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## Comment in Brief

**NO EFFORT** was spared by the chamber of commerce and the local army hospital committee in giving all desirable assistance to the 30th infantry as it moved 1600 men in nearly 300 motor vehicles through Klamath Falls Friday morning.

Numerous advance details were arranged by the chamber of commerce, which has been in touch with officers of the 30th infantry for several weeks with regard to movement through here. Further arrangements were made after the regiment's supply officer came in Thursday and conferred with the chamber for added local assistance.

The community has good reason to be proud of the efforts being made to cooperate locally with the national defense units which are routed through this territory. It is a patriotic enterprise, and it is civic activity at its best. The Dalles-California highway seems to be a favored route for military movements, and this community is prepared to give the maximum of local assistance whenever the opportunity arises.

It is good news that the Klamath county court has made substantial progress already in developing plans for improvements on the Sprague River road this year.

Members of the court said Thursday, after reading comment on the road in this column yesterday, that there are strong probabilities the road can receive such permanent improvement this year as to prepare it, at least, for oiling between the Lakeview highway and Sprague River. Plans along this line began shaping up at the first of the year.

It is highly possible Sprague River people will have less difficulty next winter in getting to the Lakeview highway than in any past season. We hope so. Further, we hope that in the not too distant future the Sprague River road can be brought into the state secondary system.

It's not pleasant to complain, but perhaps complaint will help to prevent a repetition of the puzzling and bothersome delays which have occurred in connection with Klamath's street signal system.

To recap briefly, the state highway commission authorized a call for bids on these signals last fall, then rejected all bids as unsatisfactory. Nothing was done again until a few weeks ago, when it was stated the new bids would be opened in April. Now comes word that pressure of other matters has made it necessary to postpone opening the bids until May.

Specifications are not prepared and bids are not opened in the out-of-doors, and there was really nothing about the winter weather that could have prevented getting all these inside details out of the way so that actual construction could have started in the spring. Instead, this has yet to be done, and Klamath Falls isn't likely to have stop and go signals before mid-summer, if not much later than that.

Now that May has been set as the time for bid-opening, nothing should be permitted to prevent the procedure from coming off at the May date.

The election at which Klamath voters authorized a levy to finance traffic signals occurred so long ago that many people have forgotten the signals are actually authorized.

## OBITUARY

### ABNER MCNAIR

Abner McNair, a resident of Bly, Ore., for the past 18 years, passed away near that city on Wednesday, March 28. The deceased was a native of California, and was aged 80 years when called. He is survived by two sons, Vard and Dale of Beatty, Ore.; two daughters, Ruth McNair of Portland, Ore. and Barbara of Beatty, Ore.; one brother, Alfred, of Sprague River, Ore. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 325 High street, where friends may call after 4 p. m. Friday. Notice of funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.

Fishing Boots, Waders, Fishing Jackets—Gun Store, 714 Main.

## SIDE GLANCES



"Here comes Mrs. Needle with that half-pound of butter she borrowed six weeks ago—I wonder what she wants this time!"

# NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

**WASHINGTON, March 28—**The series of strikes disrupting the defense program and sabotaging Mr. Roosevelt's course may seem to those on strike to involve issues as important as life itself. To a disinterested bystander, they seem to involve only superficial technicalities.

In an effort to present succinctly the points at issue, in half a dozen of the outstanding conflicts, I consulted the least partisan sources of expert information in the government, and received the following studied advice:

**VANADIUM**—This bottleneck strike, holding up production of a particular kind of steel necessary for machine tools (the very center of defense effort) involves the company's right to hire six non-union guards. The union claims this violates their contract, as it probably does. The company claims the guards are a part of management, not labor.

**UNIVERSAL CYCLOPS**—The employees claim the company pays about \$6.50 a ton below its competitors, and want a wage increase.

**BETHLEHEM**—The company wants to foster the employee representation plan (company union) ordered disbanded 19 months ago by the national labor relations board. A decision against Bethlehem has been appealed by the management to the courts.

**INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER**—A union in which suspected communist elements are controlling, has demanded recognition of its setup in all plants. The NLRB has certified it as the bargaining union in only two of six plants.

**ALLIS-CHALMERS**—It was all settled over a month ago but at the last minute Sidney Hillman, Mr. Roosevelt's co-director of defense, attempted to interpret the agreement that had been reached. His interpretation was not satisfactory to anyone and if he had kept his mouth shut the strike would be settled today.

**MIDLAND STEEL**—An increase in pay has been demanded for the 20,000 who are working on a piece basis.

## SERIOUS COMPLAINTS

You can see from this impartial summary of the contentions that those who are doing better business in the United States are serious about their complaints. Yet few of their contentions would be accepted as vital by a guiding government source. As a whole the complaints foster the suspicion that the strikes have been contrived by someone who does not have the final interest of labor at heart. Suppose, for an instance, that all the complaints in these half dozen most important strikes were resolved in favor of labor, the victory would not be important. If I were a communist bent on ruining Mr. Roosevelt's plan I would favor the strikers.

It is unfortunate that we have no central control capable of meeting such a diverse and nationally important development in the defense program. The president has indicated no inclination to take note. We cannot expect congress to do it without leadership. It seems we are in for an inane period of more of the same.

Labor no doubt has the right to strike and protect itself out the public has a greater right. It has the right of protection and in this case it has the right of a fair allocation of wages and working arrangements. But no one in the government or elsewhere is advocating the cause of the public. The only strong advocacy comes from the parties involved.

It is not a question of how many men are on strike, as Mr. Roosevelt says, but the fact that

## NOW PLAYING

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Forced landing in jungle! ... Twelve marooned! ... Only five can escape! ... WHICH FIVE? ... What a climax! ... Wait till you see!

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## Spring Song



## Merrill

**MERRILL**—The young folks of the Christian Endeavor class of the Presbyterian church enjoyed a swimming party at Klamath Falls Tuesday night. They followed up the swim with a Weiner roast and bonfire at the gravel pit near Merrill.

Lawson and Ivan Kandra, students at Oregon State college, returning home for the spring vacation decided to farm this spring rather than return to school. They will resume classes at the opening of the fall term.

Shasta View grangers, guests of the Merrill grange Monday night, held chairs of the local grange, conducted the meeting and presented a program under the direction of the lecturer, Mrs. Johnson. In addition to 21 guests from Shasta View were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wicklander, Wicklander, state deputy and Mrs. Wicklander both spoke briefly, and Graydon Broyles sang two tenor solos.

Merrill grange served refreshments.

## Courthouse Records

### THURSDAY

Justice Court  
Edsel Trusty, no operator's license. Fined \$5.50.

Frank Farris, illegal possession of intoxicating liquor. Sentence of six months in jail and \$500 fine suspended provided defendant leave the state.

Merlin Chocktoot, disorderly conduct. Ten-day sentence suspended provided he leave Klamath Falls.

Kenneth H. Heathershaw, no operator's license. Fined \$5.50. William Roscoe Boyd, no operator's license. \$5.50.

## RUMMAGE SALE

The Junior auxiliary of the American Legion scheduled a rummage sale to be held Friday and Saturday at the Legion hall in Klamath Falls from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

## MUST END SATURDAY

Pictured by the men who gave you "GRAPES OF WRATH"

TOBACCO ROAD

Directed by JOHN FORD

PINE TREE

When it comes to history, the average school kid is willing to let bygones be bygones.

## Saturday Midnight Matinee!

DOORS OPEN 11:30 P. M. — ADMISSION, GENERAL 40c — LOGES 55c

GRAND PREVUE SHOWING OF OF THAT EXCITING JACK LONDON ADVENTURE STORY OPENING SUNDAY



Alexander Knox - Gene Lockhart

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## MEDIATORS TO HEAR 4 CASES

**WASHINGTON, March 28 (U.P.)**—Clarence A. Dykstra, chairman of the national defense mediation board, last night ordered immediate board action in four labor disputes holding up armaments production.

The disputes were turned over to the board earlier in the day by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, who said that normal efforts to end the walk-outs had been unavailing. It was the first time the recently established board had been called into action.

## Plants Named

The disputes involve strikes at four International Harvester company plants, the Universal Cyclops Steel company, Bridgeville, Pa., the Vanadium Corporation of America, also at Bridgeville, and the Condenser Corporation of America, South Plainfield, N. J.

Dykstra issued his instructions by telephone from his Madison, Wis., home, to Board Secretary Ernest P. Marsh. He told Marsh to arrange for Vice-Chairman William H. Davis to begin work tomorrow morning in an effort to settle the controversies.

Marsh, disclosing the action, said that Davis was in New York tonight but that he was returning to the capital at once. He said the board probably would be broken up into "panels" to consider the cases, with a representative of management, labor and the public sitting on each panel.

The same panel probably will consider the Vanadium and Cyclops cases because of "geographical considerations," he said. Both plants are in the same town. Separate panels will be set up for the Harvester and Condenser corporation cases.

## Secretary Criticized

Marsh said that "no decision has been reached by the board" on attempts to keep the plants open during settlement negotiations but added that, in his opinion, such action was likely.

Miss Perkins, now on the west coast, gave orders by telephone that the disputes should be certified to the new board. Earlier in the day, she had been criticized on the senate floor for failing to turn over any strikes to the board and for absenting herself from the capital during a labor crisis.

The board was given its first opportunity to function as other government chieftains considered remedial steps in connection with the strike at the Milwaukee plant of the Allis-Chalmers corporation.

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