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Emphasis On Fire Problem

CIVILIAN defense emphasis in Klamath county has been placed on fire prevention and fire fighting, with definite justification because of danger to the big pine lumber industry in this area.

Danger exists in every fire season. In the war period, it is heightened, and in the war period it becomes even more important to protect the pine forests and the big mills that are turning out manufactured material for defense uses.

A number of constructive things have already been done to make the public conscious of the danger that exists, and to inform people what they can do to help. As the fire season approaches, this effort will take on the aspects of a campaign.

The public attitude already is encouraging. The action of the Sportsmen's association, expressing willingness to give up hunting and fishing if that becomes necessary to the safety of the forest resources, is an example of how people feel on this subject.

In no year has fire prevention been so important as it is in 1942, and in no year have there been greater potential dangers as the fire season approached. We who live in an important lumbering country must prepare ourselves to cooperate in every possible way in the anti-fire program this year.

Coordination Accomplished

AN important development is underway in the school systems of this community which has as its objective the close coordination of the elementary and high school programs. After years of discussion of the need for such an effort, the plan has been gradually worked out and a vital forward step is being taken in the current year, with one superintendent taking charge of the entire system for the first time.

To get the plan underway, the school boards of the elementary district, No. 1, and of the high school district, No. 2, began close cooperation. They have been meeting together to work out those phases that apply to the coordination program, until now what at one time seemed to be a desirable but almost unattainable development is now well along toward realization.

It has taken leadership, cooperative spirit and a will to work for the general public welfare to bring all of this about. There have been many personal and technical problems involved, and not all have been solved as yet. The situation is now in the status of practical cooperation, with a number of technical details still to be handled. It is possible the completion of the effort will require action by the legislature at the next session.

People of the community who are interested in the welfare of the schools may take satisfaction in what has been accomplished. To the school boards which have undertaken the task, and those citizens who have advised and helped, should go the community's appreciation.

Girl Scout Birthday

GIRL SCOUTS have just observed Birthday week. Girl Scouting was brought to this country from England by Mrs. Juliette Gordon Low. The organization is non-sectarian, non-political and non-profit-making. What Girl Scouting means may be summed up in a statement made by President Roosevelt, as follows:

"Young people who are learning, as Girl Scouts are learning, to think for themselves, to be self-reliant, resourceful, active participants in their own community, are the best assurance of the continuance of democracy that we can have."

To Klamath Girl Scouts and Girl Scout workers, birthday congratulations. It is a great work.

OBITUARY

ROSEMARY MORENO
Rosemary Moreno, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moreno, passed away at the family residence in Dorris, Calif., on Saturday, March 14. Baby Rosemary was born in Dorris, Calif. one month and 27 days ago. Rosemary will be laid to rest in the Picard cemetery in Dorris, Calif. Sunday, March 15. Ward's Klamath Funeral home in charge of the arrangements.

DICKIE JAYNE
Dickie Jayne, the infant son of Richard Jayne, passed away in this city on Friday, March 13. Besides his father he is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Jayne of Payette, Ida., and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Smith of this city. The funeral service for little Dickie and his mother, Winona Jayne, will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street, on Tuesday, March 17, at 2 p. m., the Rev. L. H. Hart officiating. Commitment service and interment in the Linkville cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

WINONA JAYNE
Winona Jayne, a resident for the past three years, passed away in this city on Saturday, March 14. The deceased was a native of Knobel, Ark. and was aged 19 years, 7 months and 3 days when called. She is survived by her husband, Richard, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Smith; three brothers, Ray and Warren Smith and Leslie Alexander; two sisters, Mrs. Wanda

Bates and Mrs. Beryl Lawson; a grandmother, Mrs. Ettie Jones, all of this city. The funeral service will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street, on Tuesday, March 17, at 2 p. m., the Rev. L. H. Hart of the First Baptist church officiating. Commitment service and interment in the Linkville cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

FRANK TAYLOR LADY
Frank Taylor Lady, a resident of Chiloquino, Ore., passed away in this city on Saturday, March 14. The deceased was a native of Canyonville, Ore. and was aged 68 years and three months when called. He is survived by a son, Frank T. Jr. of Chiloquino, Ore.; a daughter, Mrs. Lucy Williams of Albany, Ore.; two brothers, Arch of Riddle, Ore. and Low of Dillard, Ore.; three sisters, Mrs. Jennie Dyer and Mrs. Dell Warren of Prospect, Ore. and Mrs. Lulara Stevenson of Myrtle Creek, Ore. Mr. Lady was a member of the Myrtle Creek lodge A. F. and A. M. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street, where friends may call.

TRAPEZE ARTIST DIES
SCAPPOOSE, March 16 (AP)—Funeral services will be held Tuesday for Mrs. Alice Mae Rhodes, 77, who as a member of the Edgerston troupe, was one of the first women flying trapeze artists to tour the United States and Britain. Mrs. Rhodes, who died Friday, retired in 1908.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 16 — The key to the whole World war situation is on the Russian front. It will be turned one way or the other within 60 to 90 days.

If Hitler's last desperate effort this spring fails to destroy the red army and reach oil, reasonably prompt counter action by the united nations could force him to his knees. Japan could not long continue the war without the distracting assistance of her Berlin ally.

But if the reds are eliminated from this war as a formidable force this spring, Japan and Germany will rule the rich resources of two continents. It will be the world against the U. S. and Britain. A devastating conflict of many years' duration would be the least of the live possibilities.

This realistic interpretation is apparently moving current policy of our government. Aid to Russia has recently been rushed through both oceans. A sign that the nazis know the importance of this aid was given when Hitler moved the Tirpitz up the Norwegian coast.

REDS SEEK JUMP

The reds are supposed to be mustering a secret army of a million and a half men (91 divisions) to throw in upon the nazis massing for a spring drive on the South Ukrainian front. The idea is to get the jump on the Germans, throw them off balance, before they can get their own offensive going.

The tale, however, seems to be just a little too well known. It has been seeping out of Stockholm, Bern, Vichy and even London. No doubt the reds have organized something along this line. Question is whether it is as strong as these sources have represented.

An ideal spot for such an attack exists, south of Kharkov. The reds have outflanked the Germans north of the city and if they can drive a salient in south of it, they can squeeze the nazis out.

CASPIAN FIRST GOAL

The nazis have been concentrating their own forces in the Ukraine for some weeks, and placing Italian, Hungarian and Rumanian troops in the Balkans (for police duty to relieve their own men for the front?). Their natural first objective is the Caspian sea, to cut the mouth of the Volga, to seize Baku, and thus throttle the Russian source of oil.

Encouraging claims of great Russian victories you have been reading through the winter, relate to the northern front. The reds have driven the Germans back an average of only 40 miles in the south. Apparently they used their available reinforcements wholly in the north. Consequently what they had in the south was insufficient to follow through their initial successes at Rostov and in the Crimea.

The weather should allow the nazis to start their southern offensive in about a month, if the reds do not disrupt their organization first. The mushy period of thaw ordinarily does not last there beyond April 15.

GUESSWORK

No one here or elsewhere knows what the reds have on their front. They do not allow outside military observers to accompany their troops. Consequently any effort to gauge their chances in this fateful spring is largely guesswork.

They are certainly better off in many respects than when facing the initial onslaught last fall. They have destroyed one factor conclusively—the idea that the nazis army is "invincible." They have lost a lot of men, probably several times what the Germans have lost.

But still they have greater manpower today than the Germans. Their factories in the Urals are increasing production. They are getting equipment. Consequently, the prevailing authoritative impression is their army is at least likely to survive destruction. It may have to give ground, but it should not be annihilated.

Of course, if the rumored attack south of Kharkov is successful, if they can edge up to the Crimean peninsula and cut it off, if Dnepropetrovsk is recaptured and a blow straight south to the Black sea develops, their visible chances will improve immeasurably. Their morale-building victories in the north have relieved Leningrad and Moscow, but the supposition here is that Hitler will not strike again along that line to capture two empty cities.

All eyes here are on the south of Russia and will remain fixed there.

SIDE GLANCES



"I'm not as lazy and ungalant as it seems. My wife's working for a motor corps assignment and this sort of thing is part of her required training."

Klamath's Yesterdays

From the files — 40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From The Klamath Republican March 20, 1902

Judge Benson has rendered a decision in the case of McCall versus Porter, a suit for injunction in Lake county. The trouble grew out of the use of water in Buck creek.

H. P. Cotton, who was shot by J. C. Messenger in an altercation near Ashland last week, died from the wound. Messenger was lodged in the county jail at Jacksonville to await trial.

Local delegates to the republican convention are Thomas Martin, L. B. Applegate, C. H. Withrow, E. N. Colson, A. L. Lettice, C. I. Roberts, A. Kershaw, R. S. Moore, F. H. McCornack, E. S. Phillips, E. J. Boyd, Otto Heidrick, Fred Schalkoff, H. T. Chitwood, James Moore, C. R. DeLap and B. S. Grigsby.

From The Evening Herald March 16, 1932

A half million dollars worth of work in improving property in Klamath was the goal set today in an effort to create jobs for the unemployed.

Klamath potatoes in wooden crates were placed on sale in local stores today.

Miss Betty Zimmerman spent the weekend in Hornbrook, Calif., visiting her mother.

Twin sons were born at Klamath Valley hospital Tuesday night to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tarr of Weyerhaeuser.

FUNERALS

HANS HANSON

Funeral services for the late Hans Hanson who passed away in this city on Sunday, March 8, 1942 were held in Linkville cemetery on Saturday, March 14, 1942, at 11 a. m. Commitment services and interment followed. Arrangements were under the direction of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home of this city.

JERRY JOHNS

Funeral services for the late Jerry Johns who passed away at his residence east of Merrill, Ore., on Friday, March 13, 1942, at 4:30 p. m., will be held in the chapel of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home, Pine street at Sixth, on Tuesday, March 17, 1942 at 2:30 p. m. with the Rev. Lawrence Mitchelmore, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Merrill, Ore., officiating. Commitment services and interment family plot in Linkville cemetery. Friends are invited.

PINE TREE

Monday and Tuesday
Scatterbrain's Here Again!
Sleepy-time gal
JUDY CANOVA - BILLY GILBERT
SKINNAY ENNIS & HIS ORCHESTRA
★ ADDED TREATS ★
"Dogs You Seldom See" "Craig Wood"
"Fire Chief" Latest News

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 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.

THE SMOKE ORDINANCE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—It now appears that the anti smoke crusaders have won out and that the city council is about to pass the smoke and soot ordinance. Much has been said about the smoke and soot problem but it has been all one sided. In all fairness, I believe something should be said for the other side or in behalf of the parties to whom this ordinance is directed.

First, however, I wish to make it clear that the views expressed are entirely my own.

In my opinion, the council isn't using very good judgment in passing this ordinance. Why pass ordinances or laws that can not be enforced? Most every one around here knows that the "pows" that be in the city hall have their guns trained at the city heat plant and the Big Lakes lumber plant. Seemingly, Ewauna Box company's mill and power plant are just out of range.

People have been making a noise about smoke and passing smoke ordinances for more than 600 years and this long campaign against the nuisance has had little effect.

The first smoke ordinance passed in England during the reign of Edward the first, made burning of "sea coal" which produced smoke, a capital offense punishable by death. A rather severe penalty. However, the ordinance being enacted here provides a stiff enough penalty for its violation as to defeat its purpose. Before an ordinance like this is passed, wouldn't it be far better and more democratic to have an intelligent survey made by a committee or someone who understands fuel, combustion and industrial furnace problems to find out what the plant owners are up against and get as clear a picture as possible of the whole problem? Just what are cinders, soot and smoke? Substantially, it is fuel which has been arrested in various stages of incomplete combustion by lack of oxygen and temperature.

What are the conditions that cause smoke, soot and cinders? Lack of air, lack of room in furnace, furnace temperature too low, heavy overloads, fluctuating loads, varying quality and condition of fuel and many others.

Pine, in the form of sawdust, shavings and hog fuel as it comes from the sawmill, planer and box factory, is one of the most difficult of fuels with which to achieve smokeless combustion, especially when used in connection with fluctuating load of a lumber and box manufacturing plant. Most boiler plants are overloaded and boilers are expensive to buy and as long as they can pull the load with the boilers they have I can't see how anyone should expect them to make heavy investments in something they can get along without.

It will cost a considerable amount of money in labor and equipment which is getting increasingly difficult to obtain, to help the soot and smoke problem.

Why pass an ordinance like that at this time? After all, the Big Lakes plant and also the heating plant have been there a good number of years and a few years more is not going to make much difference. The prevailing winds are from the north and northwest so most of the dirt and soot from these plants is carried out over Lake Ewauna. We are in a very serious war and it seems to me we all have enough to worry on our hands now to lick Hitler and the Japs. Judging from the write-ups in the Evening Herald and also the wording of the ordinance, plants burning sawdust and hog fuel are the only ones that discharge soot cinders and smoke. What about the railroad that runs through the center of

town and also the SP roundhouse? At times when they are "steaming up" cold engines in the roundhouse, black smoke rolls out of the stacks so thick and black as to obscure both the roundhouse and viaduct. All of us who burn carbonaceous fuel such as wood, coal and oil contribute to the smoke and soot nuisance and Mr. Rickbell, who heads the smoke and soot committee is just as guilty as anyone as he sells oil burning heaters and they also produce plenty of smoke and soot under some conditions. Ask anyone who has walked past some house just as the occupants tossed into their stove a handful of the so-called soot remover or ask some housewife who has just got her wash on the line when her neighbor does the soot purging act. However, I see they have taken care of this by exempting (section 5) cooking and heating apparatus and for appliances serving or used by two families or less.

Section 6 of the ordinance provides that the police department, building inspector, fire chief and city engineer shall be the smoke and soot inspectors. Just what standard of comparison are they to go by when they declare a stack or chimney is discharging excess soot or smoke? In combustion engineering, we have the Ringelmann charts which are far from satisfactory and leaves plenty of room for argument.

No, the soot, cinder and smoke problem is not so simple that merely passing an ordinance is going to solve it. If that was the case, probably it would be well to pass another to take care of the city jail problem. I have resided in Klamath Falls since 1929 and it seems that about every year some civic body, grand jury, some organization or committee have paraded on a tour of inspection through the city jail and in their reports have roundly condemned it as being filthy and dirty and not fit for people to be in. After the last inspection an estimate was given as to the cost of cleaning up this problem and if I remember right it was \$10,000. Well, if it would cost that much it really must be in a bad condition. Well I can't say, as I have never been in the basement of the city hall either looking in or looking out.

In considering this soot ordinance, it may be well to keep in mind that the lumber industry with their large payroll and heavy taxes, are of far greater value to the city of Klamath Falls than the city is to the lumber industry. I believe Mr. Rickbell will admit that the lumber industry's payroll has helped considerable to make it possible for Ricky's to expand into their present modern place of business.

It seems as though the soot and smoke problem will remain like the weather problem and I might add, the city jail and cockroach problem. Everybody talks about it, but not much is done about it.

Yours truly,
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HOW IT SMELLS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—This morning, I am writing to my congressmen — perhaps I can help the office of Civilian Defense — they may have missed a few bets. Last night, Mr. Fulton Lewis Jr., gave a report on this office as it isn't the first time it has been in the news, but it does get better and better. Yesterday, he reported that there are several hundred in this office, to name a few, Coordinator of Badminton, Coordinator of Bowling, Billiards, etc., in the B's "Code" ball, marbles, ad infinitum an amusement. Perhaps I took the wrong mathematics, but the way I figure the boys at the front would appreciate this much more if the coordinators would play their mumbly peg, marbles, etc., at home and the money they are now using could be made into real damage in the form of a bomber. Perhaps I am

Capitol Dome Gets War Paint



Dull gray war paint cloaks brilliance of \$11,000 worth of gold leaf on dome of Massachusetts state house in Boston so it won't be a shining air raid target.

misjudging these gentlemen, perhaps they are donating their time, office rent, stationery, and materials and are really working for the good of the American people, but I still think these coordinators could do more real good on the working end of a hoe or shovel and they may be surprised to find themselves developing a physique almost as good as they would have developed, under the coordinator of Billiards. According to Mr. Lewis, no one was able to tell him what code ball was, but the coordinator was Mr. Code. We wondered why these men in Washington laughed at the Jap sub attack on Santa Barbara and other scares, we've had on the coast, but we did not know as they did, that we were protected by the coordinator of marbles, ergo the Jap shells cannot hurt us. Let's write to our congressmen, you know what ridicule did for their pensions, perhaps we could even help out with a few suggestions, office of coordinator of Ring-Round-Rosie or something as helpful.

Mr. Lewis is good enough to tell us the top of the news in Washington as it looks from there, let's let them know how it smells from here.

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TRAGEDY AVERTED

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—A tragedy was averted on South Sixth street Thursday about 6 p. m. The one to whom gratitude and credit should be expressed is unknown and this is sent in hopes it will catch his attention. I had taken our five year old daughter to a neighborhood shop for our haircuts and finishing ahead of her started to cross the street to make a purchase. Daughter came out and started to follow me. I called to her to stay where she was. She did not heed and I glanced back to see her start to run across the highway towards me. I screamed at her to stop as a car was coming and coming fast. She kept coming and with but a very few feet to spare that car came to an instant stop because of your skillful driving, the perfect condition of your car and your quick thinking. In my excited reaction, I did not thank you and you were gone when I would have done so.

A grateful family does thank you and everyone should know that there are these fast but SAFE drivers like you on the road as well as the kind we more frequently speak about who have made so many saddened homes.

We hope you see this.
Sincerely yours,
Our Family.

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MONDAY, MARCH 16
Community Concert Association
Presents
"MARRIAGE OF FIGARO"
COMING TUESDAY
THE LOW-DOWN STORY
OF A HIGH-CLASS GIRL
GINGER ROGERS
or
ROXIE HART
The Merry Higgins Family
in
"MEET THE MISSUS"
Adolphe MENJOU
George MONTGOMERY