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An Attack Upon An Officer

FLOYD FISHER, who shot Indian Officer Thurmon Wilson and was given a 20-year sentence Thursday for the assault, should count himself a lucky man despite the long sentence.

He is lucky because Officer Wilson did not die, in which case Fisher would face possible capital punishment. And he is lucky because the court spared him from life imprisonment.

This writer has seen the wounds in the chest of Officer Wilson, and marvels that he is alive. He is alive, surely, by the grace of God, and not because the man with the gun pulled any punches. He placed two shots at the spot on a man's body which is the target when one shoots to kill.

The Fisher case must stand as a warning to anyone who may be tempted some day to commit an assault upon an officer of the law. It is the immunity from attack that peace officers usually enjoy that makes them effective in quelling disturbances, in making arrests and in handling difficult and dangerous situations. When a peace officer enters such a situation, he is and must be more than just another man on the scene. An officer represents law and order. It is essential to good law enforcement that this respect for the person of an officer be preserved. Unless there be some personal angle, an attack upon an officer lacks the extenuating circumstances that can be found frequently where one civilian is inflamed into an attack upon another.

There was no personal feeling between the officer and his assailant in this case, according to statements made by Fisher, himself. He waited for an officer, and turned a gun on him when he arrived in the line of duty. He shot at least twice with full deliberation.

Floyd Fisher received heavy and deserved punishment. In Klamath county, there have been few instances of assault upon officers of the law. Let the Fisher case be a reminder that this tradition stands and must be upheld.

Use That Ash Tray

MR. MOTORIST, this query is addressed to you, for you and you alone are the only person who can do anything to remedy a situation we have in mind. This situation was brought suddenly to our attention by one sentence in a public statement made recently by N. S. Rogers, state forester of Oregon.

"If motorists would stop flipping cigarettes and other lighted objects from their cars," said Mr. Rogers, "the cost of forest fire suppression in this state would be cut approximately one-third."

This is a simple, forthright statement by a man who ought to know what he is talking about. Suppressing forest fires is a part of his job. Naturally he would prefer that forest fires didn't start. But we are coming into the worst half of another fire season. Our forest roads have never carried more tourists, both imported and domestic. We like tourists even though they have a bad habit of tossing any old thing out of their car windows. Plain rubbish is bad enough. Lighted objects are a crime. Grass, made unusually heavy this year by early summer showers, is now a thick dry fire hazard along most Oregon roads.

Now, to come to the point, Mr. Motorist—is there any deep-seated, possibly subconscious objection to an ash tray in a motor car? Are the ash trays that the modern automobile carries difficult to use?

If your answer to both of these questions is "No," then we will have to look elsewhere for a rational explanation of the hundreds of forest fires caused in Oregon last year by motorists who did not use their ash trays.

We have before us a copy of the Japanese-American Review, published in New York and devoted, evidently, to attempting to reconcile Japanese and American views. The Review is dated July 12, and an item on the front page reads: "Tokyo—The government has flatly denied a London report that a reshuffle of the cabinet is contemplated." On July 16, the Japanese cabinet was reshuffled. As between flat statements from the Japanese government and London "reports," we'll take the London reports.

Cardboard Berlin Lures RAF Bombs, Travelers Declare

LONDON, July 23 (AP)—London newspapers are giving prominence to reports, attributed to "travelers recently come from Berlin," of a bogus Berlin, built by the Germans outside their capital to lure British bombers from the real target.

RAF officers, however, neither confirmed nor denied the existence of such an ersatz city.

A wood-and-cardboard outline of a whole community some distance from the real Berlin was said to have been built, reproducing such landmarks as Unter den Linden and the Kurfuerstendamm, famous Berlin streets.

Also faked in the camouflage covering several square miles, these reports said, are railroad lines and such stations as the Potsdamer Bahnhof.

Air experts said if such a city exists its value is limited by modern navigation instruments which direct RAF bombers to the real target.

Read the Classified page.

Youths Pass Exams To Navy Schools

Four Klamath youths who were accepted for the navy at the local recruiting station eight weeks ago have passed entrance examinations to navy training schools, according to word received here.

John Thomas Watts of Bly, and Robert Lewis Totten and Sidney Bertrand Kansas of Klamath Falls, will enter the navy aviation machinist school, and James Wesley Alexander of Klamath Falls will enter the aviation radio school.

CONSIDERATE BOSS

CHICAGO, (AP)—What spectators thought was a strike was just a cooling off period for employees of Ben Fishbain's laundry.

The temperature was up in the high 90's when the laundry's employees were noticed sitting outside the plant. But it was no strike.

Explained Fishbain: "It was hot. So I said to the workers: 'Take an hour and 15 minutes vacation. Go outside and cool off.'"

Aluminum for Defense



Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 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.

IGNORANCE IS BLISS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—In the magazine section of next Sunday's paper—The San Francisco Examiner—is an article, with pictures, about an Eskimo tribe which believed that the end of the world had come when the Aurora Borealis flashed across the northern sky—so they marched, unclad, out into the snow and ice, to meet their Maker. Some of them froze to death, and others were murdered. The enclosed poem is one which came into my mind as I read this account in the paper. I know that many of us will laugh at the ignorance of these people when we read it, but the thought came to me, that perhaps we are the ignorant ones, and they the wise.

Following is the poem:
 "I read, in the paper, of an Eskimo tribe, who thought it the end of the world,
 As the Aurora Borealis flashed overhead, to them, it was God's wrath, unfurled,
 So they divested themselves of work-a-day clothes, and walked out, unclad, to their doom.
 No eardrums were they, hiding under the bed; bravely, they walked to their icy tomb.
 For us, it was not the end of the world—but it was, for this brave northern tribe.
 Just an item of news for us here yet on earth, but God, in His Book, their names will enscribe.
 Ignorance is Bliss, yes—for they have gone Home, Home to their Maker, with souls clean and pure.
 They bravely met Him more than half-way, their salvation is evident, their acceptance is sure.
 So say one little prayer, not for these dead; but for your own little arrogant soul.
 Their 'ignorance' has led them to their Heavenly home, while 'knowledge' keeps you from your goal!
 Ignorance is Bliss—'Tis Folly to be Wise—Ah, how true these words seem to have been.
 Proven at last, by the unswerving faith, of these ignorant, simple, and unlearned men!
 So Stop, ye, and think, before you would laugh at the news of these people's ignoble end. Remember, they faced God, unashamed, unafraid, how will

you face death, my fine, polished friend?
 Sincerely,
 MRS. PEPPE REECE.

GRATEFUL TRAINEES

MODOC POINT, Ore. (To the Editor)—May we express our feeling for the boys in training? On July 4 we gave two boys a lift in our car. They were very grateful and had many interesting things to talk about, and we enjoyed their company very much. We have always been in there pitching for the boys, but never before fully understood just what it did mean to the soldiers to receive small acts of kindness from the citizens. We now feel a closer relationship with the boys in uniform. Perhaps most of us are too busy enjoying our privileges to take time out to realize the sacrifices the boys are making for our protection. The least we can do to give them a lift at every opportunity. Our boys do not utter one word of protest, but stand ready for any emergency.

The two boys we invited to ride with us were so grateful and to show it they told us they had taken some very interesting pictures while in California and would send some to us. Today we received a card from one of the boys, stationed at Fort Lewis saying the pictures would soon be coming our way and again reminding us that they could never forget the hospitality they received in Klamath Falls.

We heartily agree with Mrs. Pearl Nygren when she said, "Let's not turn the boys out on the street for the sake of a dollar."

If you have never given a soldier a lift or a pat on the back just try it. If you don't get any good out of it, the soldier will.
 MR. AND MRS. PAUL WESTERHOUSE.

CURIOUS

NEW CASTLE, Ind., (AP)—Farmer Ray Morgan, investigating a noise in his field toward midnight, called out, "What are you doing there?"
 "Just measuring your wheat," said the intruder—and got into an automobile and drove off.
 Next morning Morgan sent the license number to police and they looked up the man.
 He said he and friends had got so curious about the height of unusually tall wheat on Morgan's farm that they'd finally taken a yardstick and flashlight and gone out to check it.

Shortage of men has forced Benton Harbor, Mich., taxi company to hire women drivers. The back-seat driver moves up front.

TODAY and THURSDAY
2 BIG FEATURES!

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in
"GOLDEN HOOFS"

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

WASHINGTON, July 23—The big front man of defense, Mr. Knudsen, is doing well at his job, but he has one fault. He is not an executive and does not like desk work. He works in mysterious ways. No one really knows what he is doing half the time because he does not have the Washington habit of calling great meetings and having interminable discussions about everything. An example: The OPM tank expert was walking down the hall one day, thinking about nothing in particular. He met Knudsen, Knudsen said: "How is the tanks coming?" The tank man said: "Not so well." Knudsen said: "Cut all de aluminum out of de tanks." (That's the way he really talks). The tank man was non-plussed, but couldn't think of anything to say except: "Yes, sir," which he said. Knudsen went on and that was all the tank man ever heard. He rushed back to his office and called a meeting and gave the necessary orders.

As you know, the ordinary Washington official would have had to call innumerable meetings and have endless discussions and then would issue written orders, etc., etc. Apparently Knudsen had thought the matter through alone, made his decision, and when he saw the tank expert, merely told him. Knudsen runs the OPM just as he used to run his shop when he was a shop foreman.

A SIMPLE DANE

Mr. Knudsen has a great appeal because of his Danish accent and his simplicity of language. When he reads a speech it is not so good, but when he talks extemporaneously he is very effective. In a speech in Boston recently he was talking about machine tools. He said that New England was the cradle of the machine tool industry because the man who invented the steel gauge was a New Englander. Knudsen described the gauge by saying: "A gauge is something you put on a piece of stuff to see if it is just like another piece of stuff." A columnist couldn't have put it more accurately.

The example of the tank man be typical of how Knudsen works but no one knows because Knudsen does everything in the most simple and direct way and only the people directly concerned find out about it. He is apt to pick up a phone, call the president of a big company long distance, and tell him to farm out some of his defense contracts to sub-contractors. It never occurs to him that these things are of major importance.

He has wonderful stamina, may get up at 5 a. m., get on a plane, go to Texas, make a speech, get on another plane, come back and go to work. He has many night conferences and meetings with his associates—Biggers, Patterson, Forrestal, Henderson, et al. He also gets around to parties, stayed up all night until 6 a. m. dancing with Deanna Durbin, among other things, the night of the president's birthday, then went to work at 9 a. m.

Lacking any real authority, he nevertheless gets things done by doing them the simple direct way. There is some resentment among his friends because they think one of his associates is moving in on him and taking advantage of his simple methods. That subject is probably controversial. No doubt it inter-

SIDE GLANCES



"Maybe you do think of me when I'm at sea, but next time you address a postcard write my name instead of Henry—whoever he might be!"

Combined Fair, Roundup Planned For Lake County

LAKEVIEW, July 23 (AP)—The twenty-second annual Lake county roundup will be held this year as part of the annual 4-H and FFA fair. The combination resulted from a vote by taxpayers last fall to take advantage of a state law permitting a one-mill levy for acquiring fair sites and building. The fair runs three days, ending on Labor day.

The war department contracted for 5410 pairs of socks and 3733 pairs of snowshoes for troops in Alaska. Mentioned only because they sound so good these hot days.

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