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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

THE protracted deliberations in the jury room in the Robert E. Lee Folkes murder trial at Albany concerned a decision between the death verdict and life imprisonment. Acquittal was never an issue.



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Our understanding is that the jury stood 10 to 2 at the outset for the death verdict, with all of the eight women voting from the start for the supreme penalty.

Such a decision, of course, was the logical one if the jurors were convinced that Folkes was the man who slew the girl in lower 13. Certainly the crime that was committed was of such a nature as to require the supreme penalty as provided by law.

Unquestionably, Folkes' failure to take the stand was a major weakness in his defense. Categorical denial, even though every word of it may be false, often affects an impressionable juror sufficiently at least to deadlock a case.

There remains now the procedure that customarily follows such a conviction—request for a new trial, and failing that, an appeal to the supreme court.

Throughout the trial, we are told, the question of race prejudice was not raised, and there is no reason to believe that Folkes' color had anything to do with the outcome of the case.

His answer to inquiries on that point was that the highway appropriations for post-war work are almost certain to be so large that no deserving project will suffer.

Some comment has appeared in the state press because in a recent story concerning the post-war work, only the Columbia river and Pacific highways were mentioned.

Mr. Baldock's words were reassuring to the people here, and to those all along The Dalles-California, Willamette and other highways in the system in which we are particularly interested.

Our job is to keep hammering on that point. What Mr. Baldock said is reassuring, but it should not lull our highway promoters into inactivity and indifference.

WE are strongly in favor of making highway work a main feature of the construction program in the transition period to follow the war.

In the leaf-raking spree staged by the government bureaus in the depression of the 'thirties, a lot of money was wasted that could have gone far in giving us improved roads.

As long as they don't ration soap folks will be able to remember the hotel where they stayed. Always read the classified ads.

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, April 23—A friend of mine says Mr. Willkie is like Maupertuis, the French scientist, who, in the time of Voltaire, made a trip to Lapland.

No one from France had ever been there before. It was more or less a flat land, so Maupertuis concluded without hesitation that all the Polar regions were similarly flat, and that the world itself was flat.

He (Mr. Willkie) assumes that inasmuch as you can get to Timbuktoo quickly, Timbuktoo is the American way of life and a one world with us, sharing our ideals of democracies and our Christian way of life—and is practically the United States.

They have their religion, their commercial ways, and peculiar domestic mannerisms of life. These are not our way of life.

THE airplane which brings them closer only carries us to them—if you happen to be going in that direction—much more speedily than before, providing you have the money or influence to get a ride.

When you get right down to it, Mr. Willkie has developed a mechanical fact into a political argument. We have lived next door to Mexico for generations.

I know these observations may not be popularly accepted. Mr. Willkie's book is supposed to have sold nearly 400,000 copies, and the dope in the publishers' trade is that it will sell 1,500,000 before next summer.

People apparently like it and it is in truth a fair, restrained argument based on his very interesting experiences. It is a valuable book for these reasons.

My friend concludes that Mr. Willkie is just running for the White House in 1944 with all his might, literary aeronautic and otherwise, and that he has concocted a plausible fable out of his magnificent adventures, which people are buying in large quantities.

AS a fundamental truth, no matter where Mr. Willkie, or anyone else tries to lead us, he cannot change the leopard's spots.

In the peace conference, Mr. Willkie, et al, will discover China is still China and Russia is still Russia, no matter how fast you can get there.

Mr. Roosevelt's internationalism is good in as far as it is internationalism. It is bad in as far as it cultivates the wrong companionships.

Mr. Roosevelt leans toward Churchill and the old school tie. Mr. Willkie has sat for five hours with Stalin and understands the heart which beats beneath the well-known tunic.

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SIDE GLANCES



"May I interrupt the problems of the Jimsons with a few sordid family matters?"

Klamath's Yesterdays

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

From the Klamath Republican April 30, 1903 Dr. F. D. Stricker of Portland is here looking over the possibilities of locating in Klamath Falls.

From the Klamath News April 23, 1933 Klamath Pelicans are the tennis champions of central Oregon.

Spotted fever has claimed the second victim of the season at Bend.

WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP) The stork is being kept so busy that 100,000 more baby carriages will be manufactured this year than last.

Second Air Force Headquarters Moved FORT GEORGE WRIGHT, April 23 (AP)—Headquarters of the second air force will be transferred from Fort George Wright to Colorado Springs, Colo.

Cascara Bark Gets Good Price Now PORTLAND, Ore., April 23 (AP)—Cascara bark, medicinal crop harvested annually from forests of Oregon and Washington, currently is bringing 20 cents a pound to peelers.

FUEL OIL USERS CAN FILL TANKS

WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP) Fuel oil users in rationed states who need oil in their tanks to prevent "shifting" during the spring and summer were authorized today to start buying part of next season's ration.

Ration Boards to End Restrictions On Truck Recaps WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP) OPA directed ration boards today to remove on May 1 quota restrictions on recapping of truck tires.

WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP) The agency said after consultation with Rubber Director William M. Jeffers, who said recapping materials were available for the program, that it was better to "provide recapping as soon as needed rather than risk ruin of some casings that might be driven beyond the recapping point."

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.

DOGS AGAIN

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To The Editor)—No, we don't hate dogs, in fact I think a lot of us that don't have dogs in town, love a dog better than those that have them, then let them run all over town, eat any old thing they find and get kicked about because the poor dog don't know where the property line is.

It was said at a certain council meeting, only one man was there that spoke against the dogs running loose. Well I know why some of us don't go, we don't like to be called haters of man's best friend, nor do we enjoy listening to some of the sentimental slush about their dogs, as one person said his boy was fighting for the freedom of his dog; but so are they fighting for man's freedom and the right to protect his property.

DOG OWNERS PLEASE BE FAIR. Give us a chance to raise a garden without fighting for it. We have enough on our hands fighting the Japs and Germans.

This is our darkest hour in six-years of war. We must work hard to conquer all obstacles to eventual victory.—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Wife of Angel of "Death Valley Scotty" Killed

LONE PINE, Calif., April 23 (AP)—Mrs. Bessie Johnson, 72, wife of Albert M. Johnson, Chicago millionaire and associate of Death Valley Scotty, was killed yesterday when an automobile went out of control and was wrecked on an isolated desert highway near Panamint Springs, south of here.

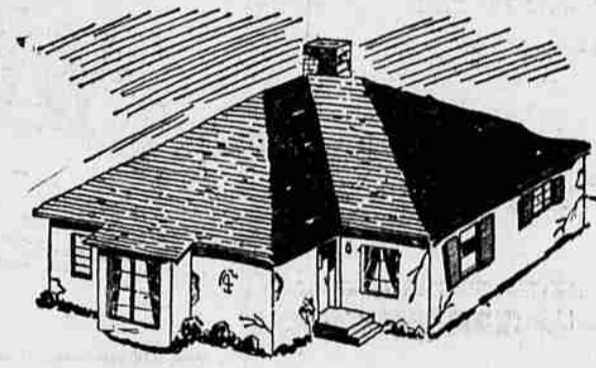
Johnson, who reportedly financed Scotty, the famous desert character, in the construction of his \$3,000,000 castle in Death valley's remote wastes, was only slightly injured.

Years later Scotty began construction of the vast residence, in one of arid Death valley's most remote regions, and reports were that it was largely financed by Johnson although neither man ever admitted it publicly.

They had been visiting at Scotty's castle and were en route to Los Angeles at the time of the accident.

Scotty and Johnson, an insurance executive, had been associates for many years since the desert roamer had nursed the business man back to health in Scotty's miner's shack on the desert.

If you want to sell it—phone The Herald and News "want ads," 2124



"RUN-DOWN" HOUSE COSTS HOME OWNER MORE THAN INCOME TAX!

Yes, through neglecting his property, many a homeowner has faced "major repairs" that cost more than his taxes. Use an "ounce of prevention"... now! Keep your home well protected by proper painting. We'll supply the paints you need, or put you in touch with a reliable paint contractor.

Advertisement for PABCO Sash & Trim Colors. Text: "If you don't want to paint your entire house protect the 'danger spots' with PABCO Sash & Trim Colors. Brilliant, long-lasting colors that defy rot! \$3.45 GAL. and up"

Advertisement for PABCO Porch & Step Paint. Text: "Protect your porch, floors and steps...with PABCO Porch & Step PAINT. Dries overnight to a durable, flexible, glossy, non-slip finish! \$1.18 QT."

Advertisement for PABCO Roof Coating. Text: "Prolong the life of your roof...with PABCO Roof Coating. Preserves smooth or mineral-surface roofing; forestalls leaks! \$1.15 GAL."

Come On, Let's WIN this War!

We have the fighting men--But it's up to us at home to supply the FIGHTING MATERIALS.

Let's Dig Deeper - And Buy More War Bonds

Remember--The Bonds You Buy Today Will Buy a Home After the War



They GIVE Their Lives... You LEND Your Money

Home Lumber and Supply Co.

2324 So. 6th St.

Phone 3146

FEWER TOMATOES WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP) A slightly smaller supply of canned tomatoes and tomato products was indicated for civilians from the prospective 1948 pack by an agriculture department report today on the intended acreage of tomatoes for commercial processing.