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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4 — I never get close enough to Mr. Roosevelt to see how much he is laughing when he makes his biennial criticism of "the columnists and commentators" and the press.
He always uses this old line just before election. At least he used it two years ago just as he used defense plant inspection trips then.
It is a familiar Rooseveltian technique, amusing, easily explained, and probably generally understood by now.

The president always says he favors "straight news," meaning his news, the news he gives out to the press associations, and he would like to have nothing else in the newspapers.
You will never see much criticism of the war effort in this kind of news, except maybe a statement from a republican now and then, at the tail end of administration announcements.
But the kind of news that gets things done in Washington, that spurs administrators to new efforts and the inefficient ones to correction of their errors, or firing, happens to be the kind that Mr. Roosevelt says he does not like. It is good for his administration and for the prosecution of the war, but he does not like it.
No one expected him to like it. Nobody likes it. But both he and everyone else knows it must be done. He does not propose to abolish it, as far as I have heard.

SAME PURPOSE?
He merely mentioned again, before election, his old idea—and I assume for the same old purpose. If he can create the impression that all criticism of his administration is erroneous, the people will believe only the straight news—what his hand-out bureaus grind out.
He never has effected this result, for a very good reason.
He and other Washington officials assume criticism comes from newspapers and the radio. It does not. They are only the vehicles of criticism that exist in the minds and hearts of the people and government officials. The origin of criticism lies in those two sources alone.
The newspapers and radio merely express it, because they know if it becomes public, a demand is thereby created for correction of the situation to which their accusing finger is pointed.
If all the press and radio were abolished this moment, criticism would not cease. The only way Mr. Roosevelt can stop criticism is to make the war effort 100 per cent efficient, instead of 94 or 95 per cent, as he says. If we would start winning the war, much or all of it would die away.
I think the truth is the president knows he has the press over a barrel, and he likes to paddle it every now and then. With one hand he feeds out official news—sparingly and under censorship now—while with the other, he paddles the press for carrying anything else.
I will bet it gives him endless hours of amusement. All the censored and chastised press can do is protest. That it did, in an official presentation to the White House about the secrecy of the trip.
His protest will be filed away by the White House, thereby setting a precedent for the press. It can file away the president's criticism, continue to support him and his war effort.

POLITICAL ADVANTAGES
Also, he gained something of a personal advantage in getting out of town during the farm bloc over inflation, preventing bloc members from getting near him with various alternative proposals.
Mr. Roosevelt denies the trip was political in any phase, and points out he saw only the elected officials, not the candidates. I think, however, the

forts as it so ardently has been doing.
Ho hum! This is where I came in about twelve years ago.

Plenty of reasons can be found for Mr. Roosevelt's defense inspection tour.
Two days before it was concluded, War Producer Nelson gave out some figures on August production, which he said were "not worth bragging about." He showed the goals fixed by the president were not being met.
Around Nelson's office, everyone knows, for instance, we will not meet the 60,000 plane figure this year, although we may come close. In fact, some WPB men now talk of Mr. Roosevelt's goal as a "dream program."
Limitations in labor and raw materials are hindering its fulfillment. Redistribution of both will help.
Just now the army and navy are getting the first four A priorities (the first four categories of demand on materials) for a six months period which will end next February.
They cannot get much more but they can shift raw materials into implements they must have first and decide what they can wait for until later. This is the new phase into which the production effort is heading.

There may have been other reasons for the trip. Friends of the president explain that he goes stale on the job whenever he must stick to the White House for long, and that it peeps him up to get out on trips around the country.
trip had certain definite political advantages.
Some of you may recall that in this column published September 19, it was reported the administration politicians were alarmed at the lightness of the primary vote, particularly at the failure of war workers to go to the polls, and that Mr. Nelson had issued an invitation to such workers to take time from their jobs to cast ballots.
This is the class of workers with which the president came into direct contact on his trip. It is the class which the ad-

SIDE GLANCES



"She hasn't been any good since the boy joined the Army—the only thing she'll point is that old tree where they used to stop and rest."

CAMP WHITE URGES ARMY RELIEF USE

Greater utilization of the emergency aid facilities available to dependents of army personnel through the army emergency relief was urged today by headquarters, Camp White, Oregon.
In some instances recently, dependents of service men have suffered needless hardships and distress from causes incident to military activities. Wives have been stranded without funds, mothers and children have failed to receive insurance or pension payments, other dependents have been unable to obtain needed food or medicine, and the individuals involved did not avail themselves of the assistance that army emergency relief provides.
Supplementing the work of the Red Cross in special cases, and cooperating fully with that organization, army emergency relief was formed to deal with just such difficulties.
Any postoffice, Army post, camp or station and Red Cross chapter or field office is authorized to help dependents obtain immediate assistance through Army relief.

Klamath's Yesterdays

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

From the Klamath Republican October 9, 1902
Paul Breitenstein began work on the new residence of Capt. Siemens Tuesday.

Major Worden has sold his band of 200 sheep to Sheriff Summers at \$3.25 a head.

The telephone line had reached the Henley ranch the first of the week on its way to Merrill.

The Central saloon and meat market have recently built a board covering for their front walk.

From the Evening Herald October 5, 1932
Judge W. M. Duncan has signed a decree in the final determination of the rights to the waters of Wood river and its tributaries.

A scientific study of midges and water conditions on Upper Klamath lake will be made by a group of state and federal authorities to come here this week.

Dorris Women's Club Assists Red Cross Chapter

DORRIS—The Dorris Women's club is assisting a project of the Butte Valley chapter of the American Red Cross by sponsoring a ticket sale for a special event to be held at the Dorris theatre Saturday, October 10.
A half case of shotgun shells will be awarded a lucky 25c ticket holder. Proceeds of the sale will be used to fill comfort kits to be given army and navy men embarking for overseas duty. The cost to outfit a comfort kit is \$1 and the local Red Cross chapter has a quota of 40 to fill.



Tread Lightly on the Throttle

ARE you holding it down to 35? American motorists, accustomed to speeds which have increased tremendously in recent years, no doubt find it difficult to tread lightly on the throttle in accordance with the recent wartime ruling.
But they are morally bound to keep their speeds to 35 miles an hour, or under, for very good reasons which are obvious to all. The exact ruling, as issued by Director Joseph Eastman of the ODT, is that no person shall drive at a rate of speed which is (1) in excess of the applicable speed limit duly prescribed by competent public authority, or (2) in excess of 35 miles an hour, whichever speed is the lesser.
The effect of the 35-miles-an-hour ruling is felt particularly by people who are accustomed to taking long trips. They will simply have to figure more time for those journeys.
But even so, our guess is that most of the violation will not be committed by these long trippers, but by people who really have no particular need for traveling at high speeds.

The Voter Pamphlet Incident

BEFORE each Oregon election, the secretary of state is required by law to publish a voters pamphlet, the purpose of which is to acquaint the voters with candidates, platforms and issues in a forthcoming election.
Unusual incident in connection with the pamphlet this year was an attempt by the state democratic executive committee to force the publication of President Roosevelt's picture in the pamphlet. President Roosevelt is not a candidate for office in the November election.
Upon advice of the attorney general, Secretary of State Earl Snell refused to accept the president's picture, as he would that of any other non-candidate, and he has now been upheld by the court which denied a mandamus action. It fully sustained the position taken by the secretary of state.
Because Mr. Snell is a candidate for governor, the attempt of the democratic committee smacks of a scheme to embarrass him. But Mr. Snell's position is so obviously correct, and it has been so held by legal authority, that the effect on public opinion is probably the opposite of that which was apparently intended. Nothing was gained for the state democratic ticket, and probably a good deal was lost, by permitting some one with a "bright idea" to attempt its execution.

A friend of ours, who has been working on a north-west defense construction job, tells us this one: On the job on which he worked, the method of paying the men was to send out pay-cars which sounded horns and the men immediately gathered around to get their checks. This was done on working time. On one occasion, our informant spent one hour and 15 minutes standing in line to get his check, and earned approximately \$1.75 while he was doing it. This obvious waste of time and money was not popular among the men, themselves, which is the only encouraging part of the story.

Harvest Dance in Merrill Will Celebrate Spud Crop, Replace Annual Festival

MERRILL—Gonna' be a lotta fun at the Harvest dance on October 10 that will celebrate the basin's potato harvest that should be in full swing by that time. Sponsors of the event which succeeds for the duration the Klamath Basin Potato Festival are out to bring in a full house crowd.

KLAMATH STUDENT ELECTED AT SOCE

SOUTHERN OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, Ashland—The freshman and senior classes at the Southern Oregon College of Education have elected officers for the coming year.
For the freshman class the following officers were elected: President, Robert Hollenbeck of Medford; vice president, Patricia Anderson of Ashland; secretary-treasurer, Barbara McLean of Klamath Falls; sergeant-at-arms, Fred Buehling of Ashland; class advisor, Dr. W. W. Wells.
For the senior class the following were elected: President, Richard Leigh of Ashland; vice president, Grace Lee of Marshfield; secretary-treasurer, Maxine Rand of Roseburg.

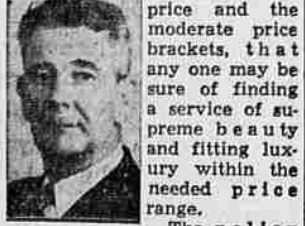
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Next Monday Mr. Whitlock of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home will comment on "Sensible" Masculine Garb.

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Amendment 1 to the Constitution of the United States of America.

It's from that Amendment, made effective December 15, 1791, that we derive one of our most important, one of our most precious freedoms—The Freedom of the Press. Some consider it the guardian of all our freedoms. From it comes truth and enlightenment for all our peoples. No wonder a "free press" is the first institution to fall before dictators, big and little. The news and editorial pages of this publication, its articles and comics, and these advertising columns have been used and will continue to be used in expressions of that freedom. It will not be abused. These columns will never disclose information of value to our enemies. But by the might and right of men who bear our arms, freedom of speech, freedom of the press will never die in these United States of America.

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