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Fire in Unincorporated Areas

SUNDAY'S fire at Bly threatened the busy eastern Klamath center and demonstrated again the enormous hazard that exists at this period of the year. In the cities, in the smaller towns, and in the open fields and woods the situation is prepared for a holocaust, and it can be prevented only by extreme caution and quick, effective fire-fighting if the spark is set off.

The problem in well settled unincorporated communities is especially serious because of the lack of fire fighting equipment and organization. Bly, as it happens, is an important center for both the Klamath Forest Protective association and the forest service, and the association had equipment on hand which could be used in Sunday's fire and probably saved the town. Other thickly settled unincorporated communities may be less fortunate.

The danger cannot be ignored, for instance, by those who live in the swelling suburban areas near Klamath Falls. Here are buildings in almost urban density where an uncontrolled fire would wreak much havoc. The water supply problem is not serious in the suburbs, where there is city water as well as ditches of irrigation water, but equipment for effective use of the water is lacking. At present there is no organization or advance plan for fighting fire. These are deficiencies that deserve consideration prior to the breaking out of disastrous conflagrations.

There is no intention here to be unduly alarming but it is a matter for thought by all of us interested in the welfare of the suburbs, in which thousands of the good citizens of this community reside.

North America, Granary

STRANGELY against the background of a Europe which many believe will face terrible food shortages this winter, appears the picture of North America. This great granary of the world will be bursting, after the coming harvest, with 1,570,000,000 bushels of wheat.

The United States alone is expected to have a surplus available for export of 160,000,000 bushels. Yet the normal markets for grain in Europe have been cut off, and in the face of short crops, Europe may suffer the lack of grain beneath which the Americas are suffocating.

Even the war has not affected thus far this terrific dislocation. Europe will badly need much of this grain, but it has no way to get it, no way to pay for it or transport it. For this, those who are responsible for the unloosing of war are also responsible.

A Californian makes a business of going to picnics, supervising 1000 of them annually. It's said he knows every ant in the state by name.

As we remember the old-fashioned definition, the axis was an imaginary line on which the earth rotated.

There may be something in the belief that the inventor of the folding camp chair really had something else in mind when he started out.

Frenchmen Observe Bastille Day in Solemn Meditation

By United Press

Frenchmen, bowed in defeat, spent their national holiday Sunday in dazed contemplation of their uncertain future.

Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, chief of state of the semi-fascist regime which has been set up in place of republican France, ordered the people to shun the usual joyous celebration of Bastille day and to spend it in "mourning meditation."

There was no dancing in the streets of beautiful and once gay Paris, now occupied by the Germans.

At Marseilles, solemn services of sorrow were held. The tricolor was flown at half-staff at the monument to the war dead and a minute of silence observed.

Ceremonies Held

Ceremonies were held in schools all over France, men and women invited to attend religious ceremonies and teachers addressed their pupils and dedicated them to the task of rebuilding France.

In London, "free" Frenchmen observed the day also, but not as one of rejoicing. Soldiers and sailors of Gen. Charles De Gaulle's volunteer legion placed a wreath on the Cenotaph war memorial in Whitehall, and then marched to the statue of Marshal Foch, where they placed a second wreath.

This solemn observance of a great festal day — France's fourth of July—is symbolic of the great change in the entire life of the country.

Paris Once Gay

In past years, Paris was gay with flags and bunting. Bands blared through the day and evening as impressive military parades passed through the streets. There were bonfires, fireworks everywhere and gay dancing.

Crowds gathered in the Place de la Republique for ceremonies at the Bronze which marks the site of the once-hated bastille.

The bastille was the symbol of French freedom, of the "liberte, egalite and fraternite" which were gained in the revolution, and which now are erased.

The bastille represented to the French the tyranny and oppression of the days of the monarchy, which the revolution ended. Anciently built as a fort, the square, gloomy castle with its eight towers became a prison wherein men and women were thrown without trial and kept at the will of the authorities for such offenses as criticizing the government.

On July 14, 1789, a revolutionary mob stormed and captured the bastille. In later years it was ordered razed.

FRIEND INDEED

BOISE, Ida. (AP)—Friendship doesn't always cease in political battles.

William Galloway of Boise, democratic candidate for state representative from Ada county, wanted to go fishing. But it was nearing the deadline for filing his petition.

His opponent, Incumbent Republican Hamer Budge filed the papers for him.

Brunets or red-heads are less susceptible to baldness than blonds.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

CHICAGO, July 15—A final formidable attempt to keep the democratic party high command from falling apart, if Mr. Roosevelt runs, has been made during the past few days by party men of top rank in the administration and congress.

A harmony three-way draft has been their goal: Roosevelt, Garner and Farley for renomination to their respective jobs as president, vice president and national chairman.

Lyndon Johnson, the Roosevelt house member from Texas, has been the shuttle for exchange of views between the Rooseveltians and the regulars. Many a democratic politico here is convinced the convention will work around that way in the end, although the new dealers, comprising the reform element close to Roosevelt, have been setting up an inner din against it. They characterize it as "impossible" in view of Mr. Roosevelt's Jackson day dinner demand for what they call a "liberal" in both places on the ticket.

Nevertheless, the politicians know such a three-way harmony ticket is the best technical political strategy. If Farley goes off in one direction after this convention, and Garner in the other, an appearance of party unity will be hard to present.

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DOUGLAS TROUBLE

If Mr. Roosevelt has anything in mind for Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, at this convention, there may be trouble. A delegate has in his pocket a letter from the registrar of voters in New Haven, Conn., stating he was unable to find Mr. Douglas' name as a voter in the 1938 elections or since. New Haven is the official home town from which Douglas was appointed to the supreme court.

On the chance the justice might have expressed his democracy in action from his suburban Washington home at Silver Spring, Md., the delegate also checked there. He was informed by the registrar of voters at Rockville, the county seat, that Justice Douglas had not voted there either in 1938 or later.

This might make a big difference to the delegates because Mr. Douglas is the candidate of the reform element in the White House backyard, for first place if Mr. Roosevelt does not run and second place if he does. While few personal public commitments have been offered, the reformers have spoken of Douglas as their man in open, off the record conversations for months. They rate him highly in view of his experience in handling public utility financing and believe he could cause Willkie trouble on the stump.

Justice Douglas has listed himself publicly in his who's who auto biography as a democrat since his name first appeared there in the 1938-39 issue. The inquiring delegate who checked New Haven and Rockville did not seek to ascertain if Douglas had voted by any chance at the home of his mother in Yakima, Washington. He has not resided there for many years.

But if Douglas is presented for any place on the ticket, the letter from the New Haven registrar will certainly be put before the convention by one method or another. Selection of a leader of doubtful democratic activity would certainly only further widen the breach that runs straight down through the middle of the convention, with the old party men on one side and the reform element on the other.

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Speaker Bankhead has author's jitters. Five times or more he has had to change his keynote address and two days before the convention his brother was still going over the text and offering suggestions for changes.

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Faintly noticeable inside activity in the commerce department has suggested to those nearest the high command there that Mr. Roosevelt is looking for a new secretary to replace Harry Hopkins. This inconclusive evidence tends to support the expectation that Hopkins might be boosted to the national chairmanship if and when Farley leaves.

A three-way reform ticket of Roosevelt, Douglas and Hopkins would, of course, accomplish the purge which was unsuccessful in the 1938 elections.

SIDE GLANCES

"I have to hurry and straighten things up before the girl gets here to clean."

OBITUARY

JOHN (JACK) LEFTWICH

John (Jack) Leftwich, a resident of Klamath Falls for the past four years passed away at his residence, 1160 Crescent avenue at 5 p. m. Saturday, July 13.

The deceased was a native of Perryville, Va., and was aged 56 years and nine days when called. He is survived by his wife, Lula of Klamath Falls; three sons, Merideth D. Hutchens and Ronald H. Hutchens, both of Klamath Falls, and Lindley Dowe Hutchens of Washington, D. C.; a sister of West Virginia, and a brother of Virginia. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street, where friends may call after 2 p. m., Monday, July 15. The notice of the funeral arrangements will be announced in a later issue of this paper.

Telling The Editor

BUSY ANXILIARY

DORRIS, Calif., (To the Editor)—For those who may be interested in the work and activities of the American Legion auxiliary of Dorris, Butte Valley unit 478, Dept., of Calif., I am submitting an itemized account of the work accomplished from June 1939 up to the present date of June, 1940.

First quarter of June, July and August, 1939, money taken from card parties and membership dues was $25.26. Money paid out for expense of delegates, stationery and cards was $14.28, leaving a balance of $10.98.

Second quarter of September, October, December 1939 with balance of $10.98 and money taken in from card parties and membership dues was $78.51. Expenses of card party prizes and rent, allowance for adopted veteran, dues to state child welfare was $60.28 leaving a balance of $18.23.

Third quarter of January, February and March 1940, with balance of $18.23 and money taken in from card parties was $54.54. Money paid out for expenses of card party prizes, adopted veteran, child welfare and other incidentals, was $40.70, leaving balance of $12.84.

Fourth quarter of April, May and June 1940 with balance of $12.84 and money from card parties, cooked food sale, also poppy poster card party was $66.78, money paid out for card party prizes and $12.00 for 200 poppies with 40 per cent net profit to state department for disabled veterans and children, also $23.50 for expense of selling tickets, rent and three $2.50 first prizes for poppy posters made by school children and remainder of money distributed among fifty-three school children was $47.88, leaving a balance of $18.90 for the year.

We also aided the Legion in giving a $50 high school scholarship which was given to increase their interest in Americanism and good citizenship.

Although there was not anything accomplished in some departments because the work was not here to do, in other departments we feel we have accomplished much for the size of the community and the small number of workers. We also wish to thank the members who were kind and liberal enough to make donations. We can safely state the year has been one of harmony and good will and that is something of which to be proud.

Sincerely,
Mrs. H. J. English, president.

"IN THE PINES OF YAMSAY"

Yes indeed the other side is true
What we are asking the boss is not new
Months ago he knew what was up
Not knowing, we were made of this stuff.

Time after time, the boss was spoken to.
Time after time, nothing he would do.
He never thought while taking that stand,
Of the trouble to come to Klamath land.

The crew took note a long time in the past,
Financially and physically how long they could last.
This was all taken for children and wives on the hill,
How long they could hold, with the man at the mill.

The people will be fed if we must break the law.
There is deer on the mountain, fish in the draw.
When winter comes we'll find a way.
We'll hang out if it takes a year and a day.

There is no place in the woodsman's life,
No place nor time for AF of L strife,
Many can think back about '33 or '34
When the federation put the worker out the door.

Care not a thing about the AF of L.
We'll do what is right, let them yell.
Some people don't believe in Uncle Sam's law,
For the worker, it's the best you ever saw.

With due respect to Lamm and his bunch,
Feeling sure too, the association is a dunce,
Knowing also if it were not for them
Every man would be working again.

The boss came up to talk to the crew.
That was the last thing he should do.
The place, the cook house, and time, night.
That meeting was the start of this fight.

We don't know what is in his mind.
Sure, we are the association in behind.
He will deal and negotiate too,
But the association we must break through.

Mr. Lamm is not such a bad boss,
The confidence of the crew he has almost lost
If it were possible to pull together,
It would be fine for one and another.

We are not asking for castles in Spain,
Nor taken to work on stream lined trains
Just decent, comfortable, livable homes.
Then we'll dispense with the poems.

This is to answer my sister-in-law,
We are out to the end, win, lose or draw.
We tried to talk but that wouldn't do,
And now it's see the whole thing through.

CARL PROEBSTEL.

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YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF CALIFORNIA OK ARMS TRAINING

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15 (U.P.)—Young democrats of California have passed a resolution upholding compulsory military training in conjunction with an Americanism campaign sponsored by the organization, it was disclosed Saturday by Miss Patricia Vesely-Scott, chairman of the campaign.

Miss Vesely-Scott said the campaign has the following aims:

1—To unite all California Americans in a non-partisan group to combat the subversive activities in California.

2—To secure closer cooperation with other civic groups in an effort to uphold American democracy and ideals.

3—To sponsor national rearmament to prepare the country for the defense of democracy.

4—To send competent, non-partisan speakers to instruct Americans in their patriotic duties.

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ENDS TODAY * "Those Were the Days" WILLIAM HOLDEN

TOMORROW!