

That is not the case. There never was such an issue at an election here. A vote on retaining parking meters here is planned for some time along the middle of the present year, after the meters have been given a trial.

One reader said he understood voters could not be installed without a favorable vote of the people. That, again, is erroneous. The council here, as elsewhere, has the authority to order meters installed.

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

SECRETARY of State Marshall is said by members of the house foreign affairs committee to be "optimistic on the whole" over maintaining peace, and Secretary-General Trygve Lie of the United Nations declares that "for the time being the possibility of actual armed conflict involving the powers can be discarded as a madman's dream."

That's encouraging testimony by two of the world's leading experts on international affairs. Indeed there's plenty of evidence to support the thesis of peace among the major powers for a considerable period of years. However, General Marshall was discussing the world's "sore spots" with the committee, and Mr. Lie, in addressing the Minneapolis round table of the international conference of Christians and Jews, cautioned that the world must devote itself to the future. So it's clear that neither of these gentlemen is doing wishful thinking but that both recognize the dangers which must be avoided if peace is to continue. Peace is a fragile vase.

Can't Wage War

THE greatest deterrent to another world conflict in the near future is the fact that none of the powers—barring the United States—is physically capable of waging another major war. They're all in, and it's going to take many years for them to recover. And of course the peoples who have experienced this horror are, on the whole, thoroughly fed up. I think we can add, without being over-optimistic, that the majority of peoples never did want war anyway.

However, your columnist isn't one of those who believe that the militaristic spirit has been uprooted from all hearts. To mention a specific case, I have no doubt that if the Russians were capable of making war, they might be at it again. My tour of Germany a few months ago convinced me that while the militaristic-minded German had been thoroughly whipped physically, he was far from beaten mentally. The will to fight was still there.

But unfortunately that's not the whole story. There are other folk beside the Prussians who most certainly are toying with militaristic ideas. Perhaps they don't exactly wish for war but they've persuaded themselves that they will have to fight sooner or later to achieve their aspirations.

Quite apart from the question of whether anybody wants war, there are numerous international issues which are potential breeders of conflict. One of them—and among the most dangerous—is the matter of world-wide control of atomic energy. Peace will be in jeopardy until that is settled, for it is creating doubts and suspicions.

STATIC

By KELLY ROBERTS

One of the many unsung heroes of the unfortunate Evans apartment house fire is Bill Peck, of the "K" cafe. Bill, whom I understand used to work on the police force himself, brought down three five-gallon milk cans full of coffee, which he served himself to any needy fireman or policeman on duty, used all the doughnuts in his place for the forces, and on top of that always had a pack of cigarettes handy, free of charge, for any fire-fighter that needed one. It's people like Bill that make a person start thinking once again.

Tomorrow night's Coast Guard Jamboree over KFJL at 7 p. m. will feature Madeline Mahoney and Joy Jones dividing the vocal honors, and the "Smile Time Boys" holding the center spotlight. The STM's were here last week at the Pelican theatre, in case you didn't know, which I didn't.

Bing Crosby (Ringsday, you know) finds himself with Judy Garland, William Frawley and Leo McCrary as guest stars on his FX'd program tonight at 9 p. m. over KFLW. According to the publicity release Frawley and "Der Bingle" are supposed to live up to the script with a duo. That, we've gotta hear. Bing and Judy harmonize on "Connecticut." Just what McCrary is expected to do with the program, except getting the groaner a couple

RADIO PROGRAMS

Table with columns for WEDNESDAY EVE., FEB. 19, THURSDAY P. M., FEB. 20, and THURSDAY EVE., FEB. 20. Lists radio stations and program titles.

SIDE GLANCES



"Don't you think we should ask the Mortons to our next party? He's an income tax expert, you know!"

Miller Speaks To Lions Club

Roscoe Miller, health education consultant of the Oregon state board of health, spoke on general phases of social hygiene at the Lions club luncheon Tuesday.

The subject of Eve Benson's letter regarding the sale of clothes donated for European refugees, was discussed and the club proposed to turn over any information they have to the national organization with headquarters in Chicago.

Investigation is being made, Paul Angstead stated, to determine which clothing drive accepted the clothes which were contributed by the Bensons, and whether or not it was the national drive which was locally sponsored by the Lions club.

Static Disrupts US Broadcast

MOSCOW, Feb. 19 (AP)—Poor atmospheric conditions and interference from other stations caused bad reception in Moscow for the second U. S. Russian language broadcast beamed at the Soviet Union last night. The first broadcast, the day before, also was poorly heard.

Those who heard last night's program seemed agreed that the program was too "highbrow" to attract many listeners, even if they could find it on the dial. They did welcome the presence of Bing Crosby, but didn't care much for the Stephen Foster tune he sang.

Coin Collection Survives Fire

A valuable coin collection owned by Ernest Mullis, manager of the local California-Pacific Utilities office, came through the Evans apartment fire last Sunday undamaged, although the gas company was wrecked by the flames.

Some of the coins were in a safe and some in a drawer at the office, Mullis said, and all were located after the fire, unharmed.

He said that he does not know how much his collection is worth on today's rare coin market, but planned to catalog the collection to establish its worth.

Norblad Asks Cut In Army Officers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The army should reduce the number of its officers, Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) said in a statement today.

He said that while the number of enlisted men has been cut from 8,000,000 in 1945 to 1,070,000, the number of colonels has been cut from 10,590 only to 4,489.

Although saying the army's reason was that it needed a large peacetime group of officers as a nucleus for a wartime army, Norblad said it is about time they were forging this luxury and economizing in their own front yard.

Former County Judge Passes

Robert Henry Bunnell, former Klamath county judge, died at his home in Brookings, Ore., at 6 a. m. today according to word received here. Final rites will be held in Klamath Falls and details will be announced later by the Earl Whitlock funeral home.

Mr. Bunnell had been in ill health for some time, it is understood. A full obituary will appear Thursday.

Brewer Given Prison Term

YREKA, Calif., Feb. 18—John Isaac "Shorty" Brewer, 70-year-old Dorris rancher convicted of assault with a deadly weapon in superior court here last Saturday, today was sentenced to San Quentin penitentiary by Superior Judge James M. Allen. The sentence was imposed at 1:30 p. m.

Defense Attorney Sam Friedman, representing the aged rancher, stated immediately that he would appeal the judgment. No bail was set for Brewer, who is in custody of Sheriff Ben Richardson.

Brewer was arrested at his ranch home last October 10, a day following the shooting of his ranch hand, Russell Beal, in a field adjacent to the Brewer home. Beal suffered critical injuries including the loss of his left leg and was a patient at Hillside hospital in Klamath Falls for several months. Beal was the chief witness for the prosecution.

No specific sentence was pronounced by Judge Allen but will be rendered by the San Quentin board, the court stated. Friedman was originally charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder but the jury of nine men and three women, in reaching their verdict, deleted that portion of the charge—"with intent to commit murder."

Brewer also faces a \$60,000 lawsuit for damages, brought by Beal, and that case is due to come to trial May 25.

PUC Ponders Local Boost In Gas Rate

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been paying \$175 a month for his office and warehouse in the Evans building, and now was faced with the prospect of paying much more than that for possibly less adequate space. He said he had been offered office space only without storage room, service room and display facilities, for \$125 a month.

He said that he figured the fire would cost the gas company several thousand dollars a year in increased rents for office and warehouse space alone.

But the gas company's request for a higher rate scale was made before the office here was burned out and is based on increased fuel costs, freight expenses, labor costs and other expenses.

E. K. Albert, chief engineer and vice president of the company, showed charts proving present gas rates were out of line with the heating costs of coal, cordwood, stove oil and other forms of heating, and that as a result of the low rates the gas company was having to carry an "unnatural and undesirable" heating load.

C. E. Bramble, vice president and treasurer of the firm, told PUC members that the proposed rate hike was asked to return the company to its 1945 basis of a small return on investment above operating expenses, and said that at the present rate the company was operating at a loss.

Malin

Harold J. Knistern and Al Probel of Portland have been recent guests at the P. G. Wilson home. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paygr spent the past week in Portland.

Mary Victorin has been ill at her home in Malin for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Drazil are in San Francisco where Joe is receiving medical treatment.

The first railroad to be built in China was bought and destroyed by the Chinese government because it was offensive to nymphs, mermaids and spirits.

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MIDLAND EMPIRE NEWS

Henley Cascade

Sally La Forge of Oakland, Calif., has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Harshbarger.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Whitlatch have returned from a visit to San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barton are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son who arrived February 13.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kelly of the Henley district recently returned from a two months trip to New York state where they visited their son Charles Deer, S 1/c, in New York City before his sailing for Trinidad.

They also visited a sister of Mrs. Kelly's, Mrs. Robert Lane and family at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. During their three weeks' stay at Poughkeepsie they visited places of interest including Hyde Park, which is only six miles from the Lane home. In New York City they visited the Empire State building, Radio City, the museum and many other places of interest. The Kellys made the trip by train, taking the northern route going and returning home by the southern route. On the way home they visited several weeks at Ellis, Kas., with relatives and friends. Ellis is Mrs. Kelly's home town. On their stopover in Los Angeles they were met by a Henley neighbor, Mrs. Irving Dixon, who is visiting a brother at Long Beach, Calif.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mack.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schreiner of the Spring Lake district were given a house warming in their new home Saturday night by a group of friends and neighbors. Their former home was destroyed by fire last spring.

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