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Relief Costs Should Dwindle

KLAMATH county welfare bureau expects to enter the month of May with no employables receiving aid. The number getting assistance in April has been limited, and increasing spring labor demand is expected to cut the figure to zero within the next few days. For several years there have been short summer periods when the bureau had employables on the assistance list, but the time has come earlier than usual this year and signs indicate it will last longer.

This situation reflects the trend toward employment of all who are willing and able to work in this district, and that in turn reflects the general condition in the west, if not in the country as a whole.

The relief bureau is receiving fewer applications for help from transient families. This is probably because many of these people are attracted to communities where there are defense industries, and others are finding work nearer their homes.

The state employment offices here report a particularly strong demand for skilled labor, and it is a known fact that many skilled workers have left this district for work in defense industry. Farm labor demand, also, is strong, and it appears at this time there may be a shortage of farm help before the busy agricultural season is over.

It is plain from this news that the time is at hand for reduction of the drain upon the public for relief assistance, and for all able-bodied men to get to work. The costs of operating defense industries are so enormous, and the prospects for heavy taxation for this purpose is certain, that there can be no justification for continued heavy expenditures to take care of those who do not take care of themselves. The stepped-up industrial program, stemming for the most part from government outlay, should largely solve the relief problem that has figured so heavily in public budgets for nearly a decade. The burdened taxpayer deserves this comparatively small offset.

Boys Club Open House

AN example of outstanding community effort in behalf of its youth is the Boys club, which occupied its new quarters on Klamath avenue Monday.

The Boys club was established in April, 1940, after years of idle talk here of the need for some such place where adolescent boys could find wholesome recreation and companionship. Numerous Klamath business houses and individuals gave their support to the project and brought it at last into reality under the leadership of Gerald Murray, then city recreation officer. His successor, David Bridge, is carrying on, and again the club has found widespread support among public-spirited citizens.

The new location on Klamath avenue is a vast improvement over the old quarters in the basement at Fifth and Main streets. It is roomy, light, newly-decorated and remodeled. It offers increased opportunity for real service.

This week the Boys club is going to have an open house. It is set for Thursday night. Klamath people should turn out in large numbers to visit the Boys club and learn what is being done through this fine establishment in behalf of the city's youngsters.

Gritting Teeth Helps Ease Pain, Says Clinic Report

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE

NEW YORK, April 28 (The Special News Service)—Clenching the fists, wringing the hands or gritting teeth in pain are not signs of nerves, but actual protection against the hurt.

Studies of pain, showing this to be true and measuring just about how much pain is reduced, have been completed at the New York hospital Cornell medical center here. They are reported in the Journal of Clinical Investigation by J. D. Hardy, H. Goodell and H. G. Wolff.

The trio tried experiments in pain on themselves. They are respectively a thickset man, a tall, well-developed woman and a tall man—that is, a fair average of humans.

Foreheads were blackened with India ink and a heat ray turned on the black area until pain was just felt. The intensity of heat sufficient to cause pain, or the pain threshold, was found to be constant from day to day under normal circumstances, and approximately the same in all individuals.

This threshold of feeling pain could be raised in various ways. Gripping a metal bar tightly as possible raised it by 7 to 15 per cent. This was equivalent to reducing the sensation by that amount.

Binding the head firmly with a bandage was worth 4 to 6 per cent pain reduction. Pain in another part of the body also reduced the hurt. If this other pain was intense, the forehead pain could get as much as 35 per cent greater before it was felt.

An extremely loud noise raised the pain perception by 14 to 32 per cent. That is, the pain was felt less easily. The noise probably acted like another pain.

When opiates were taken, it was found that even though the pain threshold was raised, very severe pain was still felt. But it no longer bothered the experimenter because of an altered mental attitude induced by the drug.

The alteration, it was explained, was a change in mental pattern. There was lack of the ordinary fear, panic, withdrawal and flight from pain.

This sort of pattern, the report states, probably explains why people do not feel pain during excitement of games or of combat, or during hypnotism, religious or mystical practices, and sexual excitement.

It explains the indifference to pain often witnessed during childbirth in women who have confidence in their physician and are desirous of having a child.

Man Wounded in Knifing Fray

McMINNVILLE, April 28 (AP) An abdominal knife wound that required 40 stitches to close kept Harvey Lockwood, about 40, in a hospital here today.

Sergeant Ralph Grenfell of the state police said Lockwood was wounded in a Saturday night fracas near his home in Grand Ronde. An arrest warrant was being prepared, Grenfell added.

PIONEER ELECTRICIAN

PORTLAND, April 28 (AP) — Charles Leo Wingard, 74, pioneer northwest electrical engineer who installed the first lighting systems at The Dalles, Walla Walla and Pendleton, died Saturday of heart trouble.

Hitler Conquers Greece! Hitler Threatens Gibraltar!

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, April 28 — On the surface there is a discrepancy between what this government is doing and what it is saying.

State Secretary Hull demanded action to assure the arrival of American cargoes in Britain. Navy Secretary Knox said the same thing, only stronger, adding: "This is our fight," and implying that we should be in it. Even Mr. Roosevelt said, we are going to fight for the democratic processes.

But when the action was taken none of these suggestions was fulfilled — on the surface. Quite the opposite, Mr. Roosevelt only extended "the Atlantic patrols to protect the western hemisphere," as he explained it. The area limits of the expansion were not given, but as Mr. Roosevelt further explained them, they had nothing to do with convoying, and were not even directly joined with aid to England.

The deeper you go below this surface, however, the discrepancy narrows sharply.

One inch below, officials are saying off the record the expansion of patrols is part of a modern substitute for convoying. The old system has been found obsolete.

The British have been meeting with our officials here lately, particularly our naval experts, and have worked out a new shipping scheme. London is going to follow the advice and experience of our navy, converting several fast merchantmen into auxiliary aircraft carriers by construction of landing decks. Enough planes will be carried to fight German bombers on the convoy spot. At least one such ship will accompany convoys along with a surface destroyer and a courvette.

And as has already been announced, fast merchant ships will go across singly, slower vessels being grouped according to speed in convoys. This should take care of the German threat to shipping.

Mr. Roosevelt's action would furnish eyes for this new system. As interpreted sub-officially here, American fighting ships would scout the seven seas for "threats against this hemisphere." Wherever an axis vessel is sighted, whether headed toward American or not, they will inform the British as well as Mr. Roosevelt.

In this semi-official interpretation, Mr. Roosevelt is setting up a world spotting system, not only to defend this hemisphere but to help the British get our goods across, and in ultimate purpose to defeat the axis.

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STRONGER ACTION

Deeper down in authentic private official comment there is reason to believe the action reaches even further to the extreme to which Mr. Knox pointed, namely that we are ready to fight.

The orders to our scouting patrols have not been divulged, but one report from an official quarter suggests their behavoir is to be much stronger than merely reporting any time they see an axis vessel. There is reason to believe they may — if occasion demands — intervene themselves between any spotted axis ships and any British merchant ship carrying our goods to Britain; they will not fire first, but may fire back if attacked.

At this point the discrepancy vanishes. What Mr. Roosevelt has done, becomes precisely what Messrs. Knox and Hull recommended in their speeches (which FDR read before they were delivered).

If this interpretation is verified by future developments on the high seas, the expansion of the sea patrol really constitutes a dare to Germany to fire the first shot.

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MILDER TERMS

Executive mirrors here reflect the grimness of this unofficial interpretations, but most administration congressional leaders prefer the milder official possibilities. Even those senate democratic leaders who are opposed to going to war have been somewhat placated by what they have heard in councils as to Mr Roosevelt's new determination to refrain from actual convoying or direct involvement in the conflict. Among them the view is common that Mr. Roosevelt is really working their way and, therefore, should not be harassed or questioned too much on detail. The hemisphere defense motif suits them.

LAKEVIEW HONOR STUDENTS NAMED

LAKEVIEW—Lois Clause has won the honor of being valedictorian of the 1941 graduating class of the Lakeview high school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Clause. Elsworth Cleland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cleland of Adel will be salutatorian. Both students have made better than a 1.5 average during their four years here of high school training.

Graduation exercises will begin with the junior-senior prom which will be held on May 16. On Saturday afternoon, May 24, the members of the A. A. U. W will hold a formal tea at the home of Mrs. Forrest E. Cooper for the senior girls. Baccalaureate exercises will be held in the high school auditorium Sunday evening, May 25, with Rev. Eugene Nelson of the First Presbyterian church delivering the sermon. Graduation exercises will be held in the high school auditorium Thursday night, May 29.

Girl Scouts Mark Park Nature Trail

Klamath Falls Girl Scouts have marked about 25 plants and trees along the nature trail in Moore park recently, it was announced Saturday.

The trail, which starts at the right of the animal pens and winds around the hill below the view point, is being posted with labels for various points of interest and new signs will be added as new plants appear, according to the nature club of the organization.

TAKEOFF DELAYED ON GIANT BOMBER

SANTA MONICA, Calif., April 28 (AP)—The Evening Outlook said Saturday that "from all available information" it appears impossible for the giant Douglas B-19—which the company says is the largest airplane ever built—to take off on a test flight before July.

Earlier information had indicated the test might be made early next month.

The newspaper reports that the craft's 82 tons is too heavy for the four-inch, 3,000-foot asphalt runway and that a concrete runway 200 feet wide and 4,000 feet long, varying in depth from six to nine inches, must be poured before the takeoff.

The pouring is estimated to require 48 days, with another 30 days for curing.

The plane, the paper says, was moved 175 feet a few days ago and so badly cracked the asphalt that 15 tons of paving material was required to fill the ruts. The craft's main landing wheels are 96 inches in diameter, the balancing nose wheel 54 inches. The B-19 has a 212-foot wingspread and is designed to fly distances equivalent to crossing the Atlantic and return.

Douglas officials had no comment.

Clark Declares Democracy Immortal, Lauds Roosevelt

THE DALLES, April 28 (AP) Americans were admonished here Saturday not to lose faith in democracy because of recent events in Europe.

Gov. Chase A. Clark of Idaho told delegates to the annual convention of Oregon Young Democrat clubs that the "spirit of liberty and democracy are immortal."

He urged faith in American leaders, declaring President Roosevelt "a rock against which the angry waves of the opposition beat in vain. President Roosevelt stands for civilization, for liberty and for democracy. He is all that Hitler is not."

Delegates reelected without a dissenting vote Paul N. Plank, Junction City, as president. Don Davis, Washington county, was named treasurer.

The 1942 convention was voted to Tillamook and the following congressional district vice presidents named: Nels Peterson, Lincoln county, and Olive Fraser, Clackamas, first district; Marguerite Misner, Deschutes, and Lennart Benson, Grant, second; Jake Sickel and Ann Sambuck, both Multnomah, third; E. C. Leum, Coos, and Florence Krugg, Lane, fourth.

Committee chairmen included: Elsie Schroeder, Salem, credentials; Robert F. Cronen, Wheeler county, constitution; Ethan Newman, Eugene, rules and order; Lee Crawford, Salem, resolutions.

Three Youths Hurt Slightly in Crash

Three youths, Lloyd Gilbert, Orville Myrick and Oscar Andrews, were injured slightly Saturday night about 10:15 when a car in which they were riding plunged over an embankment at the intersection of Summers lane and South Sixth street.

Ward's ambulance was called and carried the young men to Klamath Valley hospital. Gilbert and Myrick, who suffered cuts about the head, were released, but Andrews, who received a bump on the head, stayed at the hospital until Sunday afternoon.

The car was said to have been approaching South Sixth on Summers lane apparently too fast to make the stop. It plunged over the bank after crossing the highway.

SIDE GLANCES

"Stop saying 'Wow!' every time a clerk announces the price of a hat!"

MASONS COMPLETE PLANS FOR VISIT

Plans have been completed by the officers of Klamath Lodge No. 77, AF & AM, for a visit from the Masonic lodge of Malin Monday night when the local lodge will confer the Master Mason degree upon a candidate from Malin.

This meeting will be preceded by a crab dinner served at 6:30 p. m. at the Masonic temple. Fred Flock, senior warden, has charge of the dinner and is looking forward to a record attendance.

The local lodge has been very active in the past few months and is planning several such occasions as the one to be held Monday evening. An invitation from Medford lodge inviting the Klamath lodge to confer the Master Mason degree has been accepted and May ninth has been named as the date. In late June Provident lodge No. 609 of Sacramento, Calif., will visit here. This will be a return visit for the one made to Sacramento by the local organization about three years ago.

Tionesta Woman Dies in Automobile Crash Near Yreka

TIONESTA — Mrs. Harold Hubbs of Tionesta, about 40, was instantly killed about midnight Friday, when the automobile in which she was riding crashed near Yreka, according to telephoned reports reaching here.

Carl Hegler, also of Tionesta, owner of the car, is in the hospital at Yreka with critical injuries. Patty, 12, Mrs. Hubbs' daughter, was unscratched, it was reported.

The three were on their way to see Mrs. Hegler, who is visiting in Yreka.

Mrs. Hubbs' husband is in Alaska, and employes of the Shaw Lumber company's Tionesta plant are taking up a collection to charter a plane to bring him back here.

Besides Patty, Mrs. Hubbs leaves two other daughters, Mrs Poole and Mrs. George Schadle, both of Tionesta.

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Man Employed Full Time Caught After Drawing Benefits

Filing a claim for unemployment insurance while employed full-time as a linoleum-layer cost Alexander Clarke of Portland not only $232.74 in benefits but also a 60-day jail term imposed by Judge Lowell Mundorff of the Multnomah district court, unemployment compensation officials who investigated the case revealed Monday.

When Clarke made full restitution to the unemployment fund, the judge suspended the jail term. The benefit checks, it was shown, had been drawn during a 26-week disqualification for falsifying a claim for compensation.

Vigorous investigation of similar cases is promised by officials.

Judge Reeder Not Involved in Crash

County Judge U. E. Reeder returned Saturday afternoon from Lakeview to discover he was reported involved in an auto accident he didn't even know about. A report to local police said a car operated by Alma Maphet collided at the intersection of Elm and Commercial treets "with a second machine driven by County Judge U. E. Reeder."

The report gave Judge Reeder's name erroneously, since it was learned the other car was driven by Former County Judge G. D. Grizzle. Police said there was some confusion inasmuch as the person who made the report knew only that "a county judge" was in the other car.

HERE'S ONE BRIGHT SPOT

DANVILLE, Ill., (AP) — You know it isn't such a bad world after all—and here's a case in point:

A half-dozen school boys, learning of the plight of Richard L. Hedge who has been ill for 20 years and bedfast most of that time, came from their school six miles away to spade the most of his garden.

They knew his only source of income was from the bulbs and flowers he sells from his small plot.

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