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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

CONSTRUCTIVE act in behalf of the youth of this community, which deserves emulation, was the contribution of \$5000 by Wilfred E. Lamm to a trust fund for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls.

Mr. Lamm's donation inaugurates the fund, and additions will be most welcome.

The purpose is to establish a trust fund which will sustain the work of the youth organizations in times of stress. If others follow the example set by the Modoc Point lumberman, a substantial fund can be built up which will assure permanence for the Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Camp Fire programs.

Ordinarily, these activities can be supported by currently-raised funds made up of smaller contributions which any citizen can make. But there may be times when these funds do not come easily, and it is in those times that the work of the youth organizations assumes special importance. It is then that the trust fund will come to the aid of the youth programs.

Not much has been done in Klamath Falls in the way of large private contributions to trust funds and other projects for the public welfare. Some time ago some effort was made to interest persons of considerable means in a substantial donation to the swimming pool project, with the idea of possibly establishing a useful memorial to some revered citizen or of permanently honoring a well known family. This plan did not bear fruit at the time, but it was worth trying, and further efforts along that line are worth while.

Mr. Lamm has broken the ice with his splendid contribution.



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News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—A highly placed British authority expects the German war front to collapse and bring peace to Europe by April.

Another British official, whose opinion is less to be respected than the first authority, has more definitely marked Easter, April 25, on his calendar as the ultimate day to which Hitler can hold out.

Both of these opinions are only personal guesses — but well-made guesses.

They are not necessarily based on any specific knowledge of events to come, but rather represent superior judgment on the prospects which all can see — namely, the pressure of the Russian winter campaign, plus the closing Anglo-American stranglehold on Italy, and intensified bombing of the continent (if not a new front in northern Europe) should break the war-will of the German army.

Japan is another matter, a matter of at least a year or more.



Mallon



"It's that way all the time now—we start out playing bridge or gin rummy and the first thing you know he's diagramming Admiral Halsey's strategy in defeating the Jap navy at Guadalcanal!"

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 welcomed.

WHO IS RIGHT?

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor) — Any school boy would be able to tell you that the great thinkers and sages, of not so long ago, believed with all their heart that the earth was flat; and woe betide to that forward soul who disagreed with them. More than one, who we now adore and venerate in our literature, lost his goods, his reputation, and finally, all too often, his life, for holding and teaching things of which we have long ago proved the utility, and accepted as a fact. But, are we better able to cope with the problems and opportunities of our day than were these ancients? Do we not still have the same tendency to believe the world revolves around us, our ideas, our affluences, whatever they might be? And watch the mud fly, if you dare to disagree with us; and upon these same principles, you could watch the massacres, the guillotine, and the headman's axe, if it were only in our power. However, some will wrongly use this characteristic of human nature, and try to make persecution an infallible test of their being right, for getting all the knaves and villains who have been rightly dealt with, for the good of the community, and the safety of all. They're using this consequently amounts to nothing more than a gainsay.

And what if some people have turned things upside down? Does that excuse all of our errors? Some would have us believe that we do not hold any errors that amount to anything, and "what-ever is, is right," or it wouldn't be with us. But these poor souls are devoid of the councils of history. No, "don't agitate the people," we say. Yes, you might wake us up—up from this sluggishness that resembles the torpor of death. And others will say, because they do not want to be disturbed, nor be put to the bother of setting their oracle upon the block with the others to weigh their relative values, "I wouldn't agree about it." Maybe they have an inward fear of the real value of their cherished idol, and on, how humiliating it is to be corrected!

Another one we lean on is this: "That which was good enough for our forefathers, is good enough for me. Human nature never changes." If it is applied to the One for whom Xmas was set aside, we know it is true. But if we apply it to anything else, or anyone's understanding of Christ, is that not wrong? Are we not accountable for more than our fathers, for "a pigmy standing on the shoulders of a giant, can see farther than the giant." (Some people, which too often includes us, are content to follow as these giants' heels, though, to their own loss). And yes, human nature doesn't change. But, let's take a look at it. All through nature we see over and over again the illustration of this law—that which fails to grow, dies. Yet, we will encumber ourselves and every-body within our influence with these truisms and philosophical idols we have set up in our heart, and they are hindering our growth.

Where then, shall we turn for a rule of life, one that will promote true happiness which never has a "hangover"? One of the prominent news commentators recently said in his address to America, that it was the "Ten Commandments." And by the way, what were these holidays

OREGON COURT NAMES BAILEY CHIEF JUSTICE

SALEM, Jan. 4 (AP)— Justice John O. Bailey was elected Oregon's chief justice today to serve a two-year term, succeeding Chief Justice Percy R. Kelly.

Justice Harry H. Bell, senior member of the court who has served continuously since 1925, was elected assistant chief justice, a newly created position. His duties will be to serve in absence of the chief.

Justice Kelly, reelected two months ago, will serve at least six more years on the court.

New Method

Today's elections, in which the seven justices took part, was the first under a 1941 law providing that the chief justice shall be chosen by the court itself.

Previously, the chief justice was the senior justice among those justices whose terms would expire at the following general election. But had the old method remained in effect, Justice Bailey, whose term expires at the next general election in 1944, would have become chief anyway.

Justice Bailey became a member of the court January 2, 1933, and was reelected in 1938. One of the most popular members of the court, he also is among the most liberal.

Klamath's Yesterdays

From the files — 40 years ago and 70 years ago.

From The Klamath Republican Jan. 1, 1903

Klamath Indians are trying to get a government settlement for lands erroneously excluded from the reservation.

I. D. Applegate plans a trip to the Philippine islands.

Christmas program at the M. E. church included a recitation by Lena Barnum and a song by Barbara and Hazel Goeller.

From The Klamath News Jan. 4, 1933

Mayor-elect Willis Mahoney came to town to claim the executive seat in spite of an ouster proceeding against him. Hearings will be held in circuit court. A torchlight parade was held in Mahoney's honor by his howling followers.

E. M. Hammond was re-elected president of the board of directors of the Klamath irrigation district.

which just slipped by, for? The One we commemorate said that He came that men might have life, and "have it more abundantly." The reason He was born was to vindicate His Father's mercy and justice in giving men the "Ten Commandments." If one of them could be changed, why need He come to save men from sin—that which the "Ten Commandments" defines? Would that not make the whole plan a mockery? And yes, there is one thing that God says He cannot do, and all heaven, earth, and hell take notice, it is this, "He cannot lie."

JOHN HARDING,
General Delivery.

Midland Empire News

Quartz Mt.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Davis and children spent last weekend in Medford visiting Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frazier.

Tuesday, December 22, a Christmas program was presented in the schoolhouse by the grade school pupils. The program was coached by the teacher, Mrs. McCain. The usual Christmas songs were given by the whole school and "Little Town of Bethlehem" was given by a quartette composed of Jackie McMurren, Betty Wright, Margaret Davis and Roger Wright. A piece called "Willy's Diary" was given by Eddie Francis, and Jackie McMurren gave "Do Not Open Until Christmas." A play was presented by all the students called "Grandfather's Stocking," with Eddie Francis playing grandfather. After the program, Santa Claus came with packages for all of the students and small children.

Donald McMurren and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones from Glendale, Calif., spent the weekend with Donald's and Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McMurren.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hertzog spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dinnie Bedord of Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Real, Cliff Real and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barnes and son spent Christmas with Barnes' grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barnes of Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Meloy and sons have moved to Reno, Nev., where Meloy expects to work on a new airport being built for the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Shadley were Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dean.

Quartz Mountain enjoyed, as usual, a white Christmas with a foot-and-a-half of snow.

Rhea Dunn has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Ewauna Logging company. Dunn takes the place of R. L. Lemaura who left last week after being with the company for six years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barnes entertained with a New Year's breakfast for Mr. and Mrs. Hertzog and Mr. and Mrs. E. McMurren and children.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hertzog for New Year's dinner were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barnes and son, Mr. and Mrs. Al Shadley, Mrs. Real, Cliff Real, Jack McMurren and Mr. and Mrs. Earl McMurren and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis spent Saturday in Lakeview.

BONANZA STUDENTS TO PRESENT PLAY

BONANZA — On Wednesday, January 6, at 8 p. m. the senior class of Bonanza high school will present, in the grade school auditorium, "Land Ho, Sailor," a three-act comedy written by William F. Davidson.

The scene of the play is Tampsaville, Fla. The plot revolves around a real estate deal in which Andrew Postelwaite, "The Big Copper King," finds his match in "Jack Smith," on league from the navy. The comedy is furnished by the life guard, Adolph, who can't swim a stroke, but stands on shore roaring directions because he is afraid to get his feet wet.

The cast of characters in order of their appearance include: Adolph Muehlengergler, a life-guard, Peter Lorenz, Milly, his sweetheart, Goldie Pauls; Andrew Postelwaite, wealthy real estate operator, Merrill Driscoll; Lucius Rayburn, Jean's fiancé, Glenn Hankins.

Edgar Tolliver, an auctioneer, Charley Hartley, "Flope" Fry, just 16, Willie Mae Randall; Jack Smith, a stranded sailor, Danny Givan; Jean Postelwaite, Andrew's young daughter, Mae Lilly; Carol Greenwood, in love with Lucius, Dorothy Jones; Clarence, "Flope's" weakness, Howery Roberts; Newsboy, Jack Driscoll.

Those attending the auction are the public speaking class.

Langell Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pepple left for their home in Seattle after spending several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pepple, and other relatives. On Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Pepple were given a charivari dance at the community hall by a large group of their friends. They were married the middle of December in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown and children spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Johnson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dearborn and family and Mrs. Mary Dearborn at dinner on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Monroe and Art and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dearborn were New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Partridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Leavitt and family spent New Year's day at Bonanza with Mr. and Mrs. Owen Pepple and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Teare entertained a group of friends and relatives at dinner on New Year's day. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Mason and Marilyn, Mrs. Mary Leidy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frazier and Miss Mildred Teare.

Harry Boyd of Klamath Falls spent the holidays with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott House.

Clara Ritter of Hildebrand spent the weekend with Mary Giff.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frazier entertained with "open house" on Christmas eve when friends were invited from 8 to 12.

Mrs. Mary Dearborn spent Sunday with her daughter and family, the Les Leavitts.

Willow Ranch

WILLOW RANCH, Calif. — The saw mill closed down last week indefinitely for lack of logs. Some of the crew will do repair work in the mill while others have left for the logging camp on the west side to act as fallers. C. L. Truitt, Marvin Wilson, Clayton Nielson and W. R. Bordwell were among those to work as fallers.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Evans are parents of a baby girl born at the Lakeview hospital Christmas day. She weighed six and one-half pounds and has been named Nina Katherine.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones and children Ruth and David spent Christmas with relatives at Klamath Falls.

E. H. Grebb and family spent Christmas at Medford. They returned Tuesday and are preparing to move to Medford at once where they have bought a farm.

John Collins and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Patient at Christmas dinner.

Joe and Leonard Havell arrived on furlough for Christmas. Joe is stationed at San Luis Obispo and Leonard in Massachusetts. They have returned to their camps.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Heryford and daughter Peggy spent Christmas in Alturas with Ralph's mother, Mrs. Ada Heryford.

Snoopy Bishop has been released from the flight training school at Bend and arrived home Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Truitt were hosts at Christmas dinner to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wilson and four children and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cunningham and daughter Barbara.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon had as Christmas dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Carlton and children and their son and family and daughter Della.

Miss Margaret Landrith arrived home Christmas eve from the University of California in time for a few hours' visit with her brother Cub and enjoy the family Christmas dinner that night. Christmas night Mrs. Landrith, Dick and Margaret took Cub to Klamath Falls where he took the train for his camp near Helena, Mont., where he is in training as a parachute trooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Smith and three boys, John, David and Tommy went to Klamath Falls Christmas day where they visited Bennie's brother John and family over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Koskello have been visiting friends in Lakeview this week.

W. D. Bishop has announced the purchase of the Leonard ranch at Davis creek, consisting of about 2000 acres.

The Contract club met with Mrs. G. W. Cameron Wednesday night. Mrs. W. D. Bishop held high score while Mrs. Ruth Mouliff held consolation.

Our Home Town

Something About Faith

By EARL WHITLOCK

You know, in common usage, we frequently employ the word "faith" for "credulity." When we speak of anyone as a man of great faith, we are usually trying to convey the thought that he is a man who accepts without challenge, whatever theory of life happened to have been instilled into his mind in his tender years and that he remains in the belief that this theory must be right. But is that attitude one of faith? Or is it one of over-caution?

Isn't the man of great faith rather one who possesses a confidence that the "universal scheme of things" will play fair with anyone who approaches it with intelligence and sincerity?

Throughout history the men of greatest faith have not been mere conformists. They have been pioneers. That is what the philosopher Lake means when he says that faith is not belief in spite of evidence. It is life, in scorn of consequences. No, faith is not just credulity. Faith is intelligent and courageous adventure. And it is faith in this adventurous sense, faith wearing the bright garments of courage that builds great careers, that gives birth to great religions, that lays the foundations for great science and that gives reality and meaning to all civilization.

Next Monday Mr. Whitlock of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home will comment on Remembering Names.



The Big Ten

READERS, who looked over our selection of the 10 biggest local stories of 1947 in the year-end edition, will be interested in a worldwide selection of the year's "big ten" stories which has been made by The Associated Press. Here it is:

1. United States landing in Africa.
2. Battle of Stalingrad.
3. Battle of Midway.
4. Bombing of Tokyo.
5. Conversion of auto industry.
6. Gasoline rationing.
7. Fall of the Philippines.
8. Execution of nazi saboteurs.
9. Boston night club fire.
10. Republican election gains.

How completely the war dominates the news situation is reflected in this selection. Eight on the list are definitely war stories. Only the last two do not belong in that classification, and the republican election gains may belong there. Republican election gains, incidentally, were also in The Herald and News list of the ten big local stories of the past year.

It Was Done Before

COUNTY court appointment of L. H. Craver to the state house of representatives recalls the fact that only once before, since the present 32nd district was formed, has the county court been called upon for a legislative appointment of this nature. It may surprise a good many readers to learn that it was ever done before, and it may also surprise them to learn that the appointee, in that instance, was Henry Semon.

Mr. Semon was first elected to the legislature in 1932. He was re-elected in 1934. When Governor Charles H. Martin was looking around the state for able democrats for various board appointments, his eye fell on the Klamath potato farmer, and he named Mr. Semon to the state board of agriculture in 1936, notwithstanding the fact Mr. Semon was a member of the house of representatives.

That brought up a legal question as to whether a member of the house could also hold such a board appointment, and the attorney general ruled that Mr. Semon's place in the 1937 legislature was vacant. Mr. Semon resigned as a member of the state board of agriculture, and the county court immediately appointed him back into the legislature. He had been elected to that position by the people and that was the job Mr. Semon preferred to do.

A similar situation arose that year with regard to Lew Wallace, who this year ran for governor. Mr. Wallace was serving in the house from Multnomah. He was appointed to the game commission by Governor Martin.

His seat in the house was declared vacant, and Robert Farrell, now secretary of state, was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Wallace decided to make an issue of it, and it devolved upon the house of representatives to decide whether Farrell or Wallace was qualified to assume the seat. The house seated Farrell. Mr. Wallace later became state senator from Multnomah county, and went on to run for governor. Mr. Farrell later became speaker of the house, and went on to win election as secretary of state. Those Multnomah politicians are ambitious.



HENRY SEMON

Was Appointed Once

Consider Reality

The peace will be made, not by Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Wallace, or by the American people, but by Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin, representing divergent and conflicting popular Russian, British and American opinions.

If we blind our eyes to the conflicting reality of what they represent, we will only be deluding ourselves temporarily.

Churchill obviously wants most the British empire. What Stalin wants, and has always wanted, is evident in the record of his public statements and actions.

What either of them truly desires is obviously at variance, to say the least, with the fondest hopes which Mr. Roosevelt has proclaimed through Mr. Wallace and otherwise.

Therefore, you can bet there will be a long armistice. Whether or not Mr. Roosevelt has a peace formula, the problem is so vast (larger than any which ever confronted this world before) and requires wholehearted acceptance by so many conflicting elements, that a satisfactory solution can only be obtainable by progressive steps over a long period.

In this situation, we will obviously have to get an agreement first on the mild and relatively unimportant generalities — the broad aims and ideals — and then work toward those hopes gradually.