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The Army's New Quarters

AFTER years in inadequate and unsatisfactory quarters, the Salvation Army is now on its way to a physical plant worthy of the program the army desires to carry on in this community. This is at Fourth street and Klamath avenue, where the army has acquired the brick and concrete building formerly occupied by a transfer company, and is remodeling it into an establishment to include an auditorium, gymnasium, sewing and Sunday school rooms, and spacious quarters for transient activities.

It has been a struggle for the army to achieve its building goal. There were complications that made the old property on Walnut street a burden and delayed its disposal. To build or acquire a new home was a problem because of scarcity of funds. But at last, the Fourth and Klamath opportunity presented itself, and now the army has promise of a most satisfactory headquarters.

The score or so business and professional men who serve on the advisory board of the army were shown through the partially remodeled building this week, and learned that approximately \$1000 is needed to finish the job so the army can move in. It is necessary to get this money without jeopardizing the army's regular budget to be raised in the fall.

Labor unions have given generously to the army building effort, and it was felt that it would be possible to raise the \$1000 if it is generally realized how near the army is to obtaining what it needs in the way of quarters. This will be done without campaign, and voluntary contributions will be warmly welcomed. Several members of the advisory committee immediately presented checks, including at least three for \$100 each.

It is here suggested to any one who can give to this final army building effort that he visit the new army home at Fourth and Klamath avenue, see for himself what is in the making there, and then decide if he wants to do his part to bring it to final development.

Is Peace So Sweet?

The Oregon-educated Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka describes the new Japanese-Russian pact as a "step towards peace." What he really means, no doubt, is that it will release Japanese military strength for hoped-for success against China and possibly England, and the peace he refers to will come with Japanese victory.

The aggressor talks of peace in terms of submission to his will. To him, Yugoslavia and Greece, because they have resisted, have thrown obstacles in the path of peace. To him, England would be furthering the cause of peace if it would lay down its arms and invite the Axis to come in and take over.

For comment on that kind of peace, let us turn from such authorities as Adolf Hitler, Paul Joseph Goebbels, Benito Mussolini and Yosuke Matsuoka, and listen to the words of one who spoke the language of freedom as Americans have known it. We quote from Patrick Henry:

"Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

So long as men know the meaning of freedom, and there are those who would take it from them, there can be no lasting peace.

Courthouse Records

WEDNESDAY

Complaints Filed

Karl A. Hostetter and Fidelity and Guaranty corporation versus Alvin Copeland and Oregon State Highway commission. Suit for damages. Plaintiff demands judgment of \$274.87 for damages to plaintiff's car which struck parked snow plow January 19, 1941. Maynard Wilson, attorney for plaintiff.

State Unemployment commission versus Ernest E. Thorp, doing business as Thorp's Sheet Metal works. Suit to collect employer's contribution to plaintiff. Plaintiff demands judgment in sum of \$305.81 with interest at 6 per cent on \$292.99 from April 17, 1941. W. H. Doherty, one of attorneys for plaintiff.

Lola Mae Woodridge versus Roy Woodridge. Suit for divorce. Couple married at Roseburg, Ore., May 23, 1927. Desertion charged. Don F. Hamlin, attorney for plaintiff.

Decree
Lola A. Jenkins versus Harlan H. Jenkins. Divorce granted plaintiff on ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. Property rights settled by agreement. Plaintiff's former name, Lola A. Beck, restored.

Judgment
Gertrude D. Watkins versus C. A. Fitzgerald. Plaintiff awarded judgment to recover sum of \$281.55 with 6 per cent from August 26, 1940 and \$85 attorney's fees. Judgment by default.

Marriage Applications
MILLER - LORENZ. Stanley Smith Miller, legal age, Klamath Falls, Clerk, native of Iowa. Gwendolyn Theresa Lorenz, legal age, Klamath Falls, secretary, native of Oregon.

Justice Court
Lonnie Virgil Pinkard, switching license plates. Plead guilty. Fined \$25 and ten days.

In jail. Five days suspended on recommendation of district attorney.

Robert Rusk, assault, armed with a dangerous weapon. Preliminary hearing, bound over to grand jury. Bond set at \$3000 property.

FUNERAL NOTICE

GERALD PETRIK

Gerald Petrik, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Petrik of Malin, Ore., passed away at Merrill, Ore., on Sunday, April 20, 1941, at 11:10 p. m. Surviving besides the parents are the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Berens and Mrs. Julia Petrik, both of Gregory, S. D. Funeral services were held Monday, April 21, 1941, at 2 p. m. at Mt. Calvary Memorial park with the Rev. James O'Connor of St. Augustine's church of Merrill officiating. Interment followed in baby plot. Arrangements were under the direction of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home of this city.

Klamath Girl Joins Mask and Dagger

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 23.—Betty Lou Drake of Klamath Falls, junior in home economics at Oregon State college, was one of the 27 students who have been pledged to Mask and Dagger Dramatic club.

Mask and Dagger aims to stimulate interest in dramatics on the campus and to develop talent along this line. To qualify for pledgship students must take an active part in dramatics. Further participation in the activity is necessary before initiation.

If we ever can persuade all nations to disarm, they'll owe us another debt.

Losses



Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 200 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.

More on Labor

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor) — Now there is a rising dissatisfaction with the effectiveness of labor organization. Public opinion is becoming impatient and annoyed with labor's interference in the procedure of the defense program.

Questions are rising in the minds of thoughtful Americans. Do labor unions really have saboteurs? Why so many strikes? Selfishness? Are the walkouts really in accordance with the "majority rule" plan or is it some minor group dictating the policies of strikers? Now most dangerous, most menacing of all, the deep and throbbing murmurs of public opinion. Shall government make labor stop the strikes and get on with the program? Will the government take action? If it does what will that action be?

With all my might I answer No! Government control of labor is the sure road to dictatorship. This is a job for ALL America—not a job for government officials alone. On all sides, in every nook and cranny of this democracy of ours the people must stop shaking their heads and wringing their hands. For the protection of both labor and capital they must not only vote their willingness to organize labor and accept labor benefits, they must also accept the responsibilities of that organization.

I always feel like taking a good healthy punch at the person who says, "Oh yes, I'm a union member but I haven't been to the meetings since I joined except to pay dues." That person, as a member of organized labor, is grabbing every benefit in wages and conditions his fellow members have worked to attain, without accepting one iota of responsibility! The person who attends meetings, although he may not always express his opinions on labor problems, is not entirely shirking his responsibility. He is at least keeping himself informed and should be able to vote his convictions.

Many times members are inclined to support organized ac-

tion just so long as it does not interfere with their own personal liberties. Do members of your organization vote some company on the unfair list, then promptly go out and buy from that company? Do they vote to recognize a picket line, then as free individuals leave labor meetings and pass the line? The only weapon labor has against unfair business practice is the unfair list or picket line. These weapons should never be used unless absolutely necessary and when used should be used effectively.

We must remind ourselves that labor difficulties are not all due to selfish, self-centered interests of organized labor. There are also selfish self-centered employers who are not contented with reasonable profits—men who would not hesitate to hold down the wage scale, get by with inadequate unsafe equipment, and maintain long working hours in order to fatten their own purses.

Let's not forget that business delayed the defense program several months dickering with the government for a guarantee of profits. Why should those profits be taken at the expense of labor—organized or unorganized? Let's be fair-minded enough not to pass judgment on any question before we know the facts concerning that question.

We need all the intelligence and cooperation we can attain. Fair mindedness in both employer and employee to be successful in our defense program. Don't forget, business must cooperate fairly and unselfishly as well as organized labor.

To those of you who think "This doesn't concern me, I'm neither a business man nor organized labor. All I want to see is completion of an adequate defense project," I wish to say:

This does concern you. Non-union wages and conditions fluctuate in direct proportion to union wages and conditions. Prices for the farmer, profits for the business man are directly affected by labor's purchasing power. So the next time you see a picket line, please realize that something is wrong. Learn the facts—not just from the manager of the place of business—or from a labor leader. Learn facts from all sources available and decide who is wrong or who is right. Give the right party your

support. If all America will do this in a fair-minded way, labor difficulties will be disposed of quickly and efficiently.

The American laborers are the backbone of America. Organized labor is its spinal column.

Sincerely,
MRS. N. E. HANSEN,
Route 3, Box 1091.

Birthday Party Held at Bly For Dale Smith.

BLY — Mrs. Muriel Smith was hostess and Mrs. James Michelson co-hostess at a birthday party for Dale Smith on April 19. A pick-up orchestra from the guests furnished music and a large part of the evening was spent dancing and singing. Leonard Michelson and Frank Meiser played the piano and Bud Meiser and Leonard Olson played guitars.

Present were Hank Hall, Lyle Weaver, Bob Krog, Jim Hall, Leonard Michelson, Selmar Olson, Andrew Miller, Frank Meiser, Pat Patzke Ray Logan, Leonard Olson, Ray Harris, Jack Patzke, Bert Willigan, Arthur Swanson, Vincel Rennie, Frank Meiser, Betty Lou Neise, Cynthia Cuke, Cecil Nicholson, Lorraine Richardson Gayle Rennie, Janet Protsman, Barbara Hall, Margaret Deaton, Lenore McMillan, Nick Baumgardner, Marie Cuke, Harry Jacobs, Paula Blanton, Willis Deaton, Norman Smith, James Michelson and hostesses, Mrs. Muriel Smith and Mrs. James Michelson.

ENDS THURSDAY

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, April 23.—A Nazi sub sent to the bottom of the Atlantic a few days back a British ship loaded with \$5,000,000 worth of our needed strategic war material, rubber. This news was bad enough to the official circle (it did not get far outside) but when the Germans got a ship loaded with 3000 of our airplane fuel pumps shortly thereafter, the war department generals wrung their hands collectively. Faced with one of the worst shortages in this line, all the generals can think of is are 3000 of their priceless pumps setting on the bottom of the Atlantic.

Generally unknown events, such as these, are whetting the current government interest in convoying. That is the source of the greatest pressure at the moment.

Yet there is nothing like a preponderance of official sentiment in favor of trying to leap across that rubicon. As Mr. Roosevelt said, most of those who are shouting for convoying do not know "a hill of beans" (his words) about the problem. The more intimate the knowledge of officials here the less enthusiasm there is for hasty action.

Apparently there are many drastic steps the British themselves should take first, whether or not there is to be American convoying.

COMPLAINTS

An outstanding British shipping source here is flatly conceding the British have been "fuddy-duddy" about protecting their shipments from us. His good people, he says, are still trying to do this the same way they did it in the last war. They still put slow ships in with the fast ones, holding down the speed of the entire convoy to the point where it is vulnerable to the slow submarines. They do not convoy all the way across. They have worked out no adequate sea-air defense around Ireland, although their bases are closer to the shipping lanes than the German bases in France. Trusting to luck they have refused to concentrate sufficient forces of the fleet to give their convoys adequate protection.

Several moves to correct and perhaps cure the problem could be taken short of American convoying.

By mistake, it has leaked out our navy has been experimenting in making auxiliary aircraft carriers out of fast merchant ships to patrol sea skies. The S. S. Mormachal, a passenger-freight ship, is being fitted with an overall landing deck. Such ships could accompany convoys and fight German bombers on the spot.

The British could limit their convoys to ships of the same slow speed, sending their faster ships across individually. They have plenty of freighters capable of making 18 to 20 knots, whereas 15 is tops for a sub. Steering a zigzag course these fast freighters would be relatively free of danger from anything except a sub which happened to come up in the right position ready to fire. We know they

SIDE GLANCES



"I see old Hod is off the wagon—he's printing the letter B backwards again!"

have such fast freighters because we sold them the Exemptor and the Nightingale, and some others.

SUGGESTIONS

Admiral Land, chairman of the maritime commission, which is supplying the British with ships, publicly offered other remedies. His suggested best way to beat the submarine was to bomb their construction and repair stations continuously. He offered another "ameliorating influence," such as increase of ships in the patrol, complete trans-Atlantic protection, air patrols in the convoys.

Land frankly told the British we will only be adding more fuel to their huge offshore problem burning in the Atlantic by giving them more ships. At the time he was suspected of propagandizing for U. S. convoying, but it is possible he may have been trying politely to stir the British out of their staid naval ways, into a more alert use of facilities they already possess.

Tired? ... Try a bottle of Wieland's Ale before bedtime for 30 days!

City Police Watch For Lost Calves

If you find a strange calf grazing in your favorite patch of lawn, don't be alarmed—but don't let him go either, turn him over to the city police.

The laws in blue are looking for three of them, part of a four—some escaped from a trailer Tuesday night.

According to the gendarmes, an unidentified farmer Tuesday drove into town with the quartet packed in a trailer. He parked his load on a downtown street, left for a few minutes and returned to find they had all broken loose.

One was later found nibbling flowers in the Whitlock Memorial park, lassoed and turned over to the Humane society. The three others were still at large Wednesday afternoon.

About 45,000,000 gallons of aviation gasoline is now being produced in this country monthly.

Watch the Classified Page!

VAUDEVILLE

LAST TIMES TODAY

5 GREAT ACTS



1. Maree and Pals "A Day At The Circus"
2. Four Blenders "Rhythm On The Range"
3. Phil & Dotty Phelps Head Balancing and Perch Work
4. Lee Don The Piano Gives and Gives Classics to Boogie-Woogie
5. Earl & Fortune "Sophisticates Of The Dance"

