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News Behind THE NEWS
By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—A British purchasing commissioner walked into the war department the other day to gather preliminary data for an astounding order of \$100,000,000 worth of heavy tanks—the big 40 to 70-ton monsters with which Hitler crushed the French, a species hitherto unknown outside the German ranks.

"But," objected an American war official, "such tanks will tear up your roads."

"They are not for use on our roads," snapped the Briton. "With \$100,000,000 the British can get about 1000 colossal caterpillars. At least a year, probably two, would be required to manufacture them. The only apparent place they could be used is in an invasion of the continent of Europe, say from unoccupied France."

When you hear that this order has been placed you will know the British are making their first preparations for an offensive, a bigger blow than has yet been conceived in warfare, scheduled for the spring of 1942.

BUILDING ONE

To show you what a vast enterprise this tank order involves, American defense now contemplates only one large tank. It is being built by a locomotive company as an experiment. If the experiment is successful some few others may be ordered, but chief reliance is being placed in the 1000 light tanks (20 to 25 tons) to be built by an automobile manufacturer. The plant for making these has not yet been constructed.

STEPS PLANNED

Next planned US step is to furnish ships, fighting and commercial, to Britain. This is the fixed goal of officially inspired anxiety about the British position now being worked up. The credits and munitions talk is apparently just being pointed up now for a long range objective. These steps will follow later. You might reasonably call them the second steps to come.

It is the practice of Washington and London officials to start public discussion early about the things they intend to do next, in order to clear the way of popular opinion easily for the step when it comes. This was done on the planes, the destroyers and the bombers. The method apparently may be expected to continue with no surprises.

OBJECTIONS

Trouble is being encountered among American admirals and shipowners to the proposed first step. Many in the navy object a transfer of war destroyers would unbalance our fleet. They also claim the destroyers can best be operated from American ports, and fear our own ships may be some day turned against us if the British let them fall into German hands. American commercial shipping interests are doubtful about the wisdom of releasing more bottoms to the British in view of our own shortage.

WAR MONEY

Soft talk planted anonymously in the press suggesting the freezing of all foreign investments in this country, comes apparently from a small clique in the treasury headed by Edward Foley, the general counsel (a Corcoranite). Their idea is to freeze German as well as British cash, securities, and investments, then allow use of small portions such as the treasury deems advisable for legitimate purposes. As a matter of practical expectation, they would unfreeze for the British at will, but restrict German use of American cash to prevent financing the Zapps and fifth column network.

Treasury undersecretary, Daniel Bell, and the state department have very quietly resisted the inner movement for the change of policy. It involves a warlike act, the financial and political consequences of which are not foreseeable in advance.

STIFFER
Certain executive officers and a few congressmen who have seen Mr. Roosevelt on international questions lately report his attitude stiffening against intervention. They are basing their conclusion solely on their own interpretation of his general discussions. Whereas they found him anxious to go the limit in earlier days, since election they judge him more inclined to insist upon reasonable caution.

According to the latest figures approximately two of every three pedestrians killed are over 40 years of age.

News of the Theatres

Rainbow Theatre Gets New Marquee



This morning found the Rainbow theatre stripped of its old marquee and workmen juggling steel, glass sections, and neonized patterns, all part of a new, modern sign and marquee. New Wagner silhouette letters and much high intensity neon are features of the new unit installation. Work on the job will require the better part of 10 days, but the theatre will operate on an interrupted schedule.

Theatre Personalities



James (Jimmy) Stephens, manager of the Rainbow and Vox theatres for Rose M. Poole, is the youngest manager serving in the Klamath theatres organization. He arrived in Klamath Falls and took over his duties with the local theatre organization September 1. Jimmy hails from California where his theatrical connections were with Harvey Amusement company and Westside Theatres, Inc. He, with his wife and eight months old boy, lives at 434 North Sixth street. His only real hobbies are hunting and fishing, and he is definitely sold on the Klamath country where game and fish are plentiful, and where mountains are green with firs, pines and fernery instead of granite rock.

Courthouse Records

Decrees
Clara A. Moore versus Jacob Hirvi Jr., and Elvira Hirvi et al. Suit in foreclosure. Plaintiff awarded \$6397.59 and foreclosure of mortgage by default. William Kuykendall, attorney for plaintiff.

Clarence P. Nelson versus Margaret S. Nelson. Plaintiff awarded divorce by default, custody of minor child. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. D. E. Van Vactor, attorney for plaintiff.

Complaints Filed
Blanche A. Thebeau versus Howard Louis Thebeau. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married in San Diego, May 5, 1930. Plaintiff asks custody of minor child. Don F. Hamlin, attorney for plaintiff.

Ernestine Kiecher versus Dwight C. Kiecher. Suit for divorce. Charge, desertion. Couple married Chiloquin, September 3, 1933. Plaintiff asks custody of minor child, property settlement, support money. W. Lamar Townsend, attorney for plaintiff.

Dismissal
County of Klamath versus Robert E. Eaton, et al. Three tax suits dismissed on motion of district attorney.

Justice Court
Clarence Fontaine Bogart. No PUC permit. Fined \$35.

Clarence Fontaine Bogart. Overloading truck and trailer. Fined \$32.20.

Louis Jean Dot. No PUC permit. Fined \$16.20.

A. J. Rogers. Hunting on enclosed land. Fined \$16.20.

DIRTY LETTERS

DANVILLE, Va. (AP)—Police Officer Abbott wants the public to know that he's tired messing around in garbage cans. In one day, he saw seven persons "mail" letters in the shiny new public trash receptacles. All in all, he retrieved about 25 letters after much delving into the banana skins, orange peel and similar refuse.

Unfortunately, there is too much soft living at Harvard; the students are fat and lazy from too much to eat and drink.—Prof. Pitirim A. Sorokin, head of Harvard's sociology department.

At Esquire Opening
ESQUIRE
GALA PREVIEW
OPENING TONITE
YOU ARE INVITED
THREE SHOWS
7:30 9:00 10
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ALTURAS MAN HEADS THREE-FLAGS GROUP

LONE PINE, Calif., Nov. 30 (AP)—J. C. Jarman, Alturas, Calif., was elected last night to head the "Three Flags" Highway association, succeeding Clarence Ludwigs of Walla Walla, Wash.

Fifty delegates concluded the eighth annual convention today with visits to Death Valley and Whitney Portal. Death Valley is the lowest point in the United States, Whitney Portal is on Mt. Whitney, highest point in the country.

The association is designed to promote the affairs of U. S. highway 395, which connects Canada and Mexico. George Palmer Putnam, author and publisher, was the chief speaker at the session, stressing the importance of travel and recreation in the Pacific playground. Delegates urged spending of all federal gas tax money on extensions of highway programs, declaring that there is still a need for better highways in the west.

Other officers elected included Forrest Cooper, Lakeview, Ore., secretary; G. W. Dow, Lone Pine, B. K. Snyder, Lakeview, Howard Ellis, Lone Pine, Roy Rittner, Pendleton, Ore., and E. W. Chism, Reno, vice presidents; and Ludwigs, W. V. Oves, Spokane, Frank Andrews, Minden, Nev., Archie McGowan, Burns, Ore., Sam Pickett, Reno, Joe Riley, Bishop, Calif., Pansy Claggett, Escondido, Calif., U. W. Miller, Los Angeles, Ruby Conningham, Mono Lake, Dr. E. F. Auble, Alturas, W. M. David, Reno, Douglas Joseph, Bishop, E. H. Weaker, Reno, Nelson Higgs, Burns, and Jesse Allen, John Day, Ore., as directors.

BOEING COMPLETES SUPER CLIPPER

SEATTLE, Nov. 30 (UP)—Boeing Aircraft company Friday announced the first of six new super-clippers for Pan American Airways was rapidly nearing completion. The fleet was scheduled for delivery soon after Jan. 1.

The new model carries greater horsepower and more fuel than the present fleet, giving higher speed and longer cruising range. The new clippers will be used on Pacific and Atlantic routes.

Official Ballot

My Choices in the Christmas Window Contest Follow:

1st _____
2nd _____
3rd _____

STORES PARTICIPATING

Bertram's Jewelry Store	Klamath Stationery	Roberts & Roberts
Buster Brown Shoe Store	Klamath Variety Store	Rudy's Men's Shop
Copeland Yards	La Pointe's	Sears, Roebuck & Company
Drew's Manstore	Long's, Inc.	Shaw Stationery
Fluhrer's Bakery	Margot's	Shaw Smith, Shoes and Accessories
Foulger's Beautiful Shoes	Mo's, The Women's Store	Star Drug Store
Garcelon's Electric Shop	Montgomery Ward & Co.	K. Sugarman
Hardenbrook's	J. J. Newberry Company	Town Shop
Kennell-Ellis Artist Photographers	J. C. Penney Company	Wood's Drug Store
Webb Kennett	Dick Reeder's	F. W. Woolworth Company
	Ricky's Jewelry Store	

CONTEST RULES

- One ballot for each person.
- Windows unveiled at 10 a. m., Saturday, November 30
- Contest closes at 9 a. m., Dec. 5.
- Leave your ballot in boxes at the stores or mail to Window Contest, 323 Main street, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Weekend Roundup

SINCE the general election there has been some discussion of a proposal to change the method of electing Klamath county's two state representatives.

At present, each party nominates a candidate for each of the two positions. In the general election, the candidates receiving the two highest totals of votes are elected. At the last election, this method brought into the open the "single-shot" method of supporting one candidate in the field of four, although there is reason to believe that there has been considerable quiet single-shooting in the past.

There is nothing illegal about single-shooting. But it is better practice to vote for two candidates when there are two offices to be filled. Only in that way does the voter perform his full responsibility.

So long as the present method of electing representatives continues, there will be single-shooting, as well as considerable voter confusion over the legislative situation.

One suggestion is that the two legislative positions be separately designated, (Positions Nos. 1 and 2, for instance) and treated as two separate positions on the ballot. Each party would then nominate a candidate for each of the two offices separately, and the general election would be carried out in the same fashion.

The only other solution to the problem, if there is a problem, would be to divide the county into two districts, which does not seem practicable or desirable.

The legislative committee on reapportionment met in Portland this week and made a tentative suggestion for the formation of a fourth congressional district in Oregon, out of the following counties: Douglas, Coos, Curry, Deschutes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lake and Klamath.

At first blush, this appears to be a fairly reasonable proposition. It cuts across the Cascade mountains, but there are good roads and communication lines cutting across the Cascades that make it no such barrier as existed when the old congressional districts were formed.

On the other hand, the new district would divide the old sage-brush fraternity that exists among us folks on this side of the Cascades, now comprising the second district. But maybe us sage-brushers could learn to get along with the folks in Southern Oregon valleys and coast country.

Indications are that there will be no drastic personnel changes when Mayor-elect John Houston succeeds Mayor Clifton Richmond at the first of the year. It is expected that Police Chief Frank Hamm, and probably the other key appointees will continue in office under the new administration.

This is a far cry from the sort of thing that goes on in Europe. Were the Rumanian system followed here, officials of the old regime would do well to escape with their lives, not to speak of their jobs.

Vice-President-elect Wallace's visit caused a riot in Mexico City. And it wasn't by the survivors of all those little pigs that were plowed under, either.

Now comes the silly season when everybody and his brother proclaims an All-American football team.

We distinctly saw two Santa Clauses in the parade Saturday morning. Just who was the impersonator?

CHURCHILL 68
LONDON, Nov. 30 (AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill celebrated his 66th birthday today and received a gift from residents of The Netherlands East Indies of money to purchase seven Spitfires for Britain's defense.

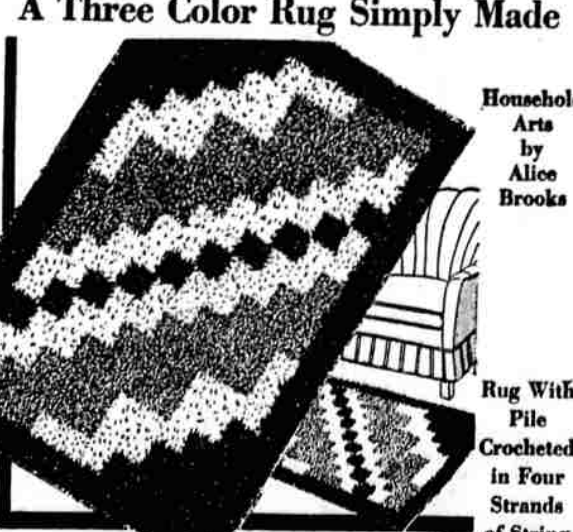
REVERSIBLE GLOVES
Midwestern cornhuskers use reversible gloves, with two thumbs. When one side of the glove is worn out, the extra thumb and reverse side are brought into use.
Try the Classified Ads.

SIDE GLANCES



"Seems funny now, the way we used to kick back home about washing the family car."

A Three Color Rug Simply Made



HOUSEHOLD ARTS BY ALICE BROOKS
Rug With Pile Crocheted in Four Strands of String
PATTERN 6840

This rug, made entirely of squares is appropriate for any room. It's crocheted in an easy loop stitch which can be clipped or not to make a luxurious pile. Pattern 6840 contains instructions and chart for making rug, illustrations of it and of stitches; materials needed; color schemes. To obtain this pattern send 10 cents in coin to The Herald and News, Household Arts Department, Klamath Falls, Ore. Be sure to write plainly your NAME, ADDRESS and PATTERN NUMBER.