

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

HOMEBOUND from Salem, we found those bare Willamette pass pavements we told you about the other day now covered with a coat of packed snow. We weren't surprised.



EPLEY

It was even snowing in Salem when we left, a spectacle that caused considerable excitement in the capital city. A carload of county officials—District Attorney Clarence Humble, Sheriff Lloyd Low, County Judge U. E. Reeder and County Clerk Charles DeLap—made the trip with us, keeping close behind as we trekked the snowy fastnesses of the mountains.

At Eugene at lunch, we came upon Godfrey Blohm, former Klamath banker now manager of the U. S. National branch at Eugene. He was lunching in the Osburn hotel, and joined us at our table, so pleased at this opportunity of chinning with old friends from Klamath that he paid the bill over mild protests.

TAKING off from Eugene, we looked east to the Cascades enveloped in storm clouds, and then plunged into them. Despairing chains, we drove right past the sign that advised us to put them on, above McCredie Springs. We might have gotten away with it, but up farther, we came upon equipment moving a slide from a portion of the highway. Forced to stop on the packed snow, we decided to put on the chains to facilitate the start.

Judge Reeder, always prepared for everything, got out a deer sack which we spread on the snow to lie on as we tinkered with the chains. With the expert advice of Sheriff Low, we got 'em on.

Across the pass and down on the windswept pavement near Cres-Dell a loud clatter on a rear fender told us a link had broken. Off came the chains, and we made it in to Klamath without them. Sun mountain grade and all. As a matter of fact, Sun mountain was no trouble at all, despite snow on the highway, a high wind, and a heavy fall which was rolling over the area as we came through. Our good wife insisted that we take it easy, and we came down without a slip or a skid. Evidently without anyone to admonish them, two other motorists didn't do so well, gathering too much speed and skidding off the road on turns.

One car hung on the edge of the road, its nose out over Wood River valley. A highway department car came along and the car was carefully pushed back onto the road.

The obvious conclusion is that Sun mountain is not bad at all, if you take it easy. If you don't, look out for trouble.

But before long, that whole problem will be eliminated by the opening of the new cut-off which eliminates Sun mountain grade from US 97.

Incidentally, we were surprised at the volume of traffic moving over both US 97 and Oregon 58, the Willamette highway, on that afternoon and evening. It was considerably heavier than we have previously observed there in winter. Furthermore, with just a couple of exceptions that could only be blamed on carelessness, everyone was making it nicely during one of the worst storms of the winter.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 — The talk about presidential candidacies persists, and more than talk, certain inside promotional activities of aspirants. Those interested in these latter ventures whisper, truthfully enough, that while it may be too early to think of final conclusions, it is not too early to get to work and prepare the ground.

The democrats are talking only of generals and Truman. The Eisenhower promotional activity which arose on that side of the fence anonymously, had to be stepped on by the commander of the armies. Supposedly the suggestion came from the followers of the general

Woman, Girls In Theft Ring

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (AP)—A 40-year-old Brooklyn widow was charged by police today with directing the activities of four 12-year-old girls, including her own daughter, whom they accused of stealing \$40,000 in money and jewelry during the past year.

Police booked the woman, Mrs. Virginia Clark, on a charge of receiving stolen property and said she operated thus:

Accompanied by the four little girls she roamed streets in Brooklyn and Manhattan, watching for houses and apartments where women leaned from windows or sat on front stoops. Then two of the girls would be dispatched to rear entrances

for a swift foray and grab whatever money or jewelry they could find. Later the girls learned to operate on their own, police said, keeping money but turning jewelry over to Mrs. Clark.

Stephen Stone Heads Council

Stephen Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Stone, 1503 Canby, a sophomore at Oregon State college, Corvallis, has been elected president of the lower division council.

Word received here today stated that Stone, a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, had been elected president of the council, which is made up of freshmen and sophomores in the lower division.

Stone is a graduate of KUHS where he was prominent in scholastic activities.

of the victorious armies who became too enthusiastic—at least that is the way it is told. But among those in the political know-how, the suspicion has not been dissipated that certain democrats wanted to get someone into the talking race besides Truman (and against Truman?). By this reference I mean that the leaderless old new deal officeholders (leaderless excepting for Magazine Editor Wallace) may have wanted to put an obstruction candidate into the Truman talk in his own party. It may or may not go far, but it certainly will go slow hereafter.

Similarly General Marshall wisely stamped out talk about himself the first thing on his arrival here. He sincerely did not want to be embarrassed with that kind of stuff—which is all it is—in building up a foreign affairs policy. Among democrats I think it is generally agreed Mr. Truman is the heir apparent to himself and has no challenger. Most democrats think Wallace, for instance, is working his way energetically toward oblivion.

Unique Candidacy ON the republican side, the full-fledged Stassen campaign seems largely a speech-making proposition or a promotional venture for the former Minnesota governor's international ideas. Stassen is conceded only one state, and some friends in adjoining Wisconsin. He is earnest, well liked and is conducting a unique candidacy. I cannot recall a man opening a private presidential promotion office here, announcing his candidacy and working directly toward it. Obviously he intends to build up a national organization through his activity.

The republican talk is expanding much beyond my suggestion of the situation in a column a few weeks back. New Senator Baldwin of Connecticut is getting more conversation than you might think, and a lot of New England support is weighting itself in behind Speaker Martin. In fact Martin has become what might be called the leading sideline candidate, sitting there and watching, although by no means working for a demand which could arise from his activity. He is not a go-getter. The Pacific coast people are wedging in behind Warren of California, but not aggressively. Ohio's Bricker is likely to get himself publicly or privately (or both) out of the way of Taft (a development forecast long since in this spot, you remember)—which brings me down to the major basic candidacy development, to wit:

Taft has a publicity man, (hired last session) but has instructed him only to answer questions of newspaper men and others and not to do any promotional work. Taft is doing this himself. (Off the record, at a Press club lunch last week, he proved himself far more liberal than unions claim.) This would indicate he knows he is a candidate but intends to do nothing affirmative—or not much directly—about it. At the same time, certain republican workers have begun some activity, largely of a promotional rather than an organizational nature. Letters are being circulated pointing to the logic of Taft's position as actual leader of the upper house and as a great influence on the lower side. He is an influence because he is an original thinker, not borrowing ideas from someone else (a brain trust for instance), but working with a good staff he employs to find out what the facts are in a given situation, and then developing a remedy which fits the facts. That kind of working is bound to bring Taft to a position of leadership no matter what job he occupies. He is not an eye or ear candidate, but appeals to intelligence.

Bilbo Side Issue

SOME criticism has been heard within the party that he got off on the wrong foot by letting the senate play too much politics at the outset rather than plunging immediately into the more serious economic business of the country. They mean they blame him for the Bilbo affair, which—no matter what side you are on, you must agree on this—was less than the primary business before the country (tax reduction, union legislation, etc.) From this initial experience, some republicans think Taft may get too involved in politics for his own good, whereas the situation calls for as little politics and as good an economic job as possible. This criticism may be premature, and in fact unjustified, because important legislation was not then ready.

No one says much about Senator Vandenberg, who, in view of his position, is best placed to run away with the publicity if international affairs continue in the ascendancy.

I still have my money in my pocket and expect to keep it there. It looks like a horse race to me.

SIDE GLANCES



"They say she's a wonderful lawyer, but I couldn't stand having a woman know all about my personal affairs!"

The World Today

By J. M. ROBERTS JR. AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Foreign policy as well as military security is involved in the newly-displayed interest of congress and of David Lilienthal in the security of U. S. atomic secrets.

The international control agreements which we hope to attain would stand as powerful precedents for control of all war, and just to find that such agreements are possible would be an important step.

But the one hope that other countries will surrender sufficient sovereign rights to permit agreement lies in the pressure exerted upon them by our unique position of this weapon.

Congress has passed a law requiring absolute secrecy in certain fields of atomic development while permitting publication in other fields when approved by the new atomic energy commission which Mr. Lilienthal is to head.

Expert advisers will be largely responsible for what is published. They will be under constant pressure from some scientists who feel that failure to disseminate new information as it develops, both for checking by other scientists and for use in new experiments, will be a tremendous deterrent to progress. On the other side will be the knowledge that some fact published now might combine with others, or later with new ones, to give someone somewhere in the world a new list, and possibly one that will blow the map to pieces.

Lilienthal described the Smyth report, officially approved account of Manhattan district and its work which was published soon after Hiroshima, as the greatest breach of security since work on the bomb began. Almost as he was speaking, hitherto secret atomic information was being circulated to newspapers. One of the many items referred to what was once one of the top secrets—a substance of which neutrons will "bounce." Its importance is too involved for explanation here, but it was once considered something which might help lead foreign scientists to the bomb. Presumably it is no longer believed to be a secret. But the point is that, while publication is made now from what were supposed to be "death penalty" files, it hasn't been a secret at all. My recollection is that at least hints have been published about it, and I know it has been talked about outside authorized circles for almost as long as the bomb itself. So have many other "secrets."

The amount of information which skittered around the country long before the first bomb was amazing. The security people did an almost miraculous job considering the size of the project and the number of people involved, but that "almost" must remain in the sentence.

Winter Blasts Summit Area

CASCADE SUMMIT, Jan. 31—Old man winter, although late in arriving, is wrecking his full vengeance on this locality. Approximately 20 inches of snow has fallen, making the snow depth 50 inches. The temperature dropped to 15 while snowing.

The Southern Pacific company operated its spreader to clear the snow away from the tracks. Crews of men have been sent to Crescent Lake to help keep the switches open there.

New arrivals at Cascade Summit are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tillotson and two daughters, Martha and Bertha. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Marsh and daughter left Cascade Summit and are staying with Mrs. Marsh's parents near Oakridge.

The ice which covered Odell lake is all gone now. In the last 20 years the lake has only been frozen entirely over about five times.

Camp Fire News

News of election of officers in the Blue Bell group at Sacred Heart academy has just reached the Camp Fire office. These Bluebirds have elected Paula Clark as their president, Judy Havelock as vice president, Norma Harrington as secretary, and Marilyn Tracy as treasurer. This group has recently been organized under the leadership of Margaret Sechlar, and is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters association.

A "penny hike" was the recent program for an afternoon meeting of the Bluebirds at Conger school. With their leader, Mrs. Wesley Guderian, the girls flipped a penny at each corner to determine the direction of their hike. Besides the fun of being outdoors during some of the milder days, these hikes add interest in the fact that they are not predetermined, and the girls never know in which direction they may be going.

Other groups report that they are beginning to make Valentines for their families and friends and some are planning parties to celebrate that holiday.

Camp Fire Girls announce the opening of their new office, on the balcony of Miller's department store, 512 Main. Beginning Saturday, February 1, they will have regular office hours in the store, from 9:30 a. m. until 5 p. m. An office secretary will be in attendance every afternoon from 2 until 5, to supplement the hours of the executive director, Mrs. J. W. Leonard. The telephone will remain the same, 4884. Any persons interested in learning about the Camp Fire Girls' program are urged to visit the office during those hours and talk to the executive.

O & C Timber To Go On Block Soon

PORTLAND, Jan. 31 (AP)—Another 71,515,000 board feet of Oregon and California land administration timber will go up for sale March 11.

The administration said it would soon call bids for the timber, appraised at \$477,823.50. It is located in Benton, Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Lane, Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties.

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STATIC By KELLY ROBERTS



The third French opera to be presented in this year's series of Met broadcasts will be heard with the presentation of Gounod's "Romeo et Juliette." Just Bjoerling, a singing Swede, and Bidu Sayao, a South American soprano, handle the title roles. "What's the reason for the gal in the picture then?" you ask. Well, firstly, she isn't bad to look at, and secondly, she does the part of Getrudie in the opera. Her name is Claramae Turner and she's a native San Franciscan, sang at KGO there before joining the Met. Listen at 11 a. m. Saturday over KFLW.

One of our more or less friendly readers phoned up last night to remind us that there are other definitions for the word "static" than the ones we printed yesterday. Static, he pointed out, is also an unnecessary amount of useless noise, or a disagreeable interruption. Okeh, we asked for it.

The Cavalcade of Sports tonight at 7 o'clock brings together two hard-hitting middleweights, Harold Green of Brooklyn and Pete Mead of Grand Rapids, Mich. Mead is making his premiere appearance as a feature fighter at the Garden in this bout.

Speaking of sports, don't forget that Don Neal will be on hand at 8 o'clock following the fights tonight to bring a basket-ball account of the Pellico-Medford vs. casab-clash from the Medford gym. With Don will be Bob McCarl to highlight and give the color at the game. The boys will bring the Saturday game also.

John M. White Dies At Yreka

YREKA, Jan. 31—John M. "Jack" White, 79, former resident of Klamath Falls, died Thursday Morning, January 30, at his home in Yreka following several months' illness.

Born in West Virginia, March 25, 1857, Mr. White came to Siskiyou county in 1930 from Klamath Falls where he had made his home for several years following his profession as a cook. He had been a resident of Hamburg, Siskiyou county, and Yreka since that time.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 1, at 2 p. m., from Girdner's funeral chapel in Yreka. Interment will be in Evergreen cemetery here.

To keep glass clear for a good reflection, wipe it with a cloth moistened with water containing a little vinegar or ammonia and then dry with a soft, clean, lint-free cloth. Avoid soap because it streaks glass.

Great Way to relieve stiffness, invite Sleep. If nose fills up Tonight. VICKS VA-TRO-NOL

Hoss Speaker At Tule Lunch

TULELAKE, Jan. 31—Dave Hoss, announcer for radio station, KFJL, presented an informative talk Wednesday noon during the Rotary luncheon hour on the listening public's reaction to radio programs and the effort that radio sponsors are making to broadcast the kind of program that the public wants. Thirty-two hundred adult interviews were conducted in the recent survey. The talk was illustrated with slides, depicting how the public listens to radio. Hoss was introduced by Karl Gentry.

Ivan Rose, listed as planning committee man and Gilbert Osborne, seed potato grower, were greeted as new members. Dr. Buford Hargus, physician and surgeon, became a member the preceding week.

Announcement was made of the first institute of international understanding lecture which will be given here next Monday night, February 3, in the high school gymnasium by Newton H. Bell, San Francisco lecturer.

The subject will be, "Getting Together in Europe." The four lectures will be presented on the same theme, "Cooperation Possible?" and will be given on four successive Monday nights by different speakers. All speakers will also address the student body of the high school in the afternoon preceding the evening talks.

Job Volume At Usual Low

Mid-winter employment in the Klamath basin is at its usual low at this time of year, with the claim load higher in proportion.

With the mills shut down and agriculture at a standstill this is the usual situation during the winter months. Unemployed numbers are greater this year than during war years, Jack Almeter, manager of U. S. employment bureau, stated today but not equal to pre-war years.

One factor that creates a heavy load in the claims division is that many workers employed in northern California during spring and summer months, spend the winter in Klamath Falls and file unemployment compensation claims through this office, Almeter said.

MARINE AID KILLED SANTA ANA, Calif., Jan. 31 (AP)—Capt. Wilbur J. Thomas, 26, Los Angeles, one of the marine corps' top aces of World War II, with 18 1/2 combat kills to his credit, died Tuesday when a navy F7F Tigercat crashed on Santiago peak, an announcement from El Toro marine base said today.

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