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Year-End Roundup

In the column which appeared under this heading a year ago, there was expression of apprehension over the prospects for the new year then dawning. "It will be a fateful year," we said, fearing what has happened—the outbreak of war in the Pacific. That event has overshadowed all else in 1941 for the Midland Empire, and for all America.

A disturbed world enters 1942. Here in the Klamath country, almost dead center on the Pacific coast, the significance of the situation is well realized. Here the danger and the challenge of what happened on December 7 struck with tremendous impact on the consciousness of the people. And here, we believe, sound, sensible Americans, who have kept their feet on the ground throughout trying emotional experiences of the last two years, are prepared to meet without flinching whatever 1942 has to offer.

And that, let there be no doubt, will be plenty! No thoughtful person says "Happy New Year" without realizing it.

Now that it has happened, the outbreak of war can perhaps be more coolly and realistically viewed than when it was out there in sinister prospect. We know that for 1942 it means busy, hard-working, alert months ahead. It means business.

For an example well worth emulating, let us consider the plans of Klamath's agriculturists. A survey among them shows intention to produce more extensively than ever before the crops that mean foodstuffs for a nation at war. They started it as a plan to produce "food for defense" but they soon changed their slogan to "food for fighting." From Klamath's fertile crop land and its far-flung ranges will come an unprecedented flow of meat, vegetables, dairy and poultry products. Only an unbelievable bad break in the weather, or an actual invasion, can stop it.

The rest of us may well make our plans according to the same pattern. We must give our best to whatever job is laid out for us—and if there are those who don't know what their job is, they should be finding out.

So much for 1942. Looking back over 1941, there are important things which can be viewed with satisfaction by the citizen of this community.

The year saw the extensive development of Klamath's fine municipal airport. This came through federal aid, but not without significant local help. Klamath Falls people voted overwhelmingly the money to finance the community's part in the development. They are ready, we believe, to carry on further if the airport comes to play a more definite part in the defense of this section of our country.

The airport stands as the major civic achievement of the year.

Progress was made along other lines, however. Klamath Falls got ahead in working out the traffic problems that have plagued us through years of rapid growth. A signal system brought orderliness to downtown traffic. A community-wide traffic safety program was instituted.

The year saw the steady development of the Tule lake sump and tunnel project, long a major civic enterprise here. It saw further work on the main highways of this territory, and their recognition as a superior route for both civil and military travel. It saw a solution to the long-standing Sprague River road problem.

There were, of course, many plans made and many

dreams dreamed that did not come to realization. War and the approach of war sidetracked them, but they will be taken up later, when there is time.

A pleasing aspect of the past year was the lack of local bickering and controversy, which has marred too many of the years now gone. Public officials generally worked smoothly together, with constructive results.

An exception to this harmonious picture may be found in the labor disputes that occurred in 1941. These were inevitable—and yet, they were less serious than those that have been experienced elsewhere under similar circumstances, and as the year ends these difficulties have generally faded into the background.

Surely, in the year to come, there will be greater need than ever for friendly understanding and active cooperation among all our people. There will be no time for petty quarreling that so often springs simply from boredom with monotony and a desire for "a little excitement."

Nineteen forty-two will bring plenty of excitement without that, and before it is over we may be longing for a little peace-time monotony.—M. E.

JUNIOR CHAMBER INSTALLATION SOON

The newly elected officers of the Junior chamber of commerce will be installed at the next meeting of that organization, Monday night, January 5 at the Hotel Elk. Regardless of present conditions, the new men are looking forward with optimism to the future of Klamath county and promise their support in all efforts to continue the progress made in our community by themselves and all other civic groups.

Those going into office are Dr. Hugh Curran, president; Howard H. Smith, vice president; Donald Sloan, secretary; Adolph Zamsky, treasurer; Walter Bowne, Jack Campbell, Francis Connor, Hugh Geary, John Harris, Joe Lemen, Oliver Moen, Arthur Ricklieb, directors.

Dr. Curran replaces Joe Bally, outgoing president, who has enjoyed a successful year full of added activities and many projects.

Pardon Board Asks Term of Alturas Man Be Reduced

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31 (UP)—The state advisory pardon board Tuesday recommended the sentence of Harry French, Alturas, convicted of murder in a newspaper feud, be reduced from life imprisonment to a term of 25 years.

French originally was sentenced to death for killing Claude McCracken, Alturas publisher, who was a bitter rival of the French family, publishers of another Alturas paper. The death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

The latest recommendation opened the way for French's release after he has completed the minimum requirements of a 25 year term. He has been in prison since 1937.

HEART BEATS
Stopping the heart for five seconds may cause unconsciousness, but it is possible to restore life after the heart has stopped beating for 15 minutes under some circumstances.

Read the Classified page

THURSDAY - FRIDAY
DOORS OPEN 12:30 THURSDAY

2 BIG FEATURES FOR NEW YEARS

THRILL FEATURE No. 1
THERE'S TROUBLE IN PARADISE!
When Jon (Hurricane) Hall Kisses Doty (Saraog) Lamour!

Dorothy LAMOUR
Jon HALL
in
Aloma of the South Seas
with Philip REED
Katherine DE MILLE
Lynne OVERMAN

Action Feature No. 2
Bob Steele
"Billy The Kid's Range War"

CONTINUOUS THURSDAY FROM 12:30

Local Guard Members Take Physical Exam

Klamath Falls' own, company B, Oregon State guard, met at the armory Tuesday night, when the regularly scheduled drill period was replaced by physical examinations for all.

Captain Van Vactor announced the arrival of arms for the unit, which will be issued next Tuesday night, at which time a program of intensive training and drill will be started and officers and noncommissioned officers appointed and the outfit generally rounded into a thorough-going military organization.

Uniforms have not yet been received and definite information as to their arrival has not been ascertained at this time. However, it was pointed out by Company Commander Van Vactor that with the arming of the unit, it will be ready to cope with any and all emergencies that may arise locally.

Courthouse Records

TUESDAY
Complaints Filed
Noma Gebert versus Henry Gebert. Suit for divorce. Couple married in Aurora, Ore., September 24, 1930. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment and asks custody of two minors and the sum of \$50 a month for support of minors. Maynard Wilson, attorney for plaintiff.

Decrees
Raymond L. Hoyt versus Fern J. Hoyt. Granted divorce. Edward E. Driscoll, attorney for plaintiff.

Marriage Licenses
HUNTING-TAYLOR, VeLoy Hunting, 22, Merrill, farm worker, native of Utah. Sylvia Frances Taylor, 18, Pasco, Wash., waitress, native of Washington

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—The future form of the world we are striving for, was not mentioned publicly by Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill. With Russia and China absent, possibly they decided to let the four freedoms stand as the broad war aim (freedom of speech, religion, from fear, from want) without further detail. Yet, this new year eve (as all thinking citizens will) the principal officials have naturally let their thoughts drift to what will come after victory.

A United States of Europe or a loose federation of European states is what most foresee as the main prospect. Either would be the guiding hand of Britain and Russia, but with the knowledge that the United States of America, with all its facilities and resources, is bound to be the greatest producing nation in peacetime history.

Such a union or federation should find encouragement in a decline of nationalism and a postwar revulsion against it. Hitler's plan to save Europe by conquest has already failed. His conquered nations are not producing either for him or for themselves. He cannot get them to produce his way.

It is obvious, too, that this future union or federation must be founded upon the capitalistic and gold systems fundamentally, if it is to deal in a world in which the United States and Britain are formidable influences. It will have to be provided free access to raw materials and freer trade. It must furnish more convincing guarantees of peace and disarmament.

Soaring idealists in London and Washington are still prattling about "union now," or at least, after the war. That idea has outworn its propaganda usefulness. It was taken up solely to promote pre-war propaganda purposes. No one in authority wants union yet.

We fought the revolution to get away from Britain and most officials around here think we were right in the first place. Economically the suggestion never made sense. The per capita debt of the British is so much higher than that of the United States, we would merely be undertaking added financial responsibilities without gain.

Closer cooperation will be pur-

sued to the fullest by Washington, but union never.

BLANK SPOT

The blank spot in the mind of all statesmen thinking upon this post war subject, of course, is Russia. Yet the democratic ideal may not prove, at the end of this war, to be as far from Russian purposes as heretofore. The union of soviet socialist republics has been slipping entirely away from pure communism and approaching capitalism gradually through the force of necessity for many years. The primary doctrine of Stalinism is practicalism. No doubt Stalin looks ahead toward added territory far more feebly than to political theories.

FAR EAST PROSPECTS

Far East prospects are not clear. Offhand it sounds easy to hand Japan over to the Chinese and Russians for assimilation which would remove that unhappy race. But unstable China herself is not united. In a few months the Chinese would be fighting among themselves as they were even this year, with an aggressor in their front yard.

China lacks the necessary instincts for industrialization. India has exhibited far more prowess in this respect these past few years. She could well become the ultimate successor to Japan. Otherwise the Orient might—unbelievable though it seems—lapse back to the point where the Japanese, in defeat, could achieve a new industrial and political hegemony in that area.

CLOSELY KNIT

Some factors of the distant peaceful future are more obvious. The United States will certainly have around her in this hemisphere a unified family of nations closer knit than before. Britain will have both its dominions and its empire. These two areas of the world will remain politically erect, though economically they may be changed to a revolutionary extent. Surely they will have to supply the greater part of the world's goods in the postwar period.

Germany, France, Italy will

certainly be less important than before the war.

BETTER WORLD

A comforting thought is that it will be a better world in the postwar future if it can be anchored in re-established moral values. Never have people lived in comfort and peace without a national sense of justice, fair play, kindness and simple virtues. Strife, wars, disintegration always have accompanied a decline of Christian or religious ideals. Neither nations nor free people can exist long without spiritual foundations. Their solid restoration by this war offers the chief hope of the future.

Railway Laborer Killed Near Bieber

BIEBER, Calif. — Perry C. Moore, a railroad extra gang laborer, was run over by a train and killed, Tuesday, on the Western Pacific about three miles south of Nubieber. It was not known immediately how old he was, where his home was, or what family he had. Deputy Coroner J. H. Ryan of Bieber took charge of the body.

Colonial Realty Lands Opened to Lease by Bureau

The US bureau of reclamation announced this week they would accept bids January 6 at 2 o'clock for the leasing of approximately 1000 acres of land in the main division of the Klamath project, commonly known as the Colonial Realty company lands.

H. E. Hayden, superintendent of the Klamath project, stated eight tracts of land for grazing and agricultural purposes are included in the lot.

Seventy one per cent of all the passenger cars in the world are registered in the United States.

RAINBOW

LAST TIMES TODAY
— HIT No. 1 —
JEFFREY LYNN, GRENDA MARSHALL
"Money and the Woman"

— HIT No. 1 —
"FACE BEHIND THE SCAR"

* STARTS THURSDAY *
New Year's Day
CONTINUOUS FROM 12:30

Two Big Features

SUMMER PICTURE OF THE YEAR
HERE COMES MR. JORDAN
starring ROBERT MONTGOMERY
CLAUDE RAINS • EVELYN KEYES

— AND —

RITZ
FRONTIER TOWN
A GRAND NATIONAL HIT
CONTINUOUS SUNDAY
DOORS OPEN 12:30

STARTS THURSDAY

CONTINUOUS THURSDAY — DOORS OPEN 12:30

REPORT ENGLAND
BEING INVADED BY LAND SEA
AND AIR... CONFIRM OR DENY... REPORT R.A.F.
KNOCKING-OUT INVASION THREAT OVER CHANNEL... CONFIRM OR DENY... WHY
DON'T YOU ANSWER... CONFIRM
OR DENY... CONFIRM OR...

WAS THE WAR'S GREATEST STORY SUPPRESSED
BECAUSE A "YANK" CORRESPONDENT REFUSED
TO BREAK FAITH WITH THE GIRL HE LOVED?

DON AMECHE
as "Yank" Mitchell... who had the story that could betray an empire!
JOAN BENNETT
as "Red" Carson... a fighting "Englishman" who found love in bomb-torn streets!

CONFIRM OR DENY

RODDY McDOWALL
John Loder • Raymond Walburn
Arthur Shields • Eric Blore
Produced by Len Hammond • Directed by ARCHIE MAYO
Screen Play by Jo Swerling • Based on the Story by Henry Wales and Samuel Fuller
A 20th CENTURY-FOX PICTURE

Comedy Color Cartoon
Soldiers of The Sky
Latest War News

DOORS OPEN 12:30 THURSDAY

Feature Times
Thursday
1:20 - 3:28 - 5:36
7:45 - 9:52
Dial 4572

TODAY — THURSDAY

Two Happy New Year Hits!

— HIT No. 1 —
Your favorite radio hero in his most exciting Adventure!
James Ellison
Virginia Gilmore
"MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY in the CARTER CASE"

30c Inc. Tax

— HIT No. 2 —
John Boles
Mona Barrie
"THE ROAD TO HAPPINESS"

Continuous Thursday

(PINE TREE)

VOX

TONITE!

Gala NEW YEAR'S EVE FROLIC

BIGGEST HAPPIEST MERRIEST SHOW IN TOWN

FREE HATS HORNS BALLOONS SERPENTINE FOR ALL!

Sing HAPPY SONGS YOU KNOW AND LOVE TO SING!

DOORS OPEN 11:30
FUN STARTS AT 12:00

ON THE SCREEN
A Happy New Year Comedy Hit!

THE STORK PAYS OFF
Victor Jory • Rochelle Hudson

DIAL 4572 FOR INFORMATION

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