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Klamath's Yesterdays

Klamath Falls for Christmas shopping. The state emergency relief committee has approved \$5000 for a library building at Merrill.

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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

INTO heads and hearts like ours which are pretty well jammed up these days with war worries, puzzling about the future, local controversies, community problems, etc., along with the ordinary run of personal matters, we have an idea the letter we are about to print will come like a refreshing breeze in the Klamath pines.



EPLEY

It's a letter from a man in the young—a Klamath man—to his young nephew, born last November 18. The writer is PFC Robert Benjamin Kerns, and little Joe, recipient of the missive, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Kerns.

Joe won't be able to read this letter for a while. But we are fortunate enough to have it for this column today, for the benefit of a lot of folks who need its reiteration of faith in the things that mean America.

Here it is: Dear Little Joe: Welcome to this mixed-up world, nephew—the world that's going to be safe for Democracy and Communism. Welcome to a grand heritage and to a wonderful childhood. I ought to know, for I lived that childhood, and after looking around a little, I've decided I was a pretty lucky guy to have the parents, the family, the luxuries, the education, the hopes and dreams and the realization of those hopes and dreams that I did.

And you, my boy, face the same wonderful future, only you have a couple of swell grandparents to add more to your life—to make the holidays mean one of Grandmother's delicious dinners with Grandfather cutting the turkey and eating his fill despite Grandmother's admonitions. The whole family will be there—Uncle Jim and Aunt Dorothy with their children, and Uncle Ben—we hope with someone at his side. The table will be loaded—Aunt Dorothy brought the pie, your mother made the gelatin salad, Grandmother roasted the turkey to a crisp brown. After dinner we all may dance down in the pine-paneled play room—or you kids may go for a horse-back ride—up into the hills, up to the top of the highest peak, where you can look down and see the sun gleam on the Klamath river as it winds its way across the valley, caressing and giving life to the land it passes. You'll be able to see the red brick of Grandpa's house, and on the other side of the apple orchard you can see your house nestling white and neat into its lush green lawn.

Stretching away from you, looking like a drunken checkerboard, are the fertile fields of the Klamath valley—stretching into the distance until they're stopped abruptly by the foothills of the Cascades. And you'll thrill, little Joe, thrill with the feeling of the warm sun on your back, the sharp smell of sage that fills your nostrils, thrill with the thought of belonging to this good life. The thrill will fill your body and soul, and your horse, sensing it, starts off at a gallop down the trail toward home. You'll lean back in the saddle, the swift wind bringing tears to your eyes, and you'll yell—you'll holler as you race down the trail, flying past the juniper and pines—you'll let out a yell of pure joy trying to release some of the thrill for life that is filling you. Step into your heritage, Joe, and be worthy of it.

Your Uncle Ben. Thank you, PFC Kerns. It did us a lot of good.

WACS Needed

WE note that Lt. Betty Herring, former popular Klamath recruiter is coming back to help recruit Wacs for the medical corps. With the war mounting to unprecedented fury on the western front, it is clear enough that the need for medical services for our men is greater than ever. The Wacs who get into this work will be giving a service that cannot be exceeded in value.

The Object in the Sky

NEWS from Montana this week that a strange Japanese balloon had been found up there might throw some light on a strange object reported seen in the sky near here two or three weeks ago. Observers said the local mystery object looked something like a flying bomb, and was followed by a trail of flame.

No Development In Indian Death

No new developments were reported by investigating officers in the sudden death of Rosemary Jackson Merritt, 19-year-old Indian woman who died Wednesday at 2 a. m. in Chilquin. Special Indian Officer John Arkell said he was checking various angles of the case but that it would probably be sometime next week before he had a definite statement to make. Mrs. Merritt, whose husband is in the South Pacific with the U. S. army, died at the home of a sister, Beulah Farris, just a very short time after complaining of being ill. Up to that point, Arkell said, the woman was in apparent good health.

If it's a "frozen" article you need, advertise for a used one in the classified.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—The Germans did not get the power for this break through our lines from the Russian front. They picked some of it from Finland, Norway and Denmark, but most of it came from reserves built up by reorganization of the elements which straggled home from the lost battle of France. The constant increase of nazi strength since September can be attributed to that latter circumstance—and it constantly grows greater.

Skilfully Chosen

CAREFULLY, Von Rundstedt and his generals (and Hitler was in on it according to my information) chose the time and place skilfully.

The spot was a portion of the line which both the nazis and our army had loosely held. Any concentration there could easily break through either side. But their concentration went undetected by us.

Not a note of advance warning did we have because the weather favored their enterprise not only with rain but with low-hanging clouds. The clouds prevailed for several days after the break-through so we could not use our air power, upon which we relied heavily to offset any such offensive. (Planes are disastrous to such offensives, which necessarily are closely-knit and therefore easily detected and damaged, while defensive operations can be scattered and therefore be comparatively safe from air destruction.)

The break-through itself was nothing new and could have been anticipated. The nazis constantly used such tactics in Russia when they could not otherwise stop an advance, but the whole course of winter fighting on the front may be determined by what eventually happens to this blow.

The nazis have used up their reserves for this fight. When their initial move met success, they threw everything loose into it. If the blow is crushed without too great loss to us, our next advance should meet less resistance.

Slow-Up

EUROPEAN political events have endangered the chances of getting the Dumbarton Oaks agreement through the senate—and if final agreement is reached with Russia.

That agreement, as far as it has progressed, proposes a closer-tied world organization than ever before to preserve finally and forever the kind of world we have at the end of the war. It would make permanent the status quo at the war's conclusion.

Naturally as the status quo becomes less and less pleasing to all the parties involved, interest in preserving it permanently becomes less.

For instance, if we are going to have a balance of power politics in Greece, it will be difficult to preserve. If Russian borders are to be extended to Poland, we will undertake through Dumbarton action to guarantee those borders forever with our arms.

Indeed, it is conceivable that such a situation may arise in Europe where not only the senators, but the administration might not be especially enthusiastic about permanently guaranteeing it.

This is a new element which has entered into the private discussions here. It will become important only as developments from Europe direct, and will simmer and die if those developments become more satisfactory.

For the present, I would say congress is dividing into two camps: those who say the Atlantic charter was a war ideal which hardly could have proved acceptable to Russia in the end, but well served its war purposes, and those who suspect the people will be shocked to find now that our advertised war hopes have been taken abroad so lightly.

The meeting of certain republican senate leaders with Governor Dewey in New York Friday reflects lack of confidence in leadership by the republican governors who had such a prominent part in the last campaign. It reflects also an earnest opposition to compromising with the New Deal.

Today's Bible Verses

From John 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him, was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten Father, full of grace and truth.



"Don't worry, she's only dressed up like that because she hasn't got the shape to be modern!"

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 300 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcomed.

A RAT IS A RAT

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—The supreme court upholding the letting the American born Japs go back to the west coast. I think this is the craziest thing that we could now or ever do.

I am an American 100 per cent and have folks fighting Japs in the islands of the Pacific. They are rats and you can't make anything else out of them, as a rat is a rat no matter how you would dress them up.

After the Pearl Harbor bombing and things that have happened here. If I had my way they would not ever have the freedom to go to the U. S. to over run the land of the U. S. like they have in the past. It is all right to be human. But if a dog bites you once you will always look out for him after that. So I ask the people of Oregon and California and other western states, where they have had to put up with this disease to think twice and fight to keep them Japs where they belong and after the war ship them all back to what will be left of Japan, as they will need them

over there a lot worse than we will need them. Sincerely, C. H. Bennett, 2627 Bisbee St.

Horse, Not Morse Finds Residence

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Oh! to be a horse. At least that's what the family of Senator-elect Wayne Morse (R-Ore.) is beginning to sigh. Mrs. Morse has found a home here for their two saddle horses but none for the family. The family, awaiting arrival of Mr. Morse, has been taken in by friends. To add to the troubles, Morse, his eldest daughter and their horses, all en route to the capital, were stalled in Aurora, Ill., early today when they ran out of gas.

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Apostasy Is Possible The impossibility of falling from grace is a very wholesome doctrine with some people and very full of comfort. The sad thing about it, it is not true. There are two sides to the question, God's side and man's side. Some people seem to forget that God is just as faithful in His promise to punish the evil doer as he is to bless the faithful child. Proof: John 15:2,6. "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh it away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he cleanseth it, that it may bear more fruit. . . . "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth, as a branch, and is withered; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire." From this we learn that the man had been a branch but did not so abide, therefore was gathered out from among other branches and burned. How could language be plainer? "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil; which some reaching after HAVE BEEN LED ASTRAY FROM THE FAITH, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows." 1 Tim. 6:10. M. LLOYD SMITH, Evangelist. CHURCH OF CHRIST 2205 Wentland Ave. Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Members of Kiwanis and Rotary service clubs observed their annual Christmas programs and luncheon meetings this week, the Kiwanians meeting Thursday and the Rotarians on Friday at the Willard. Warren Whitlock was Santa Claus to the children of Kiwanis members who gathered around festive tables for the Yule treat. There was a program of song, and chairman of the day was Rev. David Barnett. Students and service men, home for the holidays, were honored at the Rotary luncheon. Presenting a skit were Joy Kent, Nancy Bennet, Maxine Liskey, Marjorie Clark, Dorothy Davis, Peggy Keating, Mary Landry, Mary Corrigan and Jean Long. Others on the program, arranged by Sgt. Charles Foster, Jerry Einarsson and Richard Beane, included Joy Kent, who sang "O Holy Night," accompanied by Mrs. Don J. Zumwalt; clarinet solo, Jerry Einarsson, and scripture reading, Ed Peterman. The Yellow river in China is dubbed "China's Sorrow" because of the many floods it has loosed on the rich adjacent farmlands.

First Church of Christ, Scientist A branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. 10th and Washington Services Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Sunday Service 11 a. m. Subject, Dec. 24—"Christ Jesus" Wednesday evening service 8 p. m. Reading Room, 1023 Main St.

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Service Men's Chapel 325 Main, Basement Melhase Bldg.

Christmas Program Sunday by Klamath Falls Churches Rev. Howard Hutchins of the First Christian Church will give the message First Christian Church Choir

Service Men's Chapel Open to Public Service Men and Women Especially Invited Ladies' Lounge Services Every Night After Sunday PENNEY'S This ad published by

Copco Purchase At Lakeview O. K. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) California Oregon Power company's purchase of California Public Service company's electric facilities in Lake county, Ore., and Modoc county, Calif., for \$470,000 cash has been approved by the federal power commission. The facilities involved serve six communities, among them Lakeview, Ore., and Alturas, Calif.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES Sunday, Dec. 24, 11 a. m.—Christmas message: "God's Great Gift" Sunday, Dec. 24, 7:30 p. m.—Christmas Eve Service: "The Savior's Birth," in word and song by the Sunday school children and choir. A Cordial Invitation Is Assured Zion Lutheran Church, 1025 High street. Victor A. Schulze. (Zion congregation will hold no services on Christmas Day, Dec. 25)

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