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Ten-Year Roundup

THE heading of this column has been slightly changed today because August 2, when this is written, marks the tenth anniversary of the arrival of this scribe in Klamath Falls. Taking this risk involved in such procedure, we will do a little personal reminiscing—exclusively, we hope, on matters of public interest.

Let us say, at the outset, that it has been a most interesting and enjoyable decade. Klamath Falls is definitely a "good newspaper town" and is known as such among newspaper men up and down the coast. Just how to define a good newspaper town may not be easy, but it is regarded generally as a place where there is something doing most of the time, where Page One local copy is commonplace rather than exceptional. That's Klamath Falls.

Just by way of marking a few milestones in the decade let's recount some of the local news stories that have occurred in that period.

If memory serves aright, there were three auto fatalities on South Sixth street within the space of a few days after our arrival. That was an appropriate introduction to a street that has been one of Death's chief playgrounds, a street that has grown more hazardous as the years have advanced and as yet has received practically no physical improvement. Moving quickly from an unpleasant subject, put down the six auto accident-drownings on the Weed-Klamath Falls highway between here and the state line in November, 1934, as the most shocking series of incidents of the kind in the decade.

Willis Mahoney blossomed on the political horizon not long after our start in newspaper work here. He, definitely, provided the biggest local political news of the 10-year period. The mayoralty battle of the fall of 1932, followed by the challenge of Mr. Mahoney's right to the office, his self-imposed "exile" to avoid service of legal papers in the contest, his arrival as a flag-wrapped hero on a bleak January morning in 1933, the sudden abandonment of the challenge a few hours later—where else, may we ask, has anything like that occurred? Subsequent races by Mayor Mahoney for governor and United States senator gave bulge to the political story he provided.

Unquestionably, the outstanding local news story of any kind in the 10-year period, one that had a profound effect on the entire community, was the fatal shooting of State Legislator Ralph W. Horan on February 12, 1934, and the subsequent trial and acquittal of Lawyer Horace Manning on murder charges. There have been few such dramatic criminal court cases in Southern Oregon history.

When we came to Klamath Falls, motorists crossed the Esplanade street on a narrow, loose-decked wooden bridge, and similar structures spanned the stream on Main street, Washington street and Lincoln street. Eleventh street came to a dead-end at the canal. One of the first public improvements we witnessed was a slight widening of the Esplanade bridge by "hanging" a sidewalk along the north side. A few years later all the canal bridges were replaced with the fine bridges now in use, with the exception of the Lincoln street span, which was abandoned and the big Eleventh street bridge built.

Biggest "hole" in Main street in 1931 was at Eighth street, long since filled with the handsome United States National bank building. A source of constant endeavor for improvement was the Main street crossing, and it took years to get the fine underpass now in use there. The Willamette highway, now completed, was little more than a dream in 1931; the Lakeview highway had long, horrible dust stretches that became a community cause celebre; the Weed highway was only a skeleton of the great road that now carries more traffic into California than any other northern gateway.

The sad period of the depression came upon the community shortly after our arrival (we deny any blame, however). Public relief was undertaken first by the county fair board, for some reason or other, and that continued until state-federal relief was organized. Work relief came into the picture, and the CWA (remember it?) removed the awful old shell that was the old county high school building on the Fifth street hill.

Agriculture, just coming into its own on a great cash crop basis, did much to sustain the community through the hard period, when mills were down. But the big farm year in the decade was in 1936, when Klamath had its largest potato crop up to that time and the United States had its smallest potato crop in modern history. The thought of what that did to prices still makes one tingle.

This scribe, like many others before and after him, came to Klamath Falls with some trepidation. He had the quite common impression that it was sort of a lumber camp, where cowboys, Indians and lumberjacks yipped-ed, swore and fought unceasingly upon the main stem. It was, we admit, a rougher town 10 years ago than it is today, but not that rough, by any means. It was filled with good people then, as it is today—friendly people, who are not suspicious of strangers, who don't haggle about change for a nickel, who are tolerant and likeable in every respect.

In addition to public improvements, some of which have been mentioned here, the last decade has seen a most significant change in homes and home surroundings. People have been establishing themselves here to remain and raise their families in Klamath Falls, and their homes reflect that fact. Trees have been planted, lawns and gardens developed, attractive houses built. It is now a city that combines interestingly its pioneer, boom-town traditions with modern developments and more settled life. As you may have guessed, we like it. — M. E.

How Most Unfortunate!



Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 100 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.

ALCHEMICAL PROCESS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—While blitzkrieg tactics blast into infinitesimal bits thousands of human lives on the battlefields of Europe, in a California laboratory successful attempts have been made by other men to create particles of living matter. Working with an alchemical formula over four centuries old, Rosicrucian chemists in San Jose, Calif., have succeeded in transmuting organic salts into minute organisms. Ralph Vehn, of 4505 Denver avenue, who has just recently returned from the International Rosicrucian (Amor) convention held the latter part of July, states the announcement of the experiment was made to an assembly of 600 persons attending the international conclave. Professor Atherton M. Whaley, Ph.D. in chemistry, and Orval Graves, Rosicrucian research librarian, using compounds of silver nitrate, lead nitrate and iron chloride, in accordance with a translation from a formula from the works of Paracelsus, renowned medieval physician and alchemist, were able to transmute the inorganic crystals into organic salts known as ether compounds.

These salts contain the properties and characteristics of simple life and were immediately recognizable to the biologists who subjected the results to microscopic analysis. Vehn states that Graves related that the greatest problem confronting the experiments was the translation of the alchemical terminology of the ancient alchemical writings and symbols used to conceal truth in the middle ages, into an understandable formula. Following the process established by the late F. Jollivet Castellet, president of the Rose-Croix Societe Alchemique de France, using silver as a catalytic agent uniting antimony and arsenic, and subjecting them to extreme high temperatures, the Rosicrucian researchers in the labora-

tories of the philosophic order were also able to produce minute specks of gold. The specimens were able to withstand the assayer's test, it is related. Vehn admits, however, that the experiment has no commercial value, but is important in disproving that the alchemists dealt solely in fantasies.

The alchemical experiments have been conducted as part of the researches of the Rose-Croix university in San Jose.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—In recent articles printed in the Herald, in which I covered many points, in one detail I could better have said "operators generally" rather than "all operators" as was written, for the reason that some operators in the Basin, under difficult and trying circumstances, have been cooperating with organized labor as best they can. I had no intention of classifying these cooperative managers with recalcitrants. In a few days we hope to be able to release information that a number of collective bargaining agreements have been negotiated to a conclusion.

JOE BOYD,
Organizer, A. F. of L.

MEETING DEMAND

PHILADELPHIA (P)—It was bound to happen sometime: After last night's regular concert, the Philadelphia orchestra gave out with the "Hut-Sut Song" and all the trimmings, raising such a rumpus that saxo-

phones weren't even missed. Fervent applause brought an encore The "Hut-Sut Song" again.

Management of Robin Hood Dell, outdoor concert spot, announced the added item resulted from much criticism for "not devoting enough attention to contemporary music."

Prophecies About War Set Tonight At Nazarene Church

"Prophecies About the War," will be the subject to be discussed tonight, by Rev. Elmer Gandy, at the Church of the Nazarene. The speaker will show the parallel between current history and the Bible prophecies. Rev. Gandy is considered an outstanding preacher on prophecy, having spent years in the study of the subject. Some of the points he touches in his discussions are the blitzkrieg, mechanical warfare, the aluminum drive and Hitler's place in prophecy.

In addition to the prophetic sermon tonight, Rev. Gandy will paint a picture from Arcadia national park, in New England, showing the rock-bound coast of Maine. The Gandy quartet will sing.

The special services will continue Sunday and all of next week. The Church of the Nazarene is at Garden and Martin streets.

Looking for Bargains? Turn to the Classified page

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Most abused and oppressed of all men today is Agriculture Secretary Claude Wickard. His commodity credit corporation was getting ready to sell 300,000 bales of cotton a few days back when the good cotton-democratic senators of the south heard about it. The price had reached parity, 18 1/2 cents, and the law advised him to sell when that goal was reached.

To the telephone leaped Alabama's Senator Bankhead and colleagues. They put on a pressure blitz that made Mr. Wickard's legal concepts bend. They had a new interpretation of the law, allowing the price of cotton to go 20 per cent above parity, or if that was not the law, they would put it into law. And they did put something into wheat-penalty-abandonment bill restricting the government authority on buying and selling (just as Mr. Roosevelt was coyly sending them a recommendation in the price message for expansion of buying and selling authority).

But when Mr. Wickard attended a meeting of the government price policy committee (composed of defense officials) he was met with another blitz going in the opposite direction. His refusal to sell was ruining the government price policy! Textile prices had been fixed on the basis of the cotton parity price! He was upsetting the textile price schedules! Why had he not opposed the new congressional restrictions on the government authority to buy and sell?

Apparently all Mr. Wickard told the blitzers on both sides was that Mr. Roosevelt would veto the restrictive legislation if congress insisted on passing it. No doubt Mr. Roosevelt will.

The incident affords a faint idea of the difficulties that are at work behind the forthcoming congressional consideration of the Roosevelt price fixing plan.

IS HITLER LICKED?

London bookmakers' odds of 1 to 3 that peace will come before the new year day, run shorter than either the popular or official viewpoint here. Some government employees, (guessing grandly on the basis of the Russian communiques), have made some small hazards at 1 to 5 and 1 to 10 in expectation of peace within 5 months.

Military authorities of the government (who have more information) seem agreed Hitler is licked as of today, but they do not expect the end to come in Russia or peace before the year end.

Their conviction is based on the unheralded but irrefutable fact that Britain is saved. Hitler can never gain air supremacy over Britain and therefore cannot invade. American plane production now just beginning to

SIDE GLANCES



"Pipe down, boys—you're scaring my cash customers away!"

reach Britain guarantees her safety.

A prediction that this same American production will accomplish Hitler's defeat within two years is made in a freshly published Brookings institute pamphlet by Louis Marlio, French industrialist and economist. He points out German production will be increasingly hampered hereafter by British bombing, while Britain's swells.

The Russian campaign results to date certify the conclusion that Hitler has lost his military mastery even if he wins that campaign. His edge in planes, tanks and well-trained soldiers has been greatly weakened for the final struggle of production.

Now if the Reds can stabilize their front through the winter, so much the better. If these dismal nazis prospects seep down to

the German people and cause collapse of the regime and peace, the rosiest of all possibilities will be realized. No doubt, too, Hitler will desperately seek peace if he can bring his red campaign to a close. But those possibilities are yet dim—maybe 1 to 10, hardly 1 to 3.

Motorist Caught In Self-Set Trap

CHICAGO, Aug. 2 (AP)—John Sommerski got the city to pass an ordinance to stop motorists from parking cars in front of his building.

John himself was called into court yesterday for parking there. "I forgot all about it," he explained sheepishly. The charge was dismissed.

MIDNIGHT SHOW

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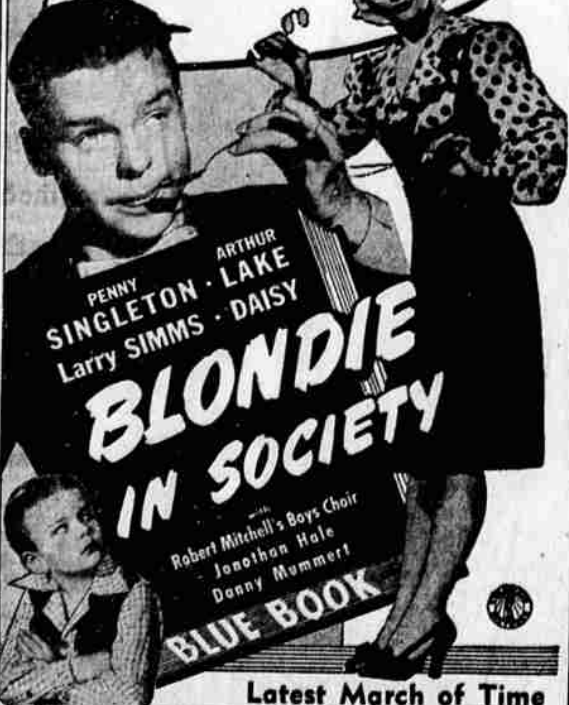
The Sea Wolf
by JACK LONDON

and
Cyclone Harbuck
with TIM HOLT

VOX

STARTS SUNDAY

DAGWOOD GOES IN FOR BLUE BLOODS...
BLONDIE SEES RED...and
the neighbors grow purple with rage... when the Bumsteads break into the Blue Book!



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