

Telling The Editor

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WOODPECKER

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (To the Editor)—A reader recently asked the name of a giant woodpecker. He described its hammering as like a riveter's on skyscraper steel. This is the Northern Pileated. He is king of Pacific coast woodpeckers. He ranges from Yosemite National park through the forests to Glacier National park.

USA has many woodpecker species. The White-headed bore its nest into sequoia bark. The California for centuries stored acorns in oak bark, now also in fence posts, telephone poles. These "warehouses" have been photographed for their advertisement. . . . Those enjoying winter skiing sometimes see the Arctic 3-toed. It comes down from the snowy spruce forests of the Far North.

The Flicker is an ant-eating woodpecker. Its tongue is evolved to efficiently collect the inhabitants of a crowded ant nest. Ours is the Red-shafted. Mrs. Goethe and I found its feathers used for war banners by Alaska's Tlingit Indians. Its eastern cousin is the Yellow-shafted, commonly called "Yellowhammer." During the Civil War the blockade ended supplies of rebel gray. An Alabama regiment then made its uniforms of cotton dyed in hickory shells. Yank soldiers promptly nicknamed them "Yellowhammers." Another woodpecker, the Sapsucker, is best known from the holes punched in apple trees.

In bird studies in both Europe and Asia, we found woodpeckers often as green as a shamrock, but still redheaded. The Pacific coast's so-called "green" woodpecker is Lewis'. It has a pink breast. It was found by the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Indian boys call it "snow woodpecker."

The king of all woodpeckers is the Ivory-billed. It is larger than the above Pileated. Mrs. Goethe and I considered it such a valuable nature study asset for future generations' children, we offered Audubon society \$1000 towards a fund to save it. We made trips to Florida, to the southern Georgia swamps drained by Swanee river, also to Louisiana's Texas swamps to find it. It now is supposed to be down to seven individuals. It soon may go to complete extinction, like that pretty little parrot, the Carolina Parakeet. Sincerely, C. M. GOETHE

ROADS AND WEATHER

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—In answer to Mr. J. V. King's letter a few days ago, there are a few things just aching to be said.

Yes, sir, we have a snow storm here and over the passes and motorists are advised and warned. Why? To protect those people that don't realize the danger involved in icy and snowy highways. They are told it is being cleared and satisfied for safe travel, also advised to carry chains.

The warning is printed in our local newspaper in a conspicuous place. The Associated Press lets those far and near hear about it. It's not intended to hurt anyone's business, far from it. It's letting us know the condition of our highways as an aid to everyone and also how to prevent accidents by having proper equipment.

Tourists traveling this time of the year expect to run into snow storms in the mountains. Keep them warned and well advised for their safety and they'll appreciate it.

These mountains are beautiful in the winter and winter sports attract thousands each year, throughout the country. Crater lake could have its share with more advertising. I wonder where they would be, and are staying while enjoying them? Might be a motel.

The "No Vacancy" sign the last few years has had plenty of use, perhaps that's why some people can't afford to sit and toast their shins while figuring out methods to make more money, even if that method could mean endangering lives by asking a newspaper to place weather news in an inconspicuous place.

Mr. King, I have some California friends coming to Klamath Falls, hoping to see a White Christmas. If we do have one I'm not going to tell them that snow is just cotton blown up here from Texas. C. RISLEY

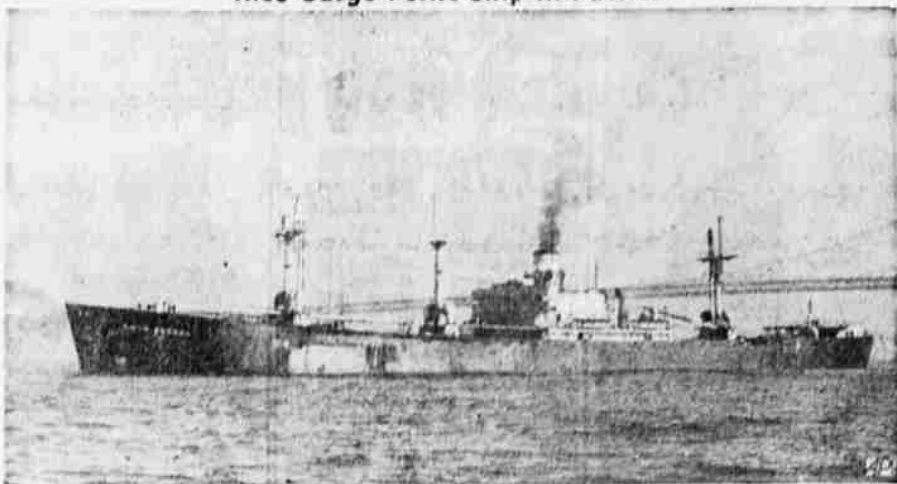
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE is hereby given that undersigned has been appointed Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Theodore M. Hendricksen, deceased, and that all persons having claims against said decedent or his estate shall present same, with the proper vouchers, at office of Ben B. Atwood, attorney at law, 8 Loomis Building, Klamath Falls, Oregon, within six months from date, November 26, 1947.

BEN B. ATWOOD,
Administrator with the Will Annexed.

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Rice Cargo Perils Ship In Pacific



The American freighter Simon Benson (above) reported that it was cracking near the No. 3 hatch and that a swelling cargo of rice threatens further to burst her seams in heavy seas 1400 miles north, northwest of Hawaii. This picture was taken in San Francisco bay prior to the ship's departure on her present voyage.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M. C., 4th District, Oregon

The so-called interim aid bill was passed by the house of representatives without a record vote. The action indicates there was no very great opposition to the bill, or a roll call vote would have been demanded by those who opposed it.

The original bill as reported by the committee was amended on the floor to some extent, but such amendments did not alter either the basic purpose and principles of the bill, or the money authorized. I presented one amendment on the floor which was adopted. I had observed that section 19 of the bill gave the president such broad powers that he could use that section as authority for instituting price control and rationing. My amendment put a proviso in the section which declares that nothing in the act shall be deemed to authorize the president to make any regulations relative to production, prices or allocating of commodities within the United States.

In previous letters, I have discussed long-range economic aid to Europe, which is generally referred to as the "Marshall Plan." I pointed out that Secretary Marshall made a short and concise statement to the effect that the countries of Europe would have to put themselves in shape to restore their own economic system before expecting aid from us. The secretary's statement is the only expression by this government regarding European economic rehabilitation. The countries of Europe proceeded quickly to make their own interpretation and submitted a report containing pledges of what they intended to do. Thus far, they have done very little toward keeping that series of seven pledges.

Realizing that we are about to accept the European interpretation of Secretary Marshall's statement, I introduced a resolution which, if adopted, would constitute a statement by Congress saying, with reference to the Marshall statement, that "appraisals of need and statements of intent shall not be considered sufficient basis for action by the United States, but that such statements must be supported by formal actions by participating governments before the United States can undertake any program of economic aid."

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NLRB Open To Little Shop

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP)—The national labor relations board says it has made its regional office accessible to a small Connecticut beer distributor—a ruling that might enable thousands of small businesses to invoke provisions of the Taft-Hartley law.

The case involves William A. Mosow, a Bridgeport beer dealer, who wished to file unfair labor practice charges against local 40 of the United Brewery Workers (CIO). Mosow, who normally employs one and sometimes two persons, charged the union was exerting pressure on brewers not to sell him any beer until he signed a union agreement.

The NLRB said today Mosow maintained that while his sales were confined to Connecticut his business had an interstate character because the home offices of companies from which he purchased beer were in New Jersey and Illinois.

Mosow took his request to Washington where NLRB headquarters ordered the New York regional office to take jurisdiction if investigation showed Mosow's charges of secondary boycott and freedom of employees to join or not join a union were well founded.

Observers pointed out that extension of this viewpoint might open the doors of the NLRB to corner groceries and cigar stores that obtain all or part of their stock from outside the state of their location.

Christmas Ship Gets High Praise

PORTLAND, Dec. 19 (AP)—The Pacific Northwest and its Christmas ship received thanks today from the American council of voluntary agencies for foreign service.

George W. Miles, New York, representative of the council, which handles distribution in Europe of relief packages, praised the area for the Christmas ship idea.

He added the council would pay ocean freight for the ship's cargo, saying, "It would be too much to

expect the northwest to handle that, too."

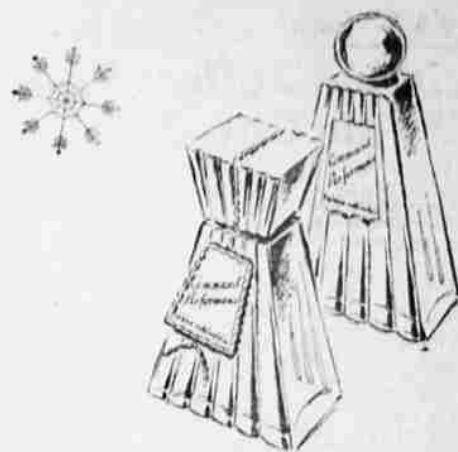
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This footpad, no doubt, had in mind picking himself out a complete new outfit . . . such as a Kuppenheimer suit, a pair of Florsheim shoes, an Arrow shirt, a Stetson hat, and really dressing up for Christmas. And too, he possibly intended to take the money we use for cashing checks.

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