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Weekend Roundup

THE prospect of heavy national taxes to finance the expanding defense program casts a shadow across the future. Such a shadow was already there, in fact, because the national government has been on a spending spree for a long time. But now, with defense expenditures mounting steadily, heavy government spending is widely accepted as necessary by persons who looked darkly at federal outlay figures a few months ago. And at the same time, others who have always seemed to think the money for spending could be produced out of a hat like the proverbial rabbit are realizing the hard cash for munitions and planes and cantonments has to come from the taxpayers' pockets.

Hence, it behooves the various secondary taxing units to sit on the lid, and attention in this connection is directed to the statement made here by State Representative Henry Semon that the state should be able to avoid additional taxes for the coming biennium provided the demands are not great for activities outside the budget as it now stands. Mr. Semon is a veteran member of the house ways and means committee and is well informed on state finances. It is to be hoped the additional taxes can be avoided, as he indicates is possible.

Fortunately for our local taxing units, debt problems have been pretty well solved at this time. Intelligent planning and a determination to build up sinking funds that would cushion the shocks of peak maturity years are to be credited for this favorable situation. It was tough, during some of the hard years of the early 'thirties, to keep right on taxing heavily for bond liquidation, but now the wisdom of it all must be realized by everybody. Tax rate reduction has been made generally possible in Klamath county this year because of the decreasing requirements for debt service. That, at least, is a ray of sunshine.

There has grown up here a commendable tendency to finance needed improvements by levies rather than bond issues. If it becomes necessary in the near future to raise extraordinary finances—for airport land acquisition, for instance—that method may well be used again.

Back in the "good old days" fugitives from justice hereabouts did their fleeing on horseback, and the officers of the law did their chasing in the same manner. In this mechanized age, it is all done with automobiles, as was the case the other night when local officers chased an alleged kidnaper to the summit of Quartz mountain.

The police car, it is said, attained a speed of about 85 miles an hour, while the fugitive managed to get 90 or 95 out of his mechanical mount.

In early days, justice was served if the fugitive's horse went lame or took a tumble. Quite often, no doubt, the mount of the pursuing officer suffered that misfortune, and the lawbreaker got away. Good fortune was on the side of the right in the case at hand, however, and the fugitive's car suffered a "vapor lock," permitting his capture.

Any one who has had a vapor lock can imagine just how blue the air was on the summit of Quartz mountain when that happened.

If there is a single word dominating the national consciousness at this moment, it is "More!" More planes, more engines, more tanks, more ships, more arms, more soldiers.

That being the national mood, it is comforting to learn that there are more airports, by 205, than there were last year. Donald H. Connolly, administrator of civil aeronautics, reports that on Jan. 1 there were 2656 airports in the United States and Alaska, including seaplane bases: 788 municipal and 496 commercial airports, 289 CAA intermediate fields, 507 auxiliary fields, 21 naval air stations, 69 army fields, and so on. More than 700 are lighted for night flying.

In addition, many fields have been enlarged, for newer and faster planes require larger fields for high-speed landing and taking off. Two hundred new airfields is impressive for a single year, but it is only a hint of what is to come.

To County Judge Reeder goes the prize for the best wise-crack of the week. Asked about what could be done about a certain citizen whose loquacity has become a topic of widespread conversation, the judge remarked: "Oh, don't blame him. He was vaccinated with a phonograph needle."

Two Escape as Navy Ship Falls

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11 (UP)—A navy scout bomber plane, flying from Oakland, Calif., to the naval air base at Los Angeles harbor, last night crashed near Lancaster, Calif., about 50 miles northeast of here, after the pilot and a passenger parachuted to safety.

Shortly after midnight, the pilot, Ensign F. P. Blakemore, informed the control tower of the Newhall airfield he was lost in a thick fog, could not get his bearings and had only enough gasoline for about another hour.

At 6:38 p. m. (PST), he radioed he and his passenger, Aviation Machinist Mate G. M. Thompson, were taking to their parachutes.

Looking for Bargains? Turn to the Classified page.

Courthouse Records (FRIDAY)

Marriage Application
 SCHORR - KINKLE. Andrew L. Schorr, 20, millworker, resident of Klamath Falls, native of Illinois. Charlotte I. Kinkle, 19, housewife, resident of Klamath Falls, native of Oregon. Three-day requirement waived.

Complaints Filed
 State Industrial Accident commission versus William S. Metler. Plaintiff asks \$411.08, with interest and costs. W. H. Dashney, attorney for plaintiff.
 Lela F. Angus versus Ben L. Angus. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married Norton, Kan., October 9, 1916. Plaintiff asks custody of three minor children, property settlement, support money, attorney fees and costs. U. S. Balentine, attorney for plaintiff.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLOTT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The gentle plaint of business people dealing with the national defense setup so far is that no one anywhere in government seems able to tell them what to do. Red tape is nothing to what they have encountered. They call it a green maze, or a purple labyrinth.

A manufacturer who thought he could make boxes for shells came to Washington and hung around until he was able to see an official of the defense commission who sent him to an officer in the war department. He was told his plan was acceptable and he should write the assistant secretary of war to get an official acceptance. He did, receiving in time a letter advising him to call on a certain officer in Philadelphia. He went to Philadelphia, but found from the officer that the ordinance department handled such matters. Finally finding someone in authority in ordinance he was told such problems should be taken up with the authorities in Picatinny, New Jersey. Taking the train there, he encountered a friendly reception from the officer in charge, who told him they knew all about his plant, but they had no money available. His name was on the list and he would just have to go home and wait. That is what he is now doing.

Similar stories are told every day. Civilian workers in the defense commission know the condition and blame it on army and navy officers schooled by tradition to avoid assuming extra responsibilities wherever possible.

The civilian workers have become so aroused they are demanding that the army and navy be given less responsibility in the new setup.

AID SETUP

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau knew more than he pretended when he casually advised newsmen in advance not to go too strong on the story that a corporation would be created to handle the vast lend-lease enterprise with Britain. His general counsel, Ed Foley, worried inside as head of the drafting board on the final bill.

Associates of Commerce Secretary Jesse Jones lobbied actively in congress to make him head of the enterprise, but the new dealers were just as active against him. Frankly they feared Jones would give the deal a business management which, as they see it, would cut down the amount of aid Britain would get.

NOT FAIR

Official cold water has been sprinkled here and there recently on the talk that Mr. Roosevelt might seize interned German and Italian ships and turn them over to the British. Attorney General Jackson officially squelched a few days back the story that he had prepared an approving legal opinion for the president. Counselors in the state department have made no secret of their opposition to such a course, whether it could be legalized by Jackson or not. Their ground is that it would not be in accordance with the American idea of fair play and therefore could not expect popular approval.

DELICATE JOB

The fireside group around the White House suspects the Hopkins mission to London is conducted primarily with two points: One, what the British are going to do about Irish bases, and two, British war aims. These are matters too delicate to handle on the telephone or through ordinary diplomatic channels.

WILLKIE

While Wendell Willkie has resisted all prodding by questioning newsmen, you may hear considerable from him shortly. Quietly an arrangement has been made for him to speak at the Lincoln day banquet in New York. Some tentative arrangements have been made for addresses out in the country. His folks say he wants to give the republicans the public character of an opposition party and is outlining a working party basis.

MIX-UP

The defense drive has brought many strange sights to Washington, but none more unbelievable than the inclusion of an army officer in the navy. In charge of statistics at the navy department is Colonel Richardson, USA.

GREAT VARIATION

During the mad dashes of Mercury's trip around the sun, the planet's temperature rises several hundred degrees on the side next to the sun, but, on the dark side, remains at about 450 degrees below zero.

SIDE GLANCES



"That bill old J. B. just tossed into the plate looked like a fiver!"

KANSAS BACKS OUT OF SUICIDE PACT

KANSAS CITY, Kas., Jan. 11 (UP)—For years, John E. Rockwell, 64, told police, he and his wife had feared what would happen to her if he died. She was an invalid, always in pain and requiring constant care, with only him in their family to supply it. Recently, he said, they had reached an understanding on what was to be done: he would kill her, then himself, so both would go on together.

Mrs. Rockwell, 62, suffered a back and ankle injury 12 years ago and wore a brace on her spine. Rockwell, a railway auditor, employed a girl to stay with his wife, to whom he had been married 39 years, during the days when he was away. When he was home, he would carry her about, setting her in the sunshine on fair days and comforting her.

Thursday night he took an old five-shot single-action revolver and tucked it under his pillow. For hours they talked. About 4 a. m. she fell into a fitful sleep. "I shot her behind the left ear," he told Assistant County Attorney Thomas P. Palmer, his friend for 22 years.

"She fell on the floor and I thought I intended to put myself away, I was so beset by grief I forgot that."

"Then I called Dr. E. L. Petry, our physician for years. He arrived about 7 o'clock and called police."

Mrs. Rockwell died in a hospital three hours later. Petry was "not at liberty to say" if Mrs. Rockwell was suffering from an incurable disease. Rockwell will be arraigned in municipal court January 21 on a first degree murder charge.

LARGEST BUILDING STONES

In the ruins of the famous Temple of the Sun God, built by the Roman emperor Antoninus Pius, at Balbek, Egypt, are the largest stones ever used for building.

A man fighting for life, other things being equal, will put up a harder battle than a man fighting to keep something he took from somebody else. — Booth Tarkington, novelist.

Emperor?



Louis Napoleon Jerome Victor Emanuel Marie, Count of Montfort, (above), 26-year-old descendant of Emperor Napoleon, was reported as being considered for the throne of France under Nazi sponsorship. He has been living in retirement near Vienna.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 100 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.

OYLER WRITES

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—Regarding the unproved statements concerning the I. W. A. and myself, which have been published to the editor in your paper, by one Mr. Yeoman, I wish to quote Lincoln: "Need I tell you, sir, that to persist in charges which you cannot prove is simply malicious slander."

Rave on, Mr. Yeoman, rave on. You may find yourself judged by these workers, by the actions you take, and the methods you use, sooner than you expect.

A. A. OYLER.

Joe Penner Succumbs to Heart Attack

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10 (UP)—Joe Penner, 36, who won his way into radio, stage and screen stardom by asking if "you wanna buy a duck" and screaming "Oh, you nasty man," died in his sleep yesterday at a Philadelphia hotel.

Although he had been ill with a cold, Penner had been appearing daily in "Yokel Boy," a musical comedy which went on tour after a run on Broadway.

His wife, the former Elinor Mae Vogt, found his body when she returned after a shopping tour.

She summoned a house physician, who pronounced Penner dead and attributed death to a heart attack.

He had complained of feeling ill Sunday night and had spent most of the time between performances resting. He lay down for a nap at 4 p. m. and his wife came home about an hour later.

An immigrant from Hungary, Penner started on his way to stardom as a youth. One of his earliest successes was with the Greenwich Village Follies in 1926. It was in that show he met his wife, who appeared in the cast as one of the dancers.

His duck, which made him famous in the entertainment world, first was introduced to the radio audience, along with the expressions which swept the country.

TEA PLANTS

The tea plant grows to a height of 30 feet in its native state. It is an evergreen tree, which bears long, narrow, leathery leaves, and beautiful white or rose-tinted flowers, followed by woody capsules containing three round seeds each.

DINED FIRST

Each evening in the time of Queen Anne, a trumpeter on the topmost tower of his castle proclaimed to all the world that the chief of Clan McNeill, of the Scottish highlands, had dined and that the rest of the world might now dine also.

COMET SIZES

Comets are incredibly large. Their heads often are a million miles in diameter, while their tails may attain a length of ten million miles.

HELPED HIMSELF

A Los Angeles housewife sued for divorce because her husband never permitted her to buy food nor cook it, but insisted on doing it himself.

Midland Empire News

BONANZA HIGH STUDENTS PICK NEW OFFICERS

BONANZA — Bonanza high has again chosen a new set of rulers for the student body. On Friday the newly elected officers were sworn into office before a thoughtful student body and they will serve the last half of this year and the first half of next.

These officers are: Cole Fitzhugh, president; Billy Drew, vice president; Paul Mossberg, treasurer and Dorothy Jones as secretary. After tryouts before the student body, the student council chose Jean Abraham and Gladys Walker as pep leaders. In their oath of office the new officers promised "I will perform to the best of my ability all the duties required by my office," and those who know them trust that they will.

Bonanza high sends a note of appreciation to the outgoing officers also, who have done their work so well during 1940. These officers are Lawrence Revell, who has held up the title of president as well as anyone could, and Juanita Horsley, vice president, who was an important cog in the student council machine all year. Aline Haley was elected secretary last year but didn't return to BHS for her senior year so Madge Fitzhugh finished out her term. Mildred Heare has been re-elected treasurer twice which proves how well her job was done. Lottie McDonald and Marilee Givan have also served since they were sophomores. They are, respectively, song queen and yell leader. Lottie and Marilee will be remembered especially for the work they have done in building up Bonanza's pep club which is now one of the snappiest pep organizations in Klamath county.

It is interesting to compare the percentage of boys elected this year to that of the 1940 election. For the past year student body President Lawrence Revell was the only boy in the whole set of officers while this year the election returns showed the six offices evenly divided between boys and girls. The offices now stand with president, vice president and treasurer taken by the boys and secretary, song queen and yell leader maintained by the girls.

Bonanza

The Bonanza-Langell valley Home Demonstration group will have their regular meeting at the library building Tuesday, January 14, starting at 10:30 a. m. The meeting will be led by Mrs. Gillen and the subject will be weight control. Roll call will be answered with news from other extension group.

Mrs. Marie DeBolt left again for Annsworth, Neb., last Monday to be with her mother who fell and received a broken leg while Mrs. DeBolt was en route for her home in Bonanza. She had spent the time since the first of September visiting with her mother and returned home Christmas week in order to visit with her daughter Marie Louise who was home for a two-day visit from Emanuel hospital in Portland, where she is in nurses training.

Gloria Hartley returned to Southern Oregon College of Education last week to continue her studies.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hamacker spent the Christmas week visiting in San Francisco with their

daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Grisez. While there they attended the funeral of Roy Hamacker, a nephew of Mr. Hamacker's who passed away on December 23.

A skidding car last Sunday damaged two other cars and broke the porch post and part of the floor and the window of Judge Hamacker's office. It crashed into the cars parked in front of Bill's place, belonging to Merrill Stewart and Gilbert Harrison, sending Harrison's car up onto the porch.

CLASSES RESUMED AT BUTTE VALLEY

DORRIS—After a two weeks' vacation, classes were resumed on Monday, January 6, at Butte Valley high school. The end of the first semester will be Friday, January 24. At the regular meeting of the Camera club held Monday, Dick Fenwick was elected president; Ted White, vice president; Anna Skeen, secretary-treasurer.

On Tuesday the White and Gold staff held a meeting to make plans for the layout of the Butte Valley section in the 1940-41 annual. Tuesday evening the cast of the Junior play held a party in the school auditorium. Some of the students presented a clever skit representing an amateur hour during which each student was called upon to display talent.

On Thursday the Librarians enjoyed a skating party in Klamath Falls.

Keno

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Parsons of Tulelake were callers at the M. H. Parsons home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Ivie have returned from Medford. Mr. Ivie is employed at Howard's dairy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Escheman and Carl Escheman left for their home in Blanca, Colo., after spending the holidays with Mrs. Escheman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pinney.

J. F. Waybrant returned Monday from Ashland where he visited his son Franklin Waybrant and family, former residents of Keno.

On Thursday evening Lee Chase entertained with a chow mein dinner in honor of Miss Marjorie Young who is leaving soon to attend school in Klamath Falls. After dinner he took his guests rollerskating. Those enjoying the evening were Miss Young, Miss Donna Ward, Benjie Kerns and the host, Lee Chase.

Wesley Kangas left New Year's day for Los Angeles for a short visit.

Chester Delap and son Dallas, proprietors of The Dailies Highway store, are spending two months in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Grimes had as their guests over the holidays their sons, Bud and Bill, Learning of Camp Clatsop, and two grandchildren, Bob and Betty Brown of Portland.

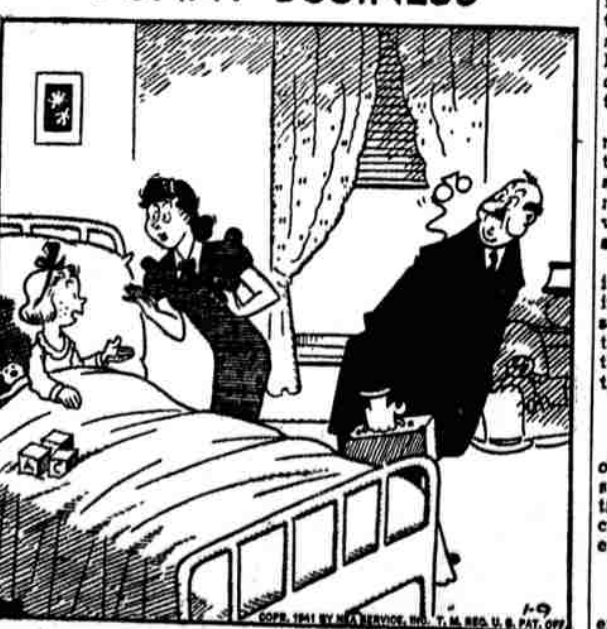
ANALEMMA

The "figure eight" diagram found on globes of the world is known as an analemma, and it is a graduated scale designed to show the equation of time and the apparent declination of the sun for each day of the year.

FIRST ARBOR DAY

Arbor day first was observed in Nebraska in 1872. J. Sterling Morton suggested that one day each year be set aside for tree planting. The occasion now is celebrated on April 22 by Nebraska, but the date varies in different states.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"But, Mother, he's not a real doctor—he didn't make me say 'Ah-h-h!'"

NONE HURT AS BONANZA BUS TURNS TURTLE

BONANZA—One of the largest of the county system's school busses running from Langell Valley to Bonanza school and carrying some 65 school children turned over with all on board Thursday morning on the way to school.

By one of those unexplained mysteries or possibly miracles, no one was severely injured, beyond a few scratches and bumps and some bad fright among the younger ones. One girl, May Lilly suffered most when she wrenched a leg that had been injured before.

Not even any windows were broken, except the windshield, which the driver kicked out when the door on the upper side of the bus jammed, so he could get out to go to the back of the bus and open the emergency door to let the trapped youngsters out.

The accident occurred, according to report, about a mile out of town, just beyond what is known as the Dickson curve. When the driver was slowing down for the curve the front wheels hit a deep chuck hole in the road, washed out by water running off the hill and across the road. The jar somehow sheered off some bolts controlling the steering apparatus, throwing the wheels sideways under the heavy vehicle and unbalancing it so it rolled over. Fortunately it fell toward the upper side of the grade where the soft shoulder prevented more damage. The opposite side of the grade slants off toward the river. The same morning, the other bus that brings children from the opposite side of the valley on another route slid off the road when it tried to get around a truck that was stuck, and had to get help to get the children to school although late.

BONANZA PLANS BOY AND GIRL SCOUT TROOPS

BONANZA—After discussing the question of organizing a Boy and Girl Scout troop in Bonanza, the PTA decided to sponsor the movement. Mr. Don Norlin, principal of the grade school, offered to lead the boys' group and Miss Ruby Arnett, teacher, and Mrs. Wesley Carter of Langell Valley, volunteered to lead the girls' group. Further details of the movement will be acted on when the PTA meets on January 21.

The PTA is also looking into the possibility of obtaining more adequate playground equipment to accommodate the increasing enrollment at the school. Mrs. John Ross, Mrs. E. V. Ayres and Mrs. Sherwood Barnum were appointed as the committee to investigate the matter.

MORSE PREDICTS EXTENSION OF FAIR LABOR ACT

EUGENE, Jan. 11 (AP)—Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Portland Oregonian, today was elected president of the Oregon Press conference. He succeeds W. Verne McKinney, co-publisher of the Hillsboro Argus. George S. Turnbull, professor of Journalism, was re-elected secretary.

The fair labor standards act, passed in June, 1938, to protect the health and efficiency of labor and to halt unfair competition in interstate commerce, has aided the nation in upholding its high standard of living, Dean Wayne L. Morse, law school head and coast maritime arbitrator, told the delegates.

The people must have the money to buy the goods advertised in the newspaper, he said, and predicted that within the next decade the government would enact legislation to guarantee an annual minimum wage. "An enlightened people will insist on a fair standard of living, and if they don't get it," he said, "democracy cannot be maintained. Work programs, such as they have in Germany, would be the alternative."

UNLUCKIEST CARD

The unluckiest card in a pack of playing cards is the eight of spades, according to superstition. Napoleon Bonaparte ascribed his defeats to its influence.

WISDOM WITH YOUTH

According to statistics, younger sons of families are better equipped with brains than elder brothers. Caesar and Lincoln are examples.