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## As They Leave Office

MONDAY marked the formal retirement of several officials of the city and county, who either did not choose to seek reelection or were defeated at the November balloting.

Among these is Mayor Clifton Richmond, who did not seek a third term as mayor. Mr. Richmond leaves the affairs of the city in excellent shape as he ends four years of competent service as its executive. His policies have been conservative and with very few exceptions the measures he has advocated have been sound and successful. His efforts to fill appointive offices with competent officials are evidenced by the fact that his successor has chosen to fill most of the important posts with the same men.

George Taylor, county treasurer, and W. F. B. Chase, county commissioner, leave offices they have filled with credit. Mr. Taylor has proved a hardworking man in a job which can be handled indifferently if one so chooses. He has given thought and effort to the sound handling of public finances coming under his jurisdiction. Mr. Chase has served eight years, some of them rather stormy ones, on the county court, giving his best to a difficult job and contributing mature judgment to the solution of many a problem.

Three members of the city council have sat in on their last meeting of that board. They are Elmer Hosking and Charles Thomas, who served four terms each, and A. A. Montgomery, who served one term. This writer, who has sat in on dozens of council meetings, here voices his respect for these men and their efforts to give the city good councilmanic service.

Men who hold public office soon find that the public, (including such articulate parts of it as the newspapers) is quick to discover and criticize mistakes, and slow to give praise for good work done. Men who have enjoyed the universal good will of their fellow men have been surprised, upon assuming public office, to discover they soon belonged to the category of skunk or snake in the eyes of some of their constituents. Perhaps, after all, that is all best for the sound administration of public office, but it is sometimes hard to take.

No doubt these retiring Klamath officials have gone through these experiences. But it is our hope that they look back upon their public service without bitterness, and with a feeling that good work is worth it all even if not much is said publicly in appreciation while they are struggling with the problems of office.—M.E.

## He Meant What He Said

THE eighth anniversary of Hitler's assumption of power in Berlin is Jan. 23. This is not exactly a holiday for other countries, regardless of how the Germans may feel about it, but in view of what has happened since, it can scarcely be ignored. No other single event of the decade has cost the world so much.

When Hitler assumed the German chancellorship, few read the significance of the day. So astute an analyst as H. V. Kaltenborn wrote (New Republic, Feb. 15, 1933), "He is sworn to obey the Constitution and is likely to do so. The time for a Fascist coup d'etat is past. . . . The March 5 election. . . will not give Adolf Hitler the opportunity to establish his long-heralded Drittes Reich." Many others, no less well-informed, felt the same way. This was to be just another phase in the disorderly history of post-war Germany.

It was, unfortunately, six years before Europe began to take Adolf Hitler seriously. The world did not take him seriously when he said to a mass meeting shortly after becoming chancellor.

"We want a break with that rotten brand of democracy has produced and realize that all that is great can be produced only by the strength of individual personality and that all that is to be preserved must be entrusted again to ability and individual personality, while the parliamentary-democratic system must be fought."

The average reader shrugged and added mentally, "in Germany." And he didn't care much what happened within Germany, especially since it had been teetering on the edge of going Communist anyway. So we all turned to our own domestic troubles, which were plenty.

Had Hitler confined himself to abolishing parliamentary government within Germany, nobody would have cared much, except those Germans who still loved liberty (and there were some). But next came the effort to extend the Hitlerian way to Germans outside Germany; later the effort to extend it to Czechs, Poles, Norwegians, Dutch, Belgians, French and Danes.

Thus the smallness, once again, of our complex world. An obscure and rather ridiculous-appearing politician comes to power in Germany in 1933, and at the end of 1940 nine nations grovel in the dust of conquest and a coral atoll in the far South Seas is shelled by a passing raider. So far echo the repercussions of that Jan. 23, 1933.

Now at last we learn that when Hitler said, just after becoming chancellor, "the parliamentary-democratic system must be fought," he meant just that.

## Worker Killed, 50 Menaced by Mine Explosion

PRICE, Utah, Jan. 6 (UP)—An explosion in the Rollapp mine of the Royal Coal company, 12 miles north of here, Saturday killed one miner and critically injured his helper.

Fifty other miners who were working in the mine escaped injury and aided in removing the injured man and the body of the victim.

L. E. Adams, vice president

and general manager of the coal company, said no general damage had been done and that the uninjured workers had no trouble withdrawing from the shaft. Adams said work would resume Monday.

## HOPKINS LEAVES

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—Without making any comment on the detailed motives of his mission, Harry L. Hopkins, President Roosevelt's especially assigned personal envoy to Great Britain, left for London today on the Yankee clipper.

# NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON  
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 — The British guard their shipping losses as ardently as they guard their coastline, but the truth is they passed the crisis about six weeks ago.

Some exceptionally trustworthy data available confidentially here shows that since the occasion in which a whole unescorted convoy was trapped by German submarines, British commercial ship fatalities have been cut from 15,000 tons a day down to around 6000 or 7000 tons a day.

This is not bad when you consider that their losses for the war have averaged around 10,000 tons a day.

## NOT SOLUTION

It does not mean a permanent solution has been found, only that added precautions have been effective, so far. The wintry weather may also have helped.

But there is no evidence here to bolster the superficial contentions being freely bandied about, suggesting that British officials are really worried about their shipping problem. In fact a leading British shipping journal, "Fair Play," issued November 28 at a time when the losses were in largest type of every front page, is currently informing officials here that conditions were nowhere near as bad then as represented. The editor, Gordon H. Robinson, wrote:

"Judging from what our ministers say, it would seem that, while the losses have been more than is pleasant, there is nothing to worry about. As in the past all our difficulties will be surmounted and we shall be able to 'sleep comfortably in our beds' at night sooner than some of us think.

"We have plenty to eat and drink and, except that bombing is a nuisance and often delays trains, we go on our way in much the same manner as before."

## BIG QUESTION

It may be that Mr. Roosevelt is sending his closest friend, Harry Hopkins, to London to clear up the differences between what the British really want in the shipping line and what the American overenthusiasts are saying they should have.

This shipping question is likely to be the biggest immediate question in the assembling new congress. The incoming legislators are registering a heavy majority in private conversation for any reasonable aid to Britain. Even such hard and fast nationalists as Representative Ham Fish are undergoing an advance of pro-British sympathy. You can bet they will endorse anything Mr. Roosevelt proposes — unless it involves a belligerent act.

That means a proposal to have American battleships act in convoys would run into stiff opposition. So would the companion plan to confiscate interned foreign shipping and turn it over to Britain.

## FOLLOWS PUBLIC

A shrewd new working formula which Mr. Roosevelt has adopted since election seems to guarantee that he may expect a minimum of trouble from his opposition in congress and the country. The president is carefully feeling the firmness of the ground now in advance of each step he takes. There are not likely to be any sudden surprises broken upon either congress or the country.

The president's new technique seems to be primarily to follow public opinion. Upon occasions in this British aid matter, he may have encouraged some out-

## SIDE GLANCES



"Then explain why you never took an interest in dogs until I started what you call filling the house with weekend guests!"

side propaganda organizations to prepare popular demand for the things he wants to do. But basically his working formula indicates a desire to avoid internal conflict. While he is not leading a public clamor for unity, he seems to be contributing the utmost toward maintaining it.

## Gems of Thought

### SELF-IMPROVEMENT

Judge of thine improvement, not by what thou speakest or writest, but by the firmness of thy mind, and the government of thy passions and affections.—Fuller.

Infinite toil would not enable you to sweep away a mist; but by ascending a little you may often look over it altogether. So it is with our moral improvement; we wrestle fiercely with a vicious habit, which would have no hold upon us if we ascended into a higher moral atmosphere.—Sir Arthur Helps.

To remove those objects of sense called sickness and disease, we must appeal to mind to improve its subjects and objects of thought, and give to the body those better delineations.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The mind unlearns with difficulty what has long been impressed on it.—Seneca.

Use your gifts faithfully, and they shall be enlarged; practice what you know, and you shall attain to higher knowledge.—Arnold.

Finally, education alone can conduct us to that enjoyment which is, at once, best in quality and infinite in quantity.—Horace Mann.

### STICK AROUND WE'LL BE BACK

MIDDLETON, Pa., Jan. 6 (AP)—Middletown firemen are becoming resigned to this sort of thing.

A year ago an alarm broke up their annual New Year's banquet.

At the latest holiday dinner, the guest speaker, just as the soup was passed, remarked, "I'd like to see just how you firemen go into action."

He got his wish—and also a long wait for the next course until the boys could extinguish a chimney blaze.

## Germany Watches "Inner Struggle" in French Politics

BERLIN, Jan. 6 (AP)—Upon the outcome of the present political struggle within France will depend the future relationship of the reich to her defeated enemy, authorized German sources said today of the latest reports of changes in the Vichy cabinet.

"If you read French press speeches delivered in Vichy and Paris," they said, "you will observe that France is in the midst of a violent argument concerning the future of French policy."

"We don't doubt that the French people desire cooperation with Germany. But there is also no doubt that an influential clique within the French government does not wish this and attempts sabotage. For us, a question of paramount interest is how this inner-political struggle will end."

(Reliable sources in Vichy forecast yesterday the overhauling of French Chief of State Philippe Petain's cabinet, with a triumvirate made up of Admiral Jean Darlan, General Charles Huntziger and Foreign Minister Pierre-Etienne Flandin slated to assume broad powers under the old marshal. Paul Baudouin, secretary of state for the presidency, resigned, reportedly because of the proposed reorganization.)

## FUNERAL NOTICE

DAVID E. HITSON

The funeral service for the late David E. Hitson, who passed away in this city on Friday, January 3, will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral Home, 925 High street, on Tuesday, January 7, at 1 p. m., the officers of Klamath Lodge No. 77 A.F. and A.M. officiating. Commitment service and interment in the Linkville cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

## SOLONS URGE GREATER OLD AGE BENEFITS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Greater social security benefits for old people were advocated Thursday by several legislators amid increasing congressional suggestions for changes in the act.

Discussion centered about two possible revisions:

A flat federal monthly grant of \$20 to \$30 to persons over 60 or 65.

A change in the present formula of equal federal and state contributions so that the government in the future would provide \$2 to the state's \$1 up to a designated maximum.

Senator Downey (D-Calif.) said he wanted the flat federal payment—a proposal which some legislators contended would meet with White House approval.

Under that program, aged persons would receive a monthly check from the federal government plus any additional sum provided by their states.

The proposal to change existing matching requirements came from Senator Connally (D-Tex.), a member of the finance committee. Connally suggested that the government match the state's old-age benefits on a two-to-one basis up to a maximum total of \$15 a month.

At present, the government matches state funds on a \$1 for \$1 basis up to a maximum monthly benefit of \$40.

As an example of Connally's plan, a state could put up \$5 and the government would provide \$10, making a total payment of \$15 monthly. If the state wished to appropriate additional money the government would match it on a 50-50 basis up to a total of individual benefit of \$40 to \$50.

Democratic Leader Barkley of the senate said revision of the social security law might become one of the major issues in the new congress. He added, however, that he had no information regarding what changes the administration might recommend.

President Roosevelt was expected to touch on the subject in his annual "state of the nation" address to congress Monday.

## IWA WAGE POLICY BOARD NAMED

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6 (AP)—Oregon and Washington delegates of the CIO International Woodworkers of America union approved Saturday the creation of a wage policy committee to coordinate union demands to be made in the spring.

Wage increases, vacations with pay, elimination of piecework and union ship agreements will be sought, O. M. Orton of Seattle, IWA president, told the delegates.

The delegates approved establishment of a permanent IWA office in Portland with Vice President Iimar Koivunew of Seattle in charge.

"Knute Rockne" is coming.

## FUNNY BUSINESS



"All I said to the Surge was 'You and who else?'"

## WILEY TO SPEAK AT DAR DINNER

Attorney Wilson S. Wiley of Klamath Falls will be the principal speaker at the annual member dinner of Eulalonia of the American Revolution, Monday night at 6:45 o'clock in the Pelican cafe. Mrs. George Logan Black, chapter regent, will preside.

Members of the chapter will attend with husbands and guests, and the talk given by Mr. Wiley will be, "Subversive Activities and American Ideals." Committee includes Mrs. Z. W. Dixon, chairman, Mrs. Harry Goelzer, Mrs. Irene Foster, Mrs. G. L. Black, and Mrs. Claude Davis.

## OBITUARY

DAVID E. HITSON

David E. Hitson, a resident for the past 14 years, passed away in this city on Friday, January 3. The deceased was a native of Tennessee and was aged 78 years 9 months and 20 days when called. He is survived by four sons, H. E. of this city, F. D. of Taft, Calif., S. C. of Ventura, Calif., and H. A. of Gillett, Wyo.; three daughters, Mrs. Jack Pink and Mrs. F. C. Buchanan of this city and Mrs. George Morris of Prineville, Ore.; a sister, Mrs. Frank Atkin of this city; also 21 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mr. Hitson was a member of lodge No. 288, A. F. & A. M., Hermitage, Mo. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath funeral home, 925 High street, where friends may call Sunday, January 5. Notice of the funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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