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## Fire In The Suburbs

At the expense of a Eugene-Springfield suburb, and through the discomfort of those two cities, other communities of Oregon now have before them a striking example of what can happen when fire breaks out in unprotected suburban areas.

Nine business buildings and six motor cabins were destroyed at Glenwood, between Eugene and Springfield. Eugene's fire department refused to go to the blaze, although an offer was made to pay the expense, and Springfield's department refused until it was too late to do any good.

Bitter criticism has been leveled at Eugene and Springfield city governments in the situation. Because it involves a problem that applies to any community that includes heavy suburban development, such as Klamath Falls, we are interested in the background.

The Glenwood district, unlike a number of other districts near Eugene, has refused to set up a fire district and make arrangements with the city fire department for protection and a financial contribution to its upkeep. The Glenwood district had been amply warned that it could expect no fire protection from Eugene. Hence it is plain that technically and legally, the officials of Eugene and Springfield were on sound ground in refusing to permit equipment to go to the fire, and there is no cause for shedding tears for the Glenwood people who refused to protect themselves against just such an emergency.

On the other hand, Eugene newspapers point out that the fire might have spread toward the cities, developing into a major disaster. They further note that Eugene a couple of weeks ago sent fire equipment to Marcola, 20 miles away, when a mill burned.

The whole situation points directly to the problems that have arisen with heavy suburban development near cities throughout the land, calling for intelligent, constructive consideration and action by all of those affected.

Residents of these suburbs are living there chiefly because they want to escape city taxes. Those taxes provide the services which the suburban residents have foregone. It is not possible to have fire protection, sanitary protection, and so on, without paying for it. Hence, the suburban residents themselves must concern themselves with these problems, if anything is to be done about them.

It is possible for something to be done. Fire protection districts have been set up near some cities and, with costs distributed equitably, the cities have added to their fire equipment to give protection to the entire district. Had the Glenwood district cooperated in such a plan, its fire would have been quickly stopped by the Eugene fire department.

We do not believe it is healthy for the suburbs to look suspiciously on a nearby city, or for the city to look suspiciously on the suburbs. The men who get up at meetings and preach disunity and ill-will in the general community ought to be thrown out on their ears. They stand in the way of friendly, constructive consideration of community problems that must be solved through co-operation and understanding.

The city of Klamath Falls is now formulating a policy on the question of sending the fire department out of the city limits. In general, this policy provides that equipment will be sent in case of a major industrial fire, when the plant provides all the crew and equipment except the pumper and operator. A general conflagration, threatening property inside the city, no doubt would receive the attention of the fire department. Fire Chief Keith Ambrose is taking up with the underwriters just what would be the effect if city fire equipment is absent from the city. It is planned to write the Klamath Falls policy definitely into an ordinance, and publish it so that there will be no misunderstanding.

This policy does not embrace a solution to the entire fire protection problem in the suburbs. It cannot do so until some coordinated program for fire-fighting and distribution of costs is worked out. It is time for sound leadership, both outside the city and inside, to be giving this matter attention. We don't want any repetition of the Glenwood disaster here.

**WRITUM LETTERS, TOO**  
 SPOKANE, (P)—Chief Jailer John Scott received this letter from a Filipino prisoner:  
 "Kindly boss man No. 1, a trustee I would be. You foxem, I make fine house boy—I sweepum and dustum like hellee. Thank you dear kindly boss man."  
 He got the job.

**HE WAS SPEECHLESS**  
 MINNEAPOLIS, (P)—A bee reclining in the soft luxury of floss candy bit Ronnie Holmquist. The sting was right on the tongue which swelled so fast

Holmquist had difficulty explaining his trouble.

**TRANSFERRED**  
 PORTLAND, Aug. 1 (P)—Capt. Reginald H. Vincent, commander of the Salvation Army in Portland since coming from Medford 14 months ago, has been transferred to San Francisco where he will command the main corps.

Brazilian scientists have cooked up a sturdy coffee-bean plastic called "cafelite" which holds great promise for aeronautical use.

## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—Berlin news dispensers sighed one recent morning about the difficult Russian roads which had been encountered by der fuhrer's fighters the previous day. If they had known an American idiom they could have more truthfully called it a very, very tough road, even though it was a four lane route.

That day German advance units had thrust their way through within 100 miles of Moscow on that road in the center of the Russian lines. The units were panzer divisions which had circled around Smolensk. Two divisions (30,000 men) were moving toward the soviet capital.

What made the road difficult from there on, in all directions, including back, was the fact that the Russian army, surrounded the force, bottled it completely, cut it deeply off from the German lines around Smolensk.

But within 48 hours the Germans made a characteristically desperate and sensational move to rescue the isolated panzers. They threw 30 to 40 divisions (150,000 to 200,000 men) in to a rescue drive.

This was cat and dog circular warfare such as no military eye had seen in this world before. Large Russian units, over 150,000 strong, had been surrounded by Germans in a pocket this side of Smolensk; then 30,000 Germans were surrounded in a pocket on the other side.

**WORRY**  
 The Moscow communique announced the day the Germans were surrounded that the whole second Hitler drive had failed. Next day, 48 hours after the drive was supposed to have failed, the reds said it was being brought near to a halt. Working back that way, it seemed possible they might eventually announce the drive had started.

The incident has shaken government authorities here into serious consideration of the effects of Moscow war propaganda on the American public. A few weeks ago everyone put a question mark behind all claims from Moscow on any subject. Since then, hope that the reds could win, and end the war, has risen so high in every American breast that the American head is accepting as wholehearted truth the same brand of propaganda it formerly recognized as such.

It may turn out all right if the reds accomplish the improbable, but the government officials naturally are beginning to worry about the effects now on the defense program, upon defense legislation and wonder how far the depressing reaction will spread here if the yet undecided battle goes suddenly the wrong way.

**REVERSAL**  
 Mr. Roosevelt's well-balanced argument to congress for price controls really marked a reversal of government policy. It was never announced in so many words that the government had been letting both prices and wages (solely of the union variety) drift upward, but this was the known effect of its various policies on strikes, wage increases, farm prices, and mild restraining pressure on industrial prices. The new step means a price-wage level desirable to the

government has been reached and the ceiling is to be built at this point.

Only economic question being raised in or out of the government is whether such a vast ceiling without holes can be built. Resistance has centered in what the headlines call "the farm bloc" in congress, but close inspection will disclose that the most talkative are not the farmers of the bloc, but the inflationists, such as Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma.

Not much opposition will be encountered on the general opposition if Mr. Roosevelt's explanation of price inflation sinks in, namely: every time a price goes up, it is a cut in salary for everyone in the country, because everybody's salary will buy just that much less. There may be plenty of argument, however, on how the result is to be accomplished.

When the highest officials here intimated the Japs could not last six months under blockade, they had in mind, oil. Since 1938 the Japanese government has required all importers and refiners to keep a supply on hand to cover six months normal consumption. Tokyo financed construction of tanks to cache this supply. The Chinese spy system in Japan (which is good) indicates additional storage provided in recent months, will afford a year's supply at present consumption rate, or 6 months in an all-out war.

The Japs clearly have oil for 6 months to a year, if their operations are not extended. Of course, their supplies have not yet been cut off, only threatened. All that the Dutch East Indies and other governments (including us) have done is merely to put them on a permit restriction basis through which the Japs may or may not get their oil, depending on how agreeable they make themselves.

**GOOD MORNING!**  
 OTHELLO, Wash. (P)—Orval Adams sleepily turned off the alarm and rolled over for 40 more winks.  
 But something kept rattling. The rancher woke in a hurry when he spotted a four foot rattlesnake on the floor beside his bed.

## SIDE GLANCES



"If I'm curt and rude in any of those letters, suppose you imagine it's a nice cool day and make them sweet and polite!"

## Streetcar Smacks 7 Cars at Once

PORTLAND, Aug. 1 (P)—Seven automobiles, lined up just off the Morrison bridge, were smacked by a Montavilla streetcar yesterday and pushed 40 feet.

Patrolman Floyd Mason reported that the streetcar went out of control as it left the bridge. No one was injured but property damage was estimated at \$2500.

There are 13,000 kinds of living mammals, 7000 kinds of reptiles and amphibians, and 24,000 kinds of birds in the world.

## SATURDAY and SUNDAY ONLY TWO BIG PICTURES!

**TERROR... and THRILLS!**  
 BOB ROBINSON and GARFIELD in *The Sea Wolf*  
**TIM HOLT** in *Cyclone On Horseback*  
 A story of the "SINGING WIRES!"  
 Any Seat 25c Inc. Tax **VOX** Continuous Showing

## NOTICE! NEW LOW SUMMER PRICES

General Admission Any Time  
**30c** Including Tax  
 Loges -- 40c plus 4c Tax  
 Children, as usual, 10c  
**PINE TREE**

## Courthouse Records

**THURSDAY**  
**Complaints Filed**  
 L. Glengr, operating as Glengr Grocery company, versus Laviana Smith. Suit to collect bill for groceries. Plaintiff asks judgment of \$803.67. Maynard Wilson, attorney for plaintiff.

**Divorce Decrees**  
 Alice G. Schmoer versus Fred A. Schmoer. Divorce granted plaintiff on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment partially caused by age difference of 22 years. Plaintiff's maiden name Alice G. Maphet, restored. A. W. Schuapp, attorney for plaintiff.  
 John Holm versus Julian Holm. Divorce granted plaintiff on grounds of desertion. Custody of minor granted defendant, plaintiff to pay \$20 a month for child's support. U. S. Balentine, attorney for plaintiff.

**Justice Court**  
 Isaac Isaacson, drunk in a public place. Fined \$10 or five days. Committed to county jail.  
 Manly Wayne Loughlin, passing with improper clearance. Fined \$10.  
 William Enoch Huggens, no operator's license. Fined \$5.50.  
 David Raymond Baker, no PUC permit. Fined \$10. Only one headlight. Fined \$5.50.  
 Frank Henry Sasstedt, no operator's license, no tail light. Fined \$5.50 on each charge.  
 Robert LeRoy Wood, no motor vehicle license. Fined \$5.50.

Embryo chickens always develop with their heads in the large end of the egg.

**Defense Bond Quiz**  
 Q. What is the procedure of redeeming a defense savings bond, if I need the money before the bond matures?  
 A. You may secure payment by signing the request for payment in the presence of an authorized officer, who must add his certification; you then forward the bond in accordance with the instructions printed on it. On all U. S. savings bonds appears a table of redemption values, showing the amount you are entitled to receive on demand at any time.  
 Q. Will I be able to get my money quickly?  
 A. Normally, a treasurer's check is mailed to registered owner shortly after receipt of bond with "request for payment" properly executed, either by the treasury or a federal reserve bank. Bonds cannot be cashed at post offices.  
 Note—To buy defense bonds and stamps, go to the nearest post office or bank, or your savings and loan association, or write to the treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., for an order form.

The aluminum campaign would be even more successful if the ladies were close enough to throw the pots and pans right at 'em.

## TODAY and SATURDAY

**LOVE OR THE LAW?**  
 WHICH WILL WAIT FOR ITS MATE?  
 Building romance slowly is a discipline that needs a racket!  
**"I'LL WAIT FOR YOU"**  
 Paul Kelly - Fay Holden  
 Virginia Walden - Henry Travers  
 New Low Prices  
 General Admission  
 30c Including Tax  
 Matinee or Evening

## COMING SUNDAY

**THE BUNSTEDS GO HIGH WAT**  
 ...TO HIT A NEW HIGH FOR HILARITY  
**BLONDIE IN SOCIETY**  
 NEW LOW SUMMER PRICES!  
 Robert Mitchell's Boys Choir  
 Jonathan Hale  
 Donny Mummett

## TODAY and SATURDAY

**2 BIG FEATURES!**  
 Joe E. Brown  
 "So You Won't Talk"  
 "Murder Among Friends"  
**RAINBOW**  
 Shows 2 - 7 - 9 Dial 5892

## Beck's Bakery Pelican Theatre

**POPEYE CLUB**  
 SATURDAY MORNING  
 10 O'CLOCK  
**SOCK HITLER**  
 and Aid  
**America's Defense!**  
 Bring a Piece of Aluminum—Any Old Piece—Small or Large—as Your Admission Ticket to the  
**FREE SHOW!**  
**Cyclone On Horseback**  
 and 11th Thrilling Episode of  
**"Sky Raider"**  
**PELICAN**

## COMING SUNDAY

What a Romance!  
 He's Rough and Tough... She's Rough and Ready!  
 ... and they're the scrappiest pair of love birds since "MIN and BILL!"  
 M-G-M presents  
**Carnegie Bill**  
 starring  
**WALLACE BEERY**  
 with MARJORIE MAIN  
 VIRGINIA WEIDLER  
 TO THE BEAUTIFUL  
**PELICAN**