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Keepers of the Flame

(Editor's Note: The following editorial appeared in the Klamath Krater, Klamath Union high school paper, and because of its outstanding character is being entered in a national contest among high school journalists.)

By EDNA KAHL THE newspaper, perhaps more than any other factor, directs the thinking of a nation.

On lands and seas that, to the public, have ceased being merely vague outlines on a map, our soldiers and sailors are facing enemies who are both shrewd and powerful; but we in the United States have one fighting force which our enemies do not possess.

The freedom of our press has been subjected to limitations only during the occasions of a great national crisis. Always, however, censorship was imposed with the aim of restricting the amount of details which were to be published.

An accurately-informed public is the greatest necessity in the planning of a postwar world. The tremendous job of keeping the public well informed of happenings, wherever and whenever they may occur, lies with the press.

Throughout the annals of American journalism, the members of the press have abided by their self-imposed doctrine of truth. That doctrine is being threatened by our enemies who would have us betray our belief in truth and decency.

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY OPA's district office here is still running a skeleton crew.

You get the feeling, when you enter the place, that it is after-hours and nearly everybody has gone home, though you may be there in the middle of the business day.

There are lots of desks, chairs and telephones. But only here and there are employees using these facilities, and these people are surrounded by empty desks and chairs.

What worries the local OPA people, we gather, is really the 1943-44 budget which must get congressional approval. When that budget is determined, we will know more about what is to happen to personnel plans for the district office.

When the office was located here, it was announced there would be about 50 employees with a payroll of about \$100,000 annually, and that is still the expectation qualified by what happens on the budgets.

Giving Klamath Blood

A FRIEND of ours, who makes occasional trips to Portland and San Francisco, has been leaving his personal contributions to blood banks in those cities. He suggests this is a good idea for other Klamath people, who make journeys to the cities where there are facilities for taking blood for the plasma banks.

This will be of interest to the many people who have inquired at the county health office, this newspaper, and elsewhere, indicating a desire to contribute to the blood banks that are proving of such vital importance in the treatment of men wounded in battle.

There are no facilities in Klamath Falls for actually taking blood contributions; in fact, no smaller cities of our size in this area have them. Considerable blood-typing for possible bank donations has been carried on, chiefly under sponsorship of the junior chamber of commerce.

Our friend said that he got the idea while in Portland recently. He telephoned the blood bank headquarters, and was told his contribution would be gladly received. He was ad-

vised about his diet for the four hours before visiting the laboratory, where, in a painless operation, he gave a quantity of blood which may save a life on some distant battle field.

Many local people travel occasionally to Portland or San Francisco. Because blood can be donated only at intervals by each individual, the populations of the larger cities may not be enough to provide all the blood contributions that are needed.

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Petroleum Pochah Wickes is being pressed, not only by motorist representatives, but by other government departments, to liberalize the gas rationing program.

Even the Office of Price Administration has made some representations within the government suggesting greater allowances. Now an A-card driver can get only 90 miles a month at a maximum, or 45 to 50 miles if he has a heavy fuel consuming car.

The question of whether there is enough gasoline at hand along the eastern seaboard to warrant a greater value for the A-cards, or other relaxation of the restrictions, is not part of the current argument. The highest of authorities in OPA has taken the position that more gasoline should be furnished, indeed, should now be available.

The tank cars which were hauling fuel oil during the winter months should now be available for gasoline. Also, one of the new pipe lines from Texas to New Jersey is so near completion that the promise is made that it will be finished by July. Its capacity is 300,000 barrels a day.

A second pipe line through Seymour, Ind., to the eastern field is promised by next January to alleviate the fuel oil demand next winter by adding 235,000 more barrels a day. The position of the oil industry also seems to be undergoing a change trending more toward the OPA position than that of the petroleum administrator.

Thus, Mr. Wickes is gradually being surrounded with opposition pressure. A showdown is in prospect. Relaxation is at least possible for the first time.

Political Purity

THIS administration has always stoutly maintained—and with some display of righteous indignation—that the public works programs were non-political in character. . . . no one but a republican would say otherwise. . . . And, furthermore, you people who did not believe it, have never been able to prove otherwise.

Well, a legal authority, prowling back into a specific case, came upon the following peculiar set of circumstances: The Federal Works Administration issued orders, approved by the administrator May 1, 1942, requiring that a specific paragraph be inserted in the general conditions governing costs-plus-a-fixed-fee contracts. The paragraph read:

"(A) Preference in the employment of laborers and mechanics at the site shall be given to qualified local residents.

"(B) There shall be no discrimination by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, or POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS in the employment of persons qualified by training and experience for work in the development of defense housing or defense public works at the site of the project."

This certainly established the political purity motif. Anyone had the right to work regardless of his voting peculiarities. Unfortunately, it did not last long. Just about a month before the last election, certain revisions in the general conditions were issued (October 5, 1942). The revised order read: "Delete paragraph 24 and substitute therefor the following: "The contractor shall not discriminate against any worker because of race, creed, color, or national origin."

This change negatively re-established the only discrimination to be used on federal works projects. On its face, it seemed to say that relief is available for all—except republicans.

LaGuardia's Commission THERE was an insurmountable defect in the way the promise of a commission for Mayor LaGuardia as a brigadier-general was presented to the public. No one, not even the mayor, made clear what particular kind of a job he was to do for which he was exceptionally suited. No convincing justification for the appointment was offered.

The war department has a rule that no older men can be appointed to commissions unless they possess "extreme qualification" which enable them to do a specific needed task. The promise of LaGuardia's appointment was

accompanying only by a suggestion that he was to undertake certain unidentified administrative work in North Africa, and later to do some more unidentified administrative work in Italy when we conquer it.

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SIDE GLANCES



COPE, THIS BY NEA SERVICE, INC. T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF. "Yep, I'm off to the Army next week, ladies, but don't cry about it—if you feel patriotic you can buy me a banana split!"

MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Hoping to draw duty in army communications, Miss Helena Hricizce of Klamath Falls Tuesday enrolled in the women's army, according to Portland's WAAC recruiters.

Miss Hricizce is a graduate of Modernistic beauty college at Klamath Falls and has been employed as hairdresser at Murphy's beauty shop in Klamath Falls for the past three years.

Ralph Russell Holmer, former University of Washington student, is now at Sheppard field, Tex., where he is taking his pilot's training. Holmer left with a university group for the south. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Holmer, formerly of this city and now residing in Seattle.

Short Murder Trial Frees Bachelor of Cougar Mountain

TOLEDO, April 8 (AP)—One of the shortest murder trials in Lincoln county history was over today, and Eliga Woody, 65, Cougar mountain bachelor, was a free man.

Deliberating only three hours, a circuit court jury acquitted him yesterday on a charge of first-degree murder in the slaying of Charles Phillips, a neighbor. The trial started Monday.

Portland Youth to Speak for Oregon In Oratorical Meet

PORTLAND, April 6 (AP)—Ted Shay, Portland, will represent Oregon in the regional American Legion oratorical contest this year.

Shay took first in the state finals here yesterday and Jane Houston, Salem, placed second. Also competing were David Dawson, Medford; Delmar Kendrick, The Dalles, and Roy Dancer, McMinnville, district finalists.

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From where I sit....

by Joe Marsh



After that Western thriller at the movies, Ben Ryder says: "You know, the West wasn't all like that. While the gun-play was goin' on—respectable folks were weeding out undesirable elements... red-eye saloons and gambling joints."

And Ben's right. There's a spirit in America that's always working for a better community. Take that "clean-up or close-up" program of the brewing industry, for instance. Its whole purpose is to see that beer

is sold only in clean, respectable places. Everybody benefits from cooperation like that—even folks who want Prohibition back. Because those beer folks are working for the same thing—a decent, law-abiding community.

From where I sit—the way isn't to pass more laws, but to enforce the ones we've got—and rely on America's spirit of tolerance and cooperation.

Joe Marsh

LEGISLATURE'S WORK RELATED TO KIWANIS

Oregon's 1943 legislature took constructive action to make location in this state more desirable to industry, it was pointed out by Senator Marshall Cornett and Representative Henry Semon in talks to the Kiwanis club Thursday noon.

Changes in the tax structure were effected to make the state more inviting to industry, which has shown a tendency to locate in neighboring states.

Senator Cornett paid high tribute to Representative Semon and Representative L. H. Craver of Klamath county. He said no man is better informed on state affairs than Semon, a veteran, while Craver, this year's freshman legislator, proved able and voted every measure on its merits, the senator stated.

"If these men stand for reelection, Klamath county people will be acting wisely to send them back to the legislature," said Cornett.

Senator Cornett related the story of the deadlock between Senator W. H. Steiwer and Senator Dorothy Lee for the senate presidency at the opening of the session, which finally broke with Steiwer's election. Cornett said he stood firmly with Steiwer on the principle that it would be unwise to have a woman at the head of the state government and the state's armed forces in time of war. He paid tribute to Mrs. Lee as a legislator and attorney.

The senator said the legislature this year was hardworking, and its accomplishments, particularly in the tax field, were noteworthy.

Representative Semon told in particular about the work of the ways and means committee, which handled state finances. He expressed grave concern over the biennial bill for relief and welfare purposes, pointing out that in spite of more prosperous times, a 50 per cent increase in relief costs was called for.

The last biennium's bill, he said, was \$20,000,000 for relief purposes. This biennium the bill is to be \$30,000,000.

Of this amount, \$12,000,000 will come from the federal government, \$12,000,000 from the

state, and \$6,000,000 from the counties.

"If, in times like these, such funds are required for relief, what will happen in times that are not so good?" asked the representative.

He also said he felt that liquor, which provides the state's funds for relief, is an unstable source, because liquor sales can drop off. Arthur Schaupp was chairman of the meeting. Representative Craver had been invited to participate in the program, but was unable to get away for a noon address.

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on if it became necessary with a good conscience.

ALL that is a part of the dear dead past, and if half the stories about earnings in the war industry cities are true the gal who put your cakes and coffee down before you may be buying more bonds than you are.

Still, you come across with the tip, just as you used to do.

ALL of which goes to prove, as this writer has long contended, that snobbery lies at the base of the tipping institution. We tip not because the tippee needs the money to fend off impending foreclosure and eviction, but because passing out a tip enables us to pose for the moment as the grand seigneur bestowing largess upon his loyal vassals.

Everett Selected For Steel Plant

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—Everett, Wash., has been selected as the site of a \$24,000,000 steel plant, subject to approval of the development by the war production board.

George E. Murphy, Portland, Ore., industrialist, told reporters he had taken options on a 400-acre site for the plant and expressed hope that WPB would approve the undertaking.

SCORCHED FURNITURE COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Doby Miller are getting a little tired of snatching their household furnishing out of a blazing home.

A week ago the Millers managed to save the furnishings when their house was destroyed by fire.

Wednesday their new house, a few doors from the old one, burned to the ground when an oil burner furnace exploded, and most of the furniture again was saved.

Klamath's Yesterdays From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From the Klamath Republican April 9, 1903 County Clerk Driscoll left with his family for Marysville, Calif., for a brief visit. While he is away the office will be in charge of his efficient deputy, Fred Houston.

At Sloan, who was in charge of the smallpox quarantine at Merrill, has returned to the Falls and the quarantine has been lifted.

The democratic county convention has elected a delegation that will support A. E. Reames for the congressional nomination.

From the Klamath News April 8, 1933 Klamath gets its 3.2 beer today. Three 16-gallon kegs were delivered by airplane and 238 cases came by truck.

Elbert Veatch gave a talk on music to the Kiwanis club today.

Crater Lake national park roads were opened yesterday.

Army Non-Political Rule Not Aimed at Gen. MacArthur

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said today "with great explicitness" that army regulations banning political activity by soldiers were not aimed at Gen. Douglas MacArthur or any other individual.

The secretary told a press conference that the regulations made public earlier this week embodied war department policy adopted as long ago as 1925 and represented in his opinion an essential safeguard for maintenance of the traditional American policy that no individual should exercise both civil and military authority at one time.

Our current and 1944 submarines will be more effective fighting ships because of changes which are being made as a result of actual tests in battle.—Lieut.-Comdr. W. A. Hardy, navy inspection officer.

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