

JCC INSTALLS JOE BALLY AT MONDAY MEET

Joe Bally, chosen to lead the Klamath County Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1941, was installed as president of the organization Monday night at the year's first dinner meeting, held at the Elk hotel.

At the close of an appropriate ceremony, the meeting was turned over to Bally by Truman Runyan, installing officer. The new president made a short acceptance talk and outlined projects which the junior chamber will take up during the coming year.

Bally succeeds Sam Musher, who was presented a clock by the chamber members as a tribute to his services during the past year.

Others installed were Hugh Currin, vice president; Bob O'Sullivan, secretary; Oliver M. O'Sullivan, treasurer; George Merriman, Vance Vaupel, Howard Smith, Fred Schmidt, Bob Napier, Frank Drew, Dick Miller and John Shaw, directors.

Bob O'Sullivan, outgoing treasurer, made a financial report for the year, showing a balance of cash on hand.

Entertainment was provided by Guy Bates, who rendered vocal selections, and Harold Ayres, his accompanist. Both are members of the KJHS faculty.

The first major activity of the club for the new year will be an anniversary dinner meeting January 21.

GAS AWARDS MADE BY SCHOOL BOARD

County school board members at their regular monthly meeting in the courthouse Tuesday awarded gasoline contracts for 1941 to Standard Oil company, Shell Oil company and the Union Oil company at 13.73 cents per gallon.

Standard was granted the franchise for the Merrill and Malin districts and the balance split between the other two firms. Merrill and Malin gallonage normally comprises about 20 per cent of the county's total. From 50,000 to 60,000 gallons were given as the approximate amount of gas used each year by Klamath schools.

The board also announced that bids for the 1941 wood supply would be advertised in the near future.

Negotiations for purchase of seven lots adjoining the Sprague River school were approved by the board and it was believed that the deal would be closed shortly. The lots are needed for enlarging the school's playground facilities and at present are owned by B. E. Wolford.

A number of routine bills were approved before the board adjourned. Several oil company representatives met with the four board members present for the meeting.

BAND SLATED FOR BROADWAY STAND

Billy McDonald and his Royal Highlanders, NBC network dance band, have been engaged for a dance engagement at Broadway hall in Malin on January 18. It was announced by V. Kalina, manager of the hall.

The Royal Highlanders are just finishing a three month engagement at the Trianon ballroom in Seattle, and will make Malin the stop-over en route to the Florentine gardens in Los Angeles.

This band of 11 swing artists is recommended as one of the finest dance bands on the west coast, Kalina said.

The more economists have tampered with economic conditions, the worse they have become; the more political scientists have reformed governments the more are governments in need of reform; the more sociologists have tampered with the family, the more the family has disintegrated. — Dr. Pitirim A. Sorokin, Harvard sociologist.

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British Workers "Restive"

(Editor's note: The question of conscripting labor for Britain's war effort—a power Winston Churchill has but hesitates to use—is political "dynamite" in England. William McGaffin, back from service as a war correspondent, discusses it in this third of four behind-the-scenes stories. Next: Does Party Politics Hamper Britain's War Effort?)

By WILLIAM MCGAFFIN
NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP)—John Englishman, who works in the ladies' ready-to-wear at Selfridge's may find himself one day soon turning out carburetors in an airplane factory.

That's an exaggerated, perhaps, but perfectly possible example of the labor drafting step Britain may have to take if she is to "win this war in the factory."

Winston Churchill's new government got the right in the defense powers act last May 22 to order any man to leave the job he is doing if it is considered non-essential to the war effort and to take one that is essential. Churchill never has used this power—partly because it is loaded with political dynamite.

Neutral observers say British labor already is restive. Labor Minister Ernest Bevin declares use of this measure would heighten that feeling and in the long run would bring no worthwhile speedup in production.

The veteran union boss who walks like a heavyweight wrestler and talks like a stevedore presents this argument on behalf of five million union members: "Give labor what it wants and it will work its head off, but force labor and it will be sure to slow down."

Yet the growing pile of unfilled munitions orders beside the numerous factories that are working below capacity has posed a grave problem.

Labor conscription in the opinion of certain military men and industrialists is the only answer. One recognized reason why there is a shortage of skilled labor is that some of it has been absorbed into the army.

The logical thing to do, in the opinion of one group of experts, would be to release these men to return to their old jobs. Indeed, they would go much farther—they would release thousands of unskilled laborers as well to be trained for technical factory jobs. They argue the army is unnecessarily large for its present responsibilities, that it is needlessly immobilizing a reservoir of manpower.

Their position, however, is considered by the powers that be as "too advanced and too experimental" to be considered seriously. To date the only action in this direction has been the freeing of several thousand utility workers to help repair bomb damage and of 15,000 unskilled laborers to clear away bomb debris from London streets.

A question American reporters often ask is: "If there is a labor shortage, why are there still thousands of unemployed?"

We are told by the government that the "hard core" of unemployment has been reduced now to about 75,000. Certainly a great reduction has been made in the unemployed today which was set at 766,845 last July, but some impartial observers reply that "hard core" does not tell the whole story, and raise further questions.

Why, for instance, are the job-

less miners of South Wales not brought up to London to dig air raid tunnels? Why are skilled war workmen whose factories have been bombed not moved to other areas at once instead of being kept on the dole in their own neighborhood until the factories can be put into running order again?

These were two of the questions being asked in the opposition press as I left England three weeks ago. The transfer of bombed-out workers was carried out to a certain extent in the case of Bristol. But the newspapers declared that generally, however, red tape and muddling seem to have blocked any thorough absorption of the unemployed.

Another factor—most British factories began the war on an eight-hour production day and even now there are many which do not work the clock around. In some cases where the men themselves want to defy night raiders, the employers refuse to take the risk even though the government says it will be responsible.

One grievance of the British workman today is his weekly paycheck. The last official survey made last July showed that the war had boosted the average weekly wage of all workers in metal, engineering and shipbuilding industries from three pounds (about \$12 on the basis of the present exchange rate) in October 1938 to four pounds and five shillings (about \$17).

But the workman maintains his salary has not kept pace with the war-invoiced rise in the cost of living. Some labor leaders say the employers, backed by the conservative party, hesitate to elevate wages to any great extent for fear they would be forced to keep them there in a post-war depression.

SEARS SETS UP OFFICE TO HEAD COAST STORES

Because of the substantially increased investments of Sears, Roebuck & Co. in west coast business and industry during the last few years, a Sears vice president will be permanently located in Los Angeles after February 1.

A new officer has just been named to fill this newly created position, according to an announcement received here today from General R. E. Wood, chairman of the Sears board of directors. His title will be "vice president in charge of the Pacific coast territory" and his name is Arthur S. Barrows. He is a member of the firm's board of directors and a pioneer executive of the Sears retail organization.

Barrows will be the administrative head of all of the firm's retail and mail order activities on the west coast and in adjacent states. Under his jurisdiction will come the Los Angeles and Seattle mail order re-

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gions and the 85 Sears retail stores in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona and Utah.

The creation of a Pacific coast vice presidency sets up a comparative autonomy for Sears units in the west coast states, officials said. The move, they declared, represents a further expression of the firm's policy of management decentralization

which has been in progress during the last several years.

CHILOQUINITE JAILED ON THEFT COUNT

Chris Aiken, Chiloquin, was lodged in the county jail Tuesday after waiving grand jury indictment in the Wood River jus-

tice court in Chiloquin on a charge of larceny.

According to Head Jailer Vern Wilson, Aiken is alleged to have stolen a saddle from another Chiloquin resident in late December. His bond was set at \$2000 cash or \$4000 property.

FDR doesn't seem to mind if the sparks fly during his fire-side chats.

DRUNK DRIVING SUSPICION JAILS TULELAKE RESIDENT

Raymond Herman Johnson, a Tulelake farm hand, was placed in the county jail Tuesday after being picked up by state police on suspicion of drunken driving. He was scheduled to be arraigned in justice court Wednesday.

To punish men with 10 year sentences merely for possessing and selling literature which goes legally through the U. S. mails is an affront to democratic institutions. — Arthur Garfield Hays, counsel, American Civil Liberties union.

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