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MEMBER AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATION

Weekend Roundup

HOW law-abiding are Klamath people? Time was when the reputation of this community for obedience to law was not very good. It was particularly difficult to enforce such rules as traffic regulations because of a general indifference and passive resistance. These attitudes have gone by the wayside. For evidence of it, we have the results of the operator's license check made here this week by state police. Motorists were required to obtain new operator's licenses on June 30. This week the police made a series of checks on the highways, and here was the result: Out of 985 drivers checked, 17 were found without renewed licenses.

That's a record of which the community may well be proud. Renewing an operator's license is the sort of thing that can easily be put off or forgotten. The fact that all but a tiny fraction of Klamath drivers complied promptly with the law in this matter is evidence of a healthy attitude toward public problems. It's that attitude that will reduce Klamath's traffic accidents. Our record on that score already is much improved over that of a few years ago, due to a growing willingness of motorists to abide by the rules. Let's have more of it.

This scribe did some reminiscing this week over eight years in newspaper work in Klamath Falls, in preparation for a talk on that subject to the Kiwanis club. One of the really important developments of those years (we make no claim of having anything to do with it) was the growth of civic consciousness and pride in this community. Klamath Falls has been growing up; it has become more of a home city; it pays more attention to cultural values. In short it has become an increasingly better place in which to live and to raise a family. There is no intention here of belittling the old Klamath; it was a great and colorful little town, and it was the foundation on which a bigger and better city has been built.

Driving through northern California, the motorist gets an impression that the whole country is being torn up on big construction enterprises. And that's not far wrong, either. Shasta Dam construction and the attendant relocation of the railroad through the dam area constitute a mighty project that changes the appearance of much of the terrain, fills the highways with trucks carrying material and equipment, and dots the roadsides with camps. Big things are happening down there.

Unsung public benefactors are the operators of service stations who have permitted their places to be used as public highways in connection with the underpass construction. The station at the east end of the underpass has virtually been given over for months to public travel. This heavy travel goes right through the places where customers ordinarily would stop for gas filling. The operator must have been put to great inconvenience and considerable loss of business, but we have heard no squawks. For a considerable time, the station at the other end of the underpass was similarly used by the traveling public. These fellows really deserve credit for their public-spiritedness.

SIDE GLANCES

"Aren't you going to exercise? It's very good for the figure."

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON, July 22 — The great boomerangist, Mr. Wallace, can also throw a screwball. He curved one right through the middle of congress the other day so fast the legislators did not know what happened.

It was a ball enveloped in a slight fog, a bill to amend such and such a section of a so and so bill by merely changing a couple of numbers. His legislative cooperants explained the un-understandable language meant the secretary of agriculture could delay deciding about a corn referendum from August 15 until September 15. He could get more accurate figures then, they said . . . It was merely a technical change to improve efficiency . . . All of which is true.

But what they did not say was that it will give Mr. Wallace further leeway to avoid a referendum of corn farmers to determine whether they will have quota restrictions. Last year Mr. Wallace had a close call. The law virtually required him to call for a referendum because the surplus had reached certain large proportions. He escaped only by getting revised figures from his actuaries at the last minute.

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RELIEF

There will be no such tight squeeze again. Experience has shown Mr. Wallace's actuaries that the corn crop estimates generally fall off from 100,000,000 to 200,000,000 bushels between August 1 and September 1 (the estimating dates.) Hot winds are generally blamed. Consequently the corn surplus in September is likely to be enough less this year to reduce to nearly zero any chance that Mr. Wallace will be forced to let the farmers vote on invoking the unpopular crop curtailment features of his farm law.

The Wallace fog-screw ball, therefore, virtually relieves the corn farmers of any fear of quota restrictions and Mr. Wallace of any embarrassment an adverse vote by the farmers would entail.

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MULE BALKS

More democratic senators than republicans were responsible for Mr. Roosevelt's failure to have his way in foreign affairs.

Conclusive proof of it was on a little slip of paper which Senate Leader Barkley had in his pocket at that White House conference. All that was let out was that Barkley's polls were unfavorable. Actually his checking indicated 55 votes against Mr. Roosevelt and 33 for him with eight absent or unpolled (on a motion to discharge the foreign relations committee.)

As there are only 23 republicans in the senate, the inference is clear that not less than 32 democrats intended to vote against White House wishes. This is nearly half the full democratic representation which is 69.

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REVISED

Second revised edition of the invisible spending bill bearing the name of Senate Leader Barkley was the handiwork of Treasury General Counsel Edward Foley's office. Mr. Foley is one of the boys brought into government by Tommy (the Uncorkable) Corcoran and he has virtually taken charge of the legislation backstage. The revisions and corrections had to be made because of Public Lender Jesse Jones' testimony indicating the original draft was full of holes.

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SPRINGBOARD

Be not deluded into the soft surmise that the national economic committee has been just faunting the air. Invisible spending bill sprang from testimony before the committee, although its origin has been completely concealed by the president's public espousal. So did the Cohen (Mead) bill for small business loans.

TNEC is being used by the Corcoran-Cohen economists around Mr. Roosevelt as a springboard from which to launch their ideas —but cleverly and imperceptibly.

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GLEAMS — Inside friends of Otha Wearin, ex-congressman sacrificed on the purge altar in Iowa, are trying to get Secretary Wallace to appoint him as rural electrification administrator. It would soothe the political situation out there, they argue . . . House Banking Chairman Steagall has been trying many inside ways to get an appropriation for a new federal deposit insurance building so Chairman Eccles of federal reserve would have less chance of taking it over. Senator Byrnes refused to let the idea be tacked on his British trade barter bill.

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Senator Wheeler gave a noncommittal laugh when someone suggested a Wheeler-Farley ticket for 1940 as Mr. Farley was seen entering his office . . . Senate republicans have never been so unified as on the last two big issues —neutrality and invisible spending. As Senator Taft remarked upon emerging from the republican conference: "Well, we're together again for a change."

RECORDS CORRECTED

An item appearing in the courthouse records for Wednesday erroneously reported that Earl G. Muskopf asked custody of two minor children in the divorce suit filed against Caroline Irene Muskopf, whereas the report should have stated that custody of one child was asked by the plaintiff, and custody of the second child was to go to the defendant.

Ten Years Ago in Klamath

COMPLETION of the new Western Union line between Klamath Falls and Portland, built at a cost of more than $40,000, was announced today by Ed Livingston, local manager. Within the near future another line will be completed through Alturas, Livingston said.

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Livestock men will be among the first to recognize the benefits of the new Klamath Falls-Alturas railroad line, the S. P. announced today when it was stated that livestock shipping corrals will soon be available at various points on the line.

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Sale of the Tom Rock ranch, formerly the Applegate ranch, at Swan lake to Aurelia Kirschbaum of White Sulphur Springs, Mont., was announced today after completion of the $30,000 deal.

Courthouse Records

(FRIDAY)
Justice Court

Edward C. Hamacker. No operator's license. Fine of $5.50 paid.

Henry V. Holzhauser. No operator's license. Fine of $5.50 paid.

Frank Tunnell. No operator's license. Fined $5.50.

Robert E. Morrison. Violation of basic rule. Fined $10.

God is Brazilian! —Drouth-stricken Brazilian farmers, when diamonds were found in their dried-up riverbeds.

THOMPSON MADE POST COMMANDER

MALIN — Robert S. Thompson, at a special meeting of Malin post, American Legion, No. 84, held this week, was elected commander with Harry Prather going in as first vice commander; Lester E. Schriener, second vice commander; W. V. Halousek, chaplain; R. A. Rigor, adjutant; Dr. F. M. Trout, finance and service officer; J. Earl Clayton, sergeant-at-arms. R. S. Thompson and Frank Victorine were elected as delegates to the state convention to be held in Salem in August.

RENO LICENSE

RENO, Nev., July 22 (AP) — Marriage licenses issued here today included: Estel Gray, 23, Merrill, Ore., and Maxine Wilson, 21, Klamath Falls, Ore.

Ends Today - "PRISON BARS" and "WYOMING OUTLAW"

● TOMORROW

ENDS TODAY "SORORITY HOUSE" ANNE SHIRLEY JAMES ELLISON

CONTINUOUS SHOW TOMORROW! DOORS OPEN 1 P. M.

★★ PINE TREE ★★

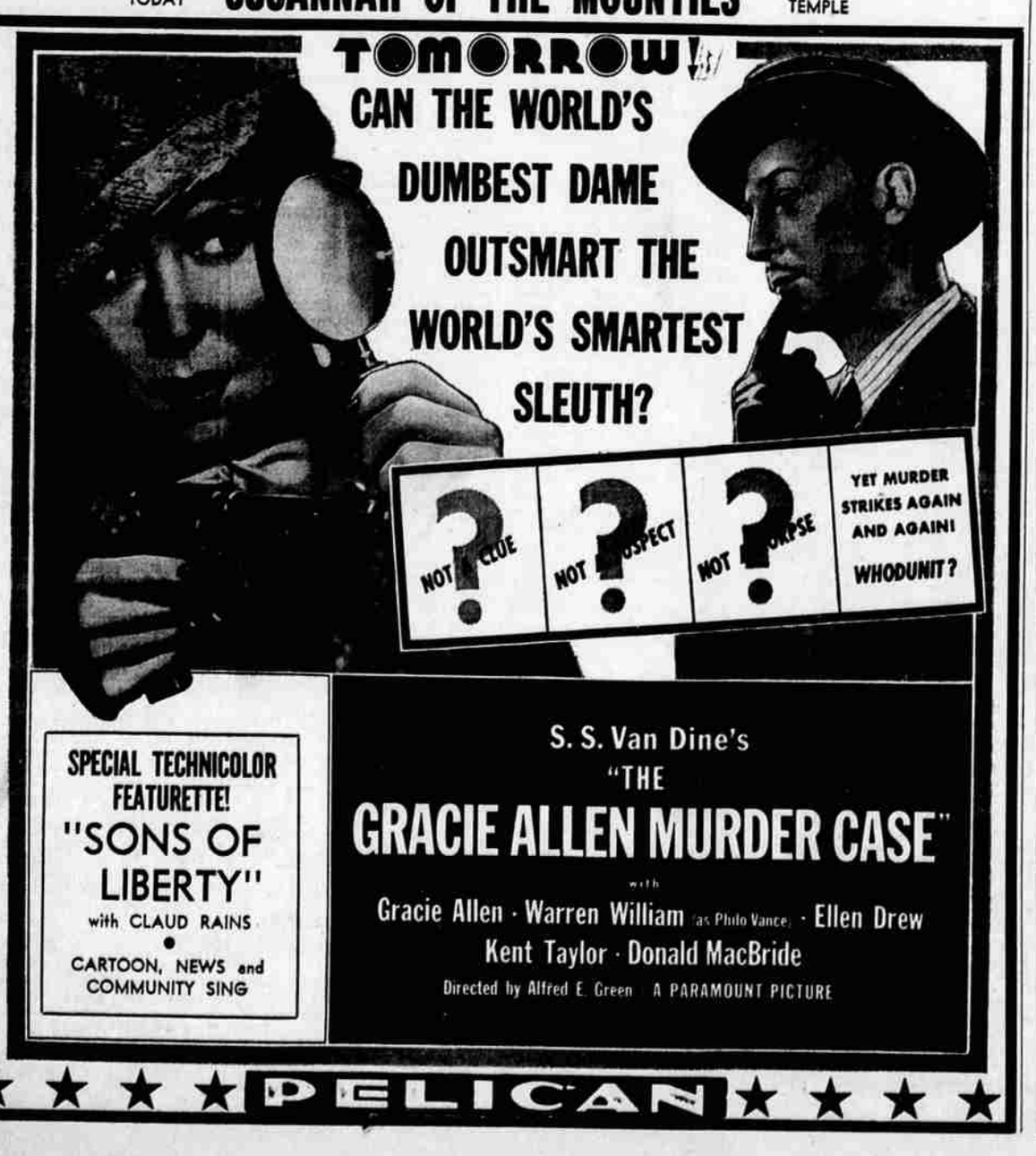
LAST DAY BILL ELLIOT "THE LAW COMES WEST"

TOMORROW

RAINBOW

ENDS TODAY "SUSANNAH OF THE MOUNTIES" SHIRLEY TEMPLE

TOMORROW!



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with CLAUD RAINS
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"THE GRACIE ALLEN MURDER CASE"
with
Gracie Allen · Warren William (as Philo Vance) · Ellen Drew
Kent Taylor · Donald MacBride
Directed by Alfred E. Green A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

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