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Traffic Control Results

FROM a close observer of last weekend's experiment with traffic direction at important intersections by police officers, we learn that the reaction of the public was on the whole favorable.

Pedestrians were very grateful, but many of them appeared to be confused because of inexperience with traffic control. They did not know when to go and when not to go. The junior police gave valuable assistance to pedestrians in this connection.

Motorists generally appeared to be very cooperative, and many of them called to officers as they went by commending their efforts. The exceptions were for the most part motorists who wanted to turn left and were prohibited from doing so at the intersections where the traffic control was in force.

The left hand turn matter is a problem. Sixth street and Ninth street are state highway streets, leading off of Main. Motorists following highway signs turn left on these streets. It is virtually out of the question to deny them permission to remain on the highway route they are following. Visiting motorists, following highway signs, may easily become confused and "lost" if forced to leave the signed route. It does not appear to us to be in the cards to prohibit left hand turns by motorists going east on Main street at Ninth, or going west on Main street at Sixth.

Another point that was called to attention by persons watching the traffic was that local motorists are a bit slow in getting off when they are given the "go" signal by the officers. Delays of this sort by the lead cars may prevent smooth operation of the traffic direction system.

Altogether, the results indicate that the plan is worth continuing. As motorists become accustomed to it, they will make it work better. Furthermore, it should have the effect of encouraging the use of other streets than Main.

The institution of the plan by the police department should serve the purpose, at least, of educating the motoring public here for the forthcoming use of traffic signals.

Good Leadership

KLAMATH'S chamber of commerce is assured of sound leadership for the next year in the election of Godfrey C. Blohm as its president. Mr. Blohm was elected by the board of directors, and succeeds Harlan Bosworth, whose active year at the head of the chamber ended this week.

Mr. Blohm came to Klamath Falls from Portland when the United States National bank bought out the old American National bank here. He has been manager of the Klamath branch of the U. S. National since it was started, and has from the first taken an active interest in the welfare of the community. In the past year, he served as vice president of the chamber.

The next year may prove one of many problems and projects for the civic organization. As the nation goes, so goes the community. To be president of the chamber of commerce in such a year is a burden and a heavy responsibility. Mr. Blohm is qualified to discharge his duties with good sense and discretion.

County School Board To Appoint Budget Committee

Action was taken by the Klamath county school board Wednesday toward appointment of a budget committee for the county school district, according to Fred Peterson, superintendent. Names of those selected for the committee will be announced later, he said.

The board also delved into preliminary consideration of a building program for county schools, but no definite projects were decided upon, inasmuch as the board must first have the approval of the budget committee on proposed building. The group, meeting in its next to last session for the school year, authorized calling for bids on two new school buses, discussed wood contracts, and authorized sale of the old school cottage at Crescent lake.

A 150-foot of land adjacent to South Sixth street in front of the Altamont school will be sold, Peterson announced. The school was built far back from the street to avoid noises of traffic, and the property is not needed.

Courthouse Records

WEDNESDAY
Complaints Filed
Erna Decker, by guardian ad litem, Mrs. A. E. Dallman versus Edwin Decker, Suit for annulment. Plaintiff declared incapable of assenting to marriage with defendant for want of legal age. She became 17 years of age on December 10, 1940. Plaintiff asks annulment. Edwin E. Driscoll, attorney for plaintiff.
Herbert W. Baker versus Mary May Baker, Suit for divorce. Couple married in California November 3, 1921. Desertion charged. F. O. Small, attorney for plaintiff.
Phyllis I. Murray versus George Nixon Murray, Suit for divorce. Couple married at Spokane, Wash., July 1, 1939. Plaintiff charges defendant with cruel and inhuman treatment and

It Can and Has Done It
(Stop Forest Fires Week, May 5 to 10)



NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 7.—This government may not be shaking up the people with the facts of war, but it has shaken up a few people in off-the-record conferences. Trade paper editors emerged from a recent meeting with Agriculture Secretary Wickard biting their finger nails.

Consumption of food in Britain is reported among our agriculturalists as 30 to 50 per cent below the normal years of 1934-36. Food reserves in the beleaguered island are said to be enough for only a few weeks. Britain would starve in a few months, these officials say, if her line of supplies from the Americas were cut.

Yet this privately circulated information has failed to inspire any general, dire doubts as to Britain's ability to live. Other officials, some even in the agriculture department, point out that most of the expectations are not necessarily dire. The line to the Americas is not likely to be cut. Britain needs only a few weeks' reserves as long as she can count on continued imports. The 30 to 50 per cent underconsumption may be attributed at least partially to rationing.

No one will deny, however, that Britain's food situation is worse than last year, worse than 1914-18, and Germany's better.

NEVER, BUT—

This administration never interferes in state primaries, as the president says, and the Hatch law is supposed to limit government employees indulging in politics, but—

Two high ranking officials, assistant Agriculture Secretary Grover Hill, and Assistant Interior Secretary Alvin Wirtz, have gone to Texas, apparently on leaves of absence, but for the real purpose of aiding Representative Lyndon Johnson's campaign for the senate. Active backstage here in behalf of the 32-year-old new deal candidate is Thomas Corcoran, now private nest-egger and former White House ghost. Mr. Corcoran's main worry, according to Texas politicians, is money for the cause of aiding the new deal by defending Johnson.

Embarrassing pressure is likely to be put upon certain high Texas officials in the administration to join suit before the primary date June 28. Some astute Texas political observers calculate Johnson today seems likely to run fourth if Governor O'Daniel, the favorite, gets in the race as expected. Sly administration activity has been spurred further by reports that Congressman Dies is getting good crowds, and Attorney General Mann's campaign is coming ahead fast.

BENEVOLENT?
Executive house hearings on the war department appropriation bill has caused some con-

gressmen to doubt whether their benevolence towards the draftees is doing either the army or the draftees the intended good.

The new boys, limited to one year's service, must spend considerable time taking medical shots, toughening up, possibly experiencing measles, etc., and so will be unable to reach any degree of proficiency in mechanized units. Army apparently does not want draftees in the air corps for the same reason of lack of time. The law also restricts draftee service to the western hemisphere and consequently they cannot be used for permanent services phases of army work.

As a result they only get general training, primarily in the infantry, and will be suited only for the toughest job of handling the rifles and bayonets if war breaks out, and their benevolent law is repealed.

MINIMUM AGE CUT?

Able Chief of Staff Marshall did not say much in the house executive sessions about the administration idea of reducing the draft minimum age to 18, but the war department is for it. Army men generally would rather have the youngsters than men from 30 to 35, because the oldsters cannot be kept in reserve very long.

Organized labor is leading an inner helping hand toward reducing the minimum. Apparently they do not want too many dues paying members in the army. Congressmen are dead set against it, however, and stalking the project along.

Federal communications commission is doing a quiet, apparently efficient job of spying on the spies who use radio in this country. Only time you will hear of it is when some crank is arrested, as in a recent Illinois case. Commission has 24-hour listening devices for short wave radio, and misses little.

Appointment of Officers for VFW Auxiliary Made

Ella Mullins, newly elected president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, presided May 1 at the meeting of the organization in the library club rooms. The following are newly appointed officers: musician, Pat Henry; patriotic instructor, Margaret Larsen; historian, Grayce Crump; banner bearer, Faye Meyers; color bearers, Caroline Williams, Elizabeth Lee, Florence Miller and Ethel Parrie.

Chairmen named include the following: Americanism, Noy McDaniels; legislative, Ruth Schortgen; hospital, Loretta Schortgen; home fund, Ethel Parrie; rehabilitation, Florence Miller and Anna Woodworth; poppy drive, Naomi Kurtz; essay, Rosella Kline.

There will be a special meeting Saturday at 8 p. m. in the library club rooms at which time potluck lunch will be served.

GERMAN RELIEF
PORTLAND, Ore., May 8 (P) Twelve organizations affiliated with the United German Societies, Inc., announced yesterday that funds for the German Red Cross and to aid German prisoners in foreign lands would be raised here.

From Other Editors

R. H. BALDOCK
(Oregon Motorist)

The present eminence of the Oregon state highway system is due in large measure to the efforts and devotion of R. H. Baldock during his 25 years' service with the Oregon state highway department.

It was R. H. Baldock who, as early as 1922, started experiments in eastern Oregon in the construction of low-cost bituminous road way surfacing. Through his untiring diligence and technical ingenuity Oregon developed a system of oiled highways which placed it in a position of leadership throughout the nation. Today R. H. Baldock is considered one of the foremost national authorities in this line of technical specification.

A few years ago T. H. McDonald, chief of the public roads administration, selected 12 of the outstanding highway engineers in the United States to serve on a special committee on administrative design policies. Mr. Baldock was chosen as one of these. Moreover, in 1938 he was selected among the highway engineers of the United States to represent the United States government at the third Pan American highway conference in Santiago, Chile. In addition to this international conference, he also contributed to the eighth international road congress in The Hague in 1938, acting as collaborator in the preparation of several reports.

Mr. Baldock was born July 6, 1889, in Trinidad, Colo. He is a graduate of New Mexico institute and of the University of Colorado, holding the degree BS and CE. He has had some 32 years of practical experience in engineering, including railway location and construction, mine surveying, harbor surveys and dock construction, and hydraulic development, including dams, power houses and transmission lines. During the past 25 years he has served the Oregon highway department as resident engineer, division engineer, maintenance engineer, assistant chief engineer and chief engineer. He has held the position of chief engineer for the past nine years.

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Telling The Editor

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THE LONE RANGER
By FRANK EDWARD PELLETT

The ranger in his lonely lookout
Far upon a mountain high
Monarch of his lofty mansion
Like a light-house in the sky.
With his trusty glasses scanning
The horizon far and wide
He reports to his superior
Any smoke that he has spied.

He is just a lonely ranger
But his eye is quick and keen
To detect upon the landscape
That which mars the hillside green.
A curl of smoke arises slowly
In some far and shady glade
Quick the ranger's eye to note it
As his plans for help is made.

Far up in his lofty mansion
Just beneath the deep blue sky,
Ever watching the horizon
For a rain cloud to draw nigh.
Thus this lonely sentinel watches
Day and night he scans the vale
Lest some vagrant leave an ember
As he passes on the trail.

He is just a lonely sentinel
But his services are great,
While we sleep he's watching
Our own nation's vast estate.
All the big men of our country
On the page their name's appear
But to us this lonely ranger
Plays the part big men would fear.

Christian Science

"Everlasting Punishment" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, May 4.

The Golden Text was, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but who so confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Prov. 28:13).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Gal. 6:7-8).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Error excludes itself from harmony. Sin is its own punishment. . . . Evil thoughts and aims reach no farther and do no more harm than one's belief permits. Evil thoughts, lusts, and malicious purposes cannot go forth, like wandering pollen, from one human mind to another, finding unsuspected lodgment, if virtue and truth build a strong defence" (pp. 537, 234).

Mercury Soars In West States

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 6 (UP) A 100-degree temperature reading registered here yesterday tied the 45-year-old mark for May 7, according to weather bureau officials.

Blythe, Calif., reported one of the highest readings in the southwest with a temperature of 104. Tucson had a high of 97 while in Yuma the mercury soared to 107.

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SIDE GLANCES



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Blackmore Draws 5-Year Sentence

George Edwin Blackmore was sentenced to spend five years in the Oregon state penitentiary after he was found guilty by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg on a charge of larceny Wednesday. Blackmore was arrested here April 30 a few minutes after theft of a 1941 Ford pickup truck belonging to William E. Titus, Bly, was reported and was charged with stealing the car.

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