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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY... remembered impressions of the 1943 legislature and Salem:

This legislature is generally believed to be one of the best in general intelligence and calibre of its membership in many years.

The weather at Salem at 25 above zero is colder than it is here at home at three above.

Men On Leave

WELL elaborate a little on that last item. The men from Camp Adair flocked into Salem by the hundreds on Saturday.

One got the feeling that there is probably nothing a town the size of Salem, and probably nothing any town can do, to entertain satisfactorily these restless youngsters.

At night, the hotel lobbies are crowded with soldiers. They are asleep on the davenport and chairs, on the stairs, and in the corners.

Going up to our room late Saturday at a Salem hotel, we were startled when the elevator door opened and there on the hall floor, directly in front of the elevator, lay a young soldier, dead to the world.

The man running the elevator was not startled. Such things were obviously commonplace to him.

The lad was pulled to one side out of the line of traffic, a pillow was placed under his head and he was wrapped in a warm blanket.

Charm at Salem

THE Oregon legislature, like the national congress, has its charming feminine sensation this year.

Stella Cutlip, joint representative from Cops and Curry counties, seems likely to cause as much stir among the males at Salem as will Clare Booth Luce in Washington.

Mrs. Cutlip is an attractive brunette. She is new to state politics, but she is getting along all right. She was chosen to help escort Governor Earl Snell at the time of his inauguration.

Mrs. Cutlip has been active in republican, civic and business circles at North Bend, her home town. Her husband has been mayor of North Bend. The Cutlips are in the ice cream business.

C. C. Chapman, in his "Who's Who in the 1943 Legislature," described Mrs. Cutlip as a "comely, effervescent body, with personality plus. If she needs a few votes to put through a pet measure it is hard to believe she cannot wheedle the mere male colleagues nearest at hand."

Mrs. Cutlip is gracious and intelligent. She should prove an effective legislator for her district and the state, and she will inspire more gallantry at the capitol than has been evidenced in many a moon.

Token Sessions

OREGON'S legislators usually adjourn their formal sessions on Thursday night in the first week of the session. But last week both senate and house held sessions on Friday and Saturday.

It wasn't because there was more business than is usual at this time. It was because the legislators are distinctly aware of public sentiment over the senate deadlock that delayed the legislative machinery for two days early in the week.

But the sessions that were held were no more than "token" meetings. There was really no formal business to be done.

The legislators are somewhat resentful of public criticism of the senate deadlock. They seem to feel that it was a battle of principles that was justifiably fought out to a conclusion, regardless of the time consumed.

Legislators do not always feel the way the public does about the legislature.

Annual Event

TURNING to matters at home, we want to remind readers of an important civic event coming Tuesday evening—the annual Founders' Day banquet of the Klamath County Junior Chamber of Commerce.

This event is in keeping with a tradition founded by the junior chamber a number of years ago. Its purpose is to reward younger men

with recognition that will inspire greater community service among young people here.

The speaker at the Tuesday night event is to be Robert W. Sawyer, Bend publisher. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Sawyer is an authority on western history.

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON... WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—The other side of the story of the rebellious anthracite miners has not been called much to public attention.

These miners work under a union check-off. The dues of the union are collected from their wages by the companies and turned over to the union. They cannot refuse payment of this kind of totalitarian levy without quitting work.

The 50-cents-a-month dues increase seems a pittance, but it is a 50 per cent increase, and the overlooked point is that the workers were not consulted.

Now no union can justify a strike against a people at war, especially not in the dead of winter during a fuel famine. But, if you were a miner, what would you do in this case? Your union is supposed to be your own organization, but too often the leaders are politicians who levy dues involuntarily through convention controls.

And what do the union leaders do with the money they thus take from the workers' toil? Well, John L. Lewis used \$500,000 or \$600,000 of these mine workers' funds to re-elect President Roosevelt in 1936. He also bought the University club for the United Mine Workers headquarters, the richest office in Washington.

The workers cannot appeal to the government to protect them from extortion. The government and all its laws are on the other side, the side of the union leaders.

These particular workers have been laboring only 35 hours a week during war-time, and recently have received an increase in pay for a sixth day. Whose fault this was has not been cleared up, but the evidence always seemed to me to hold John Lewis, the government price schedules and even the operators as much at fault as the workers for failure to break the contract sooner.

Little public sympathy has been given them in their recent rebellion for these reasons. At another time, and under different circumstances, their side of the story might have gained greater approval.

Wrong Impression

A FEW readers, not many, got the peculiar notion from my recent recitation of my fuel oil problems that I had become the meanest man in the world and that I was indulging in a personal complaint to get more fuel oil for myself.

As everyone knows, the government officials then were announcing that fuel rationing was perfect, that supplies were ample. The only way their error could be proved was by a detailed personal recitation of the facts of a typical average instance.

Much good was accomplished. Immediately, Mr. Henderson announced dealers must furnish oil to holders of coupons whether or not they are regular customers, and thereby he corrected the basic complaint of my first article. You can now get oil if you have coupons. Stories have been published since then indicating the government also will follow the line of subsequent articles and keep homes heated, closing recreational centers, schools and churches if need be.

Stacks of mail on my desk from rationing board officials and suffering consumers throughout the east and central states proves what I knew, that mine was not a personal fuel problem, but an example of a national problem of the average individual.

Prim Patriotism

THIS kind of criticism justifies itself by its defects it corrects in the war effort. Yet, there are a number of good citizens who have written me honestly advocating that this criticism and all other kinds be stopped. This is prim patriotism.

Criticism is barred only in the countries we fight against. Each man in a democracy must decide such a matter for himself. For myself, I see my duty very clearly.

Democracy gains in strength and wisdom from clean criticism, and the eternal vigilance of its citizens against wrong, their alertness in safeguarding their rights.

The press would serve this nation poorly in this war if it attempted to cover the wrongs, defects and inefficiencies by saying "yea" to everything. It might better not exist.

So also with the people in my opinion. They serve themselves poorly who will not speak for justice. If they become a "yes-people," they will become a weak people and they will deserve oppression.

Few government officials will correct their own mistakes, even after prodding, unless the prodding is strong.

But, to say that our people cannot face facts and truth in war-time is the worst criticism of this government, this nation and its people, that anyone could ever make.

It supposes the government is so bad and the people so weak-minded that they dare not face the facts of themselves. This, I know, is not true.

SIDE GLANCES



"Honestly, my phone hasn't rung of an evening for so long I jiggle it every night to make sure it's not out of order!"

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.

OPPOSES SALARY BOOST

MALIN, Ore., (To the Editor) So far none of your readers has expressed his stand on the subject of increasing the salaries of our county officials.

Our country has much at stake just now. Our boys are bleeding on the battlefields. They are sacrificing much to win this war and to make a better nation after the war.

Every one is asked to buy less of everything but bonds. That means that even though many things we figure are necessary have to be temporarily denied.

Now, I think that a salary in the neighborhood of \$200 a month is not a starving salary even in these war times, and I don't feel that the public that foots the bills are mistreating our servants.

It seems to me that the question of raising the salaries by the county officials was rather unwise. It flared up the public to the desire to want more and more for themselves.

Second Annual Doll Day Held at Shasta School

The second annual doll day was observed at Shasta school Wednesday and third grade pupils took care of the display and pinned ribbons on each entry.

More than 150 dolls of every description were brought by the children. All expressed a desire to continue with the doll show.

A STORY TO TELL

CHICAGO, (AP)—There's a patient at Mt. Sinai hospital who'll have to wait a few years or longer to tell about his operation.

The patient—the unnamed son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Magnuss—was only three days old when he underwent a successful appendectomy, Dr. Stephen Mannheimer said such an operation on a three day old infant was a medical parity.

TURN ABOUT

ROCHESTER, N. Y., (AP)—It's customary for the audience to applaud the orchestra, but when the Philharmonic strode onto the stage at 7 p. m., to find the audience all seated nearly two hours earlier than usual.

Uncle Sam saved everybody a lot of trouble—made most of their 1943 resolutions for them.

WAR CUTS ROAD OPERATIONS IN STATE TO BONE

SALEM, Jan. 18 (AP)—War conditions have reduced the operations of the state highway commission to bare essentials, the commission said Saturday in its annual report.

Income is shrinking. Construction operations other than those essential to the war effort are discontinued for the duration. Unit costs are increasing. Depletion of labor forces and priority control of materials and equipment is making proper maintenance of highways difficult," the report said.

Income for 1942 was \$15,746,774, a 12 per cent drop caused by a drop in gasoline sales. The commission estimates a 60 per cent drop during 1943 because of gasoline rationing. The commission awarded \$5,680,000 worth of construction contracts in 1942, compared with \$8,200,000 in 1941.

Maintenance expenditures in 1942 were \$4,490,332, a \$436,807 gain over 1941 because of increased labor and materials costs and because the commission increased its maintenance activities on city streets and county roads.

Construction work in 1942 included 72 miles of paving, 136 miles of oiling, 71 miles of rock surfacing, 45 miles of grading, construction of 41 bridges over 20 feet long, and building of the two grade separation structures.

The state highway system now includes 4809 miles of primary highways and 2388 miles of secondary highways.

Major improvements during the year included construction of the Boardman-Stanfield cut-off on the Old Oregon Trail highway, beginning of the Harbor drive arterial street development in Portland, improvement of the Pacific highway near Salem, Grants Pass and Eugene, improvements to the Crater Lake highway, the access road to Camp White in Jackson county, relocation of the Pacific highway west near Camp Adair, access road construction in the Portland shipyard and airbase districts, and construction of flight strips, or emergency landing fields, on state highways.

Death of Jack Dodd In Honolulu on January 2 Learned

Word of the death of Jack Dodd, former Klamath resident, was received here by Mrs. Dodd's sister, Mrs. Harry Ward, 2705 Ward street. Mr. Dodd died January 2 in Honolulu following an extended illness which included two operations for brain tumor. Mr. Dodd left this county last September and was stationed at Pearl Harbor as a civilian worker for a navy contractor.

OLD HAND

AN ALASKAN OUTPOST, (AP) When army volunteers were called for an emergency longshore crew to unload a ship, Chaplain Joseph M. Applegate took the winch driver's seat.

The former pastor of the Figueroa Boulevard Christian church in Los Angeles did a good job, too.

He helped pay his expenses through the University of Oregon by working as a longshoreman.

During his residence in this county, Mr. Dodd was employed by the Lamm Lumber company at Modoc Point. Mr. and Mrs. Dodd left here in August when he signed up for work at Pearl Harbor. The remains were cremated and ashes are being shipped to Cody, Wyo.

OPTIMIST

TULSA, Okla., (AP)—Sam Brown, 19-year-old confessed slayer, still looks ahead.

County Attorney Dixie Gilmer said that Brown, who admitted that he shot and killed George Murray, hamburger stand operator, during an attempted holdup, has been worried about his gun.

Gilmer told him it would probably be confiscated. "Hold it a while," Brown told Gilmer. "I'll want it back when I get out of this mess."

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Termining this hat, worn by Joan Crawford in a new movie, "Obscene" the Hays office barred its use. Designers said it was merely "seductive," thought Hays meant the scene in which it was worn. Mrs. Walter Florell models the creation.

AMA CONVICTION UPHeld BY COURT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18, (AP) The supreme court upheld today the conviction of the American Medical Association on a charge of violating the Sherman Anti-Trust law by alleged activities against a group health organization in the District of Columbia.

Justice Roberts delivered the 8 to 0 opinion, which also applied to the medical society of the District of Columbia, an affiliate of the national organization. Justices Murphy and Jackson did not participate.

The two were alleged to have conspired against Group Health Association, Inc., described as a non-profit cooperative organization of government employees to provide medical care and hospitalization in return for monthly dues from the members.

Services To Be Held Here for Dale V. Brown

The remains of Staff Sgt. Dale V. Brown, killed January 15 when his bomber crashed near Salina, Kan., will arrive here and funeral arrangements are to be announced this week by Ward's.

Young Brown, member of the 375th Bombardment squadron, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cubert C. Brown of Dairy. He was graduated from Merrill high school and at the time of his death was just past 23 years of age.

One sister, Mrs. Clarence E. Elom of Portland, two brothers, Richard of Dairy and Harry of Portland, also survive. The youth enlisted in the US army air corps prior to the declaration of war.

To Salem—Carl Ziemann, who was sentenced to five years in prison by Circuit Judge Vandenberg, will be taken to the Salem penitentiary Tuesday by Sheriff Lloyd Low.

HEARING SET ON KALPINE CONTRACT CASE

George A. Gordor, arbitrator with the United States Conciliation service, here to make a decision on the contract dispute involving the Kalpine Plywood company, was slated to conduct a meeting at the Willard hotel at 4 p. m. Monday, it was announced by Hugh R. Haddock, business agent of A F of L lumber and sawmill workers.

A second representative of the US Conciliation service, Commissioner Guy V. Lintner, arrived Monday en route to Lakeview where he goes in connection with the labor dispute involving employees of the Lakeview Logging company.

Hearing at Hill According to Haddock, this involves some 80 men, a few of whom do not belong to the union. The men are dissatisfied with working conditions and wages, Haddock stated, but the union, in an effort to cooperate with the war effort, has persuaded union men to stay on the job. A small group of non-union workers present a very difficult problem in this operation.

A similar hearing was held at Hill, Calif., involving the California Fruit Growers Supply company, resulting in a deadlock and the case has been referred to the WLB in which event the board has the power to hand down a binding decision. Commissioner Lintner has been assigned to another case in Lakeview, that of the Buzard-Burkhard Lumber company. The trouble there, Haddock stated, is in getting a contract signed as the union and the company cannot agree on terms. The main point at issue is the union shop clause. The company, it appears, is unwilling to grant any kind of a union shop clause and a negotiation meeting is scheduled this week with the commissioner acting as conciliator.

AFL BOARD MEETS IN SUNDAY SESSION

An all-day session of the executive board, Klamath Basin district council, A F of L lumber and sawmill workers, was held Sunday. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss war time problems in which the basin timber workers are involved especially such contract disputes as have arisen concerning working conditions at Lakeview and Hill, Calif.

New rulings, such as the freeze order, interpretation of the presidential order, No. 9240, and gas rationing which cuts down transportation facilities for delegates, were also discussed. Members of the board stated that it would be necessary to displace regular council meetings with such meetings as were held Sunday, due to gas restrictions.

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