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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

BARRING another accident before 12 midnight Wednesday, the 1947 violent death report will show 17 fatal automobile accidents within the limits of Klamath county. Several more have occurred in this general area of Northern California and Southern Oregon, making the last 12 months one of the worst years in history for automobile fatalities.

EPLEY

There was an excellent article in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post which pointed out quite conclusively that it is bad drivers that are the major factor in highway crashes that are building up a tremendous toll of life, here and elsewhere in the US.

If we were to analyze the many accidents that have taken a toll of life or caused injuries in this county this year, we would probably find that virtually all of them should be attributed to driving mistakes and carelessness, rather than to mechanical defects, bad roads, or other conditions beyond the control of the operators of automobiles.

The point made by the Post article was that most of us think we are better drivers than we are. It pointed out that most people assume driving responsibilities with a minimum of actual training for the job—usually a few minutes spent with an experienced driver is about all the lesson we get before taking the wheel. The rest of it we learn the hard way.

(This writer, for example, drove two miles in a Model T with a couple of teen-age teachers, and then took off on a transcontinental trip when he was only 14 years of age—the only person in the car who could drive! He didn't know how to stop the car and keep the motor running.)

There is a lot of danger in over-confidence about our driving. It's a pretty good idea for all of us to realize that we are fraught with human frailities, and that a little more humility is in order when we are out on the road or going down the street.

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Briefs From The Pocket File

THE first Umpqua log will go through the main saw at the Klamath Lake Moulding company mill (ex-Big Lakes Box) next week, probably Monday . . . Klamath Lake brought a lot of logs down from the nearby county before snow shut off the operation of the big trucks, but has been cutting so far on other logs . . . Oregon Business and Tax Research bulletin predicts that the 1 per cent state withholding tax will be held valid . . . The tax becomes effective January 1 . . . Influenza is on the rise in Oregon and in Klamath county, a fact which calls for a special caution against foolish exposure and overindulgence New Year's Eve . . . Sawmills in the fir regions of Oregon and Washington have increased in number from 383 in 1932 to 1445 in 1946 . . . We hope the skating scheme for the canal works out this time . . . We've seen a lot of ice-skating projects undertaken here in the name of wholesome recreation, but we haven't seen many that proved successful . . . It always turns in just a bit too warm to maintain ice on a natural basis . . . This writer has resigned as chairman for the Klamath county cancer fund program, and herewith extends thanks to the hundreds of Klamath people who have helped with those drives in past years . . . We haven't heard who our successor will be, but we wish him (or her) the best of luck . . . It's a great cause.

These Days

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY

SENATORS SMITH, Fulbright, Saltonstall, Bricker, Knowland, Hatch, Lodge, Thomas of Utah, O'Mahoney and Hill joined in a fascinating gesture toward Finland, the only country that paid its debts to the United States, come hell and high water.

Senator Alexander Smith said:

"Since that time, twenty-eight years ago, when other nations, great and small, rich and poor, have defaulted on their debt payments, the heroic people of little Finland have repeatedly demonstrated that they place integrity above comfort or convenience. They have constantly made payments on their indebtedness to the United States as those payments fell due."

So the senator and his colleagues make a proposal to use the money that Finland pays on the debt, from now on, to educate Finnish boys and girls in this country for usefulness to their own. Senator Smith comments on this idea:

". . . Circumstances, of course, make it impossible for Finland to send them here in any large numbers, and of course obviously the suggestion is impractical. But there is something we can do to aid them in their grim struggle against disease, destruction and want. We can extend to them the hand of friendship in their desperate need by offering to help them train a new generation of technical experts to replace their war-lost generation. On the basis of population, Finland's war losses were 10 times greater than those of the United States."

To this, I say, amen!

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Inconsistent

NEVERTHELESS, it is necessary to point out to these senators that their just and fine action concerning Finland places most of them in an utterly inconsistent position. Certainly Fulbright, Saltonstall, Hatch, Thomas of Utah, O'Mahoney and Hill have no cause for excitement over Finland's payment of debts. They have generally regarded debts as beneath contempt. Why should any nation pay its debts? Why should not the comparatively small population of this country carry the entire human race on its shoulders?

They have generally favored forgiving debts, forgetting about them, increasing them, pouring large quantities of good money after bad money. They have supported the uneconomic and improvident British loan which did Great Britain little good and the United States great harm by accelerating the inflation of prices, especially of good products. Most of them are supporters of a quick and undebated Marshall plan which would export some $6,000,000,000 of wealth from this country to Europe annually without consideration for the welfare of this country, with the use of irreplaceable raw materials, with stockpiling against a future war, with the prices of food on the American market?

True Finland met her obligations bravely, consistently and honestly. It is equally true that such honesty did not exactly pay off, for when Soviet Russia made war on Finland, the United States did not do much for her honest debtor and certainly, in time, we did more for the country that not only did not pay its debts but cancelled them. And when it came to settlements, the United States assisted in the partition of Finland, in so weakening that country that it has become one of Soviet Russia's captive states.

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Panama

SENATOR SMITH, who had been associated with Herbert Hoover in his many relief activities, knows the sufferings and degradation of Finland and he is to be praised for bringing this issue to the public.

But Senator Smith should apply the same yardstick to all other countries who were willing to forget the contributions this country made to them during and after World War I and through lend-lease and other means during World War II and who default with the greatest of ease and then throw at us the lexicon of abuse and hate and, in effect, tell us to go to the devil for our pains.

He might, for instance, tell Panama off in no uncertain language. For the Republic of Panama would today have no existence were it not that Theodore Roosevelt brought it into being. Yet, Panama treats this country viciously. Obviously, if there were wisdom in Washington, steps could be taken to make Panama see reason — instead, we cringe before a weakling and imperil our defenses.

What is the use of praising both Finland and the defaulter and the ingrate at the same time.

Boyle's Column

Politicians Quake In Face Of Horror Of Television

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (AP)— The life of an American politician is getting harder than an army mattress.

The present plight reminds us of the oldy about the down-at-the-heels vaudeville artist who applied to a booking agent for a job and was asked what he could do.

"I can fly," he said, and flapping both arms he took off from the stage. He zoomed up over the orchestra pit, landed gracefully on one foot on the top gallery rail. Then for five minutes he dive-bombed, soared, did loop the loops, immelman rolls and other aerial acrobatics, and finally glided gracefully back to the stage.

The unimpressed agent looked coldly at the perspiring man.

"What else can you do beside bird imitations?" he asked.

The present day politician is in about the same predicament as to the hopeful vaudeville trouper. He doesn't have to fly yet to remain in public office—but that day may be coming, too.

The latest complication in the once simple art of getting elected is television.

New Attention

David Sarnoff, president of the Radio Corporation of America, warns that with the spread of this new form of visual radio political candidates will have to pay new attention to their manner of dress, their personal appearance, their way of smiling and their gestures.

Television, he says, may do "more to revolutionize politics than sound broadcasting did."

The latest hurdle—forcing political candidates to learn how to become radio actors—makes public life so burdensome that it is hard to see why anybody now would run for an elective post unless ordered to by his draft board.

In the old days all a man needed to do to become a statesman was to arrange to be born in a log cabin, take a correspondence course in states' rights, kiss a few hundred babies, make a few long speeches in favor of religion and family life and he was in.

Voted Right

Armed with a well-thumbed copy of the constitution, he then went to Washington. There he periodically denounced or praised the tariff, voted for the pork barrel projects affecting his constituents, and just before the next election mailed a few thoughtful packages of turnip seeds to the right people. That assured him a lifetime job and maybe a marble statue in the capitol.

But look what happens today if plain citizen Josiah Elmo Bellow decides he wants to become a senator. He has to become an authority on international finance, taxation, social security, labor and industry. He has to know about parity payments for the home potato growers and how to get more coal out of the Ruhr.

The high school civics teachers ask him to explain the atom bomb to their students. The owner of the neighborhood Greek restaurant where he lunches wants to know how dangerous is Markos Vifiades, and poor old Mr. Bellow has to stall him until he checks and finds out that Markos Vifiades isn't the Latin name for trench mouth, but only a Greek guerrilla somewhere north of Athens.

The voters still expect him to kiss the babies, but they also count on him to protect them against all foreign "isms" and furthermore, to strike a firm blow against the boll weevil.

And now comes the terror of television and the chance he will be snowed under by woman who decide, "I'm not going to vote for a man whose wife lets him wear a necktie like that."

It just isn't worth it, Mr. Bellow."

RADIO PROGRAMS

TUESDAY EVE., DEC. 30

KFLW—1450 kc.	KFJI—1240 kc.
6:00 Sports Lineup*	Gabriel Heatter MBS
6:15 Home Town News*	Quiz Show*
6:30 World News Summary*	" "
6:38 Boston Symphony ABC	Around Town*
6:40 " "	Football Today*
6:45 " "	Western Jamboree*
7:00 " "	American Forum MBS
7:15 " "	" "
7:30 Your Navy Recruiter*	Red Ryder MBS
7:45 Vincent Lopez*	" "
8:00 Memorable Music*	Count of Monte Cristo MBS
8:15 Malcolm Epley*	" "
8:30 KUHS vs. Eureka*	Tenth Man*
8:45 " "	Rudolph Boccho Salon*
8:55 " "	Billy Rose, Horseshoes MBS
9:00 " "	Glen Hardy News MBS
9:15 " "	Let's Dance*
9:30 Guest Star*	American Legion*
9:45 Let Freedom Ring ABC	News Scope MBS
10:00 Stardust Melodies*	Fulton Lewis Jr MBS
10:15 "	Andrews Sisters*
10:30 Freddy Martin Orch. ABC	Reveries*
11:00 News Summary*	Cotton Bowl Buildup MBS
11:05 Telequest*	" "
11:15 " "	" "
11:30 " "	John Wolahan Orch. MBS
11:45 " "	News MBS

WEDNESDAY A. M., DEC. 31

KFLW—1450 kc.	KFJI—1240 kc.
6:15 6 A. M. Serenade*	" "
6:30 " "	Musical Reveille*
6:45 Farm Fare*	Farm Front*
7:00 News, Breakfast Edition*	Frank Hemingway MBS
7:15 Rogers Roundup*	Rise and Shine MBS
7:30 James Abbe ABC	Headline News*
7:45 Zeke Manners ABC	Today's Best Buys*
8:00 Breakfast Club ABC	8 o'clock News MBS
8:15 " "	Fashion Flashes*
8:30 " "	Familiar Favorites*
8:45 " "	John Gart Trio*
9:00 Welcome Travelers ABC	Kate Smith Speaks MBS
9:15 " "	Victor H. Lindlahr MBS
9:30 Bre'kfast to Hollywood ABC	Morning Matinee*
9:45 " "	Song of the Pioneers*
10:00 Galen Drake ABC	Glen Hardy News MBS
10:15 Music of Manhattan*	Pictsweet Show MBS
10:30 My True Story ABC	Home Demonstration*
10:45 " "	Music*
10:55 Miniature Concert*	" "
11:00 Stop and Shop*	La Pointes at 11:00*
11:15 Sweetwood Serenaders*	Christmas Carols*
11:30 The Listening Post ABC	Queen For A Day MBS
11:45 Ethel and Albert ABC	" "

WEDNESDAY P. M., DEC. 31

KFLW—1450 kc.	KFJI—1240 kc.
12:00 News*	Name Tunes*
12:15 Payless Sidewalk Show*	Headline News*
12:30 Paul Whiteman Club ABC	Your Dance Tunes*
12:45 " "	Market and Livestock*
1:00 Claudia*	Afternoon Concert*
1:10 " "	Let's Read Magazines*
1:15 Merrill Time*	Johnson Family MBS
1:30 Jumpin' Jacks*	Matinee*
1:45 Sammy Kaye Serenade*	News*
2:00 What's Doin' Ladies ABC	Hearts Desire MBS
2:15 " "	Hearts Desire MBS
2:25 " "	" "
2:30 Brids and Groom ABC	Martin Block MBS
2:45 " "	Red Hook 31 MBS
3:00 Ladies Be Seated ABC	Ricky's Request*
3:15 " "	" "
3:30 Salon Concert*	Tea Dance*
3:45 " "	Organ Music*
3:50 " "	Living With God*
4:00 Headline Edition ABC	Fulton Lewis Jr. MBS
4:15 Requestfully Yours*	Frank Hemingway MBS
4:30 " "	Story Time*
4:45 " "	Adventure Parade MBS
5:00 " "	Hop Harrigan MBS
5:15 Terry and the Pirates ABC	Super Man MBS
5:30 Sky King ABC	Captain Midnight MBS
5:45 " "	Tom Mix MBS

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6:15 Home Town News*	Quiz Show*
6:25 World News Summary*	" "
6:30 Vox Pop ABC	Around Town*
6:45 " "	Football Review*
6:50 " "	Leo Erdody Salon*
6:55 " "	Ralph Ginsberg Orch.*
7:00 Lone Ranger ABC	Barbershop Quartet*
7:15 " "	Evening Concert*
7:30 Mayor of the Town ABC	Cisco Kid MBS
8:00 Abbott & Costello ABC	What's Name of Song MBS
8:30 Groucho Marx Show ABC	Quiet Please MBS
8:45 " "	Milt Herth Trio*
8:55 " "	Billy Rose, Horseshoes MBS
9:00 Bing Crosby Show ABC	Glenn Hardy News MBS
9:15 " "	Let's Dance*
9:30 Tony Martin Show ABC	Here's To Vets*
9:45 " "	Land Of The Free MBS
10:00 Stardust Melodies*	Fulton Lewis Jr MBS
10:15 " "	Henry King Orch. MBS
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* KFLW Feature — * KFJI Feature

SIDE GLANCES

"When I think of all the lazy men I could have married!"

STATIC

By BILL JENKINS

The strong jawed, clear eyed alert young man pictured in today's column was drawn by an artist who was undoubtedly on vacation (note the healthy look) and is a representation of Jack Armstrong, the a-a-a-a-a-a-a-lill American boy. I run it here for the benefit of those who will doubtless envy the husky lad and his health come about Thursday morning.

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Members of the Music Teachers National association will be the guests of ABC and KFLW tonight at 6:30 when they will appear on the Boston Symphony program. This writer is one of the many who merely like to listen to so-termed "good music" and doesn't know much about it, so here is a direct quote from the home offices of ABC regarding the program:

"Serge Koussevitsky, conducting, has selected the 'Symphony No. 8 in C Minor' by Anton Bruckner for the broadcast number. This extensive work has been the subject of much discussion on the part of musicians. In this symphony, Bruckner follows his first movement with a scherzo, placing an adagio as the third movement. This adagio is one of the longest slow movements in any symphony, but it is intensely lyrical. Hints of a motif from Wagner's 'Siegfried' are given in it. The finale is grandiose in style."

The only mistake I can see in the whole thing is that the final will also find Jenkins listening to Fibber McGee and Molly over NBC. The symphony build-up was just too much for a man who is sleepy anyway.

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Doh Neal will again be at the KFLW mike (8:30 tonight) in Pelican court for the second of the KUHS-Eureka hoop games. Odds heavily favor the Pelicans.

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Mac Epley, on the eve of shoving off for a cruise over the Northern Pacific in a navy tin can, will be heard at 8:15. Mac didn't mention just what his subject would be, but it will be worth listening to, of that you may be sure.

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The American Forum of the Air, Mutual network feature, will carry an address by Morgan L. Fitch, president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, tonight at 7 over KFJI.

The present housing situation will be the topic of the evening, with Edward R. Carr, president of the National Association of Homebuilders discussing the situation from the point of view of private industry.

Also on the program are Leon Keyserling, vice chairman of the council of economic advisers and Nathan Straus, former administrator of USHA.

Yule Ship To Get Milk

Approximately 1632 cans of much needed milk will go from Klamath Falls along with other canned foods to be loaded on the Christmas Ship in Portland shortly after January 1, when it is slated to sail for Europe to relieve the hunger of some several hundred thousand persons in war stricken areas.

Fred E. Fleet, chairman, and Earl Kent, Jaycee coordinator, said contributions, though small, continued to come into Mayor Ed Ostendorff's office in the city hall. Receptacles for receiving contributions are being placed in both banks and all theatres and it was hoped that money derived in this fashion would up the total on hand several hundred dollars.

Contributions will be received until further notice, Fleet said this morning.

Negro Charged In Stabbing

Lorenzia (Lo) Edwards, 22-year-old Chiloquin negro, was taken back to Chiloquin this morning for a preliminary hearing in justice court there on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

Edwards is accused of stabbing Clarence Hamilton, 17, with a pocketknife at a dance hall in Chiloquin November 16. He has been held in the county jail in lieu of $5000 bail since that date.

Edwards' attorney, J. C. O'Neill, requested the preliminary hearing. The negro was taken to Chiloquin by Sheriff Lloyd Low and District Attorney Clarence A. Humble.

The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

For a good many years now this column has been devoted to answering questions for readers, and now your correspondent has one he would like answered. It's this:

Just how wise is it for potential "enemy" nations to maintain trade with each other when the war-clouds are hanging low? Do the short-range advantages balance the long-range dangers?

What set me to mulling over this problem was the news that Britain has agreed to ship tin to Russia, and that the Soviet Union will send England 750,000 tons of sorely needed coarse grain. The Soviet news agency, Tass, states that Britain also is selling Russia railroad rails, and rendering assistance in the purchase of other things.

Nothing New

Of course there's nothing new in such transactions. American business is trading with Russia right along and as recently as the first of this month U. S. Undersecretary of Commerce William C. Foster said that the department believes United States trade with Russia is advantageous to both countries. Russia even can buy heavy industrial equipment, and America is getting manganese and chrome ores, among other things, from the Soviets.

One recalls that considerable opposition was expressed in certain congressional circles in Washington to the continuation of such trade. However, there's no law against it, and countries frequently maintain business with each other right up to a declaration of war.

Take the case of Japan. American business continued selling scrap-iron and oil—both war essentials—to the Nipponese almost until the little men made their sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. We helped prepare the Japs to make war on us, and in the long run we paid a tragic price for this trade. Were we wise or were we not?

On the other side of the picture we have the situation of beaten Germany. One of the plans advanced for dealing with the reich at the end of the war was to strip her of all industrial facilities and make her an agricultural country, so that she never would be able to wage war again.

War Potential

But we now find that, even if we wanted to carry out any such idea, we should be cutting our own throats. Germany twice the scourge of Europe in a generation, must be put on her feet industrially, because otherwise she will be an economic burden on the rest of the world. In short, we must create the beginnings of a war potential in the reich, though we intend to keep a heavy hand on it.

But to get back to the case of Russia, she has declared open warfare against the Marshall plan which is being backed by the democracies for the rehabilitation of Western Europe. Moscow's purpose clearly is to extend the domination of communism to the English Channel. Should the Soviets succeed in this campaign, there would be small hope that another great war could be averted.

Despite this England needs grain and other supplies so badly that she is risking her neck to trade with Russia. Probably both countries secure some advantages. And as Undersecretary Foster said of our trade with the Russians, the "goods we get from them are highly important to our own industries."

Still, it strikes me that there is some place where a line might well be drawn on such trade. There is some strategic spot at which a halt ought to be called—a problem which should be, and undoubtedly is, absorbing the attention of many governments in these parlous days.

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TOONERVILLE FOLKS

The Doctor Says—

City Children Healthiest

By WILLIAM A. O'BRIEN, M. D.
Written for NEA Service

Rural school children should enjoy equal opportunities with city children, as far as health protection is concerned, but, generally speaking, this is not the case.

Basic health protection should include at least a health examination, but examinations often are omitted or poorly done, and follow-ups, for the correction of defects, are lacking because community medical resources are not known or are poorly utilized. Contrary to popular belief, there is more to disease prevention in rural children than fresh air, sunshine and good food.

Although rural children enjoy the known benefits of outdoor life, they rank below children from large cities and small, well-organized communities in uncorrected physical defects and records of past illnesses.

The one-room school, with eight grades taught by one teacher, has many points in its favor, but these schools complicate the administration of health services. Rural teachers need help from a health education expert who can be hired by the school system to cover the district.

If health examinations are given at school, it is not wise to hold them oftener than once every three years. In this way, services of physicians can be made available for helping problem children and for giving them more extensive advice. Yearly examinations are a farce, if defects are not corrected.

Physicians should refuse to take part in health examinations where children are lined up and paraded by so rapidly that there is insufficient time really to examine them.

PARENTS MUST AID

A school health program in a rural district cannot be effective unless parents co-operate.

Medicine knows a great deal about how to prevent and cure diseases, but this knowledge is useless unless it is put into effect by the people. Schools provide a splendid opportunity for rural children to catch up with more fortunate city children through the establishment of good health programs.

THE DOCTOR ANSWERS

QUESTION: I have been told that, in a hospital in our town, there is a woman with an octopus growing inside of her. I don't believe it.

ANSWER: Neither do I. At regular intervals, stories are circulated about animals growing inside people. The most common yarn concerns a snake, which has been swallowed when it was small. There are no authentic records of such incidents.

Firemen Spend Quiet Week-End

Firemen had a quiet week-end, the first call since last Friday coming in at 2:44 p. m. Monday from 10... Owens.

It was the same old story, firemen observed. Hot ashes. There was some damage to a woodshed at the Owens address where owner-occupant is J. V. Mikesell.

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