

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY HAPPY NEW YEAR! We say it sincerely to all the readers of this column and the good friends of The Herald and News scattered over the southern Oregon-northern California region served by this paper.



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Our greetings go also to those readers who live at distant points and keep in touch with happenings in the Klamath country through the columns of The Herald and News.

PROGRESS

As we see it, 1946 has been a year of substantial community achievement. Not all objectives have been won. Community policy has not always been as clearly outlined as it should have been.

Let us take a quick look at various departments of community interest, from the standpoint of the old year and the new one now opening.

To get off on an optimistic foot, consider the extremely favorable situation here with respect to public debt. The county, the city, and the three school districts are now in the best condition, as far as debt is concerned, in at least two decades.

In the field of taxation, the year saw taxes on real property rise to a new high here. This is not entirely a local problem, however, and what happens in the state legislature will have a bearing on future tax trends.

Locally, we need to continue careful budget-making and cautious consideration of new financing enterprises. The local acceptance of pay-as-you-go methods of public financing has been most successful.

The year saw the start of major air operations into Klamath Falls. There are still problems to be worked out in connection with airport operation and finance, but much that has been hoped for in the way of post-war aviation activity here is in sight.

In the field of agriculture, we saw the beginning of a new era of industrial development in the processing of agricultural products. Here is something on which definite work can be done in the future, as it was done this year, especially by potato growers.

HIGHWAYS

Highway development proceeded steadily in this area in the past year. There are signs now that all heads will get together on the troublesome cross-town problem, bringing assurance of early construction of the new north entrance.

Klamath's property owners and business interests have done much in the improvement of business property in the city, and the downtown area has become something of which the entire community can be proud.

The coming year should see some constructive steps in the field of recreation and juvenile delinquency prevention. The best minds of the community may well be called upon to study these problems.

By and large, Klamath has continued through many years a spirit of harmony in its public affairs. There have been flare-ups, but in general, we get along pretty well together, and mend our differences without leaving permanent wounds.

That flow of color you see on Main street is the male citizenry sporting those Christmas ties bought for it by the female citizenry.

Mallon's Column

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—You can learn a lot from a communist meeting. This one was a public gathering fostered by the District of Columbia communist party on the occasion of the 29th anniversary of the Russian revolution.

When you entered, you had to run the gauntlet of pamphlet vendors who vocally advertised their wares like newsboys on a busy corner. The pamphlets were about the world communist movement, the Soviet and how good they both are.

About 300 were in the audience, just about evenly divided between Negroes and whites. The whites apparently thought tolerance meant gentility, or race equality meant indiscriminate social intercourse.

It was apparent these Negroes were being used, for after a grim rendition of the "Star-Spangled Banner" (instead of the "Third Internationale") the meeting heard the first speaker, the local Negro leader of the communist party, cite his conception of race grievances in a strong manner.

He also struck out at the local transit company for refusing to hire Negro platform men, the local telephone company for not hiring Negro operators and the local power company for refusing to hire Negroes for jobs—for which, he said, they were suited.

A Negro girl then sang a torch song and some sad ballads including one called "Strange Fruit" about lynchings and horrible aftermaths although it proposed no remedy and neglected to note they practically died out themselves before the recent race political troubles were forcefully stirred.

There was a difference between Russia and the Soviet Union, she said, Russia was a state like Ohio or Kentucky (she did not mention Georgia). The Soviet Union was a number of states in a socialist economic sphere.

She predicted socialism in the United States in our generation. People were turning away from capitalism because the capitalist betrayed the people during the war, etc., etc. It was not too thick for the audience.

SIDE GLANCES



"George is making a New Year's resolution to drink only for business purposes—the trouble is he's always trying to sell somebody insurance!"

Boyle's Column

Suggestions For Enduring The Day After New Year's

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—Everybody of course, is a lot smarter this year than last year, and certainly nobody intends to make a fool of himself like he did the night they gave the wake for 1945.

But just in case those good resolutions suffer amnesia this New Year's eve and you do come whooping home atop a taxicab radiator instead of the water wagon, here are a few suggestions on how to face the morrow:

Put two match sticks in your pajama pocket. Drive a nail in the ceiling and suspend from it by a small thread a heavy Japanese war sword with the point directed over your pillow. Go to sleep.

Horrible Awakening When you wake up — don't move! This is important. Don't even turn your eyes sideways to look at your watch. You are beyond the meaning of time.

Slowly you become aware of a huge formless bulk at the upper end of your neck. Don't be alarmed. This is your head—the same silly old head you've always made your mistakes with.

And that tremendous throbbing as of a million planes is something you've known before, too. That's your oldest friend—pain.

That thing in your mouth isn't a bathmat. Don't get excited. Nobody's trying to gag you. It's only your tongue. And that isn't sand in your throat. Everybody gets thirsty sometimes.

And don't let yourself think you've swallowed a live cat and it's trying to crawl up out of your stomach. No, your stomach



Adventures Of Junior

OBITUARY

RODNEY ARTHUR FRANKS Rodney Arthur Franks, age 3 months and 10 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Franks, 2429 Pershing way, passed away Monday, December 30, at 8:55 p. m. after a very brief illness.

Jan de Printere of Antwerp printed on paper with hand-carved wood blocks in 1417.

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The World Today

By DeWitt MacKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The United States government is watching the operation of its present commercial air agreements with 28 countries for clues to the prospects of an early world-wide pact.

If experience with agreements now in effect is satisfactory, it is fair to assume that the basic principles will be offered for world adoption when the 46 member states of the Provisional International Civil Aviation organization (PICAO) meet next May.

The goal of a free sky for peaceful flight was set at a world conference at Chicago in 1944. The Chicago conference fell short of the mark, and both the United States and the British began making bilateral or two-nation agreements for air transport rights.

This brought together head-on the two opposing principles: the United States belief in complete freedom to carry international traffic through the air (but not a nation's internal traffic); and the British belief in strict economic control, with a division of the business.

The two concepts were brewed into a pact that satisfied both in a way regarded as the Bermuda, which gave this type agreement its name. Both great nations agreed to sign no aviation pact less liberal than the Bermuda document.

The United States' 28 agreements meet the Bermuda terms as a minimum. A dozen more agreements are on the fire. The United Kingdom has at least a score of such pacts.

It would appear relatively simple, then, to open the skies around the globe to the extent of the Bermuda plan. However, there are two important considerations:

The Bermuda plan cannot be said to have had a complete trial. Some of the safety valves had not had a chance to show they will work.

After Small was called in, Yancey was given until Friday morning to enter a plea to the charge.

The mercury sank to a new season low of 5 degrees Monday night with the weatherman's prediction of continued cold offering little comfort to shivery Klamath residents.

From early morning to late evening, sleds dotted the late-iced, snow-packed streets, as youngsters and a few brave oldsters took advantage of the fine sledding weather.

Justice Court Michael John Maloney, inadequate emergency brakes. Fine, \$5.50.

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Weekly Potato Letter Potato Crop Will Be Above Average Tonnage This Year

January 1 potato stocks will be reported by DoA in about a month. In the meantime the crop estimate which shows about 3.3 million bushels below the November estimate takes care of some of the surplus. It is also known that some stock, as yet only vaguely estimated, was frozen in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Idaho, and the Red River Valley—mostly in Colorado and Oregon.

Shipments last week were 3746 cars compared with 4053 cars the preceding week. Government took 45, leaving 3701 cars for commercial markets. We think now that the heavy movement of government cars, thought to be for the army, did not materialize.

Hopes and Wishes for 1947 The New Year will be the first since V-J Day without the excitement and pressure of the war and its aftermath. In addition, renewed efforts toward crop and marketing improvement. Everywhere there has been improvement in culture, use of certified seed, disease and pest control.

Yancey Faces Court Today

Donald Fred Yancey came in to circuit court for arraignment on a first degree murder indictment this morning, still without an attorney, and the court appointed Fred O. Small to represent him through the arraignment.

Last Saturday Yancey had been in court and reported that he had some money and property, and was given until today to hire an attorney. He was indicted in the fatal shooting of Miss Mary McComb, county librarian, December 14.

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Flashes Of Life

DOUGHFEET SWELL NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—The suspicions of many a weary infantryman that his foot size had increased from "picking 'em up and laying 'em down" were confirmed yesterday by a survey of retailers and manufacturers.

UNSUITABLE ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 31 (AP) Alton Harness complained in court that he bought a suit with two pairs of pants, then discovered that one pair of pants didn't match the coat.

BREEZY RIDE DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 31 (AP) Dressed in a wind-proof coat, boots and a warm headpiece, 71-year-old Mrs. Mary R. Spoor ignores the wintry weather as she goes shopping and visiting friends in an open air motor scooter.

TULELAKE, Dec. 31—Motorists of the Dorris and Tulelake districts were advised today that all 1947 California license permits are to be issued at the Tulelake state highway patrol office between January 2 and February 4.

Courthouse Records Marriage Licenses VROMAN ROBE, Harley Eugene Vroman, 24, and Norma Louise Dalko, 25, Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore. Nina Pauline Rose, 18, record clerk, Tulelake, Ore. Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore.

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STATIC By KELLY ROBERTS

The White Pelican hotel burned October 16, 1928. I bow my head in shame, Mrs. George W. Black called Bruce Hulse, KFLW technician, last night on my statement in yesterday's column that the hotel burned in 1927. I had gained the impression from the History of Klamath County, usually a very good reference for events around the basin.

That was just a little over 20 years ago and on the same page as the story of the fire is a story stating "Potato shipments out of Klamath Falls eclipsed all previous records in the history of the county" — total for the season so far is 57 cars. Total potato shipments for the season this year by October 17 were 2024 carloads. Tempus fugit. Just for the dickens of it let's look on through the files for the rest of the year. October 19th the headline read "Queen Marie Visitor to U. S." November 3 was election day of that year. Tom Walters was elected mayor of Klamath Falls, and Fred Stewer of La Grande was in as U. S. senator.

Auto Wreck Jams Traffic A head-on collision one mile south of Dorris at 10:15 a. m. Sunday, jammed two cars together in such manner that traffic both north and south bound was held up for three hours, according to California State Highway Patrolman Gerald Wilson.

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