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Weekend Roundup

PROBABLY most other American communities give as much comparatively to their young people through the schools as does this one, but certainly no one can accuse us of shirking along this line. As youngsters go back to classes in the next few days, we can have the satisfaction of knowing that we have spared nothing in an effort to make the educational system of Klamath Falls and the Klamath basin equal to the best.

One thing that has always impressed us about Klamath county is that we are not given here to having serious school rows. This scribe has lived in some communities where they had battles of this sort that were really dingy, and they had unhappy effects that lasted for years.

There are occasional disagreements here as to policy and personnel, and there is certain to be a little controversy if people take an interest in school affairs. But there are none of those damaging free-for-alls where hides are hung on fences, careers are ruined, lifetime enmities created, and the educational process interrupted while a lot of silly adults let themselves go. Thank heavens for that!

Consider, for instance, the fact that in the last two years there has been accomplished in Klamath Falls a change in the school administration program that was talked about for years as desirable but fearfully approached because some of us thought it might cause trouble.

It was long recognized that the administration of Klamath Union high school and the city elementary district should be combined under one head. Despite all the technical and personal problems involved, this has now been done. For months, the boards of the two districts have been meeting together, and a coordinated program developed under a single superintendent.

It was done with a minimum of difficulty, and individuals who might, for personal reasons, have made trouble, were found to be most cooperative and helpful. Now, another long-talked-about development, a junior high school, is about to be accomplished, likewise without difficulty.

There are still some things to be done in the city and suburban school systems to round out a more satisfactory set-up. Experiences of the past few years indicate that these, too, can be accomplished without serious difficulty.

Where does The Dalles-California highway touch California, and thus justify its name?

This highway used to extend to Malin, and enter California just south of that southern Klamath town. But no one refers to the highway south of Klamath Falls, running to Malin, as The Dalles-California highway any more. This road is more important than ever before now, with its connection with Tulelake, Alturas, Reno and even Los Angeles, but it isn't The Dalles-California highway.

The Dalles-California highway north of Klamath Falls is designated as U. S. 97. Logically, then, one would suppose the Oregon section of No. 97 south of Klamath Falls would be The Dalles-California highway. But is it? It is universally referred to as the Weed-Klamath Falls highway.

So far as popular usage of names is concerned, there is no The Dalles-California highway south of Klamath Falls. And possibly, some day, all of No. 97 from Chemult to Weed, California, plus the Willamette highway, will be designated as 99E or Pacific highway east, with No. 97 joining the Pacific highway at Chemult instead of Weed.

Maybe the recent California primary election has left you confused, if you are an Oregonian, because of the cross-filing down there.

In Oregon primaries, a candidate can file only on the ballot of his own party. In California, you can file as your own party candidate, and the candidate of as many other parties as there are operating. Hence Earl Warren, republican, not only ran for the republican nomination, but also for the democratic. He got the republican nomination, and made a strong race for the democratic.

But you can't get the nomination of a party not your own, even if you get the most votes there, unless you get the nomination of your own party, also.

Omission of the auction sale deadened public interest in the junior livestock show this year. It wasn't the event of former years, but individual returns to the young growers were quite satisfactory.

Incidentally, the first steer ever bought from a Klamath youngster in a show of this sort was purchased by Carl Steinsiefer, who has bought at least one steer every junior livestock show since that first time, many years ago. Bill Bailey of Merrill raised the steer Mr. Steinsiefer bought on that first occasion.

Klamath business men, like Carl Steinsiefer, have been generously buying this beef for years at high prices from Klamath farm youngsters. They deserve a lot of credit for helping put over an important farm youth program.—M. E.

Rev. Haynes Goes North to Attend Regional Meet

Rev. Eugene Haynes of the Community Congregational church left Wednesday morning for the North Western Regional conference at Pacific university, Forest Grove. There will be representatives from the four western states, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, and it is expected that it will be the largest regional meeting since 1935.

On Thursday afternoon Rev.

Haynes will be a member of the Ecclesiastical Council which will examine George Halsted, pastor of the Waverley Heights Congregational church in Portland, who will be ordained Thursday evening.

The conference opens its session Friday afternoon, and will close Thursday, September 3.

TREES PLANTED
WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (AP)—Nearly 700,000 trees were planted by Oregon and Washington farmers for forestry purposes in 1941, the U. S. Forest Service has reported.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29—A discouraging condition in some confused corners of the American public mind has been presented to me, in reader reaction to my recent effort to

clear some exceptionally unreasonable anti-war thinking on the part of an anonymous correspondent in Cincinnati.

In my mail-bag I found a vociferous minority of people

Paul Mallon who apparently want to do nothing in this war except argue about whether it is right, to argue about Mr. Roosevelt, the new deal, the British, the Jews, India, in fact practically everything except the question before the house, namely:

"The war—how to win it."

Apparently there are three groups of dissenters in this country, as represented in this mail. The first need not bother anyone. There were a few letters from exceptionally enthusiastic persons, like the one who threatened me not only with death but promised further personally to assure an everlasting life in hell.

There is a second group of war dissenters who apparently do not care much about winning it, because they think it was started by the Jews, or by "Morgan, DuPont and John D." or by Mr. Roosevelt, or the British, or practically anyone except the Japs and Nazis.

It is not necessary to argue with people who hold these views. To clear them of their confusion it should only be necessary to point out that no matter who started the war, they themselves are in it, we are all in it.

The fighting is not restricted to those whom they accuse. If they are right, completely right, in all their wildest accusations, the slightest sense of self-preservation will tell them they had better strain every ounce of energy they possess to win, or they will live under the rule of the despised Japs (who promised to make peace in the White House) and nazis.

THIRD GROUP

The absence of this second group from the war effort might not make any important difference in our conduct of the war, if they were not strengthened indirectly and perhaps unintentionally by a third group of citizens. This third group is the one that worries me.

If I believe my mail, they are earnest Americans, seekers for truth, who did not like either Mr. Roosevelt's foreign policies or domestic policies before Pearl Harbor, whose minds are filled with such recollections as the president's promise not to send our boys to foreign soil,

a promise he could not keep. In their disillusionment and confusion, this group is failing to contribute enthusiasm, work, dollars or even scrap metal to the cause.

These are the people who see that the doctrine of the four freedoms has not been conscientiously applied in the past by many of our allies, Britain as well as Russia. Some of them see lax labor discipline in our midst, inefficiency, the big debt, uncertain goals, and they sink into despair. They are the disillusioned idealists.

NO ACTION

They think they are logical and dealing in truths. Yes, but only up to the point where they must reach a conclusion as to what they intend to do about their grievances. Their complaints are founded in some justice, so they think only about these complaints, but never do they say what they think should be done.

In all the hundreds of letters reaching me, not a single correspondent in this third group suggested any course of action. They dare not bring themselves to it.

They dare not face the conclusion implied by their argument, because that would bring them to advocate surrender—surrender of the country to the Japs and Nazis.

They cannot meet the obvious consequences of their own position, and advocate peace, because they know peace today means surrender and national misery for many generations to come.

They must keep on moping about their grievances to an extent where they, as a mass group, are actually promoting the consequences of their position which they dare not face—defeat.

DOUBLE-CROSS

Whether they realize it or not, they are contributing to defeat, both negatively, by doing nothing constructive, and affirmatively, by their influence in thought.

That kind of disillusioned and honest idealism is a double-cross played upon our soldiers, our army and navy and marine corps even by some fathers, mothers and brothers of boys in the service, who do not realize where their thinking is leading them.

They are unfittingly undermining the safety of their own loved ones. Don't forget casualties are always greater on the losing side, and money must be raised by bonds to give our men proper power and protection.

Theirs is not idealism or truth at all, but plain blind unthinking political melancholia. I do not like to call groups of people names unless they choose names for themselves, but these people in this third group, will soon classify themselves as the "White Flaggers" of this country, if they do not stop moping about past events and pitch in to win. By their own position, they are already running up their own personal sign of surrender.

The only way out of a war—once you are in it—is to throw everything you have into it and win it. All other considerations must wait. Most of the country knows this, but apparently a few still do not.

SIDE GLANCES



"I had to choose between a permanent and non-slippery, so if I begin sitting out tonight you'll know I've danced through these thin soles!"

WAR QUIZ

1. This Army insignia is designed from the initials of an American soldier-president's nickname. Catch on?
2. What's the difference between Buna and Buna S, both currently in the news?
3. Even an Irish ship wouldn't want to fly Irish pennants. Why not?

ANSWERS TO WAR QUIZ

1. Insignia is of the "Old Hickory" division, honoring Andrew Jackson. The O surrounding the H, and the three

Roman-numeral 10's (indicating 30th Division) are blue on a maroon background.

2. Buna is a port in southern New Guinea, opposite Port Moresby, where Jap invasion troops recently landed. Buna S is a form of synthetic rubber.

3. Irish pennants are loose ends of rope hanging about a ship—rendering it the opposite of ship-shape.

Ladies' Quartet to Appear at Church

DORRIS — The Pasadena Ladies' quartet under direction of Field Manager E. D. Benson will present an evening of music at the Dorris Church of the Nazarene Friday, September 4.

There will be no charge for admission.

Telling The Editor

ABOUT POLITICS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — (To the Editor) — In regard to "politics" I wish to say that there is all kinds of politics, and all kinds of "politicians" however it is from political movements that we obtain our direct function of representative democracy, and out of these movements has been evolved our statesmanship which we have to have in order to carry-on as a free and self-governing people. We have to have a free and open expression by the ballot, in order to operate under our form of government, and it must come directly from the people, themselves, by their will as expressed at the polls, as to just who shall represent us, and as to just what policy of government shall be pursued. Hence it necessarily follows, that a people's government must come from the people by their expression at the polls, otherwise all government will drift into the hands of the professional politicians which are so much deplored, by many people.

A democracy by representation, can be no better than those who make up the body of the

great common citizenry, and everyone who desires to continue our form of government, must of necessity give some thought as to just how this government should be run. Of course we must submit to majority rule; that is the best that can be done. But we need that expression direct from the people, otherwise we cannot know what is desired. Hence it follows, that it is more than a privilege to vote; it is also a duty, and a very high privilege as well as a profound duty.

Yours respectfully,
Wm. F. B. CHASE.

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and
"Unseen Enemy"

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