

Herald and News

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

AMONG Klamath area historical spots which are scheduled for marking by the county historical society is the site of Merganser. Ever hear of the place? It at one time threatened the supremacy of Klamath Falls (then Linkville) among Klamath communities. It was the birthplace of my good friend Charlie Roberts, who is still active in business here.

Merganser died in its youth. Old-timers and historical bugs know about it, but others may not be aware that a competitive town was started in the early days about two miles south of Klamath Falls, on Klamath river near the spot where US 97 now crosses it on a bridge.

Merganser developed as a town so close to Linkville back in 1870 because the first business establishments of Linkville didn't welcome competition. They had a corner on the real estate in Linkville, and it was virtually impossible to get a lot on which to set up business to compete with the men in on the ground floor.

So these would-be competitors moved down river a little way and set up their establishments. Merganser was named after a hunting incident on the river there. It seems there was a Scotchman named James who shot a merganser duck. It wasn't an important shot, but as so often happened in the early days, little incidents like that prompted the naming of a town. Somebody suggested Merganser, and it was adopted.

The first business house was set up by J. P. Roberts (Charlie's father) and Albert Handy. By 1872 the town had a post office (second in the county) a store, blacksmith shop and one residence, that of Joseph Penning. Robert T. Baldwin put in a harness shop. John Gleim started a hotel, and Paul Breitenstein began the brewery business there. There was a bridge across the river at this point, and for a time it looked as if Merganser was on its way to becoming a real town.

But presently, business houses began moving up river to Linkville, as the real estate monopoly in the bigger town gave way. More people lived in Linkville, and the Merganser business men wanted to get closer to the main settlement. Roberts and Handy moved their store, and that doomed Merganser.

By 1880, it was a dead town, and the bridge over the river there was allowed to rot away.

The Merganser story is an interesting one to Klamath people, and it is wise that a marker should be placed on the highway pointing to the site of this old settlement.

Briefs From The Pocket File
KLAMATH has more candidates, but Baker county is also having a multi-candidate sheriff's race this primary election. . . Eleven candidates are out over there, including deputy, former deputy, policemen, etc. . . The incumbent is not running after three terms or so and their situation is very much like that here, where a small army is in the race.

Incidentally, I haven't heard much about or from the woman candidate for sheriff. . . Is she a serious candidate? . . . Kiwanis club plans a sheriff's party at its Thursday luncheon next week, with all sheriff candidates invited and a little wholesome fun on tap.

Malin farmers are out ahead of the field in the potato planting business. . . A Mr. Becker from Long Island, a New York state legislator, blew into town last night. . . A nice fellow, he said he is on his own, taking a vacation and talking around Oregon for Dewey. . . The New York governor, he said, is both smart and has smart advisors. . . By the time today is over, more Klamath people will feel they know more about Dewey. . . That dog which Dewey gave to a Salem couple, to replace one run over by his bus, has been named, of course, Tom Dewey.

Salem, for an upright city, is having more than its share of mean thieves. . . Somebody looted a baby's bank there of \$10, and somebody else stole a Salvation Army trumpet. . . Earl Newbury, secretary of state, mixed some political medicine by tossing the first balls in the Klamath and Medford baseball flag race openers. . . Newbury is himself trying to take a flag in the primary election ruckus. . . Dave Hoss, former Klamathite, writes that his campaign for the legislature in Marion county is making headway. . . He wants Marion voters to put Hoss in the house which hasn't a thing to do with locking the barn door.

These Days

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY

THE ECONOMIST, undoubtedly one of the most important weeklies in England, if not in all the world, has this to say of ERP:

"In time of peace, in order to aid nations geographically remote and politically separate from the Americas, at a time of great internal shortages, the United States is ready to give away \$5 billion worth of commodities as the first instalment of a wider programme, to give them for peaceful economic reconstruction and, save for minor exceptions, to give them without political conditions of any sort. A year ago, the project would have been inconceivable—congress was then making desperately heavy weather over only \$400 million for aid to Greece and Turkey. Ten years ago, such an initiative would have driven the nation en masse into the arms of the America firsters. And search back as one may through the annals of the United States or of any other power, there is no record of a comparable act of inspired and generous diplomacy."

It adds: "It will be difficult, after this demonstration of international solidarity, to go on repeating the old gibes about American isolation, the old complacent references to American political immaturity. In recent months, the American people, in its eagerness for information, its sustained interest in foreign affairs, and in its acceptance of positive and onerous international responsibility, is rapidly qualifying for the title of the least isolationist and self-absorbed of peoples. . ."

Change Noted

BUT I fear that "The Economist" does not altogether grasp the reason for the change in American attitude. The editors of this magazine attribute much of the success of ERP to Messrs. Marshall, Acheson, Vandenberg and Douglas. They might have added Bernard Baruch, Herbert Hoover, Christian Herter and dozens of others.

And there is danger in any misunderstanding about ERP. The American people do not want it to be another costly flop like the British loan. They do not expect ERP to be dissipated and wasted. As a matter of fact, they could not afford to have it dissipated and wasted.

The American people do not want a war with Soviet Russia or any other country. They do not believe that such a war will benefit the victor any more than the vanquished. They know that the last war cost more than \$300,000,000,000 and left the country with a debt of \$252,000,000,000, a government budget of roughly \$40,000,000,000. They are convinced that the next war will alter their economic system and devastate their social and political life.

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U. S. Responsibility

THIS formula involves the revival of the economies of 17 or more nations. It requires an American underwriting of their powers of economic and political survival. It forces upon the United States the responsibility of sustaining a standard of living among these peoples, high enough to discourage revolution, high enough to create a climate antagonistic to communistic blandishments among the proletariat and the intellectuals—the latter being particularly prone to travel in alien and distant green pastures.

The formula is risky and contains within itself many germs of its own destruction. But so does any other formula that anyone can conceive. If the Russians really want a war, they can have one tomorrow morning, as the atmosphere is full of causes for war. The same is true of the United States. The marvel of it is that incident after incident has occurred and both sides have indicated a vast capacity for forbearance. But that does not mean that war may not come before ERP accomplishes its purposes.

There, in a nutshell, is the situation: If the statesmen of Europe and China and our ECA administrators use our credit carefully, constructively, vigilantly, it may accomplish its ends. If the billions of American credit provide a wild holiday of spending for spending's sake, it will do infinite harm and may ruin the United States as well as Western Europe.

SIDE GLANCES



"There's only a month of school left—do you think after I get over this chicken pox it would be worth going back?"

STATIC

By RON BROWN

Three local remote broadcasts are on tap over LW for tonight. The Teen-Age club Open House will be picked up from 8:30 to 9, then at 9:30 Tex Williams will come on. Then the techs will wind up a full night at the South Sixth Street Corral, from 10:30 to 11.

Chuck Cecil will handle announcing on the first two, while Don Neal takes care of the Corral broadcast.

This week-end's crime airings seem to run whole-hog to bank jobs. "Gangbusters" has a fairly simple one slated for 9 p. m. over LW. Seems these two gunmen get tired of hiding out, and yielding to the urge to feel some of the green stuff slipping through their hands, engineer a real granddaddy of a bank robbery. The whole thing is entitled "The Case of the Lucky Boy Bandits."

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KFWL's Sunday afternoon mystery parade starts off at 2 p. m. with "Treasure Agent," and includes "Counterspy" at 2:30, "I Love Adventure" at 3, "The Clock" at 5:30 and "The Green Hornet" at 8:30.

ABC's "Stop the Music" available at 4 o'clock has amassed some 14 impressive gifts in its jackpot, including, among others, a 1948 Kaiser, a Persian lamb coat, a television set and a couple of heating units. Some lucky guy just isn't gonna hafta worry about wife's whims and wants for a while—or his own either.

"Sufficient Unto the Day" is the title of tomorrow's "Greatest Story Ever Told," coming over LW at 3:30 p. m. A good moralization upon the effects of rumors and gossip is slated—might be a good story for some of the phone-callers we get in here on an average of two or three times a night.

Finalists are up for trial in the "Met Opera Auditions," set for LW at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow, and takes in several top-flight voice-artists of the day. Should be worth while.

Sara Allgood, Kenny Delmar, Albert Sharpe and Una O'Connor will be starred in "The White-Headed Boy," one of the most popular of all modern Irish comedies, when it is produced by the "Theatre Guild On The Air," tomorrow at 6:30 p. m.

The story involves an Irish mother, who more or less ruined her children's lives by doting on one boy of the family, who later turned out to be a regular schmoe. It's a little confusing to read, and even more so to write, but should be good listening.

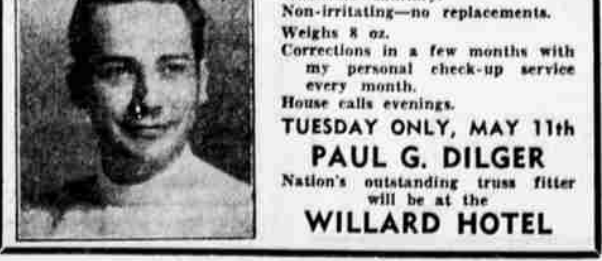
A large-scale Shanghai racket furnishes "David Harding-Counter-spy" plenty of action and brain-work on that half tomorrow.

Our Boy Dave digs deep, but manages to wring out a solution to the case, involving several small steamship lines who work on an international basis in their kidnaping racket.

All sorts of rumors are flying around as to the weather conditions prevalent the past weeks, and particularly during the past 48 hours. They even go so far as to say the Russians are using dry-ice.

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The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Delegates of 23 European nations, attending the congress at The Hague to consider formation of a United States of Europe, appear to be drawing heavily for inspiration on that dream of the generations — "one world."

The proposed organization is linked with the Western European union formed recently by Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. All "free European countries" are invited to join, and it's interesting to note that exiled leaders from Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Finland are participating unofficially in the congress.

Britain's wartime prime minister, Winston Churchill, set the pace for the party with one of his dramatic speeches in which he envisaged a peaceful three-bloc world. This ultimately would comprise Pan America, the Russian bloc and a union of Europe which would include the far-flung British commonwealth. These three groups would be a subordinate but necessary part of the United Nations.

Thus the congress is furnishing fine old news.

Much Discussion

The nineteenth century saw much discussion of a United States of Europe. However, it didn't click. There was too much power politics, which finally precipitated World War I. Still, the ideal was pursued by such stalwarts as Aristide Briand of France, Dr. Thomas Masaryk, first president of Czechoslovakia, and his successor, Eduard Benes, who was unable to prevent the communistic rape of his little republic.

And do you know where much of the inspiration for this union of nations came from? It was from the success achieved by the federation of the United States of America.

The last major effort to form a United States of Europe—prior to the present attempt—was in 1928 when Briand, then premier of France, announced his intention of working for such a union through the League of Nations. It was my privilege to observe at close range as this great idealist labored on a project which was a life ambition. He got much support, but the idea was too advanced for his time.

There were several schools of thought in those days. One proposed to divide the world into five groups—the British empire, Pan America, the British empire, Pan America, China and Japan, the Russian states and Pan Europe. This school regarded Russia as Asiatic rather than European, and even then it was recognized that communism and democracy were incompatible.

Well, the power politics and utopian ambitions for conquest finally landed us in another world war which demonstrated clearly enough that a third conflict might destroy the civilization we know. So we try to find men of reason and good-will trying to form unions which not only will aid economic rehabilitation but will strengthen the hand of peace.

The only dissidents are those who are impelled by greed of conquest. As for the meeting at The Hague, Churchill as honorary chairman and keynote speaker, declared: "We aim at the eventual participation of all the peoples throughout the continent whose society and way of life are not in discord with the charter of human rights and the sincere expression of free democracy. We welcome any country where the people own the government, and not the government the people."

Familiar piles of sawdust and waste wood at American sawmills are scheduled for cattle feed. The cows will not eat the sawdust, or the wood, itself; they will eat a molasses made from these mill wastes.

Goodly Share Sixty per cent of the world's telephones, 80 per cent of its automobiles, and 3 per cent of its railroads are located in the United States.

The uniform worn by Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz when he signed the Japanese surrender document in Tokyo bay, September 2, 1945, has been donated as a permanent exhibit at the Naval Academy museum, Annapolis, Maryland.

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The Gallup Poll City Dwellers Tell Top Living Grips

CITY PRINCETON, N. J., May 8 — Grips and complaints of city dwellers always have been loud and numerous. Today citizens of America's fourteen largest cities claim that the following are by far the most discouraging problems they face:

- 1. Poor housing conditions.
2. Exasperating traffic jams, time-wasting and ancient transportation, parking headaches.
3. Dirty and unlightless, messy streets, smoke, slow garbage removal, inefficient sewage disposal.
4. High taxes, waste of government funds.
5. City government corruption.
6. Lack of crime control and law enforcement.
7. Intercultural tensions.
8. Youths in crime, delinquency.

Naturally, conditions which give city people particular concern vary according to size of the municipality. While one in three voters in largest cities deny traffic snarls, less than one in five in smaller towns consider that a major problem. Public drinking and poor schools rankle people in small cities but scarcely face the citizens of great metropolitan areas.

Here is how people in various sized communities look at America's "slab-city" from inside: Some respondents named more than one problem so that the totals add up to more than 100 per cent. Blanks indicate less than one per cent.

Occasionally interviewers found a man or woman completely satisfied with their home town, like the housewife in New England who said, "This town is perfectly okay. I love every bit of it."

But the answer of another New Englander, this one a laborer, was: "We ought to revise the whole city and start over fresh."

Parking conditions were variously described as "wicked," "nervewracking," "horrible" and "hopeless."

Merrill Changes Parking Laws

MERRILL—Vertical parking was added here and parallel parking will be enforced Monday along the three main business blocks on the highway.

The law will be in effect extending from the telephone office to the Merrill lumber yard. Business men are asked to park their cars off the highway in the future. Marking was under way here today by city police.

The order came from Mayor Frank E. Trotman following authorization from the city council Thursday night.

Worker Freed On Murder Charge

DALLAS, Ore., May 8 (AP)—Raymond Harvatt, 51, was exonerated yesterday of the death of Wallace Felix Nowak, 46, in a hopyard brawl.

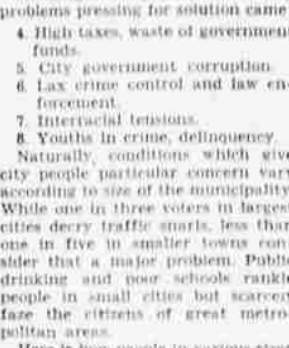
A grand jury returned a not-guilty bill after Harvatt had been accused of stabbing Nowak with a butcher knife. Harvatt was arrested April 4.

The grand jury considered the case three times before making its report.

BIG PERMIT

PORTLAND, May 8 (AP)—The largest building permit in recent years—for the new \$1,000,000 veterans' hospital here—was issued yesterday.

The eight-story hospital will be erected in the Sam Jackson park addition near the present veterans' hospital.



DeWitt Mackenzie



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Advertisement for 'STOP the MUSIC' featuring a radio and a man playing a guitar. Text includes 'DON'T USE YOUR TELEPHONE BETWEEN 4:00 AND 5:00 SUNDAY' and 'KEEP OFF THE PHONE—AND KEEP TUNED IN TO THAT BRAND-NEW FULL-HOUR FUN-FEST, "STOP THE MUSIC!"'

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