

Herald and News

These Days

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When the members of the atomic energy commission were appointed in 1946, I wrote that Admiral Lewis Strauss would find himself in opposition to his colleagues. This has proved to be correct. He has been having a tough time of it.

Lewis Strauss is the exact opposite of David E. Lilienthal in personality, experience and outlook. A believer in government by law, trained by Herbert Hoover, he could not be bullied or high-pressured. He had a long record of successes behind him when he came to the commission. Bureaucrats dislike the self-made man, the "Horatio Alger" type. They prefer the obedient servant who comes up through channels. Most of all, they hate the successful business man who has earned a fortune.

Lilienthal pushed himself from the TVA to the AEC. In the course of the hearings before the congressional committee which considered confirmation of his appointment, he admitted that two of the other members of the AEC were his nominees. He said that he began with a clear majority of the commission. It is interesting to note that there have been two resignations from the commission—namely, the very men who were hand-picked by Lilienthal.

He Knows It All

Lilienthal's weakness as an administrator is that regardless of the law, he knows what is best for us, and that is what we are going to get. His apparently uncompromising stand on his right to award valuable government scholarships to communists is characteristic of a bureaucrat's approach to the law.

It is now clear that Strauss has long been at odds with Lilienthal on the question of adherence to the atomic energy act as passed by congress. According to the public testimony recently printed, Lilienthal announced that in over 500 decisions of the AEC, there had been dissents in only a few cases, and these from only one commissioner—Admiral Strauss. When Strauss was called to the stand, he made it quite clear that he had voted "no" in a number of cases where the law, in his opinion, was being ignored. Each of these cases, he said, concerned some aspect of the security of the country.

Unable to tolerate an honest difference of opinion or refuse the legal basis of the argument, Strauss's opponents put the old new deal trick of smearing him as a former banker. It is whispered that he is an ardent Zionist, and therefore anti-British, which true or false has nothing to do with the case and which certainly Lilienthal's adherents ought not to talk about because whenever anyone questions his judgment, they shout "anti-Semitism!"

The vital issue came to a head in the recent secret conferences at Blair House. Briefly stated, it is: Should the know-how on making atomic bombs be given to any other country and if so, should it be done by the AEC on its own judgment or only by consent of congress as provided in the atomic energy act? Strauss took the latter position. That is the consensus of opinion of the American people and of congress.

Strauss' Letter

The following paragraph from a letter from Strauss to Senator McMahon on June 24 states the case:

"... May I be permitted to express my vigorous dissent from a philosophy which has been advanced before your committee, namely, that parts of the McMahon act are not to be taken literally. That is a doctrine to which I cannot subscribe. If parts of laws are not to be taken literally, then the time and effort devoted to careful drafting are wasted, and we shall have to look for some other medium than words to codify them. For the equal and uniform administration of law is one of the pillars of our system of government, and if public administrators generally were to construe laws other than literally, we would have as many interpretations as there are individual points of view. That would mean complete administrative disorder. Certainly, the provisions of the atomic energy act must be honored literally, or congress should change them deliberately. If any of its provisions are ambiguous after nearly three years on the statute book, the ambiguity should be clarified by formal action. The implied alternative... is to me, unthinkable."

reported. There now have been 918 cases and 79 deaths this year in what the health department continues to term a moderate polio epidemic. An isolated mast or chimney 150 feet tall is likely to be struck by lightning once a year, on the average, in many parts of the world.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Table of radio programs for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, listing stations like KFLW, KFJL, and various show titles.

SIDE GLANCES



"So what if I left my driver's license at home? I don't see you capturing any gangsters!"

BOYLE'S COLUMN

Gale Vance Really Has The Men Head Over Heels...

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—Men fall head over heels for hazel-eyed Gale Vance. She really throws them.



Hal Boyle

Some feminine athletes are built like telephone booths. This isn't true of Gale. Her muscles are well disposed. They never bulge. They ripple. Her physical charm as well as her physical strength have won her several offers to become a professional wrestler.

THE DOCTOR SAYS Cancer Detection Important

By EDWIN F. JORDAN, M. D.
Written for NEA Service.
The cause of cancer has so far remained undetected. However, many competent investigators all over the world are tackling this problem and it may not be too long before the vital clue is discovered.

Advertisement for 'The Book of Revelation' by Christian Builders Bible Class, First Christian Church, C. W. Swope, Pastor and Teacher.

STATICS

When this column hits the streets and the homes it'll be approximately 24 hours until "Stop the Music" time on ABC Sunday 4 p.m.

So, here's a clue to kick around. Neither your writer nor Stan Klarf who called it in are suggesting bringing your wages on the tune, but there is a chance that this one will get you the swag.

It's "Parnell's March." Try it for size, if you get the call.

Maybe we can line up an opponent for Paul A. Smith, the 64-year-old Mill City man, who

Red Hurd proudly heralds himself "The Walking Man" even though a horse beat him by 14 miles in a 75-mile test recently.

Our candidate from the Klamath Falls area—Smith indicated he'd like to walk against a KP man—would undoubtedly be Ralph "Step-and-Half" Lamb.

I'm told that Lamb used to run—not walk—from Worden to Klamath Falls and back every day.

One story goes that someone stopped Lamb during his road-pounding operations and asked him if he'd like a ride to town. "No thanks," Lamb answered, "I'm in a hurry."

If he can run like that, walking would be a pink tea for Lamb.

Clues come in various and sundry forms. Get this clue for the "Under Arrest" story Sunday, 3 p.m. on KPJI, are celery seeds and hay fever pills. The yarn concerns two dangerous criminals who have escaped from prison. Police Captain Jim Scott solves the case.

More in the whodunit department: Nick Carter solves a murder in three hours. The story is appropriately tagged "The Case of the Vital Three Hours." Station JI, Sunday.

Guest pianist on the "Life Begins at 80" program tonight at 7 is 83-year-old Henry Heiliger, a civil engineer. Tune in KPJI.

A twist of the dial to ABC and KFLW: "Boss Adam's Playroom" will offer as special guests Songsmiths Jimmy McHugh and Frankie Carle's singing daughter, Marjorie Hughes. The time is 9 o'clock tonight.

Composer Johnny Green, MGM music director, will be heard in an interview session on the Louella Parsons program Sunday, 6:15 p.m. The program is a previously transcribed as Louella is on vacation. Station KFLW.

Sam Cowling muses: "A naturalist isn't a guy who goes around chasing gnats."

Rev. Jelley To Go Into India Mission

LAKEVIEW, Aug. 13—Rev. and Mrs. Edward F. Jelley announced this week that they will leave Saturday, August 13, for India where they will enter missionary work for the First Baptist church of Lakeview. They will sail from Seattle, Wash., on September 2.

Accompanied by their two sons, Carroll, 14, and Ernest, 12, they will enter missionary work in the Ahmaddnagar district of Hindustan. They have sold their home here to finance part of the trip, and other funds will be provided by the local Baptist church.

The missionaries expect to be in India for several years. Their present visas are for one year, but will be extended.

Rev. Jelley, who was ordained in the First Baptist church here last October, was born in India where his father was a missionary. When he was seven years of age he first came to the United States and has been here since. His father returned to India three years ago and is now in missionary work at Satara.

Mrs. Jelley has been a resident of Lakeview since 1930. She attended Lakeview high school and the Jelleys were married here. Both of their sons were born in Lakeview. Both Rev. and Mrs. Jelley have been active in church work for many years.

Assessment, Tax Summary Shows County Taxation Up By Half Over 1929 Figure

A summary of assessment and taxation figures for Klamath county over a period of 20 years reveals what every property taxpayer probably has guessed—that county taxation has more than doubled since the middle of the depression.

In 1929 the total property tax to be collected was slightly over a million and a half dollars. Last year the total was just over three millions and it probably will come close to three and a half million for the current year.

The tax base—total assessed values of taxable property in the county—has maintained a fairly steady rise during the same period but not so fast as the taxation rate.

Back in 1929, a boom year, Klamath county had an assessed valuation for tax purposes of \$37,786,928, and in 1930 the base was over 49 millions. Then the decline started that saw the base slide all the way down to a low of \$21,131,158 in 1936. After 1936 a little gain was shown each year until 1947 but the tax base declined heavily during the war years to the point where in 1946 it was only about \$27,000 higher than it was at the low point in 1936.

That year, 1946, Klamath Falls city property owners paid taxes at the unprecedentedly high millage rate of 113.4 (\$11.54 per \$100 of assessed valuation).

In 1947 the state tax commission okayed a scheme for a blanket increase of 25 per cent on all assessments and a corresponding 20 per cent decrease in millage rates. The blanket increase had the effect of boosting assessed values of property to a point nears market values and also of bringing millage rates back to a more attractive level, without the work of a direct reappraisal.

A reappraisal was started last year and it, plus new construction, improvements on land and the like, has brought the total of assessed valuations now to the all-time high of almost 50 millions of dollars. Carrying the survey of property valuations back beyond the 20 year period, assessor's records show that in 1915 the county valuation was \$15,918,895 and the total tax that year was slightly over \$300,000. It was 1920 before the property tax total reached a million dollars.

Table showing Assessed Values (County), Total Tax (County), and Millage for years 1929 to 1949.

*—25 per cent increase on. **—Six months for switch to fiscal year basis. ***—Millage compensated for 25 per cent valuation increase.

Merrill Moose Go To Confab

MERRILL, Aug. 13—A group of Merrill lodge members are leaving to attend the annual convention of the Local Order of Moose in San Francisco August 14 through 18.

Driving down Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Ray VanMeter, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bradshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Humbley. Leaving today on the new Shasta Daylight streamliner were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Icenbick, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reeder and Mr. and Mrs. John Stolt.

This is the first national convention of the order to be held on the west coast, and a large attendance is expected.

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