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BY MALCOLM EPLEY CLEANER town-that was the wish expressed in a serious discussion at Monday



Night revelers are respon-EPLEY sible for a lot of the rubbish and broken glass on downtown streets here. And night revelers pay little attention to appeals from city councils, or in the editorial pages of newspapers. They might be interested in a newspaper story telling about the arrest and punishment of one of their kind for breaking glass on the street.

There are some things that can be done through an awakened civic pride, and the local Lions club is to be commended for its efforts to arouse the officials and the public to a consciousness of unattractive things about town. Local people can clean up their own property, making improvements that will add to the better appearance of the community. Local people can use the rubbish depositories on downtown streets, instead of throwing bits of paper, empty cigarette wrappings, etc., on the sidewalks and into the gutters.

All paved streets of the city right now could stand a good washing by the city sprinkler equipment.

Note For Parents

PASSING more legislation is not going to solve the problem of juvenile delinquency that has Dave Bridge so badly worried these

This is fundamentally a problem of the home and of parental responsibility. Unless parents

do their job it's going to get worse.

The story is told of a Medford father who went to an officer at Camp White with a report that his daughter was in trouble, declaring that

a Camp White soldier was responsible.

To his bitter demand that "something be the officer replied:

"Mister, I have 35,000 men to take care of, and you have one daughter. You had better go home and take care of your daughter." And our Mr. Bridge made a telling comment

Monday night when he said: The people here seem to be more interested in what happens to their dogs than in what happens to their children."

Evacuee Farming Area Cut

THE area in the Tule lake country to be used by the war relocation project for agricultural purposes has greatly diminished from the 35,000 or so acres originally talked by the WRA.

In fact, it is down to 3700 acres, and there

is some opinion down there that that is too much. The original plan of having the evacuees carry on reclamation development in the area has long since been abandoned, and that work, according to reclamation officials, will have to mark time until wartime restrictions on the regular development program are called off.

When the evacuees moved into the project, it looked as if the tremendous volume of labor there could be turned to extensive agricultural and reclamation development. It is true that a farming program of considerable magnitude has been carried on, but it has proved to be far less than at first suggested.

Two factors involved have been the lack of incentive for the evacuee farmers, and, more The ideal time for it to end from a New Deal recently, the removal of many of the able and political standpoint (if it could be ended by industrious farmers from the project to jobs outside the western defense areas.

An airplane struck a power line near the end of one of the runways at the Klamath airport Saturday afternoon, and power line workers, on poles repairing the break, reported that two more planes passed between the poles at such a height they would have struck the wire had it been strung there at the time. There has been a lot of discussion about removing that power line, and it would seem that Saturday's incident would prove the necessity of doing something about it soon. That old problem about the pending army lease of the field probably has something to do with the delay.

. . . . A pedestrian tells us that local people are not "sharing the ride" as generously as they could and should. He says that on several occasions he has walked down town, while dozens of cars have passed him with only a driver using up all that good space inside,

There is no way of checking, but all indi-cations point to the greatest filing of federal income tax returns in the history of the local office of internal revenue in the period that ended Monday night. Taxpayers were still there until 11:45 p. m. While the filing period was the busiest ever for the local office staff, it seems probable also that more people mailed returns than ever before to the internal revenue office in Portland. Elimination of the necessity for notarizing the returns tended to encourage mailing. We seemed to sense a local feeling of relief today now that the painful job

Some red faces are reported as a result of the failure to name Klamath's Jim Bocchi on the all-state basketball team. Jim's greatest performance in the tournament at Salem came, however, in the final game after the selections had been made. It looks as if some one guessed wrong on the winning team Saturday

News Behind the News

WASHINGTON, March 18—Gov. Bricker of Ohio today seems to have the best chance of being the 1944 presidential nominee of the republican party. He



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is not yet a familiar national figure. Few people know him beyond his record as a good three term governor who has made some sense out of a bewildered state government But he is already getting promises of a substantial bloc of delegates. He has inherited the Taft organization through out the south and that section is confidently counted for him,

except possibly Georgia where a rattlesnake situation exists. Add to these the votes of Ohio and possibly New York, and you have the beginning of a formidable candidacy.

Mr. Willkie has been getting all the pub licity, but the question is where he will get the votes. He is working on Indiana and some of the northwestern states like Washington and Oregon are counted at this advance date as being "probable" for him. Obviously New England and the middle west have not proved especially fertile fields for his viewpoint. He will also certainly not get California Iowa or Illinois. So where is his delegate strength to come from?

Most of the republican leaders seem to be taking New York's Gov. Dewey at his de-clining word. He would, of course, have New York, if he ran and could build up a strong candidacy elsewhere,

But to get into the race at all, over the barrier of his official declination, he would have to be drafted, and no draft movement has been started or seems to be contemplated.

This makes the pre-convention race stand today as a contest between Bricker and Willkie with the edge on Bricker's side.

No doubt many favorite son candidacies will develop, Stassen in Minnesota, MacNider in Iowa, Saltonstall in Massachusetts, etc., but most of these seem likely in the end to become allied with the major candidacies (Stassen for Willkie for instance.)

Democratic Situation

THE democratic situation is still running loose. The test blackout of politics for a fourth term, as staged the past few weeks, looked

good to some Rooseveltian fol-lowers, poor to others. No one came out except those you would - Guffy, Sabath, Mead, etc. Nothing very encouraging was heard from the great bulk of the party leaders in congress whose voices would have sounded bigger.

True, the mere mention of such a hideous though (to republicans) discouraged some



John W. Bricker

of the opposition political figures. The Gallup poll (incidentally it did not contain detailed state figures which would have been more convincing) suggested Mr. Roosevelt would have a fourth term popular majority of only 52 or 53 per cent "if the war was still on" a year from next November.

No one knows when the war will be over political desire and it can't) would be along about next summer. The campaign would then catch FDR in the midst of peace negotiations. He would then have the prestige of having won and could beg not to be interrupted in the

Usually after wars, however, a natural popular spirit of nationalism has developed among the people. In all, it is impossible to tell what the feeling of the country will be 15 months hence, as to Mr. Roosevelt and his conduct of the war and peace, and anyone who tries to do it is playing with fantasies.

As of today, the tactical situation of the fourth term campaign is far weaker than the average non-political person assumes it to be. The south is strong anti-New Dealing territory, looking for a place to go. Mr. Roosevelt will have to win it back, if he can, before his renomination is assured. If it, and the other loose ends of anti-New Dealism in the democratic party are organized by Jim Farley or anyone else for Senator Byrd or Senator George or if the opposition just agrees on a course of anti-Roosevelt political action-the only thing left in the democratic convention will be the federal office holding groups, the Kelly-Nash machine, the Hague machine and other smaller machines working in cooperation with Harry Hopkins and Ickes.

Republican Control

DON'T forget that the republicans now control most of the large state governments even down to the counties. If these various state machines are tied together with national leadership, the republicans this time will have

the first real working organization in 25 years. Furthermore, the fourth term campaign is apparently to be handled by Hopkins and David K. Niles (Walker will no doubt be replaced as national chairman before the race gets hot) and they are not Jim Farleys or Charley Michaelsons. Also Mr. Roosevelt will probably have to get another vice presidential candidate if he tries it again. Mr. Wallace's standing as a democrat has diminished to the

political weakness, Mr. Roosevelt will need These powerful undercurrents controlling the political situa-

tion on both sides have apparently been forgotten in the strong running tides of publicity which keeps both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Willkie on the front pages unchallenged every day.

point of

strength.

scheduled for this evening at Six Dead After the Elk hotel. A dance will fol. the business meeting to- Bomber, Fighter

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

National President Lester Loble of the Fraternal Order of Eagles arrived here Tuesday and will speak at the Eagles at a meeting to be held in the new 12th street, a girl. Weight: 6

Crash Over Sound

SEATTLE, March 16 (A)-One body has been recovered and five men are reported to be "missing and believed dead" by navy au-thorities after the collision of an army fighter plane and a navy bomber Sunday over Puget

Legion Anniversary-In honor of the 24th anniversary of the American Legion, the auxiliary will entertain all Legionnaires with a dinner and special program at Memorial hall, Fifth and Klamath avenue, Tuesday evening, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. Fred Heilbronner is in charge of the dinner, and Mrs. Fred LaForge is planning the program, Special star cards representing five, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of membership will be presented at that time. All Legionnaires and auxiliary nembers are cordially invited.

Cotton can be spun so strong that it is used for airplane wings. tires, awnings, tents, sails, and bagging.

