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Talk Up the Issues

INDIFFERENCE to the issues at stake in the May 17 primary election has applied not only to candidates but also to the two city measures to be on the special municipal ballot handed all city voters at that election.

City officials themselves have had little to say about the two special levies. In past years, proposals for bond issues and levies have received considerable public explanation from the officials which put them on the ballot for a decision by the voters. Not so the current proposals for one mill levies for street signals and a new street sweeper.

A good-natured but serious controversy on the street signal question has continued here for many years. There is every sound reason why it should be at a peak right now. Traffic conditions have become progressively more troublesome as the city and its environs have grown and the business district has spread out. We are now on the threshold of the warm weather season, when traffic is unusually heavy in downtown Klamath Falls. Add to this the fact that on May 17, less than two weeks away, there is to be a vote on the financing of signals, and you would suppose the topic would be a most popular one. Instead, there is dead silence on the subject.

Discussion makes for a well-informed electorate, and we believe there should be more public talk about the two municipal measures. We would welcome letters to the editor on the questions at issue. Traffic regulation, in particular, is something with which ordinary citizens come in constant contact, and surely there are those who have interesting opinions on the need for traffic signals here and the advisability of adding a one-year special levy to finance their installation.

Let's hear from out-of-town people, who come into Klamath Falls to trade. They cannot vote on these strictly municipal measures, but what they think about traffic conditions here and solution of traffic problems is of importance to the economic well being of the city and therefore of interest to city voters.

A statement from city officials, on the reasons that impelled them to place the measures on the ballot, and their effect on taxes and finances, would be welcome at this juncture. This newspaper will be glad to print them in full.

Admittedly, the circuit judge contest is interesting and important, but there are other issues of significance at stake on May 17.

TEACHER RUNS AMOK, KILLS 4

PASADENA, Cal., May 6 (UP) Four persons were killed and two wounded late today when a junior high school principal suddenly went berserk on a gun shooting tour of South Pasadena educational centers.

Verlin Spencer, middle-aged principal of South Pasadena-San Marino Junior high school, blamed by police for the shooting, was taken to the Huntington Memorial hospital critically wounded. Officers said he had attempted suicide and probably would die.

Trustee Meeting
At the South Pasadena high school administration building, where he met with the school board of trustees, Spencer left George Bush, city superintendent of schools for the last 30 years; John E. Almon, high school principal, and Will Speer, board of education manager, dead and Miss Dorothea Talbot, Bush's secretary, wounded.

Police said that apparently no one else was at the meeting.

Then, officers said, Spencer drove back to his own school where he shot and killed Verner Victor Vanderlip, a teacher.

Body Found
Vanderlip's body was found in the junior high woodworking shop, slumped down between several desks.

Ruth Burnett Sturgeon, also a teacher there, was wounded. Police could ascribe no motive for the shootings.

BALALAIKA
Singing At the Balalaika Troupe - Musical Hour Every Week - Come and Ride Money money money
EDDY
ILONA MASSEY
with CHARLIE RUGGLES FRANK MORGAN LIONEL ATWILL
SMITH - COMPTON - FRANTZ
COMING THURSDAY -- PINE TREE

News Behind THE NEWS
By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 7—With old nations falling right and left and a new world in the making a world in which peace hopes may rest solely upon defensive power, it is a matter of common inside knowledge here that the unpreparedness of the American army would precipitate a national surprise if any development should put it to a defensive test.

Mark not my personal word for it, but the private testimony of competent experts unwilling to speak out upon their own authority, for many good reasons, that these following facts are true:

It would be a good eighteen months before the army is equipped to defend this country from invasion.

Not a modern anti-aircraft gun of sufficient altitude range exists in the army.

Not enough men or equipment are available to make good our promised word to defend any of our nearby neutrals in Latin-America from invasion.

Our available initial protective force (450,000 troops) is less than the army of Switzerland, but even so only one-third of it will be equipped with the modern new Garand rifles by June 1, 1942.

Eighteen months after mobilization would now be required before the necessary protective mobilization force of 750,000 men in the field and 250,000 on their way, could be organized.

POLITICAL HUSH

The condition of the army has not been presented to the public for several reasons. The administration is budget-conscious in this campaign year. Mr. Roosevelt has said he cannot ask for more army money now as nearly \$1,000,000,000 has been appropriated for the year beginning June 1. Furthermore no official in the administration desires to extend his neck in behalf of realistic defense requirements for fear of opening himself to the charge that he is preparing to take this country into war.

It seems, therefore, unlikely that the public's pleasant dreams of security will be disturbed before election by any accurate official analysis of this touchy political subject.

GOOD PLANES

Current pleasant dreams rest upon the superior industrial manufacturing capacity of the country, particularly in planes. American inventive genius has developed the best aircraft, bombsights, superchargers, plane detectors, but in none of these or other lines is this government likely soon to be equipped to defend itself.

Take anti-aircraft guns. It will be well over a year before the army has any appreciable number of the new 90-millimeter weapons. Sufficient guns have been ordered to equip 34 mobile regiments with the old 3-inch guns, but these shoot only 18,000 feet and have their maximum effectiveness below that height. Most bombing in the European war is being done from a height beyond the range of these guns.

The new 90 mm. stationary guns will be effective up to 30,000 feet, but orders for these were delayed by Chief of Staff Marshall in order to submit them to a period of trial which the army considers necessary to iron out the "bugs" in the new weapons.

The United States, therefore, is today practically defenseless in this vital line.

TANK GUNS

General Marshall has told the house appropriations committee the protective mobilization defense plan requires 1556 anti-tank guns and he expects appropriations already made or planned to provide 874. Thus the army will a year from now (June 1, 1941) still be short 682 anti-tank guns, a weapon it be-



Telling The Editor

ADVERTISING

FORT KLAMATH, Ore. (To the Editor)—The other day a woman and her daughters stopped in my place of business in Fort Klamath and asked how they could get to Weed without going through Klamath Falls. This woman, whose car had Washington license plates, said she didn't even want to take her daughters through Klamath Falls because she understood that vice conditions there were terrible.

Anyone who has been to Klamath Falls knows that it would be perfectly safe for any woman and girl to live in Klamath Falls or pass through the town, but the kind of advertising that has been made lately gives strangers a different impression.

Who ever is responsible for most of this bad advertising is against the best interests of the community. The tourist business especially will suffer.

This false impression about vice conditions here should be removed for the good of the community. Klamath Falls has been given a black mark that it doesn't deserve.

Very truly yours,
C. J. BRICCO.

Courthouse Records

(MONDAY)

Justice Court
William Easton Sweek. Failure to drive on the right side of the highway. Entered plea of guilty. Case continued.

Divorce Suits Filed
Marguerite Young Neathammer versus E. Neathammer versus Margaret Young Neathammer. Charge, desertion. Couple married October 24, 1936, at Medford. J. C. O'Neill, attorney for plaintiff.

Donovan L. Hall versus Lila Amy Hall. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married at Prineville, Ore., May 21, 1932. J. C. O'Neill, attorney for plaintiff.

Ival C. Knox versus June W. Knox. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married April 16, 1940, at Reno, Nev. W. Lamar Townsend, attorney for plaintiff.

Golf Club Meeting—Members of the Reames Golf and Country club will hold a special meeting tonight (Tuesday) at 8 o'clock at the club house. All members are urged to attend as special business is scheduled.

VOX
TODAY
LOOK OUT!
GRANNY GET YOUR GUN!
COMPACTION FEATURE
HALF A SINNER
ANGEL KING

GIRLS in WHITE
FLORENCE RICE
ALAN and MARY HOWARD
SNAPSHOTS COMEDY TRAVEL NEWS
RAINBOW

gon avenue to the junction of the old Dalles-California highway and return on same route.

Also we are running 40-minute service starting at 7:20 a. m. over California avenue to the Fremont grocery and return over the same route until 10 a. m. Starting again at 2 p. m. until 6 p. m., with a 7 a. m. trip to Pelican City and another 4 p. m. trip to Pelican City to accommodate mill workers and anyone else that wants it.

Now there has been quite a lot of agitation in that district for bus service, and personally I would like to see the buses stay on and as fast as possible fill in the time between 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., also later in the evening. But in order to do so the residents of that district will have to cooperate with the bus company as we cannot operate too long without a profit which so far has fallen way short. We naturally supposed with as much cry for buses out there as there was that the people actually wanted them and would be willing to cooperate with the bus company to get them and keep them. It is entirely up to the people. Here's hoping.

J. H. JOY,
Manager, Klamath Bus Co.

APPRECIATION

PORTLAND, Ore. (To the Editor)—May I take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for the courtesies extended our traveling recruiting party on the occasion of their recent visit to your city, and for your cooperation in publicizing their appearance.

In times such as these, the navy is particularly in need of the wholehearted cooperation and support of the general public in order that it may continue to act as our nation's first line of defense.

Sincerely,
L. B. STUART,
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy, Recruiting Officer.

PRaises PAGEANT

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—The writer wishes to congratulate the physical education department of the Klamath Falls elementary schools for the splendid pageant given Friday evening at the armory. Each school played its part well. They were orderly and well-timed.

Congratulations to all the teachers and pupils.

E. L. CRAMBLITT.

"PAIR OF TWINS"

As a singular noun, "twin" means "one of two brought forth at a birth." "Twins" is defined as "two young brought forth at one birth." A pair of twins should mean four offspring, but it does not. "Twins" and a "pair of twins," by popular usage, mean the same—merely two individuals.

Positively Ends Tonight

TOMORROW

ONE SEDUCTIVE WOMAN. SEVEN DESPERATE MEN..!

GREEN HELL
JOAN FAIRBANKS, JR. JOAN BENNETT
JOHN HOWARD · ALAN HALE
GEORGE BANCROFT · VINCENT PRICE
GEORGE SANDERS
PELICAN

CITY COUNCILMEN DISCUSS SANITATION

Education of the public was cited as the best method for solving the problem of sanitation in a report read last night to members of the city council by W. J. Cloyes, county sanitarian. The report is to be submitted to the League of Oregon Cities convention May 22-24 at Seaside, Ore.

Besides education of the public, damage suits and injunctions handled through the courts were mentioned by Cloyes as the only other methods of overcoming unsatisfactory sanitation conditions.

Problems Discussed

Although the matter is outside jurisdiction of the council, several local problems of sanitation were discussed. Cloyes described what he termed a bad situation at the dump grounds on the east outskirts of the city, and said the draft caused by burning garbage allows considerable refuse to fall on private property in the vicinity, bringing numerous complaints. He suggested that owners of the garbage dump be permitted to ask a service charge of persons using the dump grounds. Members of the council, pointing out that such a practice would be a violation of the franchise, said that if a charge was made the public would seek other places to dump garbage and the resulting condition would be worse than before.

Conditions Said Bad

In his report Cloyes said that an adequate sewage system and treatment plant is the only proper method of sewage disposal. In this connection Councilman Charles Thomas described what he termed unusually bad sanitary conditions existing in some sections of the city, especially in the South Sixth street district.

Cloyes said that he and Harold Franey, city sanitarian, had made a thorough inspection of restaurant and food handling conditions and that a full report is being prepared.

Jack Benner, appearing before the council in behalf of the movement for grading Worden avenue, said the Caterpillar Tractor company will give a demonstration of equipment May 20 for the county court and city and county engineers.

Would Grade 5 Blocks

He asked permission to have the demonstration performed on Worden avenue, where the company has said it would grade five blocks in one day. The matter was referred to the street committee and the city attorney. Members of the council were asked to attend the demonstration.

Police Judge Carl Cook read a report from the Klamath Falls municipal band which showed a balance as of December 31, 1939 of \$246.73. The report said the band had made 19 appearances and parades during 1939 and had held 48 weekly rehearsals in the Fremont school. There are 53 members of the organization, which is in its third year.

Ends Wednesday

"REBECCA"
LAURENCE starring JOAN OLIVIER * FONTAINE
Released thru United Artists
PINE TREE

Walt Disney's
FULL LENGTH FEATURE IN TECHNICOLOR
Pinocchio
An EKO Radio Picture

ONE SEDUCTIVE WOMAN. SEVEN DESPERATE MEN..!

Risking all to find riches... Daring death... to find love... amid the untold terrors of the jungle!

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