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News Behind the News

WASHINGTON, June 18 — The supreme court is running around in legal circles which seem to devolve deeper and deeper. The confusion of law which has been engendered by its hard fought, close decisions first caused weary head-shaking in the legal profession. Now it is getting chuckles.

What would have happened if FDR's court-packing bill had been adopted, and he had appointed 15 justices instead of 7, is an interesting thought to toy with. Justice then probably would have been meted out 8 to 7.

On some legally confusing occasions, the court has ruled that what it decided was justice a short time ago is no longer constitutional, but the opposite is.

In a Pennsylvania school case in 1940, it held (6 to 1) school children could be required to salute the flag, but in a West Virginia case, it reversed itself (6 to 3) and decreed the opposite.

It has unrelentingly held racketeering is a crime for all citizens unless they belong to a labor union, and has now (May 10) given the federal communications commission the right to determine the contents of radio programs (possibly also of what goes over wires to newspapers).

Frequently, it has denied petitions for reviews and then, on a rehearing petition, reversed itself and granted reviews.

The only explanation is that this 7 to 2 New Deal court is volatile and changeable. Apparently, some justices will even vote one way in conference and then, on reflection, change sides.

The other day in a narcotics case, the written opinion announced dissents by two justices. But when reporters inquired for the dissenting opinions, they were informed no dissents had been filed.

The court may have been reformed politically, but legally, it is now more in need of reform than before.

Monopoly Holds

THE McKellar bill whopped its way fast through the senate upon the wings of expectation that it would break up the Frankfurter-Mrs. Roosevelt-I opkins monopoly over New Deal patronage, but it is not likely to bring that result any time soon.

For one thing, the bill must now pass the house, and the house members were left entirely out of the McKellar plan of awarding good government jobs (above \$4500 a year). The bill requires senate confirmation of such appointments.

In practice, it would therefore cause Mr. Roosevelt to ascertain whether appointees are acceptable to senators from the same locality as the appointees. The whole senate would be given the opportunity to turn down appointees whose chief claim to fame and experience is a Harvard law degree, or a career of working in some social service.

Also, such officials now holding jobs would hereafter have to be more polite to senators and refrain from arousing their ire in any matter of government policy. These would be the practical effects of the legislation.

General feeling against the typical New Dealer in office is stronger in the house than in the senate, but the chances of the bill passing the lower chamber are obviously impeded by the senate assumption of authority in this patronage matter for itself. The house would get none of the gravy. This naturally lessens its interest in the McKellar reform.

Civil Service Safe

A FAIR, objective analysis would insist that Mr. Roosevelt's fears that the bill would break down the civil service system are unfounded, as it specifically is not to apply to any civil service appointee or anyone in the White House or FBI.

stricted to Roosevelt's friends. The friends of senators might not be much more astute, but they certainly would wear a different school tie. More important, Mr. Roosevelt would veto the bill, and it could not pass over a veto in either house. Thus the existing patronage situation will no doubt continue to the end of time or Roosevelt, whichever occurs first.

The War Today

THERE is a significance not too easily noted in the brief communiques and dispatches on the tremendous air battle over Guadalcanal, which was announced yesterday by the United States navy.

The Japanese, in my opinion, finally are on the defense in that area. That was our role for many long weary months. But this time it was the Japanese who were trying to check an American advance.

That they consider the situation important and perhaps critical is shown by the fact that they used at least 120 fighters and bombers in their desperate and futile assault.

The results, as announced in navy communiques and in dispatches from the South Pacific, toss a lie right back into the teeth of Premier Tojo and the Japanese propagandists.

Poorly Trained

IN RECENT weeks, Tokyo broadcasters have been informing their people at home, and also the world by short wave, that most of the American airmen in the Pacific were college boys without adequate training.

Well, 32 Japanese dive bombers and 45 Zero fighters were shot down in the fierce engagement, as compared with a loss of six American fighters. That's 13 to one—and heaven help the Japanese if we ever get what they would call a properly trained airforce in the South Pacific.

The reason for the battle was not disclosed for many hours, but by combining information in the dispatches from Leif Erickson, The Associated Press correspondent at an advanced South Pacific base, and statements from Tokyo in a broadcast recorded by The Associated Press in London, it can be inferred that a rather large Allied convoy was the Japanese objective.

Attack Convoy

TOKYO said eight vessels, one a destroyer, were sunk, but this was not confirmed by an Allied source. The loss of 29 planes also was admitted. On the other hand, Erickson in his dispatches filed not far from the scene of the engagement said only two small freight ships were damaged.

While Guadalcanal is some 3000 miles from the main Japanese island of Honshu, it is evident the Rising Sun forces fear the concentration of power there because of our proximity to bases and airfields they have elsewhere in that area.

One of the main, and still unexplained phases of the battle, is how our forces were able to inflict such tremendous damage with so light a loss in men and equipment.

Were They Surprised?

WERE the Japanese surprised as they came in high over the area by a stronger force than they expected, or did the planes come, say, from a direction not counted on when the Japanese planned their attack?

In the past the Japanese have depended upon the maneuverability of the Zeroes and their ability to fly almost six miles above the earth to ward off attacks. They have been at least moderately successful, although in most combats their losses have been greater than our own. That strategy didn't work this time for a reason yet to be explained.

But never has the ratio been anything like 13 to one. It isn't likely we have any accurate count on the number of first-line pilots the Japanese have available, but I doubt that they are able to train men as rapidly as we are. This is true despite the use of modern American equipment brought a few years before the war.

American airmen back from the Pacific, who once admitted the skill of the Japanese pilots they fought, now say that the first line men are gone and that the enemy pilots they are engaging are second-raters.

Malin

Mrs. Russell Durkee, who is spending several weeks in San Francisco with her husband's mother, is expected home in the near future. Prior to leaving for the bay area she was employed at the Klamath Falls branch of the United States National bank, Klamath Falls, leaving for the south with her husband who is serving in the navy. Durkee was on leave while his ship, damaged in battle, was in for repairs but has since returned to active service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry Haley have had as house guests their daughter, Junnie, San Francisco; Lucille Urey, of Eugene; Agnes Olsen, Miss Haley's roommate from San Francisco who was en route home from Butte, Mont., and Bill Gray, Portland, who was a guest of Tom Haley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Wilson had as guests Wednesday their daughter, Mrs. Melvin Fitzpatrick, and little daughter, Carol, and Mrs. Earl Allen and children, Lois Jane and Lester, all of Klamath Falls.

Fischer Speaks On Prevention Of Forest Fires

TULELAKE — Stressing fire prevention, George Fischer, program chairman for the Rotary club luncheon Wednesday, presented two motion pictures, "Alaska's Forest Arsenals" and "Vigilance for Victory," released by the office of civilian defense.

Members of Rotary clubs of Klamath Falls and Alturas and their ladies have been invited for the installation of incoming officers the evening of Wednesday, June 30. The dinner preceding the ceremony will be served by the Community guild. Otto Schultz will act as master of ceremonies. Loeth S. Dunlap is program chairman for next week's meeting. Otis Roper had as his guests this week Hall Stenz, San Francisco WRA office and K. O. Knight, Newell. Howard Dayton introduced his guest, Terry Edwards of the Merrill Shell Oil office.

SIDE GLANCES



"You'd better speak to Junior—he's writing a novel in which the hero kills a dozen guards and escapes from five prisons, including Alcatraz!"

Sprague River

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Allen and son Billy were here from Bremerton, Washington on Sunday to see Rev. Ivy C. Clark. They had planned to surprise Rev. Clark but the surprise was on them for Rev. Clark was away. They were on their way to Los Angeles where Allen will be associated with his brother, Archie, in business. While here they called on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shepherd have returned from California where they have been for some time visiting a son in San Francisco and another in Richmond. B. E. Wolford has gone to Ashland to stay for awhile to help with the climate there will improve his health.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Heidrich have moved to Klamath Falls. They left on Wednesday.

Robert Nelson came out from Klamath Falls Monday and spent a few hours with his parents. He was displaying his induction card into the air corps. Robert enlisted and expects to be called in the early part of July.

Misses Vera and Virginia Smith were here on Tuesday evening visiting their sister, Mrs. Jimmie Huffman and Mr. Huffman. Norma Hall came out with them also.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williamson were here from Prineville over Sunday. Williamson's brother, Forrest, who is making his home with them came down, too. They spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Leek and were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Montgomery. They made other calls while here.

Miss McKinzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McKinzie of Prineville, formerly of Sprague River is visiting Miss Doris Newlun and other friends here this week.

Mrs. Newlun and Shirley were in Klamath Falls Tuesday visiting her sister-in-law there.

Rev. C. J. Tuning and Rev. Ivy C. Clark have returned home after attending a church conference meeting at Newberg.

Rev. C. G. Evans left for Portland Wednesday morning to attend an Apostolic Faith church conference there. He accompanied other ministers from Klamath Falls and Medford.

Cuma Hutchins who had the misfortune to get her arm caught in an electric washing machine wringer is still suffering from the injury.

There are proud new parents of Sprague River this week. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Kircher who have a daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Lifford Markham also have a daughter. A fine son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hen Hansen on June 5.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fuller drove to Ontario, Oregon last week and met their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Paul Fuller and little son. Mrs. Fuller and son will remain here for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Spitzer drove to Medford last Friday evening, accompanying them on their trip were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Feaster and son Jimmy. Mrs. Spitzer remained in Medford for dental care.

George Bates was shopping in Klamath Falls Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winshaw and son and Mrs. Roy Vermillion and children were callers from Keno at the Johnson home Sunday.

Arthur Allen from Phoenix, Ore., is spending part of his school vacation at the Badger home.

Among Ashland shoppers Saturday were Frank Mullin, Frank House, Mr. and Mrs. "Red" Bildeck, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hartwell, Mrs. Betty and Mrs. Johnson.

Amos Devore has purchased a milk cow from Roy Vermillion.

INDIAN WILL SUPERINTEND RESERVATION

CHICAGO, June 18 (AP)—Secretary Ickes announced today appointment of George LaVatta, Shoshone Indian of the Fort Hall reservation, Idaho, and a leading tribal relations representative in the northwest, to the superintendency of the Toholan Indian agency at Hoquiam, Wash.

LaVatta's promotion, effective July 1, is in line with the policy of encouraging Indians to administer Indian affairs by training and promoting them from the ranks of key positions in the service, Ickes said.

The appointment brings to ten the number of Indians serving as superintendents. Of the 8000 Indian service positions in the United States and Alaska, Indians are employed in 60 per cent, the secretary reported.

Since 1935 when he became tribal relations representative with headquarters in Portland, Ore., LaVatta has traveled and worked among tribes in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and Utah, advising the Indians on their privileges and responsibilities under the Indian reorganization act of 1934.

In 1941 he received the annual achievement award presented by the Indian council fire of Chicago to an Indian of outstanding accomplishments.

Other appointments announced included: Myrthus Evans, former principal of the Tuba City boarding school on the Navajo reservation, Arizona, to superintendent of the Chemawa vocational school near Salem, Ore. He succeeds Paul T. Jackson who has transferred to the war department.

Superintendent L. W. Shotwell, in charge of the Flathead Indian agency, Dixon, Mont., since 1934, to superintendent of the Yakima Indian agency at Toppenish, Wash. He was replaced in Montana by C. C. Wright, superintendent at Uintah and Ouray agency, Fort Duchesne, Utah, since 1936.

M. A. Johnson, former superintendent of the Yakima Indian agency, to northwest regional credit supervisor with headquarters in Billings, Mont. He succeeds F. A. Asbury, who was appointed superintendent of Fort Peck Indian agency, Poplar, Mont.

Card Party—The Loyal Order of Moose will hold the second of a series of five card parties Saturday, July 19, at 8:30 p. m. in the basement of the Moose hall, 1010 Pine street. There will be awards and refreshments, and members and the public will be welcome.

Former Resident Visits—Mrs. Fritz Vance, a former resident of Klamath Falls, is in town, a guest at the home of her niece, Mrs. Virgil Stippich, 910 California avenue, and at the home of her brother-in-law, Milton Vance, on Anderson street.

In Los Angeles — Mrs. Fred Steiner of Darrow street has gone to Los Angeles to visit her daughter, Mrs. Bud Smith (Kathryn Steiner), who has a second child, born on June 8.

Returns — James Luis of the Bohemian cafe, returned Friday morning from Portland where he has been on business.

Attorney Home — Richard Maxwell, local attorney, returned by train Friday morning from Portland where he has been on business.

From North — Joseph C. O'Neill, Klamath Falls attorney, returned by train Friday morning from Portland where he has been on business for a short time.

Home From Session—Arthur Schupp, member of the Oregon State highway commission, returned home Friday morning from Portland where he attended a meeting of that body.

To Iowa—Mrs. Lowell Paup and two sons have gone to Iowa where they will visit Mrs. Paup's parents and other relatives. They plan to be gone for about a month.

From Lakeview — Harry Utley, well known Lakeview realtor, was a business visitor in Klamath Falls Friday.

Visiting Parents—Cora Reber of Oakland is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reber, of Malin.

OBITUARY

FRED DOAN Fred Doan, a resident of Dunsuir, Calif., passed away near Chemult, Ore., on June 16, 1943, at 7 p. m. The deceased was 53 years 2 months and 13 days when called. The remains were forwarded via Southern Pacific on Thursday evening to Sacramento, Calif., where the funeral service will take place from the chapel of Miller and Skelton funeral home. Arrangements were in charge of Ward's Klamath Falls funeral home of this city.

California has 100,819 miles of highways in the state.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 200 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.

LET'S STAND BY OUR PRESIDENT

Let's stand by our president. And pray for God to guide him. United all, united all, united all, we stand.

Let each home and resident, With courage walk beside him. That God above will steady his faithful trembling hand. Let's keep his smile aflashing. Over all this troubled nation. Let's give up weakened sentiment, all selfish pleasures, too. Let's keep old Glory waving. Full of freedom and salvation. Let's shout the battle cry for the dear old red, white and blue.

Refrain Freedom, freedom, freedom and justice for all, God keep it flying, pray do not let it fall. Honor and glory, the nations will bring to thee. God save our country, oh keep it ever free. On to the victory, we'll shout it on every hand, For our boys who are fighting, in a hellish foreign land. Mrs. Leon Lybrand.

Brian Aherne to Be Flight Teacher HOLLYWOOD, June 18 (AP) Brian Aherne has given up films for flying.

The actor disclosed yesterday that he has accepted a billet as flight instructor for the Royal air force at Falcon Field, Mesa, Ariz. He recently completed a refresher course there, and was given leave to complete a picture.

Western States Collect Much Tin SAN FRANCISCO, June 18 (AP)—Six western states collected 52,243 pounds of collapsible tubes in the tin salvage drive during May, the WPB regional salvage division announced today.

This brought the total collections for the area since the drive began April 1, 1942, to 472,070. The May collection in pounds: Arizona 2360, California 39, 832, Idaho 582, Nevada 136, Oregon 5957, Washington 4376.

Courthouse Records MARRIAGES JONES-OSBORNE. Sam H. Jones, 42, rancher. Native of California, resident of Merrill. Martha Virginia Osborne, 26, waitress. Native of Kansas, resident of Merrill.

MAXWELL - ATKINSON. Ralph Kenneth Maxwell, 21, lumber worker. Native of Washington, resident of Klamath Falls. Lois Belle Atkinson, 20, fountain waitress. Native of Missouri, resident of Tionesta.

Complaints Filed Hattie C. Cloud versus Joseph Cloud. Couple married in Klamath Falls, March 7, 1936. Plaintiff asks restoration of maiden name, Hattie C. Stiles. A. C. Yaden, attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court J. C. North. Drunk in a private place. Fined \$10 or five days.

William Butler. Disorderly conduct. Fined \$25.

CHAIRMAN FOR STOCK EVENT NAMED TODAY

Committee chairman for the junior livestock show to be held in the fall were appointed by Walter Beane, president of the Rotary club, sponsor of the show, at a meeting Thursday.

Lee Jacobs was appointed general chairman, with Ed Geary acting as co-chairman; Hod Eiler, ring and sales chairman; Wallace Bruce, publicity; Nick Long, entertainment; Bob Sprout, food; Alfred Collier, arrangements; Tom Watters, weighing and grounds. L. A. West, of Henley, has been appointed ring master, a post he has held since the start of the junior livestock shows.

Date of the show has been set for the middle of September, either the weekend of the 12th and 13th, or that of the 19th and 20th.

The competitive system of judging will be returned to. An auction will be held if food is available for it.

VITAL STATISTICS

SHERRICK—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., on June 17, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sherrick, 1904 Fargo street, a girl. Weight: 7 pounds 9 ounces.

GAURIAN—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., on June 17, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Grady C. Gaurian, Beatty, Ore., a boy. Weight: 8 pounds.

MONTAGUE—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., on June 17, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Montague, 1194 Crescent street, a boy. Weight: 6 pounds 11 ounces.

Police Seek Pair In Woods Area

PORTLAND, June 18 (AP) — State police and deputy sheriffs combed the thickly wooded Mount Scott area today for two armed men who shot and slightly wounded Frank Donnelly, Boring farmer, when he surprised them trying to break into his home last night.

The pair fled in a car which was found abandoned in mud near Rock creek. Police tracked them to a point east of Clackamas in the Mount Scott district. Residents of the area were warned the men may attempt to obtain food.

Rangoon, Burmese city, gets its name from a modification of words meaning "end of war."

Wanted Saleslady

Aged 20 to 35 Experienced in women's sportswear. Local store. good wages. Write Herald-News Box 432, giving qualifications, age and experience. Replies confidential.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"How about joinin' us in a game, Judge?... I'll drop out for a while."

"Sorry, Phil, but I can't today... I'm on my way up to the hospital to see how Frank's wife is coming along. I just dropped by to give you the answer to that question you asked me about synthetic rubber yesterday in the barber shop. I looked it up and found out that the beverage distilling industry's facilities for producing grain alcohol make it possible to include 200,000 tons of rubber

from grain in the government's 870,000 ton synthetic rubber program.

"I also verified the fact that no distiller is making whiskey today. They all stopped making whiskey last year and are working night and day, 7 days a week, producing war alcohol for the government... for smokeless powder, chemical warfare materials, medical supplies, as well as for synthetic rubber. It's a mighty good thing these distilleries were in existence ready to do this important job."