

# Herald and News

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## Entertainment on Up

By DEB ADDISON

ENTERTAINMENT is on the up and up here, with the announcement of the start of construction for the new \$100,000 drive-in theatre, and, for the moment, showings of the Shrine sponsored circus and the Lions club Fun Frolic, or Musical Minstrel Extravaganza.

Few of us here, probably, have driven our cars into one of these new outdoor theatres and enjoyed a movie. They say it's the real dope for taking out the family. If Junior gets bored and sleepy you give him a pillow in the back seat, turn down your individual speaker, and let him snooze.

Earl Baughman, local manager of the theatres, tells me that children under 12 (if they're in the family jolopy with papa and mama) will be admitted free. Also, the deluxe seat will include playground, presumably for the kids who aren't sleepy.

We've heard tell of laundrettes in conjunction with the drive-ins. The Klamath Falls theatre will have a snack bar, so you can get your nourishment and entertainment at the same time. And you can make your own ground rules as to popcorn and celery.

(Our news story on the announcement by George Mann of the ground-breaking slipped a cog like the worn out phonograph record—"At the end of . . . at the end of." Actually the location is off Summers lane at the end of Winter avenue.)

## SHRINE

charities are well known. Work of the Klamath Falls Lions club less so. The Lions' Musical Minstrel Extravaganza, "Talk of the Town," is put on to raise money for the club's sight conservation program. (And, we'll bet, to have a little fun in this professionally produced show.)

Lions in the past have worked with public school nurses, and have underwritten the cost of glasses for those youngsters who need them but can't afford them. The club hopes to take in more money on the three-day show this year (Sept. 27, 28, 29 at the Pelican theatre) and step up the program.

They plan to buy tele-binoculars, which will provide a more effective way of checking vision outside an eye doctor's office. They hope to make these checks through the high schools and all the grades, to accomplish: (1) finding all who need glasses, and (2) buying glasses for all who can't afford them.

Minor strings on the sight conservation bow are helping out with more adequate lighting, and providing typewriters for the blind.

Somewhat this volunteer project for better living strikes a good note in comparison to running to Uncle with all our troubles. So, if you want to laugh yourself silly at a neighbor in the minstrel line, take your family to "Talk of the Town."

## EVERYONE

in the HaN ad department is talented! Some write editorial columns (ahem); then there are the artists on the piano and gee-tar (McDonald and Morrison respectively); Dalt Haaslet raises chickens which lay eggs sometimes; and Gene Ingels raises show-dog collies. He even made money selling pups off a fancy color ad . . . The community college faculty is varied: two "he's" and two "she's"; two Doctors, a Miss and a Mr.; a former KUHS instructor and a former Reed college professor . . . Sykes Hamaker, who used to ride the range as foreman for Louis Gerber, now rides the Rocky Point mail route for Uncle Sam.

## Farmers Not to Blame for High Food Prices; Processing and Haulage Blamed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (AP)—Senator Gillette (D-Iowa) said yesterday farmers are being blamed unjustly for high food prices which actually result from distribution and processing costs that are "obviously out of line."

Gillette opened a senate agriculture subcommittee's hearing into the spread between prices farmers receive and those consumers pay.

The housewife, Gillette said, judges the cost of foods by the retail price, and "if the spread maintained in processing or distribution is exorbitant the farmer gets the blame."

Farmers are now making far less than peak postwar prices, he added, while their operating costs have advanced to new heights.

Gillette quoted Federal Reserve Chairman Thomas B. McCabe, as saying: that a recent 20 per cent drop in commodity prices had caused only a 10 per cent drop in wholesale prices and a three per cent drop in retail prices.

## Couple Killed In Crash

EVERETT, Sept. 23 (AP)—An AT-8 war surplus airplane went into a spin, then a power dive and crashed nose-down in a wooded gulch five miles southwest of here yesterday. The two occupants were killed.

The victims were Ivar H. Zarbell, about 40, owner of L. discount firm, and Marjorie "Peggy" Jo Schroeder, 23, an employee, both of Seattle.

## ENROLLMENT LAGS

FOREST GROVE, Sept. 23 (AP)—Unemployment was blamed today for a lagging enrollment at Pacific university. At the end of the second day of fall registration, 871 were registered compared with 880 last year at the same time.

## These Days

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY

NO one can absolutely guarantee that a navy will not be valuable in the next war any more than anyone can guarantee that there will not be a next war. Louis Johnson, secretary of defense, is pledged to achieve amalgamation of the armed services and he is personally pledged to economy, to the elimination of duplication and waste. It is now the general impression that this is to be achieved by reducing the navy to a subordinate arm of the defense—to its reduction from the pride of our country to an auxiliary ferry service.

If this is what needs be, then sink the navy. After all, bows and arrows were not retained through sentimentality after their usefulness as a weapon of offense and defense had disappeared. But who, in the year 1949, is prepared absolutely to guarantee that there will be no naval warfare in the next war? The man who does make such an assertion now assumes a very great responsibility indeed.

It, of course, is being asserted that all warfare will be in the air, with a ground force to take over and hold areas captured by air power. The atom bomb is to devastate entire nations, wipe out the civilian population and the national industry. Then along comes somebody else who says that the atom bomb is not what it is cracked up to be, but that chemical warfare and biological warfare will really do the job. We shall hurl germs and viruses and pests and plagues at people and they will die from disease rather than by bullets.

Of course, there is no experience with all this. The atom bomb was hurled at Japan, but the Japanese had been brought to their knees before that by starvation, by the cutting off of their food and raw material supplies. Neither chemical nor biological warfare was actually employed, each side being afraid of a weapon that could not be contained geographically. That does not mean that the atom bomb and the germ will not do infinite damage in the next war. It does mean that we do not know, from actual experience, what it will do. We are like doctors quarrelling over whether it is the pancreas or the adrenal gland that makes the patient sick, when they really don't know.

Everyone denies that he wants to sink the navy, but that precisely is happening. The morale among naval men is the lowest that it has ever been in our history. Pretty nearly every naval officer I personally know—and I know a good many—is looking around to see what he will do next—and none of them expects to go into the army or air force. They are an embittered group and they will not keep quiet. They are today particularly embittered because the navy is not permitted to present its cause to the American people.

This is bad public relations on the part of the department of defense, and I am surprised that Steve Early has not arranged it differently. If the navy has no use, an open hearing would establish the fact. If the navy has a case, then the country is entitled to know what it is. Few of us are expert in these matters and many who pretend to be, merely repeat the prejudices of the side they favor. I admit my lack of knowledge, my inexperience, but add that I should like to hear the whole issue debated out loud. Unification does not mean suppression of the truth, nor will it mean anything but tragedy, if it is done without regard to the significance of all weapons in the next war.

There is a further error in not permitting the navy to state its case. It gives to laymen like myself the impression that there must be a motive for silencing the navy, while giving the other arms ample opportunity to defend their judgment. That is not good impression to get about.

Louis Johnson is doing an admirable job which calls for the support of the entire country. Unification is a sound doctrine. Waste is inexcusable. Duplication of costs is outrageous. But it is necessary to sink the navy?

## Father, 2 Sons Burn to Death

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Sept. 23 (AP)—Three natives burned to death at Bettles, 300 miles northeast of here, yesterday when fire destroyed their log cabin home.

U. S. Commissioner Clinton Stewart identified the dead as Johnny Edwards and his two sons.

Mrs. Edwards, critically burned, was flown to a Fairbanks hospital for treatment.

## ESCAPEE HELD

PORTLAND, Sept. 23 (AP)—A man held here since Sunday was identified by police yesterday as an escapee from the state home for the feebleminded at Fairview, near Salem. State police said he apparently could neither speak nor hear. He is to be returned to Fairview.

## Britons to Have Colorful Church

BOLTON - ON - DEARNE ENG, Sept. 23 (AP)—The 900-year-old parish church here is being repainted red, white and blue.

A coat of crimson has been ordered by the Rev. Donald Sparks for eight ancient pews. Walls will be white, while the church door and porch probably will be indigo blue.

Sheffield's diocesan advisory board gave its blessing to the experiment.

"The idea," Sparks explained, "is to get rid of the workhouse atmosphere."

## Radio Programs

| FRIDAY EVE., SEPT. 23        | SATURDAY P. M., SEPT. 24     |
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| KFLW-1450 kc., PST           | KFLW-1450 kc., PST           |
| 6:00 Today's Sports Page     | 6:00 Today's Sports Page     |
| 6:15 Home Town News          | 6:15 Home Town News          |
| 6:30 World News Summary      | 6:30 World News Summary      |
| 6:45 The Sheriff ABC         | 6:45 The Sheriff ABC         |
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| 7:15 Champion Roll Call ABC  | 7:15 Champion Roll Call ABC  |
| 7:30 Flame Playhouse ABC     | 7:30 Flame Playhouse ABC     |
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| 7:55 Name the Record         | 7:55 Name the Record         |
| 8:00 The Fat Man ABC         | 8:00 The Fat Man ABC         |
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