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Fact and Comment Roundup

THAT matter of putting the Klamath county voter registration books in order ought to enlist the assistance of the political workers who get out at this season to run up the registration of their own parties.

These people will encounter a great many citizens who are already registered. Many of these will be found registered in precincts other than their own—a condition which is widespread both in and out of the city. The opportunity will arise to advise these people to register properly so they can vote where they belong in November.

And certainly people who register for the first time or are induced to change their party should register properly as to residence.

Party workers who direct their efforts along this line will be doing a general public service while advancing the interests of their particular party.

Meanwhile it is again suggested to good citizens that they ascertain now whether they are registered in the precinct in which they reside, and if they are not, to correct this improperly.

Readers should bear in mind that the elimination of so-called "dead timber" from the voter registration books is not possible under law until two election years have passed, as we mentioned yesterday. Hence there is nothing that can be done about this particular situation and it is no one's fault that the dead names are there. On the other hand, the residential inaccuracy can and should be corrected by voters, themselves.

WHAT has happened to highway travel since the well ballyhooed opening of the Willamette pass route? So far as we know, no exact traffic counts have been made by those roadside checkers, but there are some evidences that the traffic is going the way it was expected to go—upward.

Travel through the California quarantine station on the Reno road south of Tulelake and Malin, for instance, gained between 10 and 15 per cent when the Willamette highway was opened. Considering that this is not the main connecting through route—Weed highway probably deserves that distinction—the increase on the road to Canby is an impressive sign.

Encouraged by this evidence of a responding traveling public, Klamath people ought to renew their efforts to spread the facts about the Willamette and its connecting routes.

WE have just answered an inquiry from the Associated Press as to whether this newspaper will sponsor a poll this year. Our reply was negative.

Prior to some past elections, we have run such polls. In fact, it was one of this writer's first experiences when he went to work for a Southern California newspaper as a cub, to help conduct a poll on the 1924 presidential election. It predicted Coolidge as the winner, fortunately.

A poll by this newspaper in 1932 indicated Roosevelt would defeat Hoover. We stayed out of the poll business in 1936, when the Literary Digest went off the deep end. We're staying out again.

Unless they are conducted in a most scientific manner, preferably by personal interviews, polls are unreliable. They may make a good news feature but if they're proved wrong, they certainly haven't won any prestige for anybody. And however honestly it may be conducted, a poll that goes haywire is certain to raise the eyebrows of that suspicious fraction of the public.

Remembering our 1932 poll, which found for Roosevelt while we were supporting Hoover, we'll rest on those ancient laurels.

Round-by-round report of the Yamsay dispute and settlement makes it look very much like a draw.—M. E.

BUICK EXPANSION PLAN FOR 1941 COMPLETED

FLINT, Mich., Aug. 15.—Announcement of the completion of a major expansion and retooling program for production of 1941 models was made today by Harlow H. Curtice, president and general manager of the Buick division of General Motors corporation.

The executive said that the program involved extensive changes and improvement in plant and equipment in virtually every manufacturing department and will bring productive capacity of the Buick plants up to 1500 cars a day or 350,000 annually against a capacity during the model run just ended of approximately 1300 cars a day.

He said that Buick in 1941 will be equipped to meet expected market requirements for its new cars and at the same time answer any calls made upon it for national defense.

IWA PRESIDENT IN VISA ROW

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 15 (AP)—Harold J. Pritchett, president of International Woodworkers of America, claimed here Wednesday that American consular officials had "hinted" his application for a visitor's visa into the United States

would be turned down when his case comes up for hearing August 23.

Officials of the United States consulate here declined to comment.

Pritchett said he had been told by the consular officials here that they considered him to have lived in the United States on a visitor's permit almost continuously since 1936, and therefore is not a bona fide visitor.

Germany increased its air force from slightly over 4000 planes in 1936 to the 1940 total of approximately 31,000 aircraft.

NOW PLAYING
 GEORGE RAFT
 HUMPHREY BOGART
 IN
 "INVISIBLE STRIPES"

 RAINBOW

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—A new subsurface snag which has not only stalled but is ripping political seams in the national defense program, is a demand by government economists that the government take over whatever plant expansion industry affects.

Right of the government to title in private expansion fostered for national defense, has been explosively advocated by Leon Henderson, price economist in the defense commission. In meetings with other government officials (some attended by Donald Nelson, the defense coordinator) and before executive sessions of the house ways and means committee, this vast new revolutionary realm of government title to private business expansion has been opened up by Henderson and his associates.

Some business men who heard of it first threw up their hands and then sat on them to await developments before centralizing their full enthusiasm into defense activities.

WANTS RIGHTS

The Henderson socializers reason that if an aviation plant expands its plant to fill government orders, and is allowed price and tax concessions for swift five-year amortization, the government has some claim to the expanded portion of the plant at the end of the five-year period. Apparently they want title to the depreciated portion not only of plants built under government loan but even those expansions financed by private capital. They figure the government will have paid for the plants in the price of the planes.

Thus at the end of a five-year period the government would own the expanded pieces of all plants doing defense work and presumably the owners would have to buy them back or let the government run them.

UNDECIDED

Something of an inside spat has developed between the Henderson group and the treasury over procedure. The treasury presumably wants a definite decision and ruling on such government claims to be written into the pending amortization-excess profits bill. The defense commission group wants to leave the question of government right to expanded defense properties apparently to future determination. Frankly they do not seem to have decided how far they want to go with it.

LOAN PLAN

Under Mr. Henderson's hat also is a side phase of the scheme designed to lure capital into the defense program by voluntary enlistment. This scheme would change the form of defense contracts so these may be taken by manufacturers to banks for loans to finance plant expansion. The old form failed to pledge sufficient legal assurance for fulfillment of the contract by the government to permit it to be used as collateral for borrowing.

The change has been sold to the defense commission on the ground that it would relieve the financing burdens of the reconstruction finance corporation and tap the bulging reservoirs of idle money in banks.

UPKEEP HURTS

It is not the original cost but the upkeep of the trained army under the pending draft bill which will hurt the taxpayers.

Congressional debate has touched lightly on the subject, but the war department has made precise computations of the money needed to keep 400,000 men beginning October 1 and 400,000 more next April 1, in addition to the enlarged regular army and national guard.

Their figures anticipate a cost of \$1260 a man a year. This is the average overall for officer and soldier including allowances, subsistence, hospitalization, gasoline, oil, recruiting, travel, transportation, field training,

SIDE GLANCES



"I forgot it was pay day until Oscar's wife showed up."

maintenance of all equipment, and personnel overhead.

A little rough arithmetic will bring you to the conclusion that an army of 1,200,000 men will cost about \$1,512,000,000 a year.

It might prove possible to reduce the per capita cost by 5 per cent through economies in such a large force, but even so the department figures the minimum possible per capita is \$1197. This would make the annual cost \$1,436,400,000.

This computation is substantiated by an official estimate which the department has submitted for a protective mobilization force of approximately 1,200,000 men for the single month of June 1941. The total was \$132,724,222. A twelve month total at this rate would be \$1,592,690,664.

DOOM SEEN

A personal check of the outstanding military and naval authorities made by an administration official showed 60 per cent of the navy and more than 85 per cent of the war department military minds expected the German attack on England to be successful.

This is somewhat more favorable to England, however, than a similar check made by the same official following the fall of France. Then 75 per cent of the navy and 90 per cent of the army leaders calculated the odds in favor of Germany.

Courthouse Records

(WEDNESDAY)

Marriage Applications
 CONE - KERFOOT. Delbert Edward Cone, 20, laborer. Resident of Klamath Falls, native of Idaho. Laurene Elizabeth Kerfoot, 17, housewife. Resident of Klamath Falls, native of Kansas.

Complaints Filed
 William Thome versus Arthur Macken. Suit for alienation of affections. Plaintiff asks \$25,000 damages. F. O. Small, attorney for plaintiff.

Muriel A. Smith versus Norman Smith. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married Yreka, Calif., July 3, 1926. Plaintiff asks property settlement. W. C. Van Emon and George Chastain, attorneys for plaintiff.

C. G. Chase versus Richard Rust. Suit for \$78.20 damages and costs. Lynn Moore, attorney for plaintiff.

Decrees
 Kenneth Wilder versus Lila Wilder. Divorce by default. A. C. Yaden, attorney for plaintiff.
 Louise White versus Joshua Floyd White. Divorce by default. Forest E. Cooper, attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court
 Herschel Marion Lazarus. No operator's license. Fined \$5.50.
 Peter Harris. Drunk on a public

LAST "LOVE, HONOR AND OH BABY" DAY • "BEHIND THE GREEN LIGHTS"

STARTS TOMORROW

Jack RANDALL
 IN
 "KID FROM SANTA FE"
 ★ ★ Companion Thriller ★ ★
 'Laughing at DANGER'
 DIAL 5414 VOX LATEST NEWS

ACTORS REJECT CHARGE OF RED PARTY SUPPORT

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 15 (AP)—In terms of resentment and disgust, Hollywood movie personalities deny they are members of the communist party or financial supporters thereof as charged in a transcript of county grand jury testimony.

The testimony was that of John Lewis Leech of Portland, Oregon, former Los Angeles house painter, communist organizer and relief client.

Of the many Hollywoodites Leech named, immediate denials came from the following, who could be reached, or their spokesmen: Fredric March, Francis Lederer, Jean Muir, Humphrey Bogart, Lionel Stander, James Cagney and Writer Sam Ornitz.

Some of those accused deprecatingly mentioned District Attorney Burton Fitts' current campaign for reelection.

Leech testified in an inquiry that resulted in murder indictments last week against five men accused of complicity in a waterfront killing five years ago in a reported union dispute.

So far, there has been no official explanation of any connection between the Hollywood "red" inquiry and the killing.

Leech became involved in various difficulties over his testimony at the Harry Bridges deportation hearing at San Francisco last summer before Dean Landis of the Harvard law school. In recent weeks, he has testified at Texas hearings of the Dies congressional committee, largely regarding "red" activities in Hollywood. His versions were similar to those presented to the grand jury here.

The Dies committee is scheduled to conduct secret hearings here next Friday and Saturday.

MAKE GAME, JUDGE HAWKE?

LONDON, Aug. 15 (UP)—Clouds of enemy bombers filled the skies of England, bombs dropped on English soil, but the English people lost none of their usual aplomb.

Justice Hawke, presiding at a trial in a southwest coast town, was forced to adjourn court and flee, with attorneys and court attaches, to jail cells considered bomb proof. He removed his wig, spread out his legs, stretched his judicial robes from knee to knee and on this makeshift bridge table he, the sheriff, and two attorneys enjoyed a game while the battle raged.

A sentry on the outskirts of Dover, scene of some of the heaviest of the German attacks, posted this sign: "Welcome to Hell's Corner. Come again."

FRENCH HIRE NEW OFFICIAL EXECUTIONER

VICHY, France, Aug. 15 (AP)—The French government, which recently condemned a man to death and then found it had no official executioner to carry out the sentence, remedied this oversight Wednesday.

Henry Roch, a North African guillotine known as "Monsieur D'Alger," was brought to Marseille to take the place of the famous "Monsieur de Paris."

The latter, official executioner before the flight of the government from Paris, now is in the German-occupied zone.

PELICAN NOW
 LADIES MUST LIVE
 STAGE ATTRACTION—
 Howard's DAFFY AUCTION
 IT'S FUNNY
 Groceries from Carter's Fine Foods
 Royal Crown Cola
 Fluhrer's Breads & Pastries
 "A Laugh Every Ten Seconds"

WENDELL WILLKIE
 in
 "INFORMATION PLEASE"
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Putting On The Dog In Gay Scraps



It's really no effort to put the dog on this quilt—he's just one large applique patch with an additional one for the bow. Use him on pillows, too. Pattern 6755 contains the block chart, carefully drawn pattern pieces, color schemes, directions for

OREGON PREPARING ARMY MACHINERY

SALEM, Aug. 15 (AP)—Machinery to obtain Oregon's quota of conscripts under the army conscription bill is being prepared by five officers and 10 enlisted men of the Oregon national guard, Colonel Elmer V. Wootton said Wednesday.

When and if congress passes the bill ordering all men between the ages of 21 and 30 to register for service, the machinery will be ready to function.

Men will register at their voting precincts, after which they will be sent questionnaires which will determine whether they shall be drafted. County boards will classify the men.

There will be at least one board of three members for each county, while larger counties will have one board for each 30,000 population.

The boards will be appointed by the president on recommendation of the governor.

The federal government will assign quotas to each state, and quotas then will be assigned to each county. The drawing for the draft will be made in a national lottery in Washington, D. C.

AGED ENGLISH VETERAN DIES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

DUNCAN, B. C., Aug. 15 (UP)—Funeral services were held today for Charles George Palmer, 93, veteran of the British imperial army and last survivor of the Indian mutiny and siege of Lucknow in 1857.

As a boy of 10, he saw a cannon ball kill his sister. He helped carry messages and ammunition for British troops and later was awarded the Lucknow medal for bravery.

IT STARTS SATURDAY

TO PLAY THROUGH THREE OF THE MOST THRILLING DAYS OF ENTERTAINMENT KLAMATH FALLS HAS KNOWN

Tough Men With Tender Hearts... Fighting Odds To Be With Women They Love

That's my last five-spot! Remember that... at least till my back is turned!"



GEORGE RAFT ANN SHERIDAN
 IDA LUPINO HUMPHREY BOGART
 "THEY DRIVE BY NIGHT"
 and ANYTHING can happen at night!

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