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Make Advance Arrangements

INDICATIONS are that Klamath's new traffic signal system will be completed and ready for use in about a week. It is good news that the stop and go procedure will be in operation by the time the busy Christmas shopping season fills the downtown area with automobiles and pedestrians.

Before the signals are turned on, every detail of their operation should be worked out and advance publicity given to the procedure to be followed by both automobile and pedestrian traffic in response to the signals. If right turns are to be permitted, or left turns prohibited, etc., proper signs should be placed before the signal operation becomes effective. City Engineer E. A. Thomas has stated this is the city's intention, and it is most important.

Naturally, in a city where it has been "everybody for himself" for years at traffic-congested intersections, there is going to be some misunderstanding and confusion at first. Motorists and pedestrians should watch for announcements in connection with the signal operations, and seek an understanding of the whole business before they find themselves confused in a busy intersection.

The New Forty-Niners

THERE is a community of interest, transcending the state line and somewhat annoyed by it, in a big section of Northern California and Southern Oregon which we have long roughly described as the Midland Empire. This region has many economic ties and transportation developments of recent years have helped to make this area a distribution unit and to increase the mutual interests of its various component parts.

Through the years there have been occasional evidences of dissatisfaction in parts of this "empire" with relationships with the parent states of Oregon and California, and with the political and economic problems that have grown up because of the dividing state line. In 1917, Klamath county talked about secession. At one time, a "state of Siskiyou" was proposed. A couple of years ago, Siskiyou county talked about secession from California and joining Oregon.

Recent developments have seen a secession movement in Curry county, and now there is again talk of a new state to be composed of certain counties along the northern California border and southern Oregon.

These recurrent incidents are cumulative evidence that there are unifying common interests cutting across the state line and that the sections involved have not always received deserved recognition from their respective states. Perhaps the "new forty-niners," who want to form a forty-ninth state, have something, at that.

We in the Klamath basin know full well the annoyance of the state line. It probably makes more trouble here than anywhere else, for the Klamath basin is a geographical as well as an economic unit that is cut in two by this political boundary. Eastern Siskiyou, northern Modoc and Klamath counties could be happily and conveniently joined if it were not for the political problems involved.

Perhaps, as time goes on, state lines will become of less and less importance. Certainly the trend has been in that direction. Klamath basin people do well to look beyond the limits of their own immediate area and to the general picture in the region to which we belong. There is a future here, regardless of what political trends and changes may do to state lines.

Courthouse Records

TUESDAY

Complaints Filed
Vivian M. Cave versus Thomas Ursel Cave. Suit for divorce on grounds defendant convicted of a felony. Plaintiff asks restoration of her maiden name, Vivian M. Couture. W. Lamar Townsend, attorney for plaintiff.
Violet Ashby versus Chester Ashby. Suit for divorce. Couple married at Dorris, April 4, 1939. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment and asks custody of minor child and \$25 a month for child's support. Maynard Wilson, attorney for plaintiff.

Marriage Licenses
KAFTON-MILLER. John Wesley Kafton, 22, Disston, Ore., miner, native of Kansas. Helen Maxine Miller, 18, Klamath Falls, native of Oregon.

Justice Court
Walter Sigurd Dillen, no tail light on car. Fined \$5.50, suspended.

Dee Cook McCay, no vehicle license on trailer. Fined \$5.50. Russell Elledge, larceny by embezzlement. Indicted by grand jury.

Langell Valley

Janet Chase of Eugene is visiting for several days with Carolyn Monroe and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Herb Marchant and daughter of Kerby, Ore., are spending a few days with Mrs. Nellie Woods. The Marchants recently sold their ranch in Langell valley to a Mr. Newman and family of Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Johnson spent the weekend at Westside, near Lakeview, with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Webster and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Leavitt with Mr. and Mrs. Al Dearborn and family. Afternoon visitors at the Dearborns were Mr. and

Mrs. Louis Webb and sons of Bonanza.

Mrs. Joe Zick and small son are spending a few days in Klamath Falls with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Turner.

Evelyn Campbell of Klamath Falls spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Campbell.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gruell who were married recently. Mrs. Gruell was Lois Conley before her marriage.

Tommy Manville Marries Again

RIDGEFIELD, Conn., Nov. 19 (UP)—Thomas Frederick Manville Jr., known to blondes the world over as Tommy, was married Tuesday for the fifth time.

His bride was Bonita Francine (Bonnie) Edwards, Broadway show girl whom he met Sunday night on a blind date. Manville announced their engagement that night at a night club where he had just judged a blonde beauty contest. The crowd snickered because Manville has announced his engagement numerous times since his divorce in October 1937 from Marcelle Edwards, also a showgirl but no relation to Bonita.

FLUE FIRE
City fire equipment was called to the Klamath Billiards on Main street at midnight last night to extinguish a flue fire. No damage was reported.

The defense emergency should not be utilized to establish a permanent closed shop and check-off in American labor union contracts.—Whitling Williams, labor relations consultant.

You're not helping business when you just sit back and let the rest of the world go by.

SIDE GLANCES



"I told him you said he couldn't have a full dress suit, but now he writes that he's made the college glee club, and if you don't buy him one he'll have to quit."

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The First Lady has been playing Mrs. Paul Revere for the civilian defense program. She and the others have followed a theme that the nazis are coming. As a result, few will wake up and get out of bed. Not many can visualize the imminence of bombs dropping upon our cities. Certainly the nazis would have to get some bases in this hemisphere or a fleet first.

Yet civilian defense is crying for attention from a more realistic danger. The nazis we need to fear are those who are already here. The gravity of their threat was hinted by Chief of Staff Marshall in a speech which drew insufficient public attention.

This government believes the nazis have a fifth column organized for sabotage in this country comparable to those which scuttled Belgium, Holland and Norway. It believes this group is ready in key industrial American cities awaiting der fuhrer's word to go into action. That word will no doubt come when this country becomes most deeply involved in the Atlantic or Pacific.

The vision of gas mains being blown up, powerhouses dynamited, fires in factories, munition works exploded one after another—all as if lighted by a single match—is a live possibility in the military mind. Lights, phones and such in industrial areas might thus be extinguished in a swift effort to create panic and demoralization.

Now, no one here claims to have specific knowledge of such a plot. If evidence was available the plot could be stopped now. Yet officials do know Hitler has practiced such ventures in other countries with which he has come to grips. Our portals have been wide open for infiltration of any saboteurs for years.

If he has not thus prepared for war with United States, it would be the first time he failed to take advantage of his opportunities. In such a war on the home front, civilian defense is the only defense. What will be needed

then is not air wardens to watch for bombers, but civilian workers trained to help fight fires, rescue the injured, repair the damage and quiet the populace.

Unless large strong units are organized for this work, the country will be left wide open in the home front.

CENSORSHIP

Our alliance with Britain apparently does not make us allies in trade, say congressmen returned from Latin America. Representative Rabaut tells of the British censoring our mail to South America at Trinidad, lifting commercial information to help their own merchants. Representative Dirksen found the British did not widely publish (as we did) their black-list of suspected nazi merchants in Latin America, but inserted it in an obscure daily paper. Names could thus be shifted on and off without too much publicity.

These cloakroom tales have inspired a determination in congress to protect American interest not only from our enemies but our friends.

NO PROPAGANDA
No sign of nazi propagandizing in our army has been found. Only noteworthy propagandizing incident occurred near Denver. A place exhibiting a poster showing Stalin and John Bull pointing bloody fingers at passersby and saying "I Want You" (in paraphrase of army recruiting posters) was ruled out of bounds by a post commanding officer. He explained he was not afraid of the effect of the poster on his men, but of his men on the poster.

Only Defense Director Knudsen is now permitted to have monthly figures on plane production. Not even his plane division is furnished these statistics. From another department, however, comes information that the total October output was 30 per cent over July.

One U. S. tanker with aviation gasoline was slipped over to Archangel for Stalin but failed to find any of the Russian efficiency advertised in the Harri-man report. A necessary rail line had not been completed to the dock on the side of the river opposite the city and no rail facilities were available in Archangel.

Most fat people are weighed and found wanting—to weigh less.

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.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

KLAMATH Falls, Ore. (To The Editor)—Nearly every automobile accident is caused either through ignorance or carelessness on the part of the driver. The number of accidents that occur as the result of mechanical failure, improperly cared for cars or improperly constructed highways is such a small part of the total that it is negligible.

In a recent year, drivers of automobiles caused the deaths of over 38,000 people in the United States and injured more than one million others. The financial loss resulting from these accidents came close to the three million mark.

During the period between 1928 and 1940 the number of lives lost as a result of bad driving in the United States is greater than the number of Americans killed in all the wars in which we have participated since the days of Washington. In the eighteen months that we were in the world war our losses were 50,475 killed, 234,300 wounded in combat, while in the eighteen months, including the year of 1940 and the first six months of 1941, 55,000 Americans were killed on our streets and highways, and nearly 1,450,000 were injured. In other words, killing rate is about one person every fourteen minutes and we injure more than thirty in the same period. As this great human waste goes on day and night without let up it is obvious that the more wishing for safety will accomplish but little. Safety effort on the part of every individual who drives a car will have to be put forth. Automobile safety will come only with increased knowledge of the car, its great power, its dangers, as well as its pleasure and convenience.

While the automobile is sometimes spoken of as mechanically fool proof, it is not intended for fools to operate. The dictionary defines a fool as a person lacking in understanding, judgment or common sense. A simpleton or other words. It should be remembered that when a person sits behind the wheel of a car, he still has the characteristics, the same mental habits that he had before he entered the car. The mere stepping from the ground into a cushioned seat and taking control of a high powered piece of mechanism doesn't make a different person of him. Whether it is the result of exhilaration or speed or of some psychological phenomenon, the latent mental deficiencies of many people come to the surface when they drive a car. They show their true colors to the world as they tear recklessly along the highway. If you would see the true character of a person, watch his behavior while driving an automobile on a busy highway. If he rolls along at a safe speed, steadily and carefully, observing the rights of others and paying attention to the signs that are placed for his safety, you can mark him as one who stands well in his daily affairs, and in the estimation of his fellow-men. If, on the other hand, he goes tearing along at an unnecessarily high speed, cutting in and out in front of other cars, frightening timid drivers, and disgusting good ones, you may rely upon it, that he is a scatterbrain in his business and social activities. He has neither courtesy or self control. Should he race along a few feet behind the car ahead, knowing well that if it stops quickly, nothing can save him from one of those rear end crashes that sometimes have frightful results, you may put him down as one who thinks only of the moment and lets the future take care of itself. The road hog will be found selfish in and out of the car and the show off, no matter how pretty his tricks

Now Saving Two Faces



are at the wheel is a bluff and a humbug wherever he may be. Driving an automobile is a job and must be looked upon as such. It requires the exercise of skill and concentration during every moment at the wheel. Some drivers expect the same ease and lack of responsibility as if they were passengers.

On our highways we kill one person every 15 minutes of the day. Before another hour has elapsed, four people will have been killed in traffic crashes on our highways. These people at this moment are just as free and happy as you and I, and yet because of some body's carelessness they will be dead within the next hour. Vast sums of money have been spent and are being spent in public health and hygiene so that our babies and children may escape the ravages of acute infection and undernutrition only to be sacrificed later to the mechanical age. Public interest is aroused for the control of heart disease, tuberculosis, cancer and other degenerative diseases and money is being spent for their eradication. Why cannot we fully awaken to the ever mounting death rate due to the automobile? Can anyone condone our part in an accident, perhaps resulting in the death of a fellow citizen or his permanent disability, when it could have been avoided?

Respectfully yours,
HARRY M. RAYNER.
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Russian women are standing right beside their husbands in the front lines. A man can't even have a war in peace.

Local Men Get Army Discharges

FORT STEVENS, Wash., Nov. 19 (UP)—Discharges from the 249th coast artillery this week included:
Battery A, Klamath Falls—Frank C. Powers, Robert M. Flynn, Battery C, Klamath Falls, Rollo B. Cheyne, Richard O. Rasmussen.

People who keep their chins up are less likely to stick their necks out.

Earthquake Jars Hawaiian Islands

HONOLULU, T. H., Nov. 19 (UP)—An earthquake jarred islands of the Hawaiian group Tuesday. There was no damage. Dishes and bottles were broken broken by the quake at Waimea, on the island of Hawaii, and the shock was reported fairly strong at Hilo. Windows rattled in Honolulu.

Read the Classified page.

LAST TIMES TODAY
ORSON WELLES
"CITIZEN KANE"

Thanksgiving Day

Plays Tomorrow - Friday - Saturday

A THRILLING EXPERIENCE

you'll always remember!

A THRILLING PICTURE

you'll never forget!

STEPHEN VINCENT BENET'S ASTOUNDING SATURDAY EVENING POST STORY—

★ ENDS TODAY ★
TWO HITS!
"THE MONSTER AND THE GIRL"
AND
"SWEETHEART OF THE CAMPUS"
Starts Thursday

SPECIAL!

Thanksgiving Show!

Feature Hit No. 1
BOB HOPE
Caught in the Draft
Dorothy Lamour

Feature Hit No. 2
MAY ROBSON
Granny Get Your Gun

Continues Shows Thursday

★ DIAL 5582 ★

RAINBOW

PLAYS THURSDAY - FRIDAY



Continuous Shows Thursday

Dial 5414

PINE TREE

Now Playing



Continuous Shows Thursday



★ DIAL 4572 ★
PELICAN
Continuous Shows Thursday