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Veterans Day

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
I think we should change Veterans Day back to Armistice Day.

Ever since the name of November 11 was changed, it has been neglected.

Take today as a case in point. There is no ceremony scheduled for the memorial shaft. Very little attention is being paid to the day, and the significance of the day has been lost completely.

The day originally was intended to commemorate the end of hostilities in World War I. As such, it stood as a memorial to the men who fought in that conflict. For them, it held special significance.

For veterans of World War II or the Korean War it did not have special importance beyond being that of the end of World War I.

I'm certain that the people who influenced the Congress to change the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day meant well. They probably figured that it would give all veterans a day that they could call their own.

On the contrary, it has caused the loss of identity for comrades-in-arms of the first global conflict.

The first year or so after the change a parade was held and a half-hearted attempt made to commemorate the day, but gradually the special ceremonies that took place on Armistice Day switched to Memorial Day, May 30, and that has become the national day of honoring our soldier dead.

But that is not fair to those who served in World War I.

Actually, the veterans themselves, those who came home sound in mind and body, have been the first to forget their former comrades-in-arms.

I say that as a self-condemnation because I, too, a veteran of World War II, have shied away from parading on those special days. I hung my uniform in mothballs when I came home that memorable day in 1946, and haven't worn it since. As a matter of fact, I doubt if I could wear it now even if I wanted to.

But, that's not the point. The point is, that I, like so many others, have a wish to forget the naked tragic portions that I associate with World War II, and as time goes by, try to expunge them from my memory in favor of the more pleasant associations with life in service.

But, the dead we honor on such a day as Armistice Day, deserve more than just a brief tribute and then into the limbo of forgotten men.

They deserve remembrance at all times, and particular remembrance at certain times. It was their sacrifices that helped make our return possible, and it was their sacrifices that keep alive the flame of freedom which we enjoy today.

If we can't celebrate Veterans Day in the true way that it was intended, then let's ask Congress to turn it back to Armistice Day and let veterans of World War I mark it as their special day.

Construction Figures

By FLORENCE JENKINS
The total dollar volume of construction in the Klamath Basin continues its surge upward with October figures running approximately \$100,000 above the same month last year. This is an increase of almost 24 per cent over October, 1953.

The significant part of the picture lies in the fact that there was no single large permit involved in those figures. Everyone will agree that a large number of small permits shows sounder growth than a few big ones.

Third quarter figures for the entire Pacific Northwest are up over the same quarter last year. The first nine months' total for Oregon is up some 53 per cent.

There has been more residential and business building in Klamath County than last year, but the figures for the nine months period fail to show the increase because of the big sewer interceptor system which added some \$400,000 to the 1953 figures. It takes a lot of small jobs to build up that big a total.

Oregon showed the greatest increase in dollar volume of construction for the first nine months of this year of any state in the Pacific Northwest. Washington placed second with 42 per cent increase. These figures are on the basis of all permits issued.

Dollar volume for dwelling permits issued during the first nine months of 1954 is up 16 per cent over last year in the Pacific Northwest.

Dwelling construction is mighty important to Klamath County right now. The announcement of proposed construction of almost 100 apartment units to rent at moderate rates was a real "shot in the arm" to local economy. Their completion will bring one step nearer the final activation of Kingsley Field.

Construction, more than anything else, has a favorable effect on all phases of our local economy. A new house or apartment requires furniture, floor covering, home appliances, paint, wallpaper and plaster, bricks and mortar and probably top soil, not to mention water, electricity and telephone service. Each new house is a customer for garbage disposal and is a potential newspaper subscriber.

Adequate housing attracts new residents and new residents mean more business for everybody.

Mail Notes

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

That the good old days weren't so bad in France. During the 15th century a Frenchman who kept three servants was permitted to kiss any French woman he fancied—except the relatives of his superiors.

If an acquaintance annoys you by bragging his ancestors came over in 1620 on the Mayflower, you can always squelch him by pointing out: "After all, the first cow came over in 1611."

Hollywood may lead America in ulcers, but New York has more doctors than any other state.

Farm families drink an average of 11 quarts of milk a week. City families drink nine.

Actor Walter Slezak describes his first meeting with his wife thusly: "The moment I saw her, God kissed me on the eyes." How long has it been since you told your wife something like that?

Everybody complains about the high price of food, but down in Colombia, South America, they've got a real holler. The price of loasted ants has just gone up to \$1.34 a pound.

Teen-agers have a new term for horror movies—"screen screams."

That one of the highest cities in the world, Phari in Tibet, is 14,300 feet above sea level. A tourist can't lift anything heavier than a martini for fear of getting a nosebleed.

Feeling older? Every day 2,000 persons in the United States turn 65.

In the days when the automobile was young, Colorado had this unusual traffic rule: "The speed on country roads will be a secret, and the penalty for every mile in excess will be \$10."

Americans are still about as restless as ever. Last year one out of five moved to a new home.

Here's a health tip your young daughter probably won't pay any attention to: Some doctors believe prolonged wearing of a pony tail may induce baldness.

Some scientific tests indicate that a man's mental powers in cold weather are up to 30 per cent higher than in warm weather. That reminds us of the old gag about the fellow who had water on the brain. In winter it froze, and everything slipped his mind.

It was Will Rogers who observed, "The income tax has made about as many liars out of the American public as golf has."

Modest Politician
By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst WASHINGTON (AP)—Edmund G. Brown has just won the governorship of California but he won't—or maybe it's his publicity man who won't—win any prize for modesty.

As soon as this Democratic beat Republican William Knowland last Tuesday's election his headquarters bombarded Washington newsmen with airmail, special delivery letters on his victory, new power and splendid qualities.

Brown's win over Knowland pushed him into national prominence for the first time; he hasn't yet moved into the governor's office to show what he can do; but these letters were like telling the big-name political tigers in his party:

"Make way, boys, for a lion." The tigers may be impressed or they may think that for sheer gall newcomer Brown—or his publicity man—is in a class by himself.

In one sentence the letters denied Brown has any ambitions for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1960, in the next said he'd probably be California's "favorite son" candidate, and then wound up with this unabashed phrase:

"... Brown's moderation and his ability to weld conflicting interests make California's governor-elect a leading contender for national political leadership in the Democratic party."

Whoever wrote the letters is no newcomer to political doubletalk, which is a special kind of jargon intended to please everybody a little bit and make nobody mad much.

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Dear Concerned:

Don't worry. At the first sign of real trouble the family will rally around.

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They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Harlo



Veteran Congressman Appears To Have Lost Seat

CENTRALIA, Ill., (AP)—Fayette County clerk Robert Charles W. Vursell, veteran Illinois Republican representative in Congress, appears to have lost his bid for reelection to his ninth consecutive term.

George E. Shipley, 31, a Democratic sheriff of Richland County, edged to a 176-vote lead in nearly complete canvassing of 130,000 ballots in the 23rd congressional district.

Shipley's apparent victory in the nation's closest congressional race would give the Democrats 282 seats in the House, against 153 Republicans.

Results of the canvass of votes in last Tuesday's election were announced Monday. They showed Vursell, 77, a former Salem, Ill., newspaper publisher, with 64,923 and Shipley with 65,999, with official figures available from 14 of the district's 15 counties.

Vursell, however, said he was not conceding the election and added he probably would ask the House to order a recount of ballots "if I lose."

Hunter Stabbed In Gun Blast

EDISON, N.J., (UPI)—An 18-year-old hunter was stabbed by a shotgun blast Monday in a freak accident, police reported.

A charge of shot struck a sheathed hunting knife carried by Charles Muehnicke, of Avenel, N.J., snapped the blade in half and drove the sharp end into his back.

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