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Our High School Gains

INTERESTING statistics came this week from city and county school sources to show that high school senior classes have increased 65 per cent (in number of graduates) in the last six years. Klamath Union high school showed almost 100 per cent increase in a 10-year period, and the nine high schools of the county district showed almost a 100 per cent increase since 1935.

This record is particularly interesting in view of the much less impressive showing of the Klamath Falls and Klamath county census. Everything seems to have gone up here in a big way except the census.

A conclusion that seems entirely justified is that more Klamath county youngsters are now carrying their education through the four years of high school. It is probable, too, that there has been a large increase in the proportion of Klamath county's population in well-settled families, whereas 10 years ago there was a large population of transient, single men.

Both conclusions are definitely on the favorable side for the Klamath county community. They show real progress in the desirable direction.

Upon All of Us

FROM the Soldier's Handbook, small pocket introduction to military life issued by the War Department:

"The American people of their own will, and through the men they have elected to represent them in Congress, have determined that the free institutions of this country will continue to exist. They have declared that, if necessary, we will defend our right to live in our own American way and continue to enjoy the benefits and privileges which are granted to the citizens of no other nation. It is upon you, and the many thousands of your comrades now in military service, that our country has placed its confident faith that this defense will succeed should it ever be challenged."

Yes. And it is also upon you, there at the lathe, you swinging the hammer in the shipyard, you on the assembly line, you at the desk, that our country has also placed its faith and its future. Every American, soldier and civilian, bears his share of the responsibility for defending freedom which the times have imposed upon us.

Pay Me, Please!

FROM a man in Nashville, Tennessee, comes a postcard which bears this message:

"I propose a federal charity fund. The treasury department, on receipt of a postcard estimate of personal need from any citizen, would certify it for proportionate payment based on sales tax revenue. The card would then be returned as a postcard check."

What a blizzard of postcards Washington would get if that scheme were enacted into law!

PTA Notes

MILLS

The last meeting of Mills PTA was called to order by the president, Mrs. Sid Herbert. After the meeting, lunch was served in the cafeteria at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Badger's students sang two numbers, accompanied by Velma Hall at the piano. The traveling prize for the room having the most mothers present went to Mrs. Elliott's second grade room. Mrs. Bates received the guest award.

This was followed by the installation program by Mrs. Thompson, installing the following officers, president, Mrs. L. A. Shinn; first vice president, Mrs. Ed Dalmer; second vice president, Mrs. L. Granger; secretary, Mrs. William Beckham; treasurer, Mrs. Joe Matlick. Mrs. J. A. Ustick presented Mrs. Sid Herbert with a past president's pin and a gift.

Divorce rate is on the increase. Some of the suits being pressed ought to be cleaned.

SIDE GLANCES



"Seven doors slammed in our faces, five women yelled 'No thanks!' Behind locked doors—and now I've got to go home and hear my wife beef about not making enough money!"

Still Trying to Outsmart the Machine



FINAL ACTION ON AIRLINE'S BID AWAITED

Final decision on the United Airlines application for service into Klamath Falls will not be given until late in June, according to word received by The Herald and News from Senator Charles L. McNary.

Senator McNary said that time will be given the United to reply to the unfavorable report made by the civil aeronautics board's examiners. Thereafter, the case will be submitted to the board. It will be the latter part of June before this stage of proceedings is reached.

The Klamath chamber of commerce is in correspondence with

congressional representatives and officials of the United Airlines with regard to the forthcoming proceedings.

The chamber is strongly urging that every effort be made to win approval for the United's application so that service may be started here when the Klamath airport construction is finished.

British Intercept French Tanker With American Oil

LONDON, May 22 (AP)—British naval patrols have intercepted the 13,467-ton French tanker Sheherazade en route to French North Africa with an oil cargo from the United States, it was made known today, and it was understood this was done with the full consent of Washington.

The ship was in the Atlantic bound for Casablanca, French Morocco. British authorities granted the Sheherazade a navicert "some time ago" to carry the cargo, it was stated, but "actions of the

past day or so by the Vichy government, particularly in Syria, had a very sharpening effect, not only in London but in Washington."

The 13,467-ton vessel, one of the largest oil tankers in the world, left Houston, Texas, on May 10 for an unannounced port. She had been repaired at New Orleans where she tied up after the fall of France.

Mercury Hits 85 In Klamath Area

"Gosh, it's hot!" And it sure was. Regular summer weather in the Klamath basin sent mid-May temperatures sky-rocketing Thursday afternoon when unofficial thermometers registered 85 degrees, two degrees warmer than Wednesday's record heat of 83.

Forecast for the weekend is for continued warmth.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 21—

Something is cooking in the levees, matinees and soirees being held by the new dealers for the old master, John Maynard Keynes, who thinks up economic things to do that the politicians like to do, for instance, spending on credit.

One thing about ready to be served is "deferred pay," which is just as cute as its name. It is a tax on your wage, all wages, say 10%, not primarily to pay defense costs, but for the economic purposes of keeping you from spending that money for living comforts while the factories are busy on defense.

The new deal economists say they will be ready to advocate it as soon as our production has reached its zenith, sometime within a year.

WHY HE CAME

This is not to say Mr. Keynes' mysterious visit to his pupils in Washington was directly designed to promote "deferred pay." The pupils were sold on the idea long before the master arrived.

The official story is Keynes came to Washington as a representative of the British treasury (he is a full time employee) to work out some administrative details in the lease-lend setup. He is supposed to be signing papers which would simplify lease-lend machinery.

Presumably also he may be finding out how lease-lend is working and offering suggestions for changes. He works daily with the president's right-hand man, Harry Hopkins, and spends the evenings and lunch hours foregather with his disciples. Any economic selling he is doing, therefore, may be on a social rather than an official basis.

CONFUSING

Out of these social gatherings has come some confusing explanations of a variety of Keynes' plans all of which devolve down into the old original Keynes plan—spending. The proceeds of his extra income tax, gilded with the title "deferred pay" would be spent for defense and otherwise, as the money rolls in. How the government is going to pay the money back to you at the deferred time is one of

the things Mr. Keynes is still working on.

Some of his new deal disciples, daily worshipping at the foot of the old master in the rush of private parties for him, say he would pay off with a levy on capital. It would have to fall on business and corporations, all except the largest of which have insufficient cash to pay. Assume he levied 20% of the capitalization on all. They would have to sell stock to pay the tax. No one could buy it except RFC. If RFC acquired 20% of all the business in the country, the approach of this government toward socialism would leave only a short putt for the hole. Four more such levies and the government would own all business.

SOCIAL HANDLING

This is too much to others of the Keynes boys who believe the problem of paying should be handled socially. They want no repayments at all to the highest wage groups, only 50% to the middle class, and 100% to the lowest class. Mr. Keynes, himself, has considered this way of letting the government switch half the deferred pay, and thus incidentally redistribute some wealth.

Still others want to defer the solution of the pay-off problem until the day thereof. One of the nicest things about all Keynes plans is that you never bother to decide where you are going until you get there. You never decide what is the end of spending nor the pay-off, you merely conceal your inability to pay for previous spendings by increasing your obligations.

Who knows but what, the government would find, when the time for the pay-off comes, that the money could not be raised. The solution thereupon would become simple—repudiation.

Incidentally the plan has not been adopted by Mr. Keynes own British treasury. About 2 per cent of his idea is being tried experimentally. Income tax exemptions were reduced in April with a promise that the increased tax revenue there-

from would be repaid to the taxpayer after the war. But the sum of such "forced savings" was limited to 65 pounds (roughly \$200 per person.)

The British rejection of the plan was not founded on the suspicion that it sounded like changing the capitalistic system just to keep people from buying consumers goods, which could be rationed, and thus controlled without all this reforming taxation rigamarole. The official explanation was that it involved too many administrative difficulties.

The same reasons may be applied by the U. S. treasury when the scheme is brought forward. There are not many of the Keynes kind in Mr. Morgenthau's department.

WATERY MUSCLES

More than a third of the entire weight of the human body consists of muscles, and three-fourths of all muscles are composed of water, according to scientists.

CHARMED WASHING

The faces of babies in India and Persia often are bathed in the liquid in which holly bark has been soaked, as a charm against evil spirits.

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