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South of the Border

It is with reluctance, because of the political significance of the state line, that we give critical mention to public problems south of the border. But unfavorable reports on the condition of the highway between here and Reno seems to justify comment, because of the importance of this route to this community and to a vast area on both sides of the line "covered" by this newspaper.

Robert Ruhl of the Medford Mail-Tribune, who visited Reno recently via Klamath Falls, writes in his paper that the road "this side of Alturas is the worst piece of hard-surfaced highway on the coast." Evidently, he is talking about the stretches of the highway between Canby and Hatfield, south of Tulelake. This road is badly broken up.

As we recall it, some time ago agreement was made that federal work would be done to bring this road up to standards, after which the California highway commission would take it over. And this week, along with Mr. Ruhl's unfavorable report, we get a ray of hope from Linay Sisemore, who says he saw stakes out and evidences on this road of preparations for work. Perhaps the next time Mr. Ruhl travels it he will find it better going.

Certainly, the volume of travel on the highway between here and Reno, both real and potential, justifies immediate action. It is a fact that this is part of the fastest, most direct route between Portland and Los Angeles. More and more people are finding it convenient and pleasant to follow the east-of-the-mountains route after crossing from Portland via Wapinitia or Willamette.

There is increasing travel between southern Oregon points and Reno, and the Alturas highway furthermore has considerable local significance as a connection between northern Modoc points and their county seat.

Oregon now has an excellent highway to the state line at Hatfield. Right now it is eliminating such spots as the Lost river curve and the narrow bridge and underpass at Henley, California extensions of this fine highway ought to be brought into better condition immediately.

Ikkes Versus Hitlerism

HARD-HITTING Harold L. Ikkes, secretary of the Interior, called this week for destruction of "Hitlerism and all it stands for" and lashed out at Americans he charged are directly and indirectly aiding and supporting Nazi creeds.

Opposition to Hitlerism and all it stands for must mean opposition to totalitarianism, and the vast majority of Americans will agree with Secretary Ikkes in denouncing that ideology.

But let Mr. Ikkes and all of us who oppose "Hitlerism" make certain that while this country lends aid to the physical struggle against Hitler, it does not at the same time embrace Hitler's philosophy and methods under some other name or in modified form.

Constant extension of power and control of government over the lives and activities of the people, perpetuation of a regime through this increasing control, growing official impatience with critical public expressions, the development of bureaucratic dictatorship—these are in essence steps in the direction of authoritarianism. Their opposition would welcome such a vigorous fighter as Secretary Ikkes.

The American way, with its individual freedom and its challenge to the best in a man, is worth fighting for and worth saving. Let's be sure when we fight that that is what we are fighting to save.

Weather, Then and Now

INTO the newspaper office Thursday morning came Ed Dunham with the front page of The Klamath News for Tuesday, April 18, 1933. The "banner" story of the morning told of 14 inches of snow that had piled up in Klamath Falls on the previous day. It was the famed Easter storm of 1933, which still lives in the memory of most of us who were here eight years ago.

Mr. Dunham's purpose in bringing in the paper was to show how much worse the weather can be than it was Thursday morning when Klamath folk, hungry for spring, looked out on a light skiff of snow.

As we remember, without making further check on the newspaper files, at least a few flakes of snow fell every day for the first 16 or 17 days of May in 1933. After that Easter storm, the weather seemed to be in a groove.

But, happily, that was really an unusual period. Nothing has happened like it since and seldom had it happened before. The law of averages is on the side of better weather in the forthcoming weeks.

Kesterson Loggers To Return to Work

Approximately 90 loggers and woods employees of the Kesterson Lumber company will return to work next Monday when the firm opens their logging operations for the 1941 season, Jack Almeter of the Oregon State Employment service announced Thursday.

Kesterson logging will again be carried on on Klamath Indian reservation land north of Algoma.

Klamath Temple to Repeat Pantomime

Bowing to overwhelming demands for a return showing, the young people of the Klamath Temple will again present their successful Easter pantomimes Friday night, it was announced Thursday.

The program is scheduled to begin at 7:45, the announcement stated. It will be held in the temple.

The steel industry of the United States made shipments of light steel products totaling 17,524,000 net tons in 1939; heavy steel product shipments totaled 21,327,000 net tons.

You'll soon be hearing about another boy wonder — "How long before school is out?"

Say, We're Getting Recognition



CHANGE IN MILK PRICE ADVISED

Recommendations for changes in the price structure for milk and cream in the important Portland metropolitan milk market have just been made by specialists of the Oregon State college experiment station, who were requested by the Oregon milk control board to make a scientific study of conditions.

The study carried out in Portland by Dr. D. B. DeLoach, associate economist, and R. A. Stiner, research assistant of the experiment station, was the most comprehensive of a series of studies made throughout the state at the request of the milk board.

The study shows that sales of butterfat in the bottle and can milk trade for the period 1938 through 1939 decreased slightly more than 3 per cent in the Portland milk area, while production of milk in the area increased slightly more than 9 per cent. Various factors are considered responsible for the decrease in consumption, one being that, although the population increased slightly more than 5 per cent, the number of children between the ages of four and 19, who are the largest consumers of milk, decreased slightly more than 12 per cent.

Among changes proposed to encourage greater consumption are a quantity discount on purchases of three or four quarts of milk delivered daily, a store differential on the price of milk sold over the counter, and a lowering of cream prices, which are said to be out of line with the price of milk.

Electricians Hold Meeting in Wage Dispute in City

Twenty members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Klamath local 659, continued their Tuesday-called strike Thursday as negotiations were held between Hollis Anderson of the union and R. M. Butler, speaking for the Association of Building Contractors and Employers.

Shops affected by the refusal to work are the East Side Electric company, Garcelon's, Moore Electric, and the Refrigeration and Electric Service company.

Butler and Anderson were in conference early Thursday afternoon but broke up without a settlement being reached. It was expected they would meet again late Thursday or early Friday.

FUNERAL

BESSIE ELLEN SEAYER
 Funeral services for the late Bessie Ellen Seayer, who passed away in this city Tuesday, April 15, 1941, following an illness of two years, will be held in the chapel of the Earl Whitlock funeral home, Pine street at Sixth, on Friday, April 18, 1941, at 3 p. m., with the Rev. L. K. Johnson of the Klamath Lutheran church of this city officiating. Commitment services and interment Linkville cemetery. Friends are invited.

I can't recall one American journalist who has been successfully muzzled. — William L. Cheney, magazine editor.

Junior Red Cross To Hold Rally Day Saturday

The Junior Red Cross members of Klamath county are planning a rally day for all schools enrolled in Junior Red Cross which will be held at the Fairview school, Saturday afternoon, April 19, from 2 to 4 o'clock. The Junior Red Cross council from Fairview school will be hostess group for the afternoon.

Each school will have a representative tell of the Junior Red Cross work which has been carried on by that school this past year. Plans will be made at the rally to form a Junior Red Cross council which will be county-wide for next year, with representatives from each school meeting at least once a month.

Plans will be formulated to send one or more members to the Junior Red Cross state convention which will be held next year.

ST. MARY'S PLAY REHEARSALS HELD

The play, "The Whole Town's Talking," to be presented Sunday afternoon and Monday evening at the Klamath Union high school auditorium under the sponsorship of St. Mary's Dramatic club should have the hearty endorsement of all those who attend. A successful rehearsal of the three-act farce was held Wednesday evening at Lyceum hall. Both the lines and the plot of the play are clever and filled with entertainment.

Saturday night the entire cast will rehearse at the high school auditorium as a final preparation for the dress rehearsal on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Monday evening the play is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Roy Pickett is chairman of the ticket sale.

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JONES TO MANAGE STORE IN SOUTH

J. B. Jones, for the past two years merchandise manager of the Montgomery Ward retail store here, has just been notified of his appointment as manager of the Gilroy, Calif. store. Jones started with Wards over six years ago at Phoenix, Ariz. Two years ago he was sent here from Reno, Nev.

This appointment comes as a direct result of company policy in selecting men from lesser positions to fill store manager positions in its various stores.

The Klamath Falls Montgomery Ward store has been made a "trainee store" for both managers and department heads. This means that promising material is being trained in the local store to be sent out as assistant managers, merchandise managers as well as store managers. Only two other Ward stores on the Pacific coast have been designated as "trainee stores."

Jones is the eleventh assistant manager to be transferred from the Klamath Falls store to store manager in the past five years. He takes his position as manager at Gilroy on Friday. According to R. R. Proebstel, store manager, no announcement has been made as to who will succeed Jones as merchandise manager here.

Klamath Youth to Sail for Islands in Air Service

Departing Thursday from Klamath Falls for San Francisco, from where he will sail for two years' service in the U. S. army air corps in the Philippine Islands, was Lieut. Gordon Benson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon S. Benson of 507 Alameda avenue.

Young Benson recently was graduated from the air corps training school after a seven-month training period which took him to Ryan Field in Los Angeles and later to Randolph Field, Tex. His ship is scheduled to sail Monday from San Francisco bay.

Benson is a graduate of Medford high school and the University of Oregon.

Lands Plane Here — Glenn Watkins, Taylorcraft airplane dealer from Portland, landed his small two-place ship at the Klamath airport Wednesday night on a tour of state airports. He was accompanied by Mrs. Watkins.

This is no time to ask for quotations on the defense of the United States. — William S. Knudsen, office of production management.

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, April 17—A new defense speed up scheme based on sub-contracting is about to be sprung. Messrs. Knudsen, Biggers and Mehornay slipped off to Boston a few days ago to work out a New England angle. A sub-contracting organization started by the defense contract service commissioner, Robert L. Mehornay, is nearly completed. His 36 district offices will be opened shortly in federal reserve and branch banks. District managers (local business men all) are being chosen for the salaried jobs to work under 13 coordinators who will receive \$1 a year. The idea is to cut every possible defense contract down by sub-contracts to a point where every critical machine in the country is working 24 hours a day.

It sounds good, yet a number of officials in the defense commission and most of the war department are against it, or but mildly interested. That is, they are against forcing defense contractors to make sub-contracts and believe that unless force is used there will be little sub-contracting. They contend convincingly that forced sub-contracting would break every contract they have, relieving the defense manufacturer of personal responsibility for fulfillment of orders on time. In their view it would promote delay rather than speed.

STEEL PRICES

The new dealers are going to stick to their argument against further increases in steel prices despite wage increases — until public interest dies down at least. They figure this way:

Net earnings of the steel industry last year amounted to \$281,000,000. The 10c an hour increase, applied to the 603,000 employees of the industry on a 40 hour week basis would cost \$125,424,000 a year—not counting overtime. This means roughly the earnings of the steel industry would be cut in half by the wage increases.

The new dealers have an idea the earnings cut will be even less because of expanded operations since the middle of last year. By taking the last half 1940 earnings, they boost their earnings estimates for this year up to \$360,000,000. On that basis they conclude the wage increase will cut earnings only \$46,000,000 — roughly one seventh.

But what the new dealers are overlooking entirely is the tax increase shortly to be enacted by congress. Some new deal senators have said publicly this tax increase should be 100 per cent, in which case steel, coal and all the other industries in which wage increases recently have been negotiated will find themselves again in the red (steel was in it five of the last 10 years).

COMPLAINS

One manufacturer caught in this vise of increasing wages against an immovable price ceiling, has been complaining the only alternative offered him by the government's course is whether to turn his business over to Hitler or Henderson. Another is insisting Mr. Roosevelt has amended his promise that no one would make a profit out of defense to read: "No one except labor unions, shall profit from defense." Even workers will pay a portion of their increased earnings to the government in increased taxes, but the unions pay no taxes. When defense money reaches them, it sticks.

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SIDE GLANCES



"I have enough gas to go around the block a couple of times—or should we park right here and discuss things?"

DATES FIXED FOR NLRB ELECTIONS

Polls for a trio of national labor relations board-ordered elections determining the bargaining agents for three classes of Weyerhaeuser Timber company employees will be open on April 23 and 24. Field Representative Robert Davies of the NLRB revealed Thursday.

The elections were recently ordered as a result of a bitter board hearing held in Klamath Falls early in February. All three will call for a yes or no vote.

Conductors and brakemen working on the Weyerhaeuser railroad will cast their ballots either for or against the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen on April 23 between 6 and 6:30 p. m. at the Sycan time office and on April 24 between 8 and 8:30 p. m. at Camp 4 near the Greensprings highway.

Firemen, engineers and hostlers will vote on whether or not they choose the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers or no union on the same dates at the same times and places.

Voting April 24 at the Weyerhaeuser boarding house near the mill will be all machine shop workers, electricians, carmen, millwrights and millwright helpers. They will vote either for or against the International Association of Machinists (AFL).

Thermopylae, Hastings and the Alamo will live in the hearts of men long after Munich is but the memory of an ancient shame. — Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, former minister to Norway.

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