine what he said, and how loudly he is still saying it.

MALIN ITEMS Dog poisoners are at work in Malin and a number of pets of Malin families have met death in the past two or three weeks. Most recent casualties have been in the McDonald and Kamrad families. In two or three instances poisoned scraps of meat have been found in time to save the lives of neighborhood dogs.

Anton Cacka is recovering from an extended siege of influenza.

Mrs. Joe Micka is recovering from an appendicitis operation in a Klamath Falls hospital.

Our great guns, fine tail ships, fast, sturdy airplanes and enormous industrial plants would be no more than so much scrap metal if the men behind them lacked the moral factor.—Henry L. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy.

SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark



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Ten Years Ago

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Klamath officials declared yesterday before the highway commission that they had received no bill from the government for work done.

In a conference last evening representatives of the bureau of public roads told the county court that the bills had been mailed regularly.

From virtual bankruptcy, Klamath's prohibition fund in the past six months has swelled and flourished and is now on a more solid financial footing than ever before, the semi-annual report of the county treasurer reveals.

SOME PEOPLE SAY I refuse to believe that a Congress which has power to end a war... has not the power to attempt to secure industrial peace in a time of emergency.—Justice W. H. Black, New York Supreme Court.

Big business is still reactionary and has learned nothing from the holocaust of the last six years.—William Greider, president, A. F. of L.

Our success or failure as a constitutional democracy may easily hinge upon the outcome of the election this autumn.—James P. Warburton, New York banker.

The affair of honor of 1917 has become an affair of dishonor in 1936.—Major Henry H. Curran, director, National Economy League, referring to bonus.

I am not going to be a dais climber any more. I want some enjoyment out of life and that enjoyment comes with the masses.—James J. (Jimmy) Walker, ex-mayor of New York.

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