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Civic Improvement

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

I noted with interest some recent letters to the editor which are highly critical of the city of Klamath Falls, the administration, the people and the area.

They seem to originate with recent newcomers to the area.

One particular problem had to do with a mosquito problem, and another with rural type mailboxes and still other items.

They have merit.

Sometimes one lives in a community and adjusts to its ways to the point where you settle into a comfortable rut and you become adverse to change.

Sometimes, too, you don't realize that what you have is not strictly up-to-date in a fast moving world.

The mosquito control problem is a case in point. Perhaps the old settlers, and we consider anyone who has been in Klamath Falls two or more years as old settlers, have become used to the fat and saucy mosquitoes that inhabit our area.

If my memory serves me correctly, there was a time some years back when a mosquito spray project was undertaken by one of the civic groups, but was finally dropped for lack of money.

I don't recall, in all fairness, that we have had any epidemic that could be traced to mosquitoes, however. Although, they are a decided nuisance, especially when you want to sit out on your patio in the cool of the evening.

And, very likely the city administration or the county administration should look into the problem. However, such a problem would cost additional tax money, and shouldn't be engaged unless it was deemed absolutely necessary. I don't think any of us feel that government should be called upon to perform all the services we would like. The essential ones, yes, but all of them . . . no.

We simply can't afford that.

The suggestion of a park area out of the land adjacent to Lake Ewauna on the far side of Link River also has merit.

However, again, this is traceable to the residents.

At present, the city park and recreation program is limping along on a tight two mill levy program that does not even leave them enough funds to adequately maintain what they have, let alone talking about any new park areas.

In addition, the suburban area is utilizing the city's park and recreation facilities without bearing a fair portion of the cost. The county was asked to pay a minimum of \$10,000 to the city's park and recreation program to cover part of the cost of the use of these by suburban residents. They declined.

The problem of home beautiful has always been one with every community, whether it be Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland or Klamath Falls.

There is no law in the books that will force a person to paint his home at regular intervals, that will force him to keep a neat looking house.

Laws can be used to keep sidewalks in good repair and to prevent fire or health hazards from arising, but beyond that the law does not permit the authorities to go.

Who can say that this is bad. After all, this is still the land of liberty. A person theoretically has the right to live his or her own life in his or her own way as long as it does not conflict with the rights and privileges of others.

There will be those who disagree with that thinking, but in the main, we all fight to protect that very same privilege.

That brings us back to where we started this dissertation.

In the final analysis, a city will be what the people want it to be . . . no more nor less.

If they want a neat, clean city they can be proud of, then through their representatives, through their taxes and their laws, they can have that type city.

If they don't choose that, there is little can be done until they change their mind.

Personally, I think the city of Klamath Falls today is in excellent condition, physically and financially.

It has had the advantage of some hard-headed conservative mayors over the past 20 year period. It has come from a period of near bankruptcy in the early 30s to a position of being one of the best financed cities in the Pacific Northwest.

Its budget has been raised only a small per cent (between seven and eight) over the past six years. Yet, it has been able to adapt a modernization program to its needs.

The one program that was too big for annual finances to tackle was the sewer system. The primary plant on Link River was outdated and the need to erect a new sewer treatment plant and new interceptor lines was mandatory.

An \$800,000 bond issue was the result. The people answered up to the responsibility when it was there. This amount is now being paid off, and the city has a completely new interceptor system plus a new primary and secondary treatment plant.

It has completely renovated its police department and established a force and modus operandi that is equal to that of any other city, exceeding most.

It has added a new fire truck, and owns the land for an additional substation as soon as money is available.

It has launched construction of a new terminal building for the airport. It recently also inaugurated a program of rockling essential streets to lift the city out of the mud on many streets.

The system of flushing the main street area has been highly improved. A new curb-replacement program is working through the city in orderly fashion.

A city manager has been added, and the city hall renovated to make it useful for another 20 years. (It was built in 1914).

In other words, the city has cleared the decks for future expansion. It faces a challenging future what with a suburban area at its doorstep that is almost as big as it is. It taxes city facilities to the extreme with the financing burden falling only upon those who reside inside the city.

These things all combine to make us proud indeed of the city of Klamath Falls. Rightly or wrongly.

We hope the new residents to this area will forgive us our oversights and our seeming neglect. We are progressing rapidly, and are progressing in the direction most persons would have us go. We won't work a transformation miracle overnight, and perhaps wouldn't want to.

The city of Klamath Falls is the way the people who live here want it. It will always be that way.

Used Hearses

By NELSON REED

Amusing article in the Wall Street Journal last Thursday. Told about Harvard and M.I.T. students buying old hearses which they found ideal for ski trips.

Always knew ski bunnies were a little nutty and the casualty rate was high but it would seem to us that old ambulances would be better. After all, while ski accidents are frequent they are seldom fatal.

Then, too, the ski bunnies always seem to be driving like mad, presumably to get to their favorite mountain before the snow melts next spring. With an old ambulance they could blow the siren continuously which might be hard on other travelers' nerves, but might prevent them from becoming indirect ski bunny casualties.

This isn't the first time we have run across goofies with a yen for a hearse to drive around in. We recall our first case of hearsits. We observed it when we were working in the oil fields in Oklahoma.

One of the Osage redmen hit it rich suddenly, like some of our local original settlers are doing, only this was in oil instead of timber. Not unlike his Klamath cousins, he had a sizable tribe right in his own wigwam.

One day when he was up town in Tulsa, with all his family packed tight into an ordinary touring car, he came across a brand shiny new black hearse parked in front of a mortuary. Like all

Indians he believed that anything you saw was for sale if you had the price, so he barged right in and offered to buy the hearse right now. The mortician, who was not averse to making a quick profit even though taking care of a live customer was a little out of his line, and knowing where he could get another hearse in a hurry, doubled his cost and made a sudden sale. Old Eagle Feathers parked his old jalopy and moved all his tribe into his new wagon right now.

From then on it was rather a common sight around Tulsa to see the rich old Osage with his fat wife and scads of kids three deep in the front seat and rattling around in the back, peering out the windows. Sort of gave you a start the first time, almost made you think there had been a mass funeral and suddenly all the corpses had come to life.

Klamath Marsh

CHILOQUIN—(To the Editor)—Recently, Sen. Richard Neuberger made a public announcement regarding the transfer of the Klamath Marsh to the Fish and Wildlife Service "so that approximately \$500,000 can be used to help tide over Klamath families during the interim period when timber sales are suspended."

I join many of my Klamath Indian friends in expressing our bitter indignation over his statement that "this will assist in keeping these Indians from being welfare charges of state and county administration." Senator Neuberger knows that \$500,000 pro-rated among the withdrawing members amounts to not more than \$250. His assertion that the early transfer of the marsh will help tribal members off the welfare rolls is ridiculous. Two hundred fifty dollars could not possibly keep anyone in need of welfare assistance off the welfare rolls for any length of time. Furthermore, the vast majority of tribal members are not about to go on the welfare rolls in any event.

The \$250 or so received from the sale of the marsh has nothing to do with keeping tribal members off the welfare rolls. It has everything in the world to do with depriving Klamath tribal members of their rights and of their property as soon as possible.

The early transfer of the marsh which the Senator has diligently advocated is simply a scheme to take something away from the Indian people and to give it to a federal agency without just compensation.

On June 28, 1958, the Klamath Reservation Discussion Group of which I am secretary, sent to our Congressional representatives, including Senator Neuberger, a letter in which we made the following statement:

"We further believe that the marsh area should not be turned over to any branch of the federal government without just compensation to the tribal members. To pay the Klamath Indians only the full realization value as provided for in the Seaton bill may not constitute just compensation since, if placed on the open market, the property may bring a much higher price. We believe the only way to assure that the Klamath Indians receive just compensation is to place the property on the open market, giving the federal government the right to meet the high bid. The federal government should be expected to pay at least that price which is offered by private operators."

The federal government totally disregarded the interests of the Klamath Indian people and passed the present law, giving for a song a valuable piece of property to the Fish and Wildlife Service. No other group of citizens in our history has ever been forced to give

up their property in this way.

We resent the manner in which the federal government is handling the sale of this valuable property, we resent Senator Neuberger's part in this injustice and we resent his implication that the Klamath Indians are destined to be welfare charges.

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Foreign News

By DANIEL F. GILMORE
Foreign News Commentary

ROME (UPI)—Italy is beginning to show some disquieting signs of coming apart at the seams as a republic.

It is something like "states rights" in the U.S.A., the North-South hangover from the American Civil War, and then some.

Italy is a unified word for a peninsula and island which have many aspects.

The sun-baked and turbulent island of Sicily — a land of passion and politics — the Austrian-speaking northern region of the Alto Adige (South Tyrol), and the mountainous, French-aligned region of Valle D'Aosta are causing acute headaches.

Each of these regions is "autonomous" with its own local government; each is fiercely proud of local traditions, culture of language.

All are causing trouble to the Rome central government. In some cases there is active assistance from abroad.

The Communists, always eager to add to a boiling pot, are riding the "independence from Rome" tide for all it's worth.

And Austria, which gained its independence as a "neutral" state only four years ago, is by no means impartial about the Austrian minority in northern Italy.

A big chunk of northern Italy once belonged to Austria.

The Austrians still call it the "South Tyrol," the southern part of the Austrian province of the same name. The Italians call it the "Alto Adige" — the region above the Adige River.

This 2,800-square-mile area has been a constant source of Italo-Austrian friction ever since this country annexed it at the end of World War I.

After World War II, still-occupied Austria and a liberated Italy signed — under pressure from the Western allies — an accord whereby the region was declared part of Italy but entitled to separate provisions.

Italy guaranteed the Austrian minority full equality with Italian-speaking citizens and special rights as regards schools, customs, language, and other things.

The Austrian minority, with vocative support from the Vienna government, claims that it is being "submerged" by the Italians.

Incidents, including bombings and explosions, erupted early this year. A renewal of agitation on a far wider scale is predicted by some sources for this winter.

Publicly, the Italian government says that irritations are bound to emerge but that everything is under control.

Privately, the Christian Democratic Party is worried.

The signs would make Garibaldi turn in his grave.

The Almanac

United Press International
Today is Thursday, Aug. 13, the 225th day of the year, with 140 more days in 1959.

The moon is approaching its full phase.

The morning star is Mercury.

The evening stars are Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Venus.

On this date in history:

In 1818, Lucy Stone, American social reformer and champion of women's rights, was born.

In 1867, Augustin Daly's "Under the Gaslight," one of the most successful melodramas staged in the American theater, opened in New York.

In 1923, "Yes, We Have No Bananas" was the number one hit song of the nation.

In 1930, Capt. Frank Hawks established a new aviation speed record by flying from Los Angeles to New York City in 12 hours, 25 minutes.

In 1936, Father Charles Coughlin's National Union for Social Justice held its first convention in Cleveland and endorsed Rep. William Lemke's candidacy for the presidency.

Thought for today: American abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison said: "Where ever there is a human being, I see God-given rights inherent in that being, whatever may be the sex or complexion."



Basin Woman Death Told

TULELAKE—Mrs. Minola Waldrip Cuddy, 58, lifelong resident of the Klamath Basin, born near the present Kingsley Field, died Wednesday, August 12, at Hillside Hospital. Mrs. Cuddy suffered a major stroke on Sunday from which she failed to rally.

She was the daughter of pioneer parents, Joseph and Rosa Taylor of Poe Valley. Her grandfather homesteaded here in the early day and that homestead remains in family possession. Her grandparents also homesteaded here.

She was first married to Charles Waldrip who took up one of the first homesteads on the California side of the state line in 1922. Mrs. Cuddy owned the land at the time of her death. Mr. Waldrip planned a major part in the laying out of the present U.S. Bureau of Reclamation canals and ditch system. He died in a USSR industrial accident several years ago.

Mrs. Cuddy was a member of Prosperity Lodge, OES, Malin, and the Tulelake Auxiliary to American Legion Post, No. 164.

Survivors include four sons, Sherman Waldrip, Merrill, William and Tom Waldrip, Yuma, and John Waldrip of Springfield; one daughter, Judy Cuddy, 11, Tulelake; two sisters, Mrs. Zella High and Mrs. Zetta Sullivan, Poe Valley; 11 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be announced by Ward's Klamath Funeral Home.

The language of gypsies is derived from Sanskrit, ancient language of the Hindus of India.

Tulelake Youth Pays \$75 Fine

A Tulelake youth promptly paid a \$75 fine in district court Wednesday after pleading guilty to being in possession of liquor.

The charge was made against David Leon Jackson, 17, whose case had been transferred from juvenile court.

Jackson told District Judge D. E. Van Vactor he and two 16-year-old boys had obtained the beer from an adult. He admitted having served a term in a California boys school and to having been on probation for one year.

Jackson was the second youth transferred from juvenile to district court. The other, Delwin Harrington, 17, pleaded guilty to a vagrancy charge and was to be sentenced Monday.

Ceremonies Set For New Bridge

NEW YORK (AP)—Ground-breaking ceremonies take place today for the 320-million-dollar Narrows Bridge connecting Brooklyn and Staten Island.

The bridge will have the longest suspension span of any bridge in the world. It will be 7,200 feet long and have a clear span of 4,260 feet, exceeding by 60 feet the center span of the Golden Gate Bridge at San Francisco.

Sicily Backs Red Leaders

PALERMO, Sicily (AP)—The Sicilian Legislature voted a Communist-supported government into office Wednesday but none of the Cabinet posts went to Communists or left-wing Socialists.

After four rounds of voting, the Regional Assembly picked eight ministers for the government of Regional President Silvio Milazzo. They included three members of Milazzo's Christian Social Union, two Monarchists, a Fascist, a dissident Christian Democrat and a Democratic Socialist.

The outcome of the voting was new evidence of Milazzo's dominance of Sicilian politics. All but the Democratic Socialist were his choices.

Milazzo is a former Christian Democrat who quit the party saying its leaders in Rome were not doing enough for the Mediterranean island. Milazzo won re-election as regional president last month with the backing of the Communists, left-wing Socialists, and dissident Monarchists, Fascists and Christian Democrats.

The Assembly met July 31 to elect eight ministers but only one got the necessary majority for election. Communist and left-wing Socialists had so few votes that they were eliminated from today's ballots. But they supported the president's candidates all the way.

Ex-Teacher Found Safe

TWIN LAKES, Colo. (AP)—A few days hiking alone in Colorado's roughest country—that's all Dr. Mary McGeehee, 65, has been doing.

The retired Vassar College teacher returned late Wednesday to her Aspen, Colo., home. An 18-man search party called out by a frantic companion from whom she became separated was also back home.

Since last Thursday, Dr. McGeehee said, she had hiked approximately 80 miles across the Continental Divide and back.

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