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The Airport Program

DESPITE the dimly low percentage of the registered vote cast, the airport election was definitely decisive. The 4 to 1 majority given the special levy by those who did go to the polls was sufficient to show general favor in the city for the airport levy. It was a fair sampling, albeit there was nothing in the size of the vote to make anybody happy.

The election result means that plans can now proceed to develop the Klamath airport to a status in keeping with the size and progressive character of this community. Available immediately is a \$254,000 appropriation from the civil aeronautics authority, which when spent will give this city an airport with paved runways sufficient to classify it as Class 3—next to the highest type of field. There will be boundary, range and beacon lights and proper drainage. All of this should be completed this year.

This newspaper, which supported the airport levy, urges that public officials use restraint and caution in the expenditure of the funds made available by the generous and progressive-minded people of Klamath Falls. It is often stated that public officials have a way of using every cent that is in sight, and it is true the temptation to do just that is great. In this case, there have been outright assurances that the entire fund will not be used unless it is found necessary to do so, with the possibility the levy will not be extended for the entire four years. Let those assurances be carried out to the letter.

We anticipate rapid development of aviation in this community, in pace with the general situation. Ultimately, we believe commercial air lines will operate into Klamath Falls, and indications are that this development may eventually mean more than mere shuttle service.

This community needs improved airmail service. It is the type of community that will develop substantial air express and passenger business. These facts have not been overlooked by the commercial air lines, and their interest, coupled with adequate airport development, should bring results in the not too distant future.

Ward Voting

IF EVER another special city election is held on an off-date, and we hope there are not many of them, it would be wise to conduct the election in one balloting place, such as the city hall. We presume the law would permit that, and we believe it would produce better results in the volume of voting.

The ward voting in Wednesday's election caused considerable confusion, and no doubt many people, not knowing for sure where they should vote, merely let the opportunity pass. The reason is that at no other election is there ward voting; it is always done by precincts. Precinct voting was not practical for the special city election, in which only one measure was at issue.

It would probably be inadvisable to hold an election at the city hall with only one election board, but more than one board could operate in the same building and public convenience would be well served. The time is past when it is necessary to locate the polling place near the door of the voter. It is too easy to get around town by automobile and bus.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 100 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

HAPPY VISIT TO FORT

MODOC POINT, Ore. (To the Editor) — To the mothers of boys at Fort Stevens:

I have just returned from a trip to the fort and wish to say that of all the trips I have ever made in my life time, that this visit was far the most interesting and exciting, of them all. There is only one regret, that is, that I'm not a soldier boy up there with them. They all seemed so happy, just one big family. I do not say, they do not have what they call drawbacks and disappointments, but they are all very proud of their uniforms and the officers are so proud of the Klamath Falls boys—and they should be.

I had the pleasure of eating in the mess hall with our boys, and I enjoyed it very much. My son weighs 170 pounds, a gain of 15 pounds.

I took four boys to Portland, Saturday, they were Vernon Lindsey, Carrol Nelson, Melvin Meyers and Billy Nygren, and I must say if you really want an exciting time, just spend a Saturday evening and a Sunday with four very nice soldier boys. I do believe that this was one time I was envied by the young girls.

We visited Vancouver, Wash., and the Pearson army flying field. Then we drove to Swan Island. I had always said, that

I would not ride in an airplane, but, I had never before been escorted by four lively boys from Uncle Sam's army. So I soon found myself sailing along high in the clouds. Of course I wanted to be a good soldier too, so I says, "Oh yes, I like it very much," but I was so glad to be on solid ground again.

Mothers, the best tonic for any alarm you might feel concerning our boys, would be a visit to the fort, and I know it helps the boys, too, when they see just how proud we are of them.

PEARL NYGREN.

FAVORS SUNDAY CLOSURE
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—I see the strollers are still out in front of Montgomery Ward's. I think if the unions want to do something there is plenty to do here without fighting Portland's troubles. For instance, the grocery stores that stay open in this town 7 days a week from 12 to 14 hours on hardly a liveable wage.

On going into a store to exchange an article that a mistake had been made on, the clerk took offense. He said, "I work here seven days a week and on the average of 12 hours a day. So who would not make mistakes? I'd like one day's rest." Where is the 40 hour-week law? I think it is a poor labor law that does not effect all labor.

People would not starve without the stores for one day. Butcher shops close and I've heard of no deaths for want of meat and no shops going broke. (Butcher shops in non-union stores).

It is not only the chain stores but the independent merchant too.

One thing for the union to



CHAMBER ENDORSES WORKERS' PROGRAM

Klamath chamber of commerce directors Wednesday endorsed in principle the legislative program of the Workers' Seasonality Protest league, now active in this district. Three bills supported by the league have been introduced at Salem by Senator Cornett, and are designed to eliminate the seasonality feature of the workmen's compensation law.

The legislative committee recommended to the directors that the program be endorsed in principle, pointing out that amendments may be desirable on the bills as now prepared.

Members of the protest league assert that their plan will bring an additional \$350,000 annually into this district. They propose that employees contribute one per cent of their wages to provide funds for payments of workers who now receive no compensation during seasonal lay-off periods.

Miss Loosley Named By Club

MONMOUTH, March 6—Maxine Loosley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Loosley of Fort Klamath, Ore., has been named as a new member of the Pen and Parchment club. This organization is especially for those students that are interested in creative writing.

Miss Loosley is active in all student affairs on the Oregon College of Education campus. She has also attended the Oregon Youth conference in Portland recently with a number of other OCE students.

work on and leave Portland's troubles in Portland.

NARD JONES.
(I do not work for Ward's but trade in their store.)

German Consul General in S. F. Accused of Espionage

By LEICESTER WAGNER
United Press Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO, March 6

(UP) — Capt. Fritz Wiedemann, German consul-general in San Francisco and one-time superior officer to Chancellor Adolf Hitler, was accused Wednesday of directing a Nazi espionage and propaganda in the United States and working hand-in-hand with Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and the Henry Ford organization "to further the Nazi cause in this country."

Wiedemann called the accusations "pure fantasy." A spokesman for the Ford Motor company declared "it appears to be a publicity stunt."

Mrs. Alice Crockett, Swiss-born one-time film actress, made the charges in an amended complaint filed in federal court seeking \$8000 for services she allegedly rendered Wiedemann.

Mrs. Crockett averred she was retained by Wiedemann at \$500 a month to go to Germany and confer with Hitler, Hermann Goering and Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels and learn their opinion of the consul-general and the work he was doing in the United States.

She further charged Princess Stefania Hohenlohe of Hungary, whose immediate deportation was ordered today by the U. S. board of immigration appeals, is Wiedemann's agent, engaged to pay other agents in his employ.

The 37-year-old woman, divorced wife of Lieut. Col. Gilman K. Crockett of Camp Jackson, S. C., further charged:

1. Wiedemann told her Sigrid Schultz was employed by the German propaganda division to send dispatches to this country extolling the Nazi way of life and Wiedemann and his employees sought to determine

American reaction to the dispatches.

2. That Dr. Friedhelm Draeger was in charge of the east coast propaganda division, stationed in New York; Dr. Mathias Schmidt is head of the New York division, and Herman Schwinn is head of the west coast division, stationed at Los Angeles. Schwinn recently lost his American citizenship through a federal court ruling.

3. That she, herself, was present at conferences with German espionage agents from the entire hemisphere, in a secret meeting in Mexico in April, 1939, at which time secret documents and instructions were handed out with directions "to secure secret information which would be beneficial to Germany . . . in its conquest of the western hemisphere."

4. That the Panama canal zone was fertile field for espionage. She claimed in this connection that Capt. Wiedemann had obtained information as to how the canal could be rendered useless to the United States.

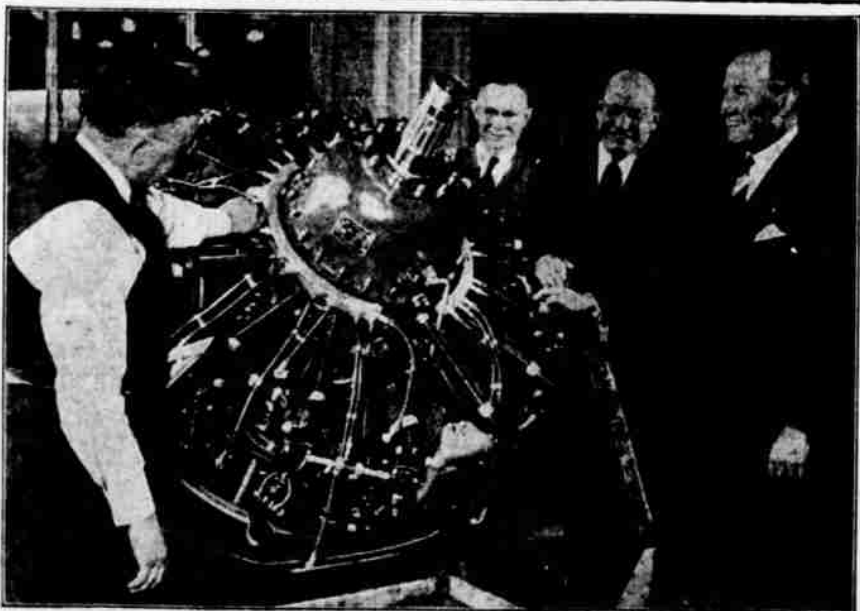
5. That government officials as well as plant superintendents, workers and foremen in industries here, particularly steel and munitions, are in Capt. Wiedemann's pay.

6. That Capt. Wiedemann directed activities of the German-American bund and has been active in secretly storing large quantities of ammunition in this country, particularly in New Jersey, to be used by the bund in fighting against the government.

SWIMMING RABBITS

All rabbits can swim when necessary. The marsh and swamp rabbits, two American species, are known to be regularly aquatic in their habits.

Buick to Build Aircraft Engines



The 1200 horsepower Pratt and Whitney aircraft engine Buick will build for national defense in its new \$31,000,000 Chicago plant is here shown being inspected by company officials. Left to right: C. N. Ofield, chief inspector of the new aircraft plant;

I. H. Larkin, assistant aircraft manufacturing manager; O. W. Young, Buick manufacturing manager; and Harlow M. Curtice, president. The new factory will produce 600 of these engines a month on huge defense orders awarded the company by Uncle Sam.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 6—Yet undisclosed in Hitler's sleeve is a deal with Spain whereby der fuhrer's new pony subs may refuel in Spanish ports. This will cut materially their traveling distances to their Balearic haunts and enable them to close in tighter upon the Gibraltar shipping route.

The understanding was reached after Hitler apparently failed to open the land road through Spain against the British big rock. The best of information here suggests announcement may be withheld until the lease-lend bill passes with its provision enabling his majesty's fleet to use American bases.

LEWIS ACTIVE

So close behind Senator Wheeler that even his shadow has not appeared, is John L. Lewis, the absentee boss of CIO. Lewis was ill when the opposition fight started, but many of the initial important conferences were held in his home. Later when it was decided he should not appear in the hearings, he went out of town for a rest, but was still kept at the top of the fight by telephone.

The democratic cloakrooms expect Lewis to have his own political party in the presidential race of 1944. They think Wheeler will head the ticket. The long range strategy (as interpreted by the democrats) is based on the expectation that the reaction to the present administration course is bound to come in three years in sweeping gusts. There is nothing wrong with that surmise. Reaction to the Woodrow Wilson course of 1917 was even stronger enough to elect a Harding in 1920.

TWO-SIDED

Press gallery laugh-of-the-week concerns the democratic senator who has perfected as nifty a straddle as ever conceived, on the sell-lease-give-away bill. His wife is an anglophile. Early in the game he publicly committed himself to the president's bill. While still publicly professing to be for the measure, he now goes about the senate conspiring with the opposition leaders gleefully, advising them as to legislative maneuvers. Observers classify him as a leading member of the opposition board of strategy.

The White House has found out about it and may tell his wife.

GREEK STATUS

The British have been making all the motions as to defend Greece, but hardly a military judge can be found here who believes it possible. In general the Greeks are given no more than two weeks as the limit of possible endurance against the heavy German mechanized units on the Salonika flank. British lines of communication from

SIDE GLANCES



"I want to buy a hairbrush—one with a light handle that won't hurt!"

Salonika would be too long to maintain efficiently.

Contrary gestures are probably being made to cover an orderly withdrawal.

LABOR TROUBLE

Continued threat of strikes is stirring congress restlessness. Talk is developing even among administration leaders about the necessity of safeguarding production if Mr. Roosevelt does not make a move to do it. Conversational sentiment seems welling up for creation of a mediation board, but not under the management of Labor Secretary Perkins.

House judiciary hearings are largely in the hands of the administration. Its subcommittee helmsmen have indicated they "may go on for months." Administration has intended to use them only as a steam valve.

NEW DEAL

The farm new deal has brought a sensational increase in the size of farms. A new census report shows the average size farm increased from 156.9 acres in 1930 to 154.8 in 1935 to 174 acres in 1940, but medium sized business is more effective than big or little, says a 449 page new deal study issued by the national economic committee.

STUDENT BUILDINGS

SALEM, March 6 (AP) — A bill to construct a student union building at the University of Oregon and an auditorium at Oregon State college was on its way to the governor today, the senate having voted late yesterday to concur in minor house amendments.

Watch the Classified Page!

Young Editor to Be Honor Guest At Rose Festival

Dorothy Ann Hobson, school girl editor of the far-famed Valselt Star, has accepted an invitation to be the guest of the Portland Rose Festival association for the annual celebration, June 11 to 14.

Accompanied by her mother, Dorothy Ann will meet many of the hundreds who have devoured eagerly the unique expressions of her mimeographed publication. She will have a place of honor in the big floral parade and will occupy a special box at the night show at the stadium.

Accommodations for Dorothy Ann and her mother will be one of the many tasks of the Rose Festival hospitality committee which annually provides for the visitors to the festival.

Among other duties, the committee must provide a buffet luncheon for the hundreds of bandmen and uniformed marchers who will participate in the big floral parade. It must arrange a dinner for the chairmen of all the floats from the different cities throughout the northwest, arrange for the queens from the various floats to have special accommodations at the stadium show, at the queen's dinner and the queen's ball.

METAL FACTORY

PORTLAND, Ore., March 6 (AP)—The Reynolds Metals company probably will select a site for an aluminum factory in the Pacific Northwest next week. John A. McPherson, Reynolds engineer, said yesterday.

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