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## Plight of Sprague River

SOMETHING more than sympathy is deserved by the people of Sprague River who have been sending delegations regularly to the "outer world" pleading for improvement of the notorious Sprague River road.

It is a little difficult for folks located on good, hard-surfaced thoroughfares to realize what it means to a community to be virtually isolated during certain periods of the year, as is the case with Sprague River.

At Wednesday's chamber of commerce meeting, spokesmen for the community pointed out that the absence of a physician in a town of more than 1000 persons, and the necessity of going 40 or 50 miles for medical service over a route including a stretch of sometimes nearly impassable road, create serious concern for the welfare of expectant mothers, mill workers and others who may become ill there.

The immediate relief of this situation requires permanent improvement of only nine miles of road—the stretch between Sprague River and the paved Lakeview highway. Sprague River is the last of the larger Klamath county communities not on some type of state highway. It is growing and active. The time is at hand for something definite to be done to end its unfavorable road situation.

## Klamath's Busy Court

IT IS noted in a news story today that Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg has been called to Bend on general assignment to the circuit bench there. A few days ago there was an item that Judge Vandenberg had been notified of his appointment to sit on a case at Lakeview.

We hope it does not become too regular a thing for the supreme court to call Klamath's circuit judge to other districts. Court work here is such that it requires the full time of a judge.

Klamath is the only county in the state, outside of Multnomah, where the circuit judge handles probate, juvenile and insanity cases, along with the regular circuit court work. In other counties, this type of work is done in the county court. We agree heartily with the law which shifted this jurisdiction to the circuit court in Klamath county, but it is nevertheless exacting upon the circuit judge and gives him little time for service in other judicial districts.

Klamath furthermore is productive of considerable litigation and the pending cases in the court here are numerous.

Judge Vandenberg is young, vigorous and a hard worker. But we shouldn't ride a willing horse too hard.

## Postscript

THE story has often been told of how the Nazi invader has been looting occupied France in a genteel way, by buying up with "funny money" at arbitrary exchange relation with the French franc (and thus at their own prices), all the goods in sight.

But the ultimate finesse of this technique now comes to light. If the silk stockings and fine shirts came to rest on the legs and backs of German frauleins and workmen back home, it would be bad enough. But there is now evidence that they are being offered instead to presumably sympathetic Americans, in an effort to get some more of those detested American dollars into Germany for foreign exchange purposes. Thus the circuit from the German printing press money around to actual U. S. dollars would be completed, at French expense.

## Teeth Put in "Clean-up" Week By Excerpts of Law

How "clean-up" is required where the sparks are dangerous to adjacent property.

Section 24 — . . . To haul on the city streets in such a manner as the wind may blow from the truck any thing.

Ordinance No. 501 — It shall be unlawful to deposit any spit, cigar, cigarette, pebbles from oranges, bananas, etc., upon any sidewalk. . . .

Ordinance No. 644, Section 26 — No waste water, household slops or other liquids shall be allowed to accumulate upon the surface of the ground.

Ordinance No. 902 — It shall be unlawful and a public nuisance to deposit any garbage, manure, carrion, offal, sawdust, rubbish, filth, brick, lumber, dead animals, or any putrid, unwholesome, or offensive matter, upon the premises of any person, any street or alley, vacant lot, open excavation within the limits of said city . . . or any person being the owner, occupant or agent of the owner, to permit or suffer to accumulate.

Ordinance No. 902 — The keeping of animals and the making of noises.

Time, right now, is more than money—it is security. — Undersecretary of War Patterson.

Section 7 — It shall be unlawful to haul or dump upon any ground in the city limits any water, tin cans, ashes, rubbish, manure — except as directed by the police authorities. . . .

Section 8 — Manure, etc.

Section 10 — Unlawful to maintain cesspool within 200 feet of a city sewer.

Ordinance No. 301 — . . . Or to burn anywhere in the open anywhere in the city limits of refuse, garbage, or any other matter causing noxious odors. . . . Or to burn on unpaved or any streets or alleys or private property without first obtaining permission from chief of police and under such precautions as he may direct, any paper, straw, vegetable matter, leaves, wood,

## Children of a Free People



When you give to the Boy Scout-Girl Scout-Camp Fire Girl drive, you are supporting a program that typifies the wholesome things done for their children by a free people.

This is a voluntary youth movement, vastly different from the regimented youth schemes in certain other countries. It is constructive and deserving of your generous interest.

The goal is \$6000. Let's make quick work of it.

## Matsuoka Calls On Hitler for Axis Conference

BERLIN, March 27 (AP)—Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka called on Adolf Hitler today and they were reported to have engaged in "thoroughgoing conversations" covering questions confronting the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis.

The Japanese statesman saw Hitler after conferring for several hours with Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, which an official announcement said produced "full understanding on all problems of the three-power pact."

Von Ribbentrop spoke in English, in contrast to his use of German in his talk with Sumner Welles, United States undersecretary of state, on the latter's visit here in March, 1940.

The explanation was that, in the case of an intimate friend, one can use English even in wartime.

When it was pointed out that Von Ribbentrop declined to address Welles in English, an authorized source rejoined: "One can hardly claim Mr. Welles as a special friend."

The whole question of the position of the axis powers in world affairs was carefully considered by Matsuoka and von Ribbentrop, authorized sources intimated.

When these quarters were asked if military questions were included in the discussions, an answer at first was declined on the grounds of military secrecy. Then it was pointed out that, in times like the present, diplomacy and military strategy can not be separated.

## Worth Millions, Gets \$18 a Week



Willie Taylor, 24-year-old Seminole Indian, is in the bucks to the extent of about \$8 million, but works as an attendant in a Tulsa, Okla., filling station because, says he, he wants to "set an example for my tribe."

## NO RULING

SALEM, March 27 (AP)—State Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle said yesterday he had turned down a request by Rep. John Steelhammer (R-Marion) for a ruling on the constitutionality of the cigaret tax bill.

## FUNNY BUSINESS



"But, lady, the more I work the hungrier I get!"

## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 27—The clamp which the government will slip on business in the new war order has been devised. The master system was eased upon the aluminum industry in two easy lessons, March 22 and 24. The Stettinius controlled priorities board laid down on March 22 the vise with which the aluminum industry can operate. The Henderson price stabilization division followed up two days later with a statement fixing prices.

Both involved obscure industry techniques and, therefore, attracted little attention. Naturally the announcements did not officially pledge that the rigid skeleton formula was to be the test of the structure for the government controls over all vital industries in case of dire emergency or war. But those within the OPM who devised the system know it.

## WAGES, PROFITS FIXED

The complicated aluminum lugs and bolts point up to this simple edict:

Every business in the aluminum industry is told how much it can produce, when for whom, and what can be charged for it. Indirectly this fixes the wage which workers in the industry can receive, the profits which can be made by the business, and the dividends which may be paid by the companies, because all these eventualities hinge upon the few original factors that are fixed by the government.

## COMPLETE PLAN

To show you how completely it works out:

Every business in the aluminum industry is now required to let the priorities division of OPM pass on every production order and sale in bulk, once a month. An arbitrary list of who shall be served first is established.

All defense orders, including Britain's are assigned the rating of A-10, which is prime. One cent of produced raw metal must be set aside each month as reserve. This reserve must be held to meet emergencies classified B-1 the next classification. Use of aluminum for repair or replacement of manufacturing apparatus is rated B-2. Health and safety takes B-3. A partial defense need of the product is classified B-4. Small orders (requiring less than 1000 pounds of raw aluminum a month) are set at B-5. Small quality products (less than 2 pounds per \$100 of final sales value) get B-6. Consumers who have no satisfactory substitutes are allowed B-7. Lowest is B-8, applying to aluminum products for which substitutes are available (glass jars for trays in refrigerators, for instance). The producers are required to give this precedence to all their work and no kidding.

## British Ship Reported Sunk

BERLIN, March 26 (AP)—Nazi long range bombers were declared by informed sources to have sunk a 10,000-ton British merchant ship today out of a convoy protected by five destroyers, two cruisers and six patrol boats in the North Atlantic.

## LESS FORCE

The price vise was applied a little less forcefully by Leon Henderson, possibly because he was not as sure of his legal ground. He announced fixed prices for all aluminum raw products, except the virgin material which presumably can be controlled because the government directs the only producer, Mr. Mellon's Aluminum Company of America (may his shades lay easily in his grave).

## 'Sheepshead' to Be Played at Veterans' Benefit Card Party

As a special feature for Wisconsin and Minnesota residents in this area, the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary has added the game, "sheepshead" to its program for Friday night.

The event is the annual veterans hospital benefit, the proceeds of which go into a fund to supply hospital inmates at Portland and Roseburg with candy, cigarettes, writing paper and the like.

Pinocchio will be the main feature of the evening, but there will be prizes for all events. The party will begin at 8 p. m. in the city library basement club-room.

## FIRST CHANCE

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP) Secretary Perkins gave the new national defense mediation board its first chance to settle labor disputes today by formally handing over to it the cases of four protracted strikes in defense industries, including the International Harvester strike at Chicago.

## SIDE GLANCES



"Now we'll do that dance over once more—and this time without the punching!"

## Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 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.

## PUMICITE

PORTLAND, Ore. (To the Editor)—It may be news to you that the situation as regards pumicite in the United States has changed radically in recent months. Formerly practically all of the pumicite and pumicite used by companies on the Atlantic seaboard was imported from Italy. These companies preferred Italian pumicite because of its high grade and because of easy transportation. Now imports of the Italian product have ceased altogether. We have reason to believe that the stocks on the Atlantic seaboard are very low at this time.

So the time is ripe for Oregon producers, property owners, and prospectors to look into the possibility of selling Oregon pumicite and pumicite.

The grades in pumicite usually determine the value of the product. Most Oregon pumicite is of ordinary grade but some is of very high grade. Recently Judge Bowman of Prineville brought in a sample of a very high product. The highest grade of Oregon pumicite should have enough value to cover its transportation for a considerable distance, possibly to the east. The average value of imported pumicite has been around \$25.00 per long ton, but select grades brought \$100 to \$125 per ton. California is now getting into the pumicite market. Oregon is producing a little and should produce much more under present conditions.

Attached is a list of buyers of abrasive materials. I would suggest that the following leading importers especially might be interested in the Oregon product.

James H. Rhodes & Co., 153

cal as anything he requires from congress will no doubt be granted.

## MORE CONTROL

Half the strait jacket has already been applied to machine tools, nickel, and manganese. Their production for defense use has been ordered, but not for private consumer activities.

All in all, this directs every conceivable decision in the industry which was formerly left to the judgment of the individual business man, except how he shall part his hair.

C'est La Guerre!

W. Austin Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
 Charles B. Chrystal (Inc.) 11  
 Cliff St., New York, N. Y.  
 K. R. Griffiths & Co., (Inc.),  
 110 East 42nd St., New York,  
 N. Y.

Hammill & Gillespie (Inc.),  
 225 Broadway, New York, N. Y.  
 Whittaker Clark & Daniels  
 (Inc.) 245 Front St., New York,  
 N. Y.

This department will pass an opinion on the quality of pumicite if samples—say a pound—are mailed to us at 702 Woodlark building, Portland. The location from which the sample was taken should be stated.

Very truly yours,  
 EARL K. NIXON,  
 Director.

The three states reporting the largest consumption of sugar in food manufactures, census records show, are New York, 757,427,292 pounds; Illinois, 607,901,373 pounds; and Pennsylvania, 469,170,004 pounds.

Traffic authorities recommend that when driving on slippery roads, always keep the car in gear while keeping the speed down.

Nothing takes a man right off his feet like seeing a comfortable chair.