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Plans for Band

LAST fall a vote was taken which in effect decided the fate of the Klamath Falls municipal band. Residents of the city on that occasion turned down a proposal to transfer the band levy to another fund, thus giving the city band a new lease on life. Since then the city administration has changed hands, and plans have taken shape for a program carrying out the expressed wishes of the people that the band shall continue and shall give active service to the community.

Charles Stanfield has been named director of the band by the newly appointed commission, which includes Harold Merryman, James Foster, James Swansen, Chet Smith and Ray Bigger. Plans call for a series of concerts in the coming year in various parts of the city and possibly the construction of a band stand at Moore park so that summer concerts may be held there. Snappy uniforms will be purchased for the bandmen, who will number about 40 if the new plans are realized.

The band program was carried through its early years by Fred Glover, manager, and Ray Cooney, director, who gave yeoman service in pioneering this activity. The controversial interest that developed over the band is not peculiar to this community — in many other cities where the municipal band idea has been tried out similar questions have arisen. Here the public decision was to go ahead with the band, and if that is the public wish, the activity should be made as valuable and as impressive as possible under the financing arrangements. That, we understand, is the intention of the band commission, and we shall look forward with interest to the results of the effort.

Give To This Cause

ONCE each year, at least, partisan politics are pushed aside for the sake of the battle in America against infantile paralysis, which reaches its annual climax in the nationwide observance of the birthday of President Roosevelt. The president's birthday balls are the means of providing funds for research and actual treatment in the anti-paralysis program.

Klamath Falls has always done its part in this effort, and so have several other communities of the Klamath basin. Samuel P. Miller, who incidentally is a republican, was chairman of the ball last year and again is serving in that capacity this year.

Supplementary to the birthday revenue is the "March of Dimes" which gives opportunity for giving small amounts to the anti-paralysis fund. Local theatres are generously cooperating in this effort, and the public response has been noteworthy.

Just at this time, people throughout the community are receiving mailed tickets to the birthday ball, set for February 1 in the armory. It is here suggested that all who can possibly give to this cause put their money in the envelopes and mail them immediately to the local offices of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.

The enterprise is most worthy and the need is great this year because of the many new cases of infantile paralysis which have occurred over the nation.

Draft Board Ponders Case Of Yehudi Menuhin; Status Of Men With Means Sought

SAN JOSE, Calif., Jan. 20 (AP)—Yehudi Menuhin, 24-year-old violin virtuoso and father of two children who temporarily has been placed in class one for military training, was notified by his draft board Friday that his case was not closed "but merely in the process of intelligent discussion."

Draft board 113 telegraphed Menuhin in New York that its action in placing him in class one was "due to conflicting requests and for purpose of clarification of yours and similar cases of similar nature."

"Permission to leave the United States for your contemplated South American tour has been granted, and a permit will be forwarded to you immediately by mail."

"Under no circumstances consider your case closed, but merely in process of intelligent discussion, involving you and all other Americans in similar financial and family category."

Although married and father of two children, Yehudi technically was made available for military service any time because his wife and children were believed to be financially independent of him.

In explaining its action Friday, the board said it was awaiting a ruling regarding the exact status of married men whose families are possessed of "considerable means."

"At one point," the board said, "the instructions order draft boards to place in class one all married men who have large incomes. At another point, the instructions conflict with this."

"Some people seem to believe

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—They call this the inauguration of a third term. In reality it is the inauguration of a new era as grave in its initial forebodings as when Lincoln first strode up the capitol steps for the oath. Mr. Roosevelt is not only mounting the rostrum. He is entering a gun turret for a period of defense alertness, to man the guns, make ready the mechanism, and watch developments.

This is plainer in the face than in the words of officials, congressmen and newsmen in the front row.

Already to them the last campaign is a thousand years ago. The issue of the third term as a threat to the American way of life has been forgotten as swiftly as if, in the midst of a valid debate upon a grave constitutional problem in the senate or house, someone had shouted: "Fire!" Those who thought the original problem grave enough, no longer remember it in the presence of the greater danger.

They are all in some way or another helping to bring up the garden hose.

STILL DEBATED

This is not to say that the background of the capitol plaza in which Mr. Roosevelt speaks is free of disagreement. Only the Wilhelmstrasse and around the Palazzo Venezia have that kind of freedom.

Here, an all-out and personally bitter debate over Mr. Roosevelt's lease-lend bill will have to recess a few hours so the participants can hear the inaugural before resuming the ardent presentation of their earnest views.

But even that struggle is shaping up into a conflict over methods rather than principles. There is no doubt Mr. Roosevelt will get his bill, better for the fight encountered, better in all ways because the fight will clear the atmosphere and amendments will perfect the details.

DUTY VIEWED

It seems to me the news behind this is that all of the wise leaders of politics here, in readjusting their purposes after the sharp election, seem to have brought themselves swiftly to a decision to make themselves useful to the country in the best way they can. They are going to contribute their services to national interest each in his own way. There is no doubt their people out in the country will be following them in this.

I hear no one talking about sacrificing his principles. I see no principles being sacrificed. As soon as the greater danger is over and the fire extinguished, I have no doubt that they will be right back in there throwing things — and in the

SIDE GLANCES



"Slay out of here for the rest of the day, dear—I'm concentrating on a woe of a love song!"

meantime there will continue to be a good continuous democratic row about how to handle the hose.

This is the backdrop against which Mr. Roosevelt speaks.

GARNER

There is no more colorful corner of it than in the shadow where John Garner, the retiring vice president, sits, silent.

After all that has passed in the way of earnest political fighting between him and Mr. Roosevelt, I understand from white house sources the president asked him privately to take a job in the gun turret with him. In the same tone, Mr. Garner agreed to take any suited to his years and talents. A few may have been mentioned off hand, none of which suited his unrivaled experience in legislative and political matters. But he may yet be called back when the right spot needs filling.

Reminiscing with friends, Garner said: "Most of the men with whom I served have been patriotic men. Regardless of their party they have wanted to do what is best for the country."

Garner turned his government owned and operated vice presidential car over to his successor, Henry Wallace, a few days ahead of time.

"Henry will be having a lot of places to go in the next few days so I am turning the car over to him," he said. "All I need to do is to get to the capitol."

A figure somewhat like the father of Texas before him, Sam Houston, Garner is returning to Uvalde to "see that there is plenty of grass and flowers and swings for the children."

Mr. Wallace, on the other hand, has been going to the extreme of keeping his pants

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.

FOR THE MAJORETTES

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—(To the Editor)—After listening to the outbursts of one of our local judges for the past several years I breathed a big sigh of relief at the news of the election. I said to myself, "Now we will have a little peace and quiet." Comes a few days of quiet, then I pick up the paper to read an article attacking the majorettes of the high school.

In some of the foreign countries I am told, it is customary to hide the female sex, but this is America. The days of unsanitary bustles, floor dragging skirts and dresses are past. In the finest homes where parties are held you will find dresses that reveal more than any majorettes costume attempted. Frankly I believe anyone who attacks these girls, either have an evil mind or is jealous.

After watching some of the parades in the past I think these high school groups are a very welcome addition. At least they add a little color which is more than some I have seen here. The judge I spoke of has moved to Arizona or I would ask the writer of the complaint to join him. I'm sure they would make a nice morbid couple.

Sincerely,
 GEORGE C. WRIGHT

ABOUT MAJORETTES

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—(To the Editor)—Permit me to bring back to your mind the letter "To the Editor" of a few days back. I refer to the one of Z. King. Criticizing the K. U. H. S. majorettes performances at games, parades, etc.

I haven't lived in the Falls much over a year and have seen the girls in their uniforms, but never in action. Since the publishing of this letter, however, I have talked and asked the opinion of a number of people about those "griggling show off girls" and I find from the mouths of the "average class" of citizens in this town that you don't have to be "extra" broad-minded to appreciate the perfect body coordination, well-groomed look, and school spiritedness of these girls and to realize that they've

probably given up hours of other pleasures to practice their drilling.

How often we hear "Judge not lest ye be judged," and I am sure that others will agree with me when I say that a decision reached without due consideration for both sides is not a fair one.

The author will have to admit to the glowing health, good posture, happy heartedness, and the arresting beauty of their performances brought about largely from their intense drilling.

As to anyone considering them immoral, we are reminded of the bathing beauties who are heralded year after year and aren't our majorettes more fully clothed than they?

I am not so old or so young but that I can see both sides of this question and can understand the author's view but I wonder if they have tried to see the other side or realize there is one.

I will gladly admit that my views are wrong if you can give me some good reasons, but I'm warning you, they'll have to be good!

Sincerely,
 MARIAN HASSETT

BEAUTY AND SPIRIT

MERRILL, Ore.—(To the Editor)—With all due respect to majorettes and critics.

Both are right insofar as they see in their way of thinking twelve different people may have different views on the subject. My contention, I believe nature rules in all forms of life. Commence with lion and lioness in their lair. The male with the huge mane and masterly stride in benevolence and majesty purrs and gesticulates. In our barnyard, the turkey gobbler assumes a masterly stride and with great show of plumage and various hues attract attention from his surrounding audience. The pea-

cock, the sagehen, and numerous fowls, are in reality a rare scene, to be studied and admired by the lovers of beauty and nature. We have the tur-tledove and the humming bird and numerous forms of life. The buck deer for instance prancing and maneuvering in the woods by a crystal spring, with a beautiful set of new antlers and graceful form; which to all species is animated to its utmost beauty by the presence of the admiring sex. Watch the trees, lovely roses and beautiful flowers, the pastures, the hillsides with bees and butterflies to pollinate the bloom when spring bursts forth.

Why should man with God given powers over all nature on this earth deny to his own species their show of beauty and spirit of youth, you can see demonstrated by young lambs and calves in your own pastures and in your premises by various species of birds, bees, and all kinds of life.

There is no reason why majorettes within the law of nature should be singled out. They are young, ambitious, full of energy and display. Their minds young and pure. So let us turn our minds to the better side of life, and expel any obnoxious thoughts which may infiltrate into our moral thoughts, to destroy the beautiful visions of our early youth.

JACK BURKE.

FEATHERED HAZARD

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—Ducks, with the law on their side, disrupted traffic at the airport.

Melting snow created ponds all over the unpaved field. Commercial flying was almost at a standstill as pilots maneuvered to dodge the ducks. It was very disheartening, but there was no shooting.

The airport is in the middle of a state game preserve.

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