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Weekend Roundup

THIS newspaper is inclined to agree with those who hold that there is no need now for establishment of a state "home guard" to replace the national guardsmen recently called into army service. Legal authority for the formation of a home guard may be advisable by the legislature, which does not meet for another two years, but actual setting up of such an organization need not be undertaken at this time. The home guard would call for a considerable outlay of hard-to-find cash. There are no apparent prospects of general disorder that would require the services of a new organization and that could not be handled by the present state or federal forces.

Cooperation of selective service registrants in the two Klamath board areas has been consistently good. Recalcitrant and trouble-making attitudes have been displayed by only one or two men among the thousands on the lists here. There has been a general disposition to follow instructions implicitly, and only a few of the registrants have failed to keep the board informed of their whereabouts as they move about. Because of the time that is elapsing before the board finds it necessary to contact many of the men, this "tracing" problem may become more serious and draftees are being urged to continue their present high degree of cooperation. This information, coming from the selective service offices, is a tribute to the calibre of young men in this community.

It's always dangerous to brag about the weather, but we can't restrain ourselves after Friday's balmy conditions, followed by a refreshing spring-like rain Friday night and Saturday morning. Elsewhere there is still a lot of misinformation being bandied about concerning Klamath weather. It is described as "extreme" and "tough" if not downright cruel. We believed this truck before coming to Klamath county. Now that we've been through a few winters hereabouts, we challenge it emphatically. The weather here has just enough of the "bad" in it to make it interesting.

A few hardy souls hereabouts are trying to keep up with the bills introduced in the legislature. They report a growing confusion of mind.

The attempted Nazification of France and the other conquered countries of Europe is a fascinating spectacle. A connected series of reports of isolated incidents would make fantastic and rather wry reading. A head lopped off here because somebody cheered the wrong parade, a concentration camp sentence there because somebody wore the wrong lapel button.

Now from Paris comes the officially authenticated report (via Berlin) that 50 persons have been arrested in Paris cafes for gossiping, or "spreading alarming reports." Gossip is probably not the best of occupations, but so long as it was not personal or vindictive, it has usually been regarded as harmless. Now it has been made a crime against the state.

Life with never a moment of relaxation, of triviality, of inconsequence—that is a pretty grim wave of the future. We suspect that eventually it will wind people up so tight that they'll just go "pop" like an old clock-spring.

STABBING CHARGE DROPPED BY JURY

PORTLAND, Feb. 1 (U.P.) — Hans Knecht, 34, was absolved by the Multnomah county grand jury Friday of a charge of first degree murder growing out of the fatal stabbing of Mrs. Irene Ike in an altercation over a pet bulldog.

Knecht said that he was engaged in an argument with James Rutherford, friend of the woman, over her dog in the hallway of their apartment house when Mrs. Ike appeared brandishing a knife. He tried to take the knife away, Knetch said, and in the scuffle the woman was fatally stabbed.

Knetch, who had been held in jail without bail since the night of the tragedy, was released from custody when the not true bill was returned.

The first comprehensive automobile road maps made their appearance at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1914.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1—These hoax S O S radio messages—like the one which fooled the world into believing the Empress of Australia had been sunk—have baffled this government's ether detectives. That particular message was picked up on short wave by one radio receiver in Florida. S O S signals are never sent shortwave. A special distress band is reserved for them. Short wave carries long distances whereas distress signals are directed to ships nearest at hand.

There is no telling where that one came from. The message, as usual, was so short that the receiver had no time to arrange a cross line to take bearings on the direction from which it came. It could have come from a nearby amateur station or from a German ship at sea—but not from Germany.

Accepted belief is that German submarines have been responsible for all these hoaxes in which the location of the sinking ship is given. The strategy is to lure rescue ships in for torpedoing.

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CONCESSIONS

Concessions willingly granted by Mr. Roosevelt on the lease-lend bill are only half of what will come. Just as many more will have to be made in the senate. What the opposition lost in the house on restricting convoys will be made up in the senate. But these will be trimmed again in the final form to be written in the last conference of the house and senate. The administration knows this, is giving a little at a time, will trim the final form to suit all major White House purposes.

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CHINESE SHAKEUP

Well censored drips of news from China and Moscow have indicated General Chiang Kai-Shek was committing national hari-kari by disbanding his fourth army in the face of the enemy. Fact-matter is he was just committing hocus pocus.

The Chinese grapevine to officialdom here recounts that Chiang was merely shaking a few Russian flies off his flag in a very subtle gesture. The fourth army had been spreading good old Stalin propaganda among peasants in the area in which it was located, even to the extent of promising them specific parcels of land thereabouts when the war is over. Chiang's chief of staff decided to move this pure-communist branch of the army to a less fertile area. The general in charge, Yeh Ting, declined to go. Chiang ordered him courtmartialed and the army disbanded.

Chinese explanation is that Stalin used Yeh Ting as a tool to find out what he is going to get out of the thousand or more planes and valuable war materials he has been secretly furnishing the Chinese. Chiang's drastic response suggested Stalin would not get much, but you had better not bet too heavily on that.

We too are starting to back Chiang heavily. The lease-lend bill now pending, will open the way for greater aid. It might just be possible that Chiang realized his anti-communist gesture would create a very happy impression in Washington.

The gesture will not materially hurt the Chinese cause. Russia must continue to furnish Chiang with aid or leave the entire Pacific sphere in the hands of its ancient enemy, Japan.

Thus the United States and Stalin are likely to continue as co-backers of China. (One or the other is going to be greatly disappointed at the end of this war.)

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LINDY

Don't throw too many things at Colonel Lindbergh yet. At the first break, he is slated to be in there fighting in the army air corps. Lindbergh is a full colonel of reserves. About 40,000 of the 117,000 reserve officers are now on active duty; more are being called daily; all will be summoned at the first emergency.

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FORGOT SPEECHES

The inaccuracy of official announcements continues to appall accurate newsmen. The state department announced January 30 to the text of a speech Lord Halifax is supposed to have made January 24 to the president, and the president's reply. It makes big reading, but it was never delivered. Upon the application of pressure, authorities will admit Roosevelt and Halifax were so busy exchanging personal views they forgot to deliver their set speeches.

SIDE GLANCES

"What do you mean, 'Now look pretty'!"

HOWELL RETURNS FROM CAR MEET

Returning from a meeting with George H. Pratt, general sales manager of the Hudson Motor company, held at the Benson hotel in Portland, Friday, H. L. Howell, of Jacobs-Howell Motor company, Hudson dealer for this territory, declared that Hudson will immediately launch one of the most aggressive pre-spring merchandising drives the company has yet undertaken in preparation for what is believed will be the most active early spring market the automobile industry has yet known. The meeting was one of 51 similar gatherings now being held throughout the country, Pratt said.

Courthouse Records

FRIDAY

Complaint Filed

Robert L. Allenby versus Effie Grace Allenby. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married in Klamath Falls, June 27, 1932. Plaintiff asks custody of two minor children. Clarence Humble, attorney for plaintiff.

Arraignments

James Q. Anderson. Second degree murder. Took time to plead. February 4 set as date for plea.

Rex Gaunt and O. T. Anderson. Assault armed with a dangerous weapon. Pleaded not guilty. Anderson posted bond of $2500.

During October, 1940, 5,560,709 automotive pneumatic casings were shipped. Of this number 140,025 were exported.

HIGH SCHOOL

News Notes and Comment

By June Michelson

"The Persecuted Maiden or Coises Foiled Again," a rousing melodrama with an all-boy cast, will be the star attraction of the dramatics department variety show scheduled for February 28.

One half hour play, several skits, and various speciality numbers will be included on the huge variety program.

Profits from the show will be used for equipment in the Little Theatre and the dramatics department, according to Mrs. B. B. Blomquist, dramatics instructor.

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Although not all the money needed has been raised from the Boys' Alliance magazine subscription drive, the football time clock will be purchased, according to "Buck" Hammer, Boys' Alliance advisor.

Several school organizations plan to donate money, and the alliance will make up the difference.

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One girl from each senior home room has been appointed to measure seniors for commencement caps and gowns.

On the committee are Betty Knowlton, Betty Ray, Marjean Thomas, Ellanor Woods, Elsie Brahe, Bettilu Cramer, Carol Mayfield, and Geneva Hollis.

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The army and the navy each had its day at KUHS. On Thursday all the boys and the men teachers heard Horn, a Portlander, speak on the navy. He was introduced by Frank J. MacDonald, local navy recruiting officer.

Horn urged boys to finish their educations before they entered the navy, for although they are eligible to enlist at 17, if their educations are not complete they will be required to finish anyhow.

Later two movies, one on navy training schools, the other entitled, "Eyes of the Navy," were shown.

Robert Prause, ensign in the United States coast guard from Seattle, spoke and two motion pictures, one showing a coast guard academy and the other "Coast Guards Cruise to South America" were shown.

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Miss Virginia West has rented a planette which now graces her Spanish classroom covered with a colorful serape.

Miss West accompanies her classes while they sing Spanish songs from "Cantemos" (We Sing) books.

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In the Near Future: Monday—Home Economics club will sponsor a free movie for the Girls' league. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday — Counselors Dorothy Schupp and Donald Ross will contact freshmen. Friday—Pep assembly and "Get Acquainted" day followed by all-school dance from 4 to 6 o'clock.

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Detail concerning the fifteenth National Student contest, which offers for first prize a trip to Europe or South America, or if the trip is impossible, a $500 scholarship to a college or university of the winner's choice, are posted on the bulletin board in the main hall.

The national high school examination is based on three pamphlets: "Essential Facts Underlying World Organization"; "The Covenant of the League," and "A Study of Organization of Peace." April 4 is the date set for the exam.

Additional national prizes, college scholarships, and local awards are also offered.

Succeeded on Death

John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Andrew Johnson, Chester A. Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, and Calvin Coolidge became head of the United States government through the death of the president during their terms as vice president.

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