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Today's Roundup

THE telephone rate increases granted by the state public utilities commissioner last week-end will go into effect locally with the February 1 billing. These are the first increases at Klamath for telephone service since 1921.



EPLEY

Some amplification of the statewide Associated Press news story telling of the rate increases is in order to show the specific effects on telephone service bills here. Here is what the change does, with the old rate given first and the new one second: Individual home telephone service (1 party line) — \$3.25 to \$3.75, up 50 cents.

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As we look from our window at this moment, the weather is remarkably beautiful. It has been that way for several days. It is the ordinary type of weather for this country in the winter.

STATIC

From a deal for a used car to a romantic rescue in a blizzard, Opie Cates is at it again tonight—getting into many a nerve-racking laughable situation. He can be heard at 8:30 PST over ABC.

Guest for today on "The Paul Whiteman Club," was Alexander Smallens, Radio City Music Hall conductor. This program comes on at 12:30 p. m., five days a week and guests this week will be: Tuesday, Morton Downey; Wednesday, Carlos Ramirez; Thursday, Ray Bloch; Friday, Jane Pickens.

Margie Eagle, blond receptionist for KFLW, spent Sunday with a party of skiers on Novice trail, at Crater Lake national park's Winter Wonderland. A bright, sunny day, good snow with a crust and lots of people skiing—Margie says.

That new black Mercury coupe you see slithering about town does not belong to the Green Hornet but to Chuck Cecil, who has claimed a name for himself with his original programs on the KFLW.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Table with columns for MONDAY EVE., TUESDAY A. M., and TUESDAY P. M. listing radio programs and stations like KFLW-1450 kc.

These Days

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY THE snow of 1947-8, which crippled New York and its environs, would really be a matter of slight importance were it not that a bomb might do the same thing and find this and other cities equally unprepared.

Good-Natured THE people were, during the storm, on the whole, means good-natured and cheerful. They were left without means of transportation except for the subways and the suburban trains.

Instead of acknowledging lack of preparedness, the officials blamed snow-fighting on parked automobiles which impeded bulldozers, snow plows, etc.

In view of the fact that the city is normally short of garages, that most garage-owners are unconscionable gougers who would not be tolerated in a properly-managed community; in view of the further fact that the owners of cars had suffered costly damages because their cars had been literally drowned in snow and ice during a year when anti-freezing compounds are scarce; and since towing vehicles and chains were scarcer than hen's teeth, it seems unfair, indecent, and even dishonest to place the blame on the fellow whose car got stuck.

But it is characteristic both of our unpreparedness and of the politician's efforts to detract from his own shortcomings that he should have dramatized the wickedness of the already suffering citizen. They have been doing that for years.

Asininites THE New York Daily Mirror quoted three magistrates as being responsible for the following three asininites: "I get along without one (an automobile). Next case."

"Don't keep a car." "These days people should first find a garage, and then buy a car."

This untoward incident cannot detract from the general cooperative attitude of the average citizen in the face of the unpreparedness of the municipal officials. Yet, were we faced with war and bombs and gas and explosions, it would be too late for a good spirit and gentle forbearance. It would be too late for anything but panic and disaster.

The lesson of the snowstorm is clear. Instead of spending billions in fortifications, this country now needs to be prepared for any emergency. It needs to have every device on hand to meet sudden and fearful disaster. Maybe nothing will ever happen. Maybe the lion will lie down with the lamb. Maybe the United Nations will save the world. Maybe Stalin will sing the "Star Spangled Banner" every morning before breakfast. Maybe we shall have a century of peace. But preparedness is insurance that the barn door is locked before the horse is stolen. Our minds might just as well be adjusted to that necessity.

JC Banquet Plans Final

The secret of who has been named as the most outstanding young man in Klamath basin for 1947, will be kept for just one more day. At the Junior chamber of commerce Founders Day banquet, Tuesday at 7 p. m. in the Willard hotel, the name of the man chosen will be announced.

Started 12 years ago the custom was started by the Jaycees throughout the United States, to select some young man for his contributions to the betterment of his community and honor him each year. Although the practice is sponsored by the Jaycees, the nominating committee is made up of local business men who are not associated with the club. The committee is secret and a study of every name submitted is made.

These men, some of whom no longer live in this location made their contribution to the community by giving of their time and services during the past year.

In 1935, the first year the custom was started, Percy Murray was

SIDE GLANCES



"I don't see how he ever got to be chief auditor at the office—it takes him hours to straighten out our joint checking account"

The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Moscow denials of rumors that Premier Stalin is dead will, one suspects, be received with relief in the capitals of the Western democracies against which the Soviet leader is directing the communist assault.

I quite realize that such a statement seems to contain conflicting thoughts—and I could be wrong in my viewpoint. However, it strikes me that we are dealing with an idea which at first blush seems absurd and yet actually is correct—in short, with a first class paradox. My reasoning is this:

The conflict between the Russian bloc and the Western powers is in such a dangerous state that a bad mistake could produce another world war. Both sides recognize this and are proceeding with care because neither wants to see a third global upheaval. Thus so long as steady hands remain in control in each camp, the likelihood of a major explosion in the near future isn't great.

Avoiding War Well, now, Stalin's word is supreme and final in Russia. For more than a score of years his policies have dominated both home affairs and foreign relations, including the handling of the bolshewist world revolution for the spread of communism. His foreign policy, while going the full limit of daring in the interest of Soviet expansion, apparently has been aimed at avoiding major warfare.

So if Stalin's control suddenly were removed, and affairs were placed in charge of less dominant and shrewd men, a disastrous situation could arise. For example, an over-ambitious decision in Moscow regarding the fiery Balkan situation

named as the most outstanding young man for Klamath Basin, H. P. Bosworth Jr., was honored in 1936; L. Orth Sisemore, 1937; Charles Mack, 1938; Cliff C. Jenkins, 1939; Martin Swanson, 1940; Donald Drury, 1941; Ralph Waggoner, 1942; Jim Kerns Jr., 1943; John Sandmeyer, 1944; Karl S. Dehlinger, 1945; Robert Walker, 1946.

Tuesday night the man for 1947 will be announced. Tickets for the banquet are on sale at the chamber of commerce.

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The Gallup Poll Wallace Proves Threat To Truman In New York

By GEORGE GALLUP Director, American Institute of Public Opinion PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 12—First ballots returned from New York state in a nation-wide poll on Henry A. Wallace's political strength today indicate that he would seriously jeopardize President Truman's chances of carrying New York state if either Governor Dewey or Gen. Dwight Eisenhower were the Republican nominee in an election held today.

If Senator Robert A. Taft were the nominee, Mr. Wallace's candidacy would win in an election held at this time, he is less of a threat to the Democrats, because Truman holds a substantial popular advantage over Taft. Indications from these first New York state returns come from matching Wallace against Truman and various combinations of possible GOP nominees, as follows: "If the presidential election were being held today and Truman were running for president on the Democratic ticket against Dewey on the Republican ticket and against Wallace on a third-party ticket, how do you think you would vote—for Truman, Dewey or Wallace?"

NEW YORK STATE FIRST RETURNS Truman vs. Dewey vs. Wallace Truman 41% Dewey 44 Wallace 15

Truman vs. Eisenhower vs. Wallace Truman 31% Eisenhower 56 Wallace 13

Truman vs. Taft vs. Wallace Truman 47% Taft 35 Wallace 18

The above results are based on the total number of voters expressing an opinion. The no opinion vote was extremely low—6 per cent in the Truman-Dewey-Wallace race, 7 per cent in the race involving Eisenhower and 10 per cent in the race with Taft.

JUDGING by the above returns, which give only an early indication, Wallace's strength in New York state would run somewhere between 13 and 18 per cent. But it should be remembered that New York can be expected to be one of his very strongest states. New York already has a third party—the American Labor party—although it is plagued by dissension and resignation over the issue of endorsing Wallace.

Whether Wallace's poll standing in New York state is a good indication of his strength elsewhere will be seen when returns in the poll come in from the entire country. A report on nationwide sentiment will be ready in a few days.

FROM the early balloting in New York it would appear that the fears of certain Democratic politicians concerning the Wallace candidacy and its threat to Truman have considerable foundation, at least in the state which has the largest number of electoral votes (47).

On closing the local campaign for contributions of cash and clothing for the Northwest Christmas Ship now loading at Seattle and Portland, sincere gratitude is expressed to the many who have given to this cause. We would like to express appreciation to The Herald and News, KFLW and KFLW for the enthusiastic and continued cooperation provided at all times and without which the results obtained would have been impossible. Fred E. Fleet, chairman, Earl B. Kent, Junior Chamber of Commerce coordinator.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only and must be signed. Contributions following these rules are warmly welcomed.

"My Country 'Tis Of Thee" KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To The Editor) — We note that three very charming fellows of the film writers guild are suing their respective studios for a small matter of \$3,163.925. These sterling characters should be featured but well as the Super De Luxe edition of Gilt Edged Order of Guts.

The charming chaps did not think enough of their citizenship and the opportunities it offered to stand up and proudly say, "I am an American," but they are going to try to take advantage of America's laws to try and chisel themselves a lot of easy money.

We can't believe that any judge or jury would award one red cent to this crew who place themselves above the laws of the land and yelp about their personal freedom of which same they have had too damn much, while they, allegedly at least, try to undermine the country that has paid them far too well.

R. H. COOK

Firemen Answer Single Sunday Call

City firemen were called upon just once yesterday when they received an alarm from Buster Brown shoe store, 633 Main. The fire laries extinguished a small trash-pile blaze in the alley at the rear of the store. No damage was reported. The alarm was turned in at 1:55 p. m.

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Child Killed In Auto Accident

SALEM, Jan. 12 (AP)—Two-year-old Judy Ann Hakanson was killed here last night when her father's car struck a parked truck. A sister, Linda, a year old, is in a hospital with fractured ribs. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard H. Hakanson of Salem.

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