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Home Front Comment

PERSISTENT rumbles of displeasure over the five-year sentence given Eugene Hugh Smith in the Marie Russell death case have reached courthouse ears. Sidewalk lawyers have criticized the sentence on the basis of comparisons with other prison terms handed out here for various offenses. Honest citizens, incensed at the tragic circumstances of the young girl's death, have asked what it was all about.

The legal technicalities involved are probably not fully understood—but even when they are understood, many plain citizens are impatient and resentful about legal technicalities. We often find ourselves in that position.

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg gave Smith everything the book would permit under the charge filed against Smith and to which he pleaded guilty. The district attorney's office, in view of the peculiar circumstances of this case, had concluded the available evidence would not sustain a more severe charge than failing to stop at the scene of an accident. Of that charge, Smith was plainly guilty. He got everything possible on that count, and the court, whose single duty was to impose sentence, had no means of giving him a longer prison term.

Possibly full justice was not done in this case, due to the legal quirks involved. That often happens. Not everyone gets all he has coming. But under the circumstances, it is fortunate for justice that Smith was trapped at all.

So they are going to call the 49th state Jefferson. We are mad about it all. We thought it should be Klamath. We suggested the name, and we were turned down.

Furthermore, we note that Klamath county, with 42,000 people and nearly 6000 square miles, hasn't been officially approached by the rebels.

Possibly, they plan to take us by storm. Oil up the shotguns and deer rifles, mates, and stand by.

Now comes the annual discontent among folks who didn't join the Community Concert association when the membership campaign was on, but would like to attend the concerts. It happens every year.

The community concert plan works like this: A membership campaign is held, the books are then closed, and on the basis of the results of the campaign, artists are signed up. This eliminates the guarantee business, which is full of headaches for local people, and is sometimes a most unpleasant financial experience. As it is, there is no uncertainty at all, and no chances are taken on potential attendance which may never materialize.

The University of Oregon football team and its supporters find themselves in a queer position at this moment of a quite screwy football season. If the Oregon footballers win Saturday over Oregon State, they eliminate an Oregon team from the Rose Bowl—and an Oregon team hasn't been in the bowl for 20 years or so.

The Oregonians, of course, will win if they can, regardless of what it does to state prestige. But Oregon supporters, for once, could even see their team take a licking without feeling too bad about it. Never before in our memory has there been a situation where a Webfoot fan could salvage any satisfaction out of an Oregon State victory.—M. E.

Elsewhere In Oregon

By The Associated Press
GRANTS PASS, Nov. 27 (P)—Heavy rains and the first snow of the winter took down an old landmark—a fir snag that was the crow rookery for the Williams valley.

BANDON, Nov. 27 (P)—A chamber of commerce committee has started a campaign for extension of the north jetty 500 feet to make the harbor accessible to larger ships.

BEND, Nov. 27 (P)—Beavers have cut nearly a third through a large poplar tree directly in front of a lumber mill office. The beavers have destroyed several trees in Pioneer park and have attacked trees growing on lawns near the water's edge.

NORTH BEND, Nov. 27 (P)—John Hawkins has been elected president of the Coos bay chapter of the National Aeronautics association. The chapter has 58 members. Hawkins is the son of Postmaster and Mrs. Burt E. Hawkins of Klamath Falls.

Farmers Urged to Check Equipment To Avoid Shortage

SALEM, Nov. 27 (P)—Oregon farmers should check immediately to anticipate their repair needs for next year, in order to avoid being affected by defense regulations against machinery replacements for non-defense purposes, Director of Agriculture J. D. Mickle said today.

The reduction in farm equipment supplies will come not only

in tractors, plows, combines and the bigger machines, but also in small items like nails, fence wire, steel fence posts, shovels, hoes and so on," he said.

"Right now, when the slack season is at hand, is a good time to take steps to preserve machinery. Every farmer owes it to himself and to his country to do everything possible to increase the life of farm machinery and tools."

Hedlund to Head Paralysis Fund

PORTLAND, Nov. 27 (P)—Dr. E. T. Hedlund, Portland postmaster, said today he had accepted the Oregon chairman-ship of the 1942 campaign for funds to combat infantile paralysis.

Announcement of his appointment for the third consecutive year was made yesterday by Keith Morgan, national chairman.

ON YOUR TIPTOES

DENVER (P)—Noisy milk men always did bother C. Paul Harrington and he couldn't do much about it. But it's different now. City Councilman Harrington has served notice his sleep is being disturbed by the early-rising dairymen and they'd better be quiet, or else.

Approximately 77 per cent of hospital care is in state, local, and federal government-controlled hospitals; 20 per cent in non-profit institutions, and three per cent in proprietary institutions. The large proportion of care financed by taxes is due to government tuberculosis sanatoriums and government hospitals for mental patients, census reports show.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 — Those bauxite mines in Dutch Guiana would have been safe enough from Hitler for another few days—probably a few years and perhaps forever.

Dispatch of American troops to guard them was a master-diplomatic stroke by Mr. Roosevelt for the edification of wabbling Vichy and wayward Tokyo. The move was a smothered diplomatic announcement that this government will not be bound to continental United States in protecting its war interests.

To Vichy this meant adjoining French Guiana and its air base would fall at a nod from FDR. Petain also knows that he may expect that nod if he sells out to the new German order.

To Japan a subtle reminder was conveyed that the same Dutch government in London is also running the Dutch East Indies. Tokyo was thus informed she could expect similar U. S. Dutch cooperation out there in her path.

It is true, Mr. Roosevelt edged nearly half-way to Dakar in the same move. But that military phase of the matter is supposed to have been a minor consideration.

LOUD MEETING

The private session of Mr. Roosevelt and the motley collection of congressmen interested in labor legislation was as loud as a CIO convention. Mr. Roosevelt said little, except to change the subject adroitly whenever the argument between the Smith-Cox-Vincent faction and the laborites reached the point where he thought they might start tossing the expensive White House furniture around. The only one present who said nothing about the labor legislation or anything else was the Labor Secretary Perkins.

No program was submitted by the president. No specific recommendations were made. The visitors thought he must have called them down merely to toss them the labor ball and let them run with it. Apparently, he does not want to do much quarter-backing on this play.

TOO BUSY

Whenever impatient Treasury Secretary Morgenthau brings up the question of new taxes, House Tax Chairman Doughton (who must initiate the legislation) always finds himself busy with other pressing work.

"I am tied down now with the subject of economizing government expenditures," said Doughton when last asked when tax hearings would start. "It is a very important subject and I must attend the economy committee meetings."

Some think economy on non-defense activities (involving many a pet new deal social venture) might obviate the necessity of as much as \$2,000,000,000 in new taxes. Certainly the pre-occupation of Mr. Doughton in other subjects reflects a general congressional disinclination to accept Mr. Morgenthau's new tax plan.

The treasury is supposed to have a private promise of a tax hearing from Doughton in December. But the committee may yet discover something else to be too busy about then.

The boys did not mean it when they scrawled "O-H-I-O" (over the hill in October) around the army camps some months ago. Desertions in October were lower than any months in the past six, excepting one. They were less than one-tenth of one per cent, in this supposedly critical month, at the expiration of the first draft enlistment period.

The heralded agreement with Mexico, in essence, means they will give back part of what we will give them.

We give \$10,000,000 a year for three years for the highways, use \$40,000,000 to stabilize the peso, purchase 8,000,000 ounces of silver a month at 35 cents an ounce. They deposit \$9,000,000 pending settlement of our oil claims (worth anywhere from \$15,000,000 up to \$2,500,000 a year for fourteen years to settle our agrarian claims. The deal might be better if an

SIDE GLANCES



"But, Mother, we're agreeing perfectly—Margie figures I won't give her half of my lollipop, and I figure exactly the same!"

American watchman had been designated to watch the expenditures for the highways. By old Spanish custom highway money sticks to political fingers.

Japan's biggest business powers have stepped up quietly behind fire-eating military statesmen with a hose. Their influence is being swung quietly at home against further belligerency with the U. S. They know Hitler is not going to win this war. If he did, their cheap labor would have to compete with equally cheap German labor. They would rather see a new order in which they can continue to under-sell the high-living democracies.

Courthouse Records

TUESDAY

Complaints Filed

Charlotte K. Anderson versus John E. Anderson. Suit for divorce. Couple married at Reno June 29, 1940. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment, asks restoration of her maiden name, Charlotte K. Peterson. D. E. Van Vactor, attorney for plaintiff.

Bernice Thomas versus Claude Thomas. Suit for divorce. Couple married at Medford March 11, 1937. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment. A. W. Schupp, attorney for plaintiff. Klamath Valley hospital versus Al B. Stiles and Dolly Stiles. Suit to collect bill for professional services. Plaintiff asks judgment of \$296.40. D. E. Van Vactor, attorney for plaintiff.

Lorraine Sanderbrink versus Charles Sanderbrink. Suit for divorce. Couple married at Reno April 11, 1941. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment. Edwin E. Driscoll, attorney for plaintiff.

Marriage Licenses

ALLENSTON—STANLEY George Steven Allensworth, 24, Klamath Falls, aircraft mechanic, native of Colorado. Marion Stanley, 20, Klamath Falls, stenographer, native of Arizona.

QUINN—RAYMOND, George Wayne Quinn, 20, Klamath Falls, plumber's assistant, native of Iowa. Inez Lillian Raymond, 20, Klamath Falls, native of Oregon.

Justice Court

William Franklin Waggoner, hunting migratory birds during prohibited hours. Fined \$25 and costs, \$20 suspended.

Franklin Carl Van Meter, hunting migratory birds during prohibited hours. Fined \$25 and costs, \$20 suspended.

Anna M. Fulkerson, failure to stop at scene of accident. Time taken to plead. Bond set at \$2500 cash or \$5000 property.

Kenneth John Dinsmore, fugitive complaint from state of Kansas. Committed to county jail.

INTERNATIONAL CRISIS

MIAMI (P)—A wireless telegram sent British Vice Consul Michael Robb hurrying to the hotel where a king's courier had spent the night before leaving by Pan American clipper for Bogota, Colombia.

The courier—who must remain as always, anonymous—hadn't left a sheaf of state papers.

It was his monocle, dispatched air express by Robb at a cost of \$3.

Sprague River

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Merritt and daughter, Kay, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore, motored to the Rogue River valley over the weekend. The Merritts visited Merritt's parents in Central Point.

Harry Short returned last week to Sprague River after spending a very successful hunting trip in eastern Oregon. Harry bagged a fine bull elk.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore, former Sprague River residents who are now living in Ashland, visited last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Merritt and Kay had Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mrs. Martha McCollum in Klamath Falls.

Glenn and Harold Collins of Miller and Bonville, Ore., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Seright last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Book and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Little and children at a Thanksgiving dinner.

Among hunters to bring back fine assortments of honkers and ducks during the last weekend were Dwight Kircher, Bob Pasolt, Bob Nelson, Keith Powers and George Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Seagriff and children, Forrest, Dwain, and Ruth spent Thanksgiving visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sanders and family in Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ough are the proud owners of a new Oldsmobile.

Danny Skeen of Klamath Falls visited with his father, Dave Skeen and other relatives here last week.

Robert Carnini and Forrest Seright traveled to Klamath Falls Friday night where they received awards for 4-H sharpshooting contests held at Lake o the Woods last summer.

Sprague River teachers, who attended institute in Ashland last week, included Mr. and Mrs. George Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Parks, Mrs. Ethel Morrison, Mrs. Blanche Cowbrough, Mrs. Marion Heidrich, Mrs. Helen Hoffman, Evelyn Hudson and Florence Stone.

Jimmy Plowman, former Sprague River resident who is now working in Kodiak, Alaska, is spending a few days visiting friends in Sprague River. He is accompanied by a companion who works with a construction crew.

Students of the Sprague River school and numerous townspeople enjoyed several days of fine ice skating on the pond next to the railroad bridge.

German government has made it a crime to listen to American broadcasts. It's a crime over here to listen to some of them.

RAINBOW

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ENDS TODAY

— HIT No. 1 —

Rudy Vallee Rosemary Lane

"TIME OUT FOR RHYTHM"

— HIT No. 2 —

James Stephenson Geraldine Fitzgerald

"SHINING VICTORY"

Friday - Saturday

Continuous Saturday

— HIT No. 1 —

BACK FROM THE GRAVE HE CAME

"THE RETURN OF DR. X"

WAYNE MORRIS - ROSEMARY LANE - HUMPHREY BOGART - DENNIS MORGAN - John Lill - Lee Lill

— HIT No. 2 —

Lynne Roberts - Ted North

"THE BRIDE WORE CRUTCHES"

NAVY ENLISTMENT LIST ON DECLINE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (AP) Secretary of Navy Knox said today that the torpedoing of the U. S. destroyers Kearny and Reuben James with a total loss of life of 112 men had caused a decline of 15 per cent in the rate of navy enlistments.

The decline set in with the Kearny incident October 17 and was speeded up by the torpedo sinking of the Reuben James October 31, but Knox said that there was now a tendency toward returning to the old level of recruiting 10,000 to 11,000 men per month. That rate is still about 2000 to 3000 men a month short of the navy's actual needs, Rear Admiral C. W. Nimitz, chief of the navy's bureau of navigation, explained at Knox's press conference, and Knox declared it was possible that at some future date the navy might have to use selectees whom, so far, it has declined to add to its volunteer service.

Knox said that the decline in enlistments had been among minors and he attributed it to the fact that parents were withholding their consent for their sons to go into the navy.

Dorris

Robert S. Neasham, formerly Dorris, has recently received an appointment to Annapolis and will take his examinations in February. Until then he is attending college in Chico.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Humphrey have had as their guests Mrs. Mona Evans and Robbie Evans of Tracy, Calif.

Mrs. Harlin Collins and Mrs. Clifford Stambaugh and sons have been spending the week with the Earl Ballards in Sloat.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mitchell entertained Thanksgiving with a gorgeous dinner, having as guests Clifford Stambaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Milange and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Rutter of Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Egeline had as their weekend guests Cecil Doughton and Al Scholtz.

Mrs. Carl Snider, Henry Howard and Mrs. Milan of Tucson, Ariz., are staying at the bedside of Mrs. Felix Howard of Macdoel.

At the Al Flumerfelt home house guests are Mrs. V. E. Church of Berkeley, Calif. and Attorney W. C. Van Emon and his wife of Klamath Falls. The latter left for Annapolis where their son graduates.

Sidestepping only gets you farther away from where you hope you are going.

The wild roar of India attacks without provocation—as does the tame bore of America.

Electricity travels 11,600,000 miles a minute, arriving 59 seconds behind bad news.

Cremated Body Found in Box

THE DALLES, Ore., Nov. 27 (UP)—The ashes of a cremated body believed to be that of William Offield which were found in a cardboard container left in a ditch three miles east of here, were in a local mortuary last night.

The ashes were found by a crew of telephone workers. The package, wet from recent rains, bore this label:

"Mr. William Offield, cremated June 4, 1925."

Coroner C. R. Callaway said the ashes were those of a human being.

Where Offield resided was not known. Local authorities suggested that the ashes had been stolen by house prowlers and abandoned when the thieves learned of the contents of the package.

Midland

MIDLAND — Ladies of the Home Economics club of Midland grange will hold their meeting at the home of Mrs. J. B. Burnett December 2 at 1:30 p. m. A gift exchange will be held, and members are asked to bring cookies.

Vernon Huff, who is attending OSC at Corvallis, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Roy Huff.

Merle Stewart who is employed at the Lockheed airplane factory in Los Angeles, spent the Thanksgiving vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Moteschenbacher.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Largent and family spent Thanksgiving day at Grants Pass with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Stewart and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stewart of Klamath Falls were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Moteschenbacher on Thanksgiving.

James Flowers who has been employed at Lockheed Aircraft in Los Angeles spent the holiday vacation with his mother, Mrs. Edna Travers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hickman and son of Willow Ranch, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Doland and family of Spring Lake spent Thanksgiving day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay McAlpine and son of Yakima, Wash., spent the holidays with Mrs. McAlpine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gregory.

Mrs. Clarence Shultz and family of Ashland spent Sunday with Mrs. Selma Furber.

A table of death rates for deficiency diseases, prepared by the census bureau, shows that few deaths are reported due to inadequate diet. The death rate per 100,000 population for rickets and other bone diseases decreased from 0.7 in 1915 to 0.1 in 1939. Pellagra fell from 4.2 in 1915 to 1.9 in 1939.

The lighting equipment for the tree will generate 10,000 candlepower.

Air Corps May Ferry Planes Across Ocean

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (UP) The war department hinted last night the army may take over trans-oceanic deliveries of American-built warplanes to nations resisting aggression.

An indication of such a move was contained in a description of the newly organized air corps ferrying command, headed by Col. Robert Olds, one of the army's better known long range bomber experts. The announcement said that the ferry service already had flown more than 3,000,000 miles in safety delivering aircraft from factories to British takeoff points.

The department did not state the number of aircraft deliveries or whether there have been accidents or casualties. It said merely that there had been "more than 3,000,000 miles of safe delivery flights accomplished."

"Although up to the present time the air corps ferrying command itself flies no ships across the Atlantic, it is responsible for getting them to takeoff points," the announcement said.

There was no official amplification of this statement but authoritative quarters construed it to mean an extended ferry service is under consideration and will be inaugurated if it becomes necessary to step up the flow of planes to Britain, Russia and other nations.

These sources said that present trans-oceanic arrangements seem adequate at this immediate time, but "we might have to step in."

The revised neutrality act now permits American aircraft as well as ships to enter combat zones.

Big Redwood To Be Christmas Tree

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27 (UP)—The 364-foot Founder's redwood, world's tallest tree, will become a giant Christmas tree during the holidays, it was announced today.

The tree is in the north Dyer-ville flat redwoods of Humboldt State park in Humboldt county, 100 yards from the Redwood highway 28 miles north of Garberville. More than 100,000 tourists visit the grove each year.

The lighting equipment for the tree will generate 10,000 candlepower.

FOR HIS CHRISTMAS

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LAST TIMES TODAY

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VICTOR MATURE (that hunk of man!)

CAROLE LANDIS (...mmmmmmmm!)

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