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More Federal Space

AMONG the projects selected for work in the coming year by the civic affairs committee of the chamber of commerce is a study of the possibilities of enlarging the Klamath Falls federal (postoffice) building.

Quite frequently postoffice construction is little more than political pap, with little consideration given to actual need for facilities. Klamath need not go after additional federal building space on any such basis. It has a better argument than that.

Few communities have as many federal contacts as Klamath Falls. The reclamation service, the forest service and the Indian service all have major activities within the boundaries of this county, administering large projects.

Some of the federal agencies which are now renting space here or would use space if available in a larger federal building are the social security board, state and federal inspection of potatoes, army and navy recruiting services, soil conservation service, works progress administration, selective service boards.

The national park service, the forest service and the U. S. department of agriculture could use additional space. This is not necessarily the entire list, and a survey is to be made to determine the full extent of potential use of the federal office building here. It is a logical and sound project for the civic affairs committee of the chamber of commerce, and it should receive general public support to the end that our congressional representatives and the authorities in Washington will give full consideration to the need here for more federal office space.

Year of Carelessness

KLAMATH county's unfortunate 1940 record of violent death continues to grow right up to the end of the year. The weekend brought an auto accident-drowning on the Weed-Klamath Falls highway, adding to an auto death toll for the year that already was well above the previous record high.

As was remarked here the other day, 1940 saw little in the way of violent crime in Klamath county, but violent death from accidental causes was such as to make the year one of the blackest in the community's history. Hunting accidents, drownings, and automobile fatalities combined to make it a period of tragedy.

It ranks likewise as a year of carelessness, for behind most of these unfortunate incidents was lack of caution. In nearly every instance, there was a human failure somewhere along the line. Many of the automobile accidents were rated as "unavoidable"—that is, they were unavoidable, once they began to happen. But carelessness in some form usually started them on their way.

It is to be hoped that the year's record of tragedy will receive ample notice and that it will serve as a warning that will make 1941 a happier period.

GREEK U-BOAT BAGS 3 SHIPS

ATHENS, Dec. 30 (UP)—Three Italian troopships loaded with fascist soldiers and war materials en route to the besieged Albanian port of Valona have been torpedoed and sunk by the Greek submarine Papanicolis north of the straits of Otranto, the Greek admiralty reported tonight.

The sinking of the three fascist transports, aggregating more than 30,000 tons, occurred Tuesday but was not disclosed until the 14-year-old Greek submarine reached its home base today.

Loss Believed Heavy
 The three troopships, escorted by "a considerable number of warships," were encountered by the Greek U-boat between Valona and Italy's base of Brindisi and the commander of the submarine, Capt. Milton Iatrides, fired 21-inch torpedoes at the enemy vessels, it was said.

The extent of the loss of life aboard the three Italian transports, which may have been heavy, was not revealed in the Greek admiralty communiqué.

The Papanicolis was half-submerged when it fired its torpedoes, the admiralty said, and immediately dove below the surface as Italian destroyers clustered around the spot and began unloading depth charges.

Meanwhile an official spokesman reported a relentless Greek push upon Valona along the coast, despite a howling blizzard and drifting snow.

Greek Evzone troops, he said, were pushing closer to Valona from Chimara to the south and from the inland zone.

The admiralty said the sinkings, just north of the narrow straits of Otranto through which British battleships swept recently to bombard Valona, appeared to have delivered a major blow to the Italian high command's hopes of reinforcing the Valona

base on the Adriatic coast of Albania.

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The biggest year in the nation's history is being forecast for 1941 by all Mr. Roosevelt's economists.

A ceiling has already been reached on defense goods production. Consequently the first six months of 1941 are likely to bounce along on the existing level. But new plant capacity now being built will begin to come into the production picture along about June. The last half of the year, therefore, will probably bring a continuous climb.

The outlook, of course, is all based on the defense program, but none of Mr. Roosevelt's experts can see any reasonable prospect that their calculations will fail to be realized. A defeat for England, a negotiated peace, in fact any possibility except an overwhelming British victory, would not moderate our defense needs.

FARM LOSSES

The one bad spot in the picture is the loss of our agricultural export markets. Less than 9 per cent of our exports in November were farm products. A year ago the figure was 22 per cent.

Only in cotton of all the exportable farm products is the defense program furnishing any domestic aid. The demand for uniforms has inspired a large increase in domestic consumption of this staple.

But for tobacco, wheat, etc., there seems little prospect that increased domestic consumption can come anywhere near replacing the continental market that is lost for the duration of the war.

Our gross exports will increase during the year, however, if the British hold out. They have ordered \$2,000,000,000 worth of goods which are yet to be delivered. Two-thirds of all our exports are now going to them. An increase is also being noted in non-defense materials shipped to Latin-America.

SLOW IMPETUS

The defense stimulus is working slowly and spottedly in some areas, especially in the farm belt. But its effects are bound to reach out beyond the industrial centers into every line of commercial endeavor soon.

The federal reserve board has dug up some figures which have not been made public indicating that retail sales everywhere have been running at boom peak.

November in Atlanta was the highest month in twenty years. Chicago's November was the highest in ten years. New York and Boston were the highest in nine years, and Cleveland the highest in eleven years. Only five times in nine years has Minneapolis reached the November level.

While it is true that most of the defense money so far has gone into the industrial areas and to the spots where camps and new industries are being located, it is already reaching most cities and it will eventually reach all sections.

PRODUCTION HIGH

The federal reserve board's industrial production index will reach the astounding total of about 135 for December. This compares with 110 in 1929, the highest previous period of activity.

Steel, aviation, shipbuilding and machinery are all running at capacity. Shoes and textiles have felt the pressure of defense demand. Auto production will continue good. Dealers will undoubtedly be able to sell all the cars that can be produced.

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SIDE GLANCES



"She's determined to beat my top score, and by the time she does I'll either be broke or own the bowling alleys."

116, six points above 1929; department store sales are at 100, seven points above 1929. The cost of living is 15 per cent under 1929, and prices are 15 per cent less.

Thus, after a decade in which production has been limited by uninspiring consumption, the nation is entering now an era which will be limited only by the utmost use of our productive capacity.

F. R. HOLDS YULE TALK WITH FAMILY

SEATTLE, Dec. 30 (P)—Mrs. John Boettger, assistant publisher of the Post-Intelligencer, told in her weekly column today how her father, the president of the United States, opened a round-robin telephone connection of the Roosevelt family Christmas morning by booming:

"This is station P-O-P-P-A broadcasting from the White House."

The quip "brought forth such a roar of laughter from the four other corners of the USA, that ear drums tingled, and it's a wonder the connection held," she wrote.

"Then," Mrs. Boettger added, "came my mother's effort to try to talk to all of us individually."

"Now, I want to talk to Jimmy," then "Where's Elliott? I haven't talked to him yet."

"A terrific tangle ensued when Boston and Seattle tried to exchange a bit of family gossip."

The telephone connection hooked up Washington D. C., Seattle, Los Angeles (James), Fort Worth (Elliott), Boston (John).

La Guardia Hits White as Doing 'Typical Laval'

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (UP)—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia disclosed today he had accused his "dear and good friend" William Allen White, chairman of the committee to defend America by aiding the allies, of "doing a typical Laval."

The mayor made public a letter to White which referred to the Kansas editor's "The Yanks Are Not Coming" statement published in the Scripps-Howard newspapers and likened it to the conduct of Pierre Laval, anti-British French politician.

LaGuardia's letter added fuel to the fire of dissension already burning within the White committee as a result of White's statement of policy. The mayor proposed the committee divide.

MARINE CORPS SEEKS LINGUISTS

The United States Marine corps is making a special effort at this time to recruit men who can read and speak either Dutch or Portuguese, it was announced by Major James B. Hardie, district recruiting chief for the Marine corps.

Men proficient in either of these languages who join the Marines will be given the opportunity to act as interpreters.

Such applicants, however, must be able to meet the physical and other requirements for enlistment.

FAIR FIGURES
 SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30 (P)—John F. Forbes, president of Californians, Inc., announced here that 2,530,643 tourists from outside California visited this state during the 382 days the Golden Gate International Exposition was open in 1939 and '40, and spent an estimated \$328,762,470.

It could have happened to you!

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ship of some of the employees. In the meanwhile a paper could be circulated and what was contributed in the way of assistance could be applied against the urgently needed advance, and this would reduce the amount of debt that his sponsors would have to stand.

Contrary to Mr. Tucker's belief the company in question did not require any particular number of sponsors on the note. The first man the note was presented to was well aware of the financial standing of the borrower. He was willing to back \$50.00 of this note, but not willing to stand for half of the amount as in the case of a two sponsor arrangement. He consequently advised the borrower to obtain as many signatures as possible as he was well aware that any petition for relief circulated among the workers of the plant would not yield very much money to help lower the burden the note would place against him.

The petition was posted the day the note was signed, this was November 20, and it was taken down on December 7. It yielded \$48.50 which sum went to reduce the note to \$181.50, and this leaves his sponsors to stand liable for \$17.94 each, plus what interest will accrue. Now this was the "sizeable sum" that Mr. Tucker waxed so wrathful about, and it also explains that Mr. Tucker's information was out of line when, to quote Mr. Tucker:

"but despite the fact that he was making the payments in the loan regularly, the company applied this sum to the loan instead of giving the money to the man."

The arrangement that was previously agreed upon and understood by his sponsors and should have been understood by any contributor to the petition.

As a matter of fact no payment has been made regularly upon the note, and at the present writing further advances to the sum of \$90.00 has been made by the company. It appears that under the circumstances the borrower is laboring and knowing that the situation will probably get no better, it becomes within the realm of probability that his sponsors may have to stand for the balance of the note. I know that some who did sign the note can ill afford to stand such a loss.

The workmen at this plant are usually over generous when it comes to helping a member in distress. I have seen many cases where the appeal from the heart was stronger than better judgment on some of these cases.

As a rule such an appeal will yield at least an average of one dollar per man, yet this worker could only obtain \$48.00 out of a possible 200 men, even at this there were some names that were written down on the petition in the first instance were removed by their owners before the paper was returned to the office. There were other members of the crew who would have liked to do the same but having committed themselves were hesitant to do so.

Likewise there was considerable resentment expressed by some members towards his posting an appeal as there were men working for the company and drawing far less wages who have had to face problems just as important.

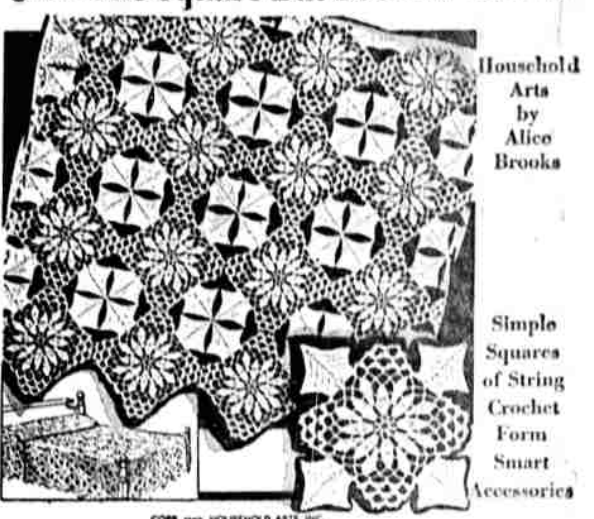
The sad part of the whole affair is that the next petition presented to the men by some really deserving member will find the crew less willing to extend aid.

Mr. Tucker, I believe has now taken upon his shoulders a job in which perhaps one of his duties will be to help deal with just such problems of assistance.

If this organization is founded along proper lines they will have a fund for such assistance which would probably be administered by a board of directors whose job would be to investigate and pass upon the merits of each individual application, and it will be found that the question of the ability of the borrower to pay back to the assistance fund will become a question of importance. After one has had some experience in administering such funds, the question of sentiment will probably take a back seat to hard reality for one soon receives a liberal education in the reactions of human nature under such circumstances.

At least judgment will not be passed quickly upon a small amount of information. For my part, I am only an interested observer in such affairs, and the

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facts presented here for Mr. Tucker's benefit has been done so at the request of some of the boys who were co-signers of the note.

Yours truly,
 KENNETH M. LEER JR.
 (Editor's Note: The length of this letter is permitted because it deals with a subject that seems to have aroused considerable interest. The above letter was checked with Mr. Tucker, who stated he had since received information that indicates he may have been misinformed as to details of the case under discussion. He said, however, that his letter was written in good faith and on the basis of what appeared to be correct information at the time.)

Successful men are kept too busy to think up any secrets of success.

200 ATTEND NORSE DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT

More than 200 persons enjoyed home cooked Norwegian food at the annual dinner given Saturday night in IOOF hall by the Sons of Norway, Road lodge, No. 29.

Chairman of the dinner was Mrs. C. E. Carlson, assisted by Mrs. Nels Nicholson, Mrs. Oscar Solle, Mrs. Peter Berg, Mrs. Carl Johnson, Mrs. George Davig, Mrs. Melvin Solberg, Mrs. H. S. Rathe, Mrs. Michael Vogt, Mrs. William Hendrickson, Mrs. Axel Nelson and Mrs. E. Mathiesen. Members of the Sons of Norway served.

Carnival Dance, Armory, New Year's Eve.

Now is the Time to Beware of Contagious Colds!

At a treacherous time like this, with contagious colds all around you, what you do today may save you and your family a lot of sickness, worry and trouble later.

Follow these simple rules of health: Live normally. Avoid excesses. Eat simple food. Drink plenty of water. Keep elimination regular. Take some exercise daily—preferably outdoors. Get plenty of rest and sleep.

Then use these two time-tested treatments when needed.

AT THE FIRST SHUFFLE, SNEEZE OR SIGN OF NASAL IRRITATION... put a few drops of Vicks VapoRub up each nostril right away. This helps to prevent many colds from developing, because VapoRub is expressly designed to help Nature's own defenses against colds. (If a head cold causes stuffiness, you'll find that a few drops of VapoRub helps clear the clogging mucus and makes breathing freer and easier.)

Both VapoRub and VapoRub have been tested through years of use in millions of homes. When you use these two medicines you are not experimenting, you are not taking needless chances. Remember: If the condition of the cold fails to respond quickly to treatment—or if more serious trouble is indicated—call your family physician right away. In the meantime be prepared! Get a bottle of Vicks VapoRub today—have them handy, ready to use.

Willard Hotel

Wishing You Happiness and Prosperity for the New Year

New Year's 1941

New Year's \$1.00 Dinner

Salted Almonds Colony on Branch

Ripe Mammoth Olives

Consomme en Cup Chicken ala Royal

Baked Baby Lobster Cardinal

Sliced Oregon Turkey, Stuffings, Cranberries

Fried Half Chicken, Sweet Corn Fritters

Mahogany Broiled New York Sirloin Steak

Roast Prime Rib, Au Jus

Baked Klamath Gems Cream Whip

Creamed New Peas Fresh Corn on Cob

Waldorf Mayonnaise

Combination French Dressing

Fruit Cake Plum Pudding

Hot Mince or Pumpkin Pie

Fresh Strawberry Parfait Chocolate Sundae

Nuts Raisins

Dinner Mints