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Building in Klamath

KLAMATH FALLS and its surrounding area have been carrying on a building program of remarkable proportions, immeasurable by statistics because there is no formal record kept of what goes on outside the limits of the incorporated city. In 1940, strictly inside construction aggregated a million dollars, and any fair building figure credited to the community would necessarily be substantially larger than that because of the extensive suburban construction.

The best and most authoritative figure we have on outside building comes from C. S. Robertson, the president of the First Federal Savings and Loan association, who has kept up a continuing survey on suburban home construction and states that between 550 and 600 houses of all types were built in the "fringe" in 1940. Mull that statistic over in your mind, and you will agree that a substantial part of our building program is not included in the permit record kept by the city building inspector.

Outside construction has not been confined entirely to residences. Many commercial buildings have been constructed along arterial streets in the suburbs, and there has been considerable industrial construction as well as the new Klamath county infirmary. All of this belongs in the general Klamath Falls building figure.

It is significant that local building, obviously running far in excess of a million dollars in the last year, was nearly all of a private character. This is in contrast to the big programs of some of the past years, when public buildings, such as the high school, the armory, or the postoffice, were built. Private construction adds to the taxable valuation of the city or county, while public construction becomes a tax burden through public financing.

It is probable that the active building program here will continue in 1941. Under construction at this time and to be completed in 1941, among others, are the Beck bakery building on South Sixth street and the Marshall Cornett garage building on Klamath avenue. The Fluhrer building and the Esquire theatre building near Seventh and Pine streets are nearing completion. In prospect for 1941 is extensive remodeling of the Sears, Roebuck and company building at Eighth street and Klamath avenue, and no doubt others will be coming along.

Klamath Falls and its suburban area are growing.

Job for Repealers

ONE proposal which should be brought before the 1941 session of the state legislature is the abandonment of the present system of out-of-state automobile registration.

There has been general public discussion of this subject since the last legislature met. Few have raised their voices in defense of the registration program, and many have agreed that the time is at hand to call it off.

No real benefit comes from the law. If registration were rigidly enforced, it would furnish authentic statistics, but it would function as an annoyance if not an outright deterrent to tourists. Haphazardly enforced as it is, the registration program produces worthless statistics, is a waste of money and operates as a partial annoyance to travelers.

There is a worthwhile movement on to do away with all unnecessary border restrictions between states. Oregon can do its share along that line by eliminating the useless tourist registration law.

OBITUARY

GUSTAF ADOLF BERG
Gustaf Adolf Berg, a resident for the past 10 years, passed away in this city on Monday, December 30. The deceased was a native of Arvika, Sweden, and was aged 50 years 3 months and 8 days when called. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street. Notice of the funeral arrangements will be announced later.

ROSE BARNETT THOMAS
Rose Barnett Thomas, a resident for the past 30 years, passed away in this city on Thursday, January 2. The deceased was a native of Helena, Mont., and was aged 70 years 10 months and 28 days when called. She is survived by one son, W. K., of this city; two sisters, Mrs. A. R. Sides, Mrs. Bert Thomas; and

a brother, Newton Barnett, all of Potter Valley, Calif.; also two grandchildren, Charles Robert and Lindy Howard Thomas of this city. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street, where friends may call after noon on Monday, January 6. The notice of the funeral arrangements will be announced later.

COLUMBIA, S. C. (P)—Flinn Gilland, assistant registrar at the University of South Carolina, is in a quandary.

He sent out his New Year's greeting cards in envelopes marked "do not open until Christmas."

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Home Controlled and Operated
THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES
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* "THE NATION'S POWDER"
* NEWS FLASHES

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—What brought the spending leader, Marriner Eccles around to the reining-in recommendations of his new year statement was mildly suggested by his announcement.

An unsharpened forceful explanation of it was set forth in the respected, conservative publication "The London Economist" of Nov. 16 (pages 602-4). This hair-raising warning of inflation had been going the private rounds of government economists for some days prior to the Eccles announcement. Paraphrased into everyday language, it says:

The abundance-of-bank-money policy in the United States (gold buying etc.) just failed to increase private spending. The theory that buying could be started by an inflationary gold-silver money policy did not work out. A plethora of money can not cause a buying wave.

But if the public, for some reason should begin spending its own money now, there is no possibility of any control being exerted. An inflationary movement, once touched off by the growth of defense appropriations, as it well may be within a year or eighteen months, might well run away with itself.

This runaway would not necessarily appear first in rising commodity prices or stock exchange values, although both are probable, but what would most certainly follow would be such an insistent demand for all kinds of labor and materials of the defense program, that both Britain as well as America would find itself seriously impeded.

In a very real sense, what America has to fear in the near future is not too little prosperity but too much.

BIG SHARE

Out of a chance remark dropped by the president some time ago, the popular fallacy has been created that we are giving half of our defense plane production to the British. We are giving 80 per cent. As our production has been running about 700 planes a month, this means we have been slipping the British about 560 planes a month, which is more than they have been losing. This formidable contribution has been maintained for the past several months.

The erroneous public notion has been allowed to continue apparently because the actual figures are confidential. What Mr. Roosevelt really said, however, was that we were contributing about 80 per cent of all our military production, of which planes are only a part.

NAVY HOLDING

The navy is holding a grim grip on its destroyers in the face of rumors that the British have tried to get about 40 more.

It is true the naval building program has been quietly expanded to provide 40 more destroyers than the original two-ocean fleet plan prescribed.

SIDE GLANCES



"I paid \$200 for that dress, and it doesn't even have a middle part to it!"

These are now building. But the navy has no intention of releasing 40 more over-age vessels to the British in anticipation of acquiring these new ships a year or more from now as they are completed—not unless someone raps the knuckles of the admirals with sufficient sharpness to relax their grim grip.

QUIETS DOWN

While rumors of new deals with the British have lately descended upon Washington like New Year's eve confetti, our technical authorities have largely relaxed interest in details of the subject since Mr. Roosevelt's speech. The president's new policy doctrine as laid down through his fireside microphone was that we will give the British whatever they need. It is, therefore, largely up to them to decide what will be given them.

Assumption in army circles is that they will ask for and get large numbers of tanks and rifles, possibly other military equipment, although our deficiency in these materials is but a fraction of minimum defense re-

quirements. The army is planning to hold on to only what is needed for training purposes. No objection is, therefore, to be expected from that quarter under the new presidential yardstick of British need.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 300 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions, following these rules, are warmly welcome.

UNION EXPERIENCE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—I read with interest a letter by Mr. Lewis, of Algoma, in a recent issue of your paper, Mr. Lewis, experience with the A F of L in 1933, was about the same as we at the Klamath Timber Co. (Kesterson) had with the CIO the past season. However the A F of L since 1933 have seen their mistakes, and in July 1937, set up or chartered the

Sawmill and Timber Workers union, and they do not ask the workers to pay any money until such time as they have a majority, then the workers in the unit have a meeting, elect their own officers, set their own initiation fee, all of which they keep, and they also keep 75 cents of each dollar dues they pay, that money is theirs to do with as they please. All the money paid for initiation fees and dues in the CIO goes to the office of the CIO here in Klamath Falls, and the men paying it have very little to say about what it is spent for. There is only one operation in this district where the woods and mills are both organized in the same union, and that is an A F of L organization, and it is the only operation that raised wages this spring (1940). Certainly we were all entitled to a raise then, but we didn't get it. It is my belief that if we had had the proper organization, and leadership then we would have got a raise then too.

The CIO International Woodworkers of America, came into the Klamath Timber Co.'s camp, where I was working this summer, organized a union and set up a sub-local, and there is no doubt they had a majority, and they collected considerable money in initiation fees and dues, for which we received, just a little less than nothing. They filed an unfair labor practice charge against Mr. Kesterson, with the labor board, which they could not substantiate, and subsequently withdrew, there was no reason for filing such a charge, the men in the camp never voted to file such a charge, nor did they vote to withdraw it, in fact the matter was never brought up in our sub local. Again this summer we were called off our jobs to fight fire, and paid off at 40 cents per hour, we consulted one of the leading attorneys of this city, and he told us we could in his opinion collect the same amount for fighting fire we received on the jobs we were called off of (some of the other companies in this district did pay the same) and told us what steps we would have to take, and he would act for us.

The night I brought the matter up at the meeting, Mr. A. A. Oyler of the local IWA was present, and he advised the boys that the IWA labor attorney would be in the Falls soon, and asked us to wait, and take the matter up with him, that was some three months ago, the attorney never showed up, the crew is scattered to the four winds of the earth, and we are all out approximately \$50.00 as

the result of Mr. Oyler's advice. Again, a storm shut down the camp the first of Dec., a week later it started up again, two men who had been with the company four years, were not notified to come back, and new men were hired in their place, the only reason that I can find out, as to why they were not notified to come back, was because of a personal dislike on the part of the boss immediately above them, certainly it was not on account of their work, for I personally know it was good, and that is the kind of service we received for our money from the

IWA, CIO affiliate, 919 Klamath avenue, Klamath Falls, Oregon. W. YEOMAN, 1805 Main.

FOUL!
OGDEN, Utah (P)—Weber junior college and Montana State basketballs missed enough free throws to have won a season's schedule of games in Weber's 72-62 victory. Foul pitches totaled 70. Weber's Wildcats made good only 16 of 30 and the Montanans 18 of 40.

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