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Weekend Roundup
HOW the re-election campaign plan of Circuit Judge Edward B. Ashurst reacts on the community constitutes a most interesting experiment in human behavior. No amateur in the field of psychology, Judge Ashurst has seemingly developed his campaign along this line: If you present Judge Ashurst as an implacable foe of gamblers, crooks, thieves, dope peddlers, brothel keepers, and other scum, then you will make the good people in the community feel that to oppose Judge Ashurst would be to associate oneself with those despicable characters the judge depicts in his campaign cartoons. Inasmuch as good people are always in the vast majority, and it takes a majority to win an election, the idea has potent and subtle political possibilities.

However, recent comment in the letters column on this page, and heard elsewhere, indicate the plan has at least one vulnerable point, which may or may not have been overlooked by its creator. This lies in the danger that it will offend community pride. There are evidences of a distinctly unfavorable reaction to exaggerated picturing of Klamath Falls as a community seething with corruption, sin and vice before Judge Ashurst took hold, or likely to break into that sort of thing in full force if he isn't on hand to stop it. Local people tell of outsiders who think of Klamath Falls as over-run with gangsters and crooks where one is hardly safe on the public streets.

That there should be a curb on unwholesome influences in any community is recognized by every thoughtful good citizen. The form that the restraint should take, and the advisability of publicly exaggerating the extent of sin in a community, are questions which have come to the front in the present situation. It would be unfair to the community and the candidates to look at the current circuit judge contest as an out-and-out test of sentiment on decency vs. vice, and to interpret election results in that light. Many factors enter into the decision to be made at the polls May 17.

This is a decent community, filled with good people, and it is going to keep on that way, regardless of the outcome of the circuit judge election. We know many decent and sincere people whose votes are well split up among the circuit judge candidates, and it is inconceivable that any of them could be considered as favoring corruption or vice.

Joyous news from Tulelake comes in the shape of reports that the unsurfaced piece of highway just south of Tulelake, on the road to Canby, is to be improved this summer. This notorious stretch, sometimes aptly called "Satan's Detour" has unquestionably done much to promote the evil habit of swearing among members of the motoring public in this area.

Crater Lake Formation Told at Scientists Meet

WASHINGTON, April 27 (P)—Mount Mazama had grown to a height of 12,000 feet by the gradual building up of lava flows on its summit, Dr. Williams declared. The final eruption created one of America's scenic beauties—Crater lake, a stretch of blue water six miles wide and 4000 feet deep.

The storm, which sent thousands of Indians fleeing from 5000 square miles of what must have been one of their happiest hunting grounds, was caused by the eruption of Mount Mazama in the Cascade chain in southern Oregon.

Dust Scattered
In one of the last eruptions within the present boundaries of the United States, the volcano blew its top off and sent columns of fine dust thousands of feet into the air. The dust then was scattered by winds to a depth of six inches over the 5000 square mile area, Dr. Howell Williams of University of California related.

The awesome spectacle must have been seen and heard for hundreds of miles, he said, because molten lava poured down the mountainside into glaciers 1000 feet and more than 10 miles long, generating terrific clouds of steam. The lava also ran through canyons for a distance of 35 miles and burned forests in its path.

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, April 27—Mr. Roosevelt is working up toward a stronger statement of American foreign policy. It will be made in one form or another within the next few weeks, timed to meet expected blows in Europe, such as a German invasion of Sweden or Mussolini's possible entry into the war. Diplomatic information that Hitler is gambling his maximum force on ending the war this year has set both the president and his advisers to exploring new lines of policy. In talking the matter over with his counselors the president is reported to have taken the position that the time is coming for the issuance at least of a determined warning that any force which encroaches upon the peace and security of the United States will be met by force. Acceleration of authorized defensive measures may be sponsored.

NO COMMENTS
The universal curbstone question "Who is winning the war?" is not being answered these days by eminent professional military authorities here. The higher you go for information the less conviction you will find in responses. Certainly no military authority has informed the White House or anyone else that Germany is winning the war as a result of her Norwegian successes. Trustworthy military details are not available inside or out, and if they were the outcome could not be forecast. Trying to call the result now is like deciding the winner of a baseball game in the second inning while sitting in impenetrable fog on top of the grandstand.

LATIN AMERICA
At least one thoughtful constructive effort to develop realistic lasting ties with Latin America is being started by this government. The inter-departmental committee on American cooperation is trying to get a philanthropic foundation to contribute capital for a tropical institute of agriculture which would start turning South American farming back into tropical lines to produce the raw materials we need instead of those in which we have a surplus. Rubber, for instance, originated in Brazil, but now she has turned to cotton while U. S. rubber comes from the East Indies. Troublesome questions of plant disease, organization and capital stand in the way of Brazilian return to rubber, but these can be conquered. Ford and Firestone experimental stations in Latin America are making progress toward creating disease resistant plants with higher yields per acre. Cultivation of two million acres would be required to meet United States needs today.

The same situation is fundamentally true of quinine, hemp and some other products. Five and ten years might be required to get the movement producing actual results, but it would be worth 25 to 50 years work if it offered a way to break the existing commercial deadlock. The work is in charge of Earl W. Bressman, representative of Agriculture Secretary Wallace on the government committee.

NOT SO SAFE
Gibraltar, great rocky fortress which has been used in life insurance advertisements and otherwise as the symbol of impregnable security, may be impregnable no longer. Sharp eyes which have inspected this Mediterranean noose on the now squirming Mussolini believe it secure against assault by sea but not necessarily by land. The small amount of room available there has prevented the British from setting up anything like the heavy defenses of the Maginot line. This raises the question of Spanish intentions, and there are reports Mussolini has been at work actively upon his old friend, General Franco, to see what can be done. At the outset of the war, Franco let it be known he was not interested, but if Hitler starts getting the upper hand in the north, Franco is another prospective candidate for the bandwagon.

DEWEY
Security campaign investigators did not have much on Dewey when they started. The confidential complaints upon which the investigations were authorized, contained only general suspicions bolstered by rumors.

SIDE GLANCES



"Maybe you do represent the government, but if you can find out how much money my husband makes you'll know more than I've been able to learn in 10 years."

Young children suffer from all kinds of accidents, principally in the home from burns, falls, suffocation, poisoning, cuts and electric shocks. Young children are likely to put any object at hand into their mouth, ears or nose and this may result in serious trouble. This points clearly to careless habits or unsafe conditions in the homes. More vigilance is needed in keeping matches away from children and in protecting them against gas stoves and open grates as well as from tubs of hot water. While nearly as many children are killed, and many more injured, at home than on the streets, automobile accidents now take a heavy toll of child life. It is encouraging that the whole country is becoming aroused to the necessity for more intensive education along accident prevention lines. Safety councils, traffic police, school teachers, parent-teacher groups and the Red Cross are all urging eternal vigilance and co-operation with the public authorities to help reduce the large number of unnecessary traffic accidents.

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ALL ABOUT BABIES

By RICHARD ARTHUR BOLT, M. D., D. R. P. H. Secretary, Maternal and Child Health Section of American Public Health Association

ACCIDENTS have assumed a leading role as a cause of death and disability in the childhood years. It is not generally recognized that accidents take first place as a cause of death among children five to 15 years of age and are now one of our greatest public health and safety problems. Among children from five to 15 years of age accidents account for about one-fifth of all deaths. Disabilities from accidents in children under 15 years of age are as frequent as those caused by the acute communicable diseases of childhood. As many children under five years of age are killed by accidents as those between five and 15. It is a serious commentary upon our social organization that while we have been saving more and more children from the gastro-intestinal diseases, smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever and other acute diseases we have not at the same time made as great gains in the prevention of accidents in our homes and on the public highways. In those places where special attention has been paid to accident prevention encouraging re-

Town's Census Total Slashed As Visit Ends

BEND, Ore., April 27 (UP) Although final census figures won't be announced until next week, the population of the town of Millican, Ore., has been established. Bend newspapermen telephoned Postmaster Billy Rahn today to confirm a report the population had doubled since 1930. They were wrong. Rahn said, "My brother visited only a few months last year, and when he left the population dropped again to normal." Rahn has been Millican's only resident for more than two decades.

sults have been obtained, but there is still considerable room for improvement in wide stretches of the United States.

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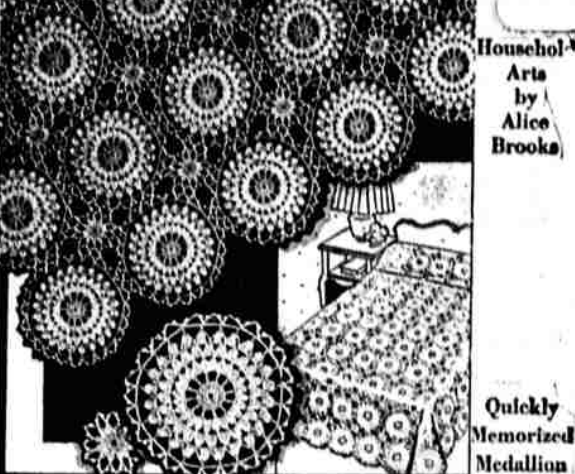
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owned by the Standard Oil company were closed completely. Oil companies discontinued deliveries to service stations, and operators announced they would sell "only what we have left in the pumps." Katherine G. Nelson, census supervisor, can she comply with a federal law requiring a recount of 5 per cent of the population of each town in her district. Millican, in eastern Deschutes county, has a population of one: William A. Rahn, postmaster, storekeeper and service station operator.

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