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Today's Roundup

It wasn't long ago that we wrote here at considerable length about Harold D. Mortenson and his industrial achievements in Klamath. That was on the occasion of the sale of the old Pelican Bay properties to large operators at Dubuque, Ia. Now, Mr. Mortenson's career here comes again to public attention, through the news of his death in San Francisco.

We will not go back over what was said before, but we will mention a recent matter that tells something of the character and public-spiritedness of Harold Mortenson.

That was the manufacture and distribution of more than 60,000 small wooden gift-boxes for service men in World War II. These boxes were offered to the public without charge, and undoubtedly had much to do with a tremendous shipment of gifts to service men from this area through the war period.

This was Mr. Mortenson's own idea, and he offered it voluntarily at just the right time. The gift-box project came several years after Mr. Mortenson had more or less retired from active civic affairs here, but it showed his keen interest in worthy community projects.

On the other end, the new highway comes up to the State Line road, which is not improved from that point on to Hatfield on the Klamath-Tulelake highway. This connecting link needs to be brought up to standard.

The road is square on the state line, half in California and half in Oregon. We have made inquiry as to its status, and our county court says that it has a gentlemen's agreement with Siskiyou county covering the situation. This agreement is that Klamath county will take care of improvements on the state line from the bridge near Hatfield on east, and Siskiyou will handle them from the bridge west, which is the section of road in question.

Definite understandings they need to be reached with respect to this road, if they do not already exist. Its unimproved status nullifies part of the public benefit gained from the fine new highway that connects the Tulelake area with US 97 and with communities in Middle and Western Siskiyou county.

ON TEMPERANCE
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—This is from the discourses of Mrs. Bessie Cowie.

"A man gravely assured me that, if we insisted on saloon windows being cleared, that liquor people might demand that church windows come under the same law.

"Well, I am quite willing to lead a crusade against churches when the same results follow as from taverns."

"When women will spend whole days neglecting their homes and children, when men will pawn the very clothes off their backs to leave their money in churches, when extra police have to be engaged to deal with church frequenters."

"When jail accommodations are taxed to bursting point with church worshippers, and taxpayers have to spend the revenue from ordinary sources to undo the results of Sunday services in churches and missions—"

"Then indeed, will we start another crusade."

A prize essay by a Georgia school girl had this telling statement—

"I watch my little girl listen of an afternoon to all this miserable stuff called soap opera which I would not be caught listening to—but nobody can catch you overhearing it, if it's on anyhow. So, I wonder if the child is being corrupted by a vengeance. This is a program extolling civil liberties and is quite controversial as you know. Preceding programs deal with President Truman's civil liberties policy which had the Southern boys just a-boilin'."

Favorite listening on KFLW's Tuesday program is Town Hall's "America's Town Meeting of the Air," beamed out from 8:30 to 9:30. Tonight the subject is a timely one of course, and is "Should the President's Civil Rights Program Be Adopted?"

These Days

By GEORGE E. SKOLSKY

All the time I read about how our children are being corrupted by the movies, radio, the comic strip and now television. As one writer, Gertrude Samuels, puts it: "Do children need this exposure to violence, red-blooded adventure and the argot of criminals as part of their natural process of 'growing up'?"

Each generation, when it becomes adult, forgets its own childhood, except in a kind of nostalgic perfection. The other day, I was discussing our doings of 40 years ago with an Irish friend and we both concluded that stealing sweet pickles (saking potato in a fire made of old wooden boxes and barrels, purloined from wherever they could be purloined and fixed on the street where all could gather about it, was not juvenile delinquency. It was fun.

In those days, we read Frank Merriwell and Dead-End Dick and although Henty and Barbour were tolerated, Horatio Alger was regarded as inadequately literate. However, we survived them all and many of us came out of the cauldron, misty sentimentalists who love all of mankind, no matter what kind.

Miserable Stuff
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Now, as to comic strips, there are two that I like very much for children, "Prince Valiant," which I am sure is both historically valuable and inspirational, and "Dick's Adventures," which gives a child a background of his country. I find that children tire of both the murders and what a small boy character to me as "smack-smack," meaning that the characters osculate profusely. What they like is a story—a continuous, moving story.

Some Taste
We adults, who used to watch the early serials in the movies, had about the same taste in movies as our children nowadays have in serials. We liked, for instance, "The Perils of Pauline" and similar serials and went every week, and had a week in between to speculate on how they would come out. In fact, the speculation was part of the game and it was worth saving pennies to make the nickle.

The assumption that all these forms of child entertainment are ipso facto bad is both untrue and unfair. A well-bred child, one whose parents are not too busy to talk-tries child, will after trial and error, discover what is stupid, what is boring and what, to the child, is a waste of time. Of course, the child whose parents are always too busy to give even a moment for discussion, lacks the chance to weave a story of its own imagination.

In fact, it seems to me that our quarrel is not with what the child reads or sees or hears; it is that the current generation of parents seems to have too little time and patience to be a part of the child's life.

"Take one regular, natural born fool, add two or three drinks of liquor and mix the two in a high-powered motor car. After the fool is thoroughly soaked, place his foot on the gas and release the brakes."

"Remove the fool from the wreckage, place in a black, satin-lined box and garnish with flowers."

"From the United Presbyterian—'Put a man in alcohol and he'll be preserved. Into a live man put alcohol and he'll die.'"

"The drunkard and glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man in rags."—Proverbs: 23-21.

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SIDE GLANCES



"No, he isn't quite old enough for kindergarten, but they're excavating for a new house on the lot next door!"

Static

By LOIS STEWART



KAY JENKINS

Pickers up where Deskman Jenkins and La Killmer left off—we will continue to present those left of the news staffers' husbands and long suffering wives. Today we introduce Kay Jenkins who tends for Husband Bill, whose daily stint starts out at some awful hour in the morning, armed with scissors and pencil to feed the hungry maw of the linotype machines.

Kay and Bill met at Pomona and were married at San Diego just a few days before a steamboat whistle blew and took Bill off to some paradise in the Pacific where he ran through the jungle chasing you-know-what-kind of Japs. (Bill, looking over our shoulder, said he wished to appear a little more modest than we are putting it, and just to say he "won the war" and let it go at that.) Kay is busy with three-year-old Pamela, (four next July), and Shart, a full grown, mouth-full-of-teeth Dane.

It is our usual custom to call KFLW and talk radio news over with our good friends down there when it is my turn to write Static. I'm telling you of this column of this gentle if unexciting fact so that some of the dubious who prefer KFLW to The HAN's own KFLW, that it is our habit and has nothing to do with the letters which reached the editor's desk in support of the recent JNPP-Hostak fracas broadcast by JN. In other words, when we give you the news about JI, we do it because we want to do it, and we aren't coerced by anybody! So there!

KFLW's third Quizdom Class will be heard tonight at 7:30 with seniors from Henley, Bonanza and Mallin participating at the mike over which Dick Maguire will be the guiding hand. These seniors will compete for the weekly prizes and six seniors with the highest scores, regardless of schools, will compete for the grand prizes including a nice, fat, fuscious \$100 war bond.

We know our father, who is sort of a brain in his own right, who squirmed through last week's Quizdom when his son was before the mike.

JI continues with Port of Call, Italy, at 8 p. m.; Official Detective, 8:30; Billy Rose, 8:35; Glen Hardy, 9. Then there's Fulton Lewis Jr., who does a re-broadcast later for all the busy little housewives

DRINKS OUT
SALEM, March 23 (UP)—Hotels, restaurants or clubs which do not have liquor licenses cannot permit drinks to be mixed on their premises. Attorney General George Neuner ruled today.

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The World Today

By SIGRID ARNE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Russian actions in Berlin the past few days make it look as though another hope may shortly go glimmering: the hope of re-educating Germany into a healthy, peace-loving nation.

Since the end of the war Berlin has been the place where the four occupying powers—the Americans, the British, French and Russians—have worked together in a council. Each power controls a portion of the city, although Berlin itself lies in the eastern section of Germany which Russia occupies.

But now the Russians claim the three western powers have broken all their pledges to run Germany as a unit. But that is exactly what the western powers have thought of the Russians all through 1946 and 1947. The immediate action which angered Sokolovsky was the fact that the British, French and Americans met in London last week to talk about commerce in their three western sections of Germany.

Wouldn't Agee
Ever since the war ended, the four-power meetings in Berlin have had trouble because the Russian delegate either delayed or refused to agree to plans which the other three approved.

The most annoying difference has been over the use of goods which the Germans themselves produced. A definite plan was laid down for them at Potsdam, where the Americans, British and Russians met in mid-summer 1945 to plot Germany's future.

They agreed that any surplus goods turned out by the Germans should be put into a pool. Those pooled goods were to be sold abroad to pay for things the Germans would have to import.

The westerners waited for some move from the Russians to chip in. German food was grown in the Russian sector but as the months passed no goods ever showed up. The Russians made no reports on what their sector was doing. No officers from the western powers were permitted to take a look-see at the Russian sector.

While Out Millions
And while this was happening, British and American taxpayers were asked to shell out hundreds of millions to feed the Germans in their area.

At any time the British and Americans could have claimed the Russians were failing to meet their Potsdam pledges.

Instead they trudged faithfully to the council meetings in Berlin and continued to run their sectors as best they could.

Finally, early in 1947, the British and Americans merged their sectors in all business deals to try to cut down the cost to the folks at home. They left the gate open for the Russians, but no Russian knocked.

Last week the Americans, French and British met in London to talk just about Western Germany. American goods will shortly begin to move into Western Europe, and Western Germany has to be fitted into the picture because it can contribute to the general rebuilding of Europe.

Another Stroll
Thereupon Sokolovsky read an angry speech to the council in Berlin—and walked out. Yesterday the Russians, being chairmen this month of the council committees in Berlin, called off committee meetings.

The Gallup Poll
FRENCH, ITALIANS HOLD OUT ON COMMUNISM

By GEORGE GALLUP Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

PRINCETON, N. J., March 23.—With the entire world anxiously watching the progress of communism, the attitudes of voters in two key European countries today assume great significance.

Evidence furnished by public opinion polls just completed in France and Italy indicates that in those two nations the attitudes of voters in two key European countries today assume great significance.

The polls were conducted by the Princeton Institute of Public Opinion and the Italian Institute of Public Opinion, DOXA, two of the eleven foreign affiliates of the American Institute of Public Opinion.

In Italy, where the threat of communist domination is serious and immediate, the latest poll of political sentiment indicates that the communist party and its affiliates probably would not become the majority party if the elections were held today.

Further evidence in both nations of strong opposition to the spread of communism comes from another poll. The vast majority of Italian and French people, according to this survey, approve the Marshall plan, which is, of course, directly contrary to the international communist propaganda line.

Strong evidence exists in a previous survey that the people in France and Italy do not believe Russian charges that the United States is motivated by imperialistic designs. Quite to the contrary, sizable majorities are inclined to label Russia itself an aggressor nation and to believe the United States would fight only in self defense.

Indication that the French people are convinced their destiny is closely tied to the United States rather than to Russia is given in a poll showing that seven out of ten voters feel we will do more than any other nation to promote economic recovery in France.

Moreover, there is firm conviction on the part of French voters that an economic union of Western European countries must be organized as a bulwark against the strength of the eastern bloc of nations Russia has built. Two out of three voters approve such a union composed of France, England, the Benelux countries and Western Germany.

The questions and answers on which these observations are based follow:

In Italy:
In Italy's interest which party or group should become stronger?
This question asks only what party the respondent thinks should be stronger

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and does not ask which way he is going to vote. For that reason the results in no sense constitute a prediction of the election but indicate current sentiment.

The Christian-democrat party is headed by Alcide de Gasperi, the present premier, and is the leading anti-communist party.

The national answers:
Approved 40% 31% 46%
Disapprove 25 29 26
No opinion 35 40 28

If the Schuman government were to be overthrown whom would you like to see as new president of the council?
General De Gaulle 17%
Leon Blum 11

Do you favor or oppose an economic union of the Western European countries (France, England, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Italy and Western Germany)?
Favor 64%
Oppose 18%
No opinion 18%

On the Marshall plan:
Have you heard or read about the Marshall plan?
Italy 78%
France 91%

Do you favor or oppose the plan? (Asked of those who had heard or read about it.)
Italy 65%
France 60%

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