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ground in the Pacific. He got caught in one Bataan, and doesn't want to get caught in another.

In trying to understand this strange situation, we must remember that MacArthur sent practically his whole staff to Washington several weeks ago. They reported, they conferred. Presumably they explained their needs in the way of support. Then they returned to the Pacific.

There have been rumors (no direct statements) that they failed to get as much help as they asked for.

It is just possible that this debate has been staged as a means of bringing the needs of the Pacific war to the attention of the American public as a whole.

Either that or it is a smoke screen designed to fool the enemy.

In our Pacific situation (as on all our other fronts) SHIPS are the bottleneck.

Long-range bombers can be flown to their destination, but our shorter-range planes have to be carried in ships to the general area in which they are to be used.

With their stepping-stone bases scattered over the South Pacific, the Japs enjoy a great advantage in this respect, as they can fly even their shorter-range aircraft from island to island, thus getting them where they are needed QUICKLY.

THERE isn't much change in Africa.

General Eisenhower gives full credit to General Patton's Americans for keeping 35,000 Germans busy at El Guetar and Maknassy while Montgomery was smashing and smashing the Mareth line. Without Patton's help in Rommel's rear, Montgomery would have had a far tougher job.

British Admiral Cunningham estimates that by means of allied combined air and sea action HALF of the enemy's shipping carrying reinforcements and supplies to Africa has been DESTROYED.

That hurts.

SIX hundred planes from England raid Mannheim and Ludwigshafen in Germany and Pilsen (home of the Skoda armament works) in former Czechoslovakia. Fifty-five bombers are lost.

That is about nine per cent of the total, which means that eleven such raids would wipe out the entire original air force engaged, but the authoritative view in London is that even this heavy loss ratio is not out of proportion to the damage that was inflicted on the enemy.

THE Russians have opened a "new, slow going, thorough offensive" in the Kuban river area of the Caucasus, with artillery and bomber preparation preceding infantry advances.

Mud is interfering with operations here, as elsewhere in Russia.

The Russian purpose, of course, is to shove the Germans clear out of the Caucasus, where they still have a toehold around Novorossiisk, on the Caucasian side of the Kerch strait.

Equipped with new American machinery, India is producing as much gun ammunition in a month as she produced in a year prior to the war.

NOW FOR THE FIREWORKS

EDITORIAL

By Charles V. Stanton

A GREAT hullabaloo may be expected to result from the Manpower commission order freezing workers in essential industries to their jobs. The action provides obvious fodder for flag wavers, radical unionists and politicians. It may be anticipated that the purposes of the act will be exaggerated out of all proportion to their reality.

Probably the first test will be realized here in the Pacific northwest, where the lumber industry will be most vitally affected. There has been an alarming exodus of men from the logging camps and sawmills into the better-paying shipyards. Now these men are to be sought out and returned to their former work.

The order is patently unfair in the fact that it forces men out of one essential industry into another at a lower rate of pay. Labor radicals can be expected to cry bitterly against such procedure, with some measure of justification, while the professional "smearateurs" will be able to "view with alarm" the "unpatriotic attitude of organized labor."

It all adds up to a lot more confusion in an already muddled domestic picture, with the unaffected citizen becoming a befuddled onlooker.

It would have been so much easier to have avoided all this manpower mixup had steps been taken to catalogue all classifications of labor, fixing wages for each, on a basis of training, skill and experience, with a bonus for employment in essential industries. The parity among industries would have halted movements from one to the other, while the bonus in the essential lines would have lured the surplus labor from civilian jobs. Under such system there would be no pirating of labor and there could be no cause for strikes or agitation against non-parity of wages. Opportunity and incentive would still be retained for advancement in classification.

Furthermore, a definite fixation of wages at parity, affecting all lines, would afford basis for a balance of commodity prices, thus becoming a major weapon to halt inflation.

But piecemeal adjustments of wages and prices by politically dominated bureaus will remain ineffective and will cause continued dissatisfaction, with need for increased aspirin production to quiet the public headache.

Our toast to Hitler: Der Fuehrer had better get heels galore to celebrate birthday fifty-four; for we doubt very much if he's alive to celebrate birthday fifty-five.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



Sales of Douglas Acreage, Roseburg Property Reported

Emphasizing that interest in Douglas county real estate is steadily increasing, G. W. Young and Son, local realtors, today reported the following transfers negotiated by them for the first quarter of 1943:

A stock ranch of 440 acres in Olalla, sold by C. E. Johnson to H. V. Shultz.

A tract of 100 acres, owned by the State of Oregon, in Melrose district, to Lyle M. Kobornik of Garden City, Calif.

Twenty acres of Plat H, Roseburg Home Orchard tracts, from the State of Oregon to A. E. Millard.

A tract of 43 acres at Gazley, from the State of Oregon to Ernest Briggs, Myrtle Creek.

A State of Oregon tract of 24 acres at Winston to W. A. Alexander.

The 325-acre H. G. Hastings farm near Winchester to C. H. Humphrey of Los Angeles.

The L. Koff place of 1650 acres in the Tiller district to R. M. Blake, Oakland, California.

A tract of 135 acres at Tiller, from Grant Tuttle to L. D. Graves, Redding, California.

The 140-acre tract on South Myrtle Creek owned by J. R. Johnson of San Bernardino, Calif., to R. J. Hart.

The Delia Egly tract of 27 acres in Sylmon Valley to J. D. Vedder.

Twenty acres of the Fisk Fruit Farm tracts, from the State of Oregon to C. J. Lindley of Portland.

Twenty-five acres at Tenuille, from Nina Neier to L. J. Dietrich.

Ten acres of Block 13, Plat A, Roseburg Home Orchard Tracts, from W. S. Hamilton to J. L. Paris.

Ten acres of the Edenbower Orchard Tracts, from W. B. Stewart to A. C. Cady.

Ten acres on the Ramp road, from Lewis and Clark college to Henry E. Hall.

The sales of ranches and suburban tracts totaled more than 2800 acres of land.

The agency also reported the following sales of residential property:

Residence at 1145 Harvard Ave., from J. D. (Snap) Gilmore to G. E. Menish from the State of Washington.

Residence on Ball St., from Leslie Hagerty of Eugene to Edwin V. Sweet of Albany.

Residence at 525 S. Main St., from State of Oregon to O. A. Barton of Coquille.

Residence and cottage, with two lots, on Ball street, from Burr Drullner, Vallejo, Calif., to E. J. Brophy, Portland.

Two lots on Ball St., Bauer's addition, from Louis Bauer, Sr., to C. C. Dimmick.

Residence at 114 N. Flint St., from C. E. Banning to W. A. Rapp.

Residence at 1126 Military St., from W. A. Ramsdell to Clay Grant.

Lot on Uniqua Ave., from D. T. Meyers to Fred Scherner.

Boone Watson, Noted Oregon Democrat, Dies

PENDLETON, Ore., April 19.—(AP)—Boone Watson, 90, colorful Umatilla county pioneer, second oldest active democrat in Oregon and blood relative of Daniel Boone, died here yesterday after a long illness.

Born in Covington, Ky., he was named after his famous kinsman, Daniel Boone.

News of Men



From
Douglas
County
In War Service

Harvey Lynn Grubbe has been assigned to specialist training in the armament school at Lowry field, Colorado, according to word received from that army air force's technical training command. He is the son of A. B. Grubbe, Oakland, and husband of Frances Grubbe, Roseburg. He joined the army Dec. 21, 1942, and received preliminary training at Fort Lewis and basic training at Fresno, California.

Cities Promised No Construction Material

PORTLAND, April 20.—(AP)—Oregon cities will have to get along for the most part without new construction materials.

So declared Maury Maverick, director of the government division of the War Production board, in an address before the League of Oregon Cities.

Shortages, he said, make it necessary to use substitutes and second hand material.

Maverick advised cities to appoint priority officers to learn WPB regulations, adding that certain materials could be obtained through regional WPB offices if absolutely necessary.

Joyce Lillebo, Reedsport, Enlists in WAACS

Alta Arthur, local Western Auto Supply company employee, has received word that her niece, Miss Joyce Lillebo of Reedsport, has enlisted in the WAACS. Miss Lillebo, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lillebo, Reedsport, is a graduate of Reedsport high school. She studied for two years at Oregon State college and was a student for one year at Oregon

State College of Education, Monmouth. At the time of her enlistment she was employed in the mail order department at the Meier and Frank store in Portland.

Jack Chase Posts TKO Over Zurita in 15th

OCEAN PARK, Calif., April 20.—(AP)—Jack Chase, 158, successfully defended his California middleweight championship tonight with a 15-round technical knockout over Leon Zurita, 153. Both are from Los Angeles.



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The Southern Oregon Wool Pool Will Be

CLOSED APRIL 23rd

ANY WOOL GROWER

May enter this pool by entering his wool for sale under the agreement reached by the directors with the purchasing firm of

DRAPER and COMPANY, BOSTON

This Sale Will Net **47¢** to the Grower

There is danger of a federal freeze order on wool which may result in closing the pool earlier than April 24. To be safe and not sorry

ALL GROWERS SHOULD SIGN UP NOW

MAIL IN YOUR CARD AT ONCE OR SEE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING POOL DIRECTORS

V. J. Phillippi, Grand Hotel, Roseburg
Chas. Buxton, Brockway

Joe Ledgerwood, Myrtle Creek
Irvin Rice, Oakland

W. I. Dixon, Dixonville

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