

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

A WORLD WAR II veteran (overseas) dropped in to see us yesterday with a declaration that he's getting fed up on fancy talk about aid to war veterans that doesn't go farther than talk.

He is Shelby Thompson, a cheese salesman, and he was an unsuccessful bidder for one of the houses sold by the state highway department in connection with the new highway route east of the canal.

Mr. Thompson is paying ceiling rent for a small apartment, and he wanted one of the state highway houses for a home. He figured the cost of a city lot for a site, the cost of moving, and made a bid for two houses which he believed was fair, hoping to get one of them.

He was outbid by two local citizens who are owners of considerable property here and probably bid on the state highway houses for speculative purposes—at least, not for a home for themselves. Neither of them is a veteran of the late war.

Mr. Thompson said that when he left the service he received a letter from Governor Earl Snell assuring him the state wanted to do everything possible for its war veterans. If that's true, he said, why not make it possible for war veterans to acquire houses which the state has to sell in a city in which there is a serious shortage of homes for returning veterans?

The question led to an interesting discussion in which Mr. Thompson and this department agreed substantially on this conclusion with respect to this particular situation:

The state highway department no doubt followed routine procedure with respect to the sale of these houses, but where housing facilities specifically are for sale by the state, some method of veteran preference would be justified in the postwar period of housing shortage. (This might require legislation not now in effect.)

Mr. Thompson agreed that veterans cannot expect preference in every competitive situation but they should be given a break now in connection with the use and disposal of publicly-owned housing. That's fair enough.

Some Broad Conclusions

GOING on from this little incident to some broader conclusions, here are some ideas that suggest themselves:

1. It is unwise to hold out glowing prospects of aids for service men that lead to greater expectations than are likely of fulfillment, or without implementing promises with the means of fulfillment.

2. All practical and fair methods of veteran assistance should be put into operation as rapidly as possible, as it is in this time of readjustment that the returning service men have greatest need for such benefits.

3. The wise service man will discount much that is said about what is going to be "done for our boys," and will brace himself, in general, to meet life's competitive situations on an equal basis with others. There will be practical advantages to veteran status in many fields—politics, for instance—but in the long run, a man's own ability, resourcefulness and hard work will be what counts.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

OUR TOWN, USA, Dec. 28—Our Town is developing new peculiarities of postwar life like many another in the nation, I suspect. Our E bond campaign really failed this month for the first time in history, although we extended the time two weeks, and the campaign leaders worked harder than usual. They got less than half their quota. Nearby in rich and swollen Washington, E bond sales ran only 66 per cent of the quota.

The leaders tell me the failure here was almost entirely in bonds of the smaller denominations. The lower income brackets did not embrace the campaign this time. In one business where the employees had previously bought as much as \$2000, only \$400 was purchased. Yet the people have as much money as ever, and are vying with each other to spend it. One civic organization had a dinner at the best restaurant, and when it came time to pay the bill, the treasurer pushed forward a balance of uncounted bills and said: "Give this to the help." A waitress made a \$7 tip on another small dinner for seven.

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His own dining room was closed except for lunch and dinner, because he could get no one to work more than eight hours, and said he could not get sufficient help for two shifts. There were six dining places in the town. Each one was doing the same thing. Some claimed they were closed because of shortage of points, but you do not need points for orange juice, eggs and coffee.

Local citizens said the restaurants were all making so much money with two meals, they all just lazily decided two were enough to serve the public. My friend went 20 miles before he got his breakfast. Some new businesses are opening, with good service, trying to establish themselves with popular support; and many old ones (particularly those dealing in autos, gasoline, drugs, etc.), have greatly improved their service. It all seems to depend on competition. If there is competition in a business, you get a fair price and good service; if not, the consumer is soaked.

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Gouging Landlord

I KNOW a landlord, for instance, renting a third floor walk-up office for \$100 a month. He asked that the lease omit the usual obligation to furnish janitor service, as during the help shortage, he was not sure he could keep his janitor or get a new one. The janitor was missing after the third week of operations. The tenant had to employ one at \$50 a month. Now, at expiration of the lease, the landlord upped the rent \$25. This meant a 75 per cent increase in rent in one year. The tenant consulted his lawyer, found he could do nothing but pay.

As we have talked these things over in Our Town (as you no doubt are doing in yours), we have decided what this country needs more than anything else is a swift return to competition.

Housing must be started and built to the point where a citizen may move when gouged. More goods and services must be offered to the point where the consumer may protect himself by choice. Labor cannot continue to maintain a wage-bidding monopoly, any more than business, but competition must be restored there also.

We, in Our Town, think this is the only way to stop inflation.

Two Salem Women Struck By Auto

SALEM, Dec. 28 (AP)—Two Salem women, struck by an automobile last night while they were walking across the Pacific highway at Marion street, were in a hospital today in a critical condition.

They are Mrs. Mattie White, 54, and Mrs. Lillian White, 72. The driver of the car, Howard L. Golden of Salem, was charged with failure to give the right of way to a pedestrian.

Montana Mills OK Wage Hike

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—AFL workers in three Montana pine operations will get a \$1.10 hourly minimum under agreements just concluded in Spokane, union leaders said here today.

Spokesmen for the Northwestern Council, AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers, said the River-view Manufacturing Company, Hamilton, Mont., had offered a 27-cent-an-hour boost. This is nearly double the 15-cent agreement reached in much of the fir industry and far beyond the extra 12¢ cents paid by some pine belt operators.

Other plants were listed as the Flathead Lumber Company, Kalispell, Mont., and Francis Kinshell, Kitchibowen & Arthur Olson Company, Kalispell logging firm.

Forestry Men Slate Hearing

The special forestry committee appointed by Governor Snell to investigate the problems of the Tillamook burn, improved protection of Oregon's forests from fire, and other related forestry matters, plans to hold a public hearing at Klamath Falls January 4.

Individuals, organizations and the general public are invited to attend and take part in this meeting. It is a desire of the committee to obtain a complete survey of public opinion, suggestions, comments and criticism concerning the matters being studied. These public contributions will provide a basis for action toward improving the state-wide program of forestry and forest fire protection.

For purposes of record, it is requested that a written brief of statements be submitted by those who appear before the committee.

The meeting will be held in the circuit court room of the courthouse, beginning at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

"MY TIME IS YOUR TIME" KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28 (AP)—President Truman's holiday visit with the home folks has cost Police Sgt. William Galvin his watch.

The timepiece flew off the officers' wrist as he was directing traffic from the running board of a police car assigned to escort the presidential limousine.

SIDE GLANCES



"Well, you know how much you're making, son—that dress your girl friend has on looks like about two weeks' salary to me!"

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP World Traveler

LONDON, Dec. 28—The results of the Big Three foreign ministers conference at Moscow certainly give brighter hope of a Happy New Year.

That hope rests not so much in any specific agreement—although there are some of high importance—as in the fact that the spirit of co-operation, which received such a nasty knock at the last foreign ministers conference in London, seems to have been recreated. Unity of purpose among the Big Three is the great essential for peace, because as things now stand the weight of the world rests upon their broad shoulders. Without their full cooperation the forthcoming meeting of the assembly of the United Nations peace organization here would be the beating of an empty tub.

Machine Running Freely So it's good to see the big machine again running more freely, and there naturally is considerable speculation as to whether Generalissimo Stalin's presence in the Soviet capital—handy for quick consultation by his ministers—may have had something to do with the better atmosphere. Be that as it may, the calamity of the last foreign ministers conference was reversed.

The most important agreement of the conference was the decision to create a commission under the United Nations organization to eliminate all atomic weapons and to develop atomic energy for the benefit of mankind.

The advent of the atomic bomb had produced suspicions and heart burnings which undoubtedly were at the bottom of the failure of the previous foreign ministers parley. The Moscow decisions calculated to remove those suspicions, and this in itself would have marked the conference as having achieved a major success. More than incidentally this will give the United Nations organization a concrete major problem to deal with when it meets next month, and that's all to the good.

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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.

STORY OF TWO VETERANS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—I want to take up a little time and space which I think is for a good cause.

The war is won. We thank God for that. But let's not forget what these boys coming back to their home towns did toward this precious peace.

I'm a mother of a boy who is still in service. But my heart goes out to those other mothers' boys that are back and groping around to find once again the place they once had here.

The whole purpose of this note to the editor is to tell you a little story of two boys that are examples of all our boys trying to find a place back home.

At 11th and Main is a little Mobilgas station, owned and operated by two of these boys. With their mustering out money they bought this place. With hopes high and faith in us they opened for business, advertised in The Herald and News, joined a well known lodge which has 1500 members or more. At lodge one night they gave away some gas, an act of good fellowship and to advertise. Well, that far the only member of the lodge to visit the station is the fellow that won the lucky number for free gas.

Now, fellow members, do you believe you are giving them the support they deserve to get back to a normal American life? So far business has been bad and they are getting discouraged and losing faith in us. All they want is a break. They are not begging, or reminding us of what they have done. They are just proud American boys.

Don't you think you have let these boys down? Why can't a few of us get together and give them some support? Not just members of this lodge but parents of boys and just any American that is enjoying this wonderful peace and freedom of ours. Not only these boys but all the returning ones, trying to make a place for themselves. Let's all stick together.

MRS. L. W. JOHNSON, 1544 Johnson.

DISPLAY

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—I have read your news write up about Mr. P. L. Evans' decoration, and I agree it is a very beautiful display. But I'd like to tell you about another one. I feel it really shows the Christmas spirit! It is on the front porch of a humble little home at 1434 Lakewood, in Klamath Falls.

The mother of the house is the one who made it. And she is an untaught artist, as I know she is. The display is of the Madonna and her baby, it is a life sized statue made of paper-mache and plaster of paris.

The baby is a glorified old doll. She has built a crude shelter for them and they are very lifelike. I asked her how long it would be on display and she said: "Until New Years. So I would like to invite everyone to see it. I think they would find it very worth their while."

Yours truly, MRS. M. R. DONLEVY.

Four Nazis Face Trials January 7

LIVORNO, Italy, Dec. 28 (AP)—Trials of four SS (Elite Guard) underlings charged with killing seven allied officers at Bolzano, Italy, are scheduled to begin January 7 in Naples, with Col. Herbert V. Scanlan of Dallas, Tex., presiding as head of a military commission.

The four defendants are accused of killing a British major, an American captain, three American lieutenants, one American non-commissioned officer and one British non-commissioned officer. Names of the victims were withheld for the time being.

Members of the commission include Lieut. Col. Lawrence M. Hoover, Hood River, Oregon.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

EXTENSIVE DEADLINE

SALEM, Dec. 28 (AP)—The state department of agriculture announced today it has extended to January 12 the deadline for hearing objections or suggestions in the proposed state grades and standards for milk and cream.

The deadline had been fixed at December 28. The final order will be issued in mid-January. The grades and standards will apply to fluid milk and cream sold in the bottle and can trade.

Nubbins Makes A Christmas Pie



Forest (Nubbins) Hoffman, 4, who had Christmas November 19 in 1944, because he wasn't expected to live until December 25, is feeling "just swell" this year. He is shown helping his mother, Mrs. Marshall Hoffman roll out a Christmas pie crust in Cheyenne, Wyo. (AP wirephoto).

Council Issues Warning To Business Firms Lax In Getting '46 Licenses

The city council emphatically agreed last night that business establishments slow in getting 1946 licenses will be abruptly dealt with and postponing license-buying until as late as July, as has been a common practice in Klamath Falls, will not be tolerated.

Chief of Police Orville Hamilton was given the go-ahead signal to start bringing delinquent licensees into court immediately after January 15.

"It makes no difference if there is a dozen or a hundred," Hamilton was instructed, "bring them in before the police judge."

Licenses were granted last night to the Klamath hotel, the Clothes Mart, Pat's Cabs, Yellow Cab, Waldorf Billiards for pool hall and card room, Hull barber shop, Tommy's barber shop, Leach Service company, and Collins-Powelson Electric company of Portland, electrical contractors.

Liquor licenses for Fremont grocery, Town Club, Tavern and Depot confectionery were recommended to the state alcoholic beverages commission.

A \$35,000 building permit was issued Arthur Rickbell for remodeling Rickys jewelry store, 7th and Main, a permit for \$2000 given to A. Dovel for remodeling a building at 2013 S. 6th, along with several minor permits.

On report from Building Inspector Gus Johnson, condemnation proceedings were ordered to begin against a half-burned house at 2051 11th and an eyesore at 1502 Sargent. The Vine street house is owned by George H. Mustoe of Seattle.

Malin Masonic Lodge Holds Installation

MALIN—In joint installation ceremonies for the Malin Masonic lodge, Prosperity chapter, GES, Frank Paygr Jr. was installed as master and Mrs. Beulah Reber took office as worthy matron. The service followed a banquet in the recreation room of the Malin Presbyterian church. Retiring matron is Mrs. Arlie Mae Johnson.

Mrs. Reber was presented with an arm bouquet of red roses and a pin symbol of the order by Mr. Reber during the ceremony put on by Mrs. Alda Macken, installing matron. The retiring matron Mrs. Johnson, and the retiring patron, P. G. Wilson were also honored.

Serving with Mrs. Reber this year will be Harold Dehlinger, worthy patron; Marlon Wilson, associate matron; P. G. Wilson, associate patron; Thelma Stuck, secretary; Ann Frulls, treasurer; Gladys Halousek, conductress; Agnes Schreiner, associate conductress; Hazel Kalina, chaplain; Jean Blake, organist.

Ann Paygr, Ada; Hazel Bowman; Ruth; Helen Rajnus; Esther; Ewen Bowman; Martha; Florence Wilson; Electa; Helen Ottoman, warder and Florence DeMerritt, sentinel.

Installing officers for the Star were Mrs. Alda Macken, installing matron; T. A. DeMerritt, installing patron; Mrs. Maud Denton, installing marshal; Mrs. Margaret Jacobs, installing chaplain.

Installing officer for the Masons was M. W. Harbison, Lakeview; installing marshal, Frank Victorine and installing chaplain, T. A. DeMerritt.

Serving with the new master, Frank Paygr, will be P. G. Wilson, senior warden; Lester B. Schreiner, junior warden; Joe Halousek, secretary; Roy McNeill, treasurer; M. A. Bowman, senior deacon; Bernard Wilson, junior deacon; Charles Hamilton, senior steward; T. A. DeMerritt, chaplain; Frank Victorine, marshal. Names of the Tyler and junior steward were not given.

Santa Flooded With Calls

The three telephone lines installed by the Jaycees for calls to Santa Claus were kept busy the three days they were in use.

Within 16 hours approximately 1000 calls had been handled, including long-distance calls from Merrill, Malin and Tionesta.

All of the 35 volunteer "hello men" showed up for work with the exception of one man who was prevented by a car wreck from being there.

Among requests from children were the ones from 8-year-old twin girls who wanted Santa Claus to bring a baby sister. Little 4- and 5-year-olds expressed the true Christmas spirit when they offered to forego any special request for themselves if Santa Claus would bring the baby sister or brother who couldn't talk yet, their heart's desire.

Henry Garnett, in behalf of the Junior Chamber of commerce, wishes to thank all volunteers for their assistance with the Christmas phone calls, and the telephone company for the extra work they did to help make the project a success.

Santa Claus took the name and address of each child who called and mailed cards explaining if and why requests had not been filled.

Fishermen Still Hooking Steelhead

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 28 (AP)—As the fifth week of the Grants Pass Steelhead derby came to a close last Monday, D. R. Smith of Ashland with an eleven pound, two ounce steelhead, leads the field, followed closely by R. H. Dearmond as a contender for the second place prize. George Field of Trail, Ore., is in the running for third place spot.

Most contestants reported excellent luck the past week with fresh eggs and spinners, stating that the big ones are now really starting to take the lures.

Jap School Closed Down

TULELAKE, Dec. 28—The Tri-State high school serving Japanese students in the WRA center for more than three years, discontinued classes December 21, it was announced this week by Guy Cook, principal. Since the opening of the school, 1035 students have received diplomas.

The elementary building, with 800 students registered, also closed. Mary C. Durkin, principal, said classes were first opened September 14, 1942.

Students completing the final session of eight weeks were given credit for a full semester. Credits earned here are acceptable in all other high schools where students have transferred, and in colleges and universities.

Secretary Of AFL Typo Union Passes

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 28 (AP)—Jack Gill, 53, of Cleveland, secretary of the International Typographical union, AFL, died suddenly late last night.

Gill was taken to St. Vincent's hospital after apparently suffering a heart attack while riding in an automobile with some friends.

Gill became secretary of the ITU, which has headquarters here, on July 15, 1944.

Klamath's Yesterdays

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

From the Klamath Republican Dec. 28, 1905

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Radio Programs

KFJ Mutual-Don Lee 1240 kc.

Friday Eve., December 28

- 6:00 P. M. Gabriel News at 11:47
- 6:15 James Landry Songs
- 6:30 P. M. Light Bands
- 7:00 Your Land and Mine
- 7:15 Klamath Billings of Sporia
- 7:30 Lane Ringer
- 8:00 Harry Horner News at 11:47
- 8:15 Lionel Hampton Orchestra
- 8:30 Freedom of Opportunity
- 9:00 Glenn Hardy
- 9:30 Dance
- 9:50 A. M. News
- 10:30 Readers Digest
- 10:45 Feet
- 10:50 Para Round-up

Saturday, December 29

- 6:00 A. M. Wake-Up Tune
- 6:45 P. M. Bulletin
- 7:00 Frank Hamilton News at 11:47
- 7:15 Dance Time
- 7:30 News at 11:47
- 7:45 Beat Boys
- 8:00 Favorites of the Evening
- 8:15 Morning Station
- 8:30 News
- 8:45 P. M. Flash
- 9:00 House of Mystery and Music
- 9:30 Song Time
- 10:00 Glenn Hardy
- 10:15 Al Williams Audience
- 10:30 Morning News
- 11:00 Calendar of Music
- 11:30 Opry House
- 12:00 M. J. News
- 12:30 Your Dance Tunes
- 12:45 P. M. Front and Market Reports
- 1:00 Western Ballad
- 1:15 Harry James Orchestra
- 1:30 Treasury Salute
- 1:45 Leo Brody Concert
- 2:00 Klamath News
- 2:15 Frankie Mack Orchestra
- 2:30 News
- 2:45 Clark Dennis
- 3:00 Songs Crawford Organ
- 3:30 Haven of Rest
- 3:50 Hawaii Call
- 4:00 Sinfonia
- 4:30 Frank Froeba
- 4:45 Klamath Time
- 5:00 Leo Marone
- 5:15 Glenn Pat Show
- 5:30 Jerry Sears Orchestra
- 5:45 Voice of the Army