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Weekend Roundup

MIDLAND Empire housewives might start looking around for old aluminum they are willing to contribute to the country's defense effort.

July 21 to 29 are the dates set tentatively for the state aluminum campaign, and Klamath county will have a part in the general effort. The idea is to get together all the aluminum utensils and other articles which can be contributed without the necessity of replacing them with new pieces.

A central collection point will be named and arrangements made to facilitate the contributions. The scrap aluminum will be used in making airplanes and other defense manufacturing. Klamath's loyal citizens will want to do their share in this program.

What has been said about the acute danger of fire this year due to high grass and weed stands was conclusively proved in the blaze that burned over Hogsback mountain and threatened the suburbs this week.

Whole areas of grass and weeds literally exploded when touched off by the wind-blown flames. They whipped with lightning speed up the mountainside and to the edge of the settlements south and east of town. It was a miracle that more damage was not done than the grain fields burned over, a barn and windmill destroyed, and large areas of grazing land blackened.

The narrow escape of more valuable property should provide a lesson to all of us.

A correspondent writing on this page today gives an idea of how a serious-minded resident of the suburbs felt when he saw the fire on a rampage. He also raises some pertinent questions.

We have made some inquiries about the fact the fire started near the city dump, and learn that there is no conclusive evidence that the blaze in the dump itself was responsible. Certainly no chance should ever be taken with this perpetual fire.

There is a well-founded report that two boys in a car were seen on the road where the blaze started, and it was only a short time thereafter that the flames were discovered. Investigators are of the opinion this may be the real clue to the origin of the conflagration.

This year's unusually high moisture may have postponed the fire season, but it made the danger unusually serious once the dry season got underway.

The whole countryside is matted with dry grass and weeds. Every vacant lot is covered. There has been some controlled burning, but that is highly dangerous and must not be attempted without the direction of competent fire-fighting authorities. The city fire department has been proceeding with this work inside the city limits.

The best the ordinary citizen can do is to obey every rule of law and common sense. If every individual will resolve not to be responsible in any way for the start of a fire, no fire will start. That's a mighty good resolution to make.

The "yoo-hoo" wrangle, having to do with the punishment meted out to a group of soldiers who shouted to shorts-clad girls on a golf course, is strictly out of place in congress.

The general who ordered the 15-mile hike for the offending soldiers may be overly tough, but it's his business to enforce discipline and such a minor incident doesn't call for congressional interference.

As a matter of fact, a congress that for many years has been amazingly lax about interfering with things that are part of its legitimate business looks pretty bad when it sticks its nose into an affair that is definitely out of its scope.

A gripping drama is being enacted in a local hospital room where Thurmon Wilson, federal officer of the Indian service, is staging a valiant fight for life.

Officer Wilson has two bullet holes completely through his chest. One lung is collapsed. One of the bullets is lodged in his arm.

He lost a great deal of blood in the long trip from Beatty to Klamath Falls after the gunplay in which he was wounded. His wounds were such that first aid could not be effectively applied.

And yet, the last word is that he is making headway—news that is universally welcomed. Scores of men were ready to give blood transfusions to the young officer, and a host of friends are "pulling" for the miracle which will mean recovery. —M. E.

Rodeo Films on Screen at Wards

During the coming week 300 feet of color film of the Klamath rodeo will be shown on request at the camera department of Ward's Klamath store. The films were shot by Emel Pearson, of the store staff, during the three days of the rodeo, and provide a colorful picture of the Klamath country's big annual show.

FUNERAL

HENRY PORTER KING
 The funeral service for the late Henry Porter King, who passed away in this city Thursday, July 10, 1941, took place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street, on Saturday, July 12, at 2 p. m. The service was under the auspices of the IOOF lodge 137.

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Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 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.

THE FIRE DANGER

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—"Fire Blackens Hills, Burns Barn, Windmill."

So the caption stated. People looked—read—murmured, "How awful," then turned to the funnies. But in those homes by the blackened hills and in that house by the smoldering barn, people weren't that casual. You couldn't be, when you'd stop for a moment and have the truth come rushing up to meet you, of how close you'd come to being burned out yourself.

You who were safe, miles away, watching the blaze and smoke, can't imagine the sickening feeling that "hit" me when I topped the little hill before my home and looked down on the blackened area, flames, sweating, hard-fighting fellows, putting forth their every ounce of energy to save a stranger's home. Women, too, were doing their share, working side by side with the men.

After dusk had fallen and everyone had gone to his or her home, and I was alone once more, I was watching the spot fires on the hill above me, when questions started chasing themselves through my head. How? Why?

Looking through the paper of Wednesday evening, an article there informs us that it started from the city dump. Doesn't it seem odd to you that the city would let weeds and dead grass make the perpetual fire of the dump such a hazard? What's wrong with a back-fire?

Today rumor has it that they were back-firing and that's how the fire started. It got away from them. Tch. Tch. Looks to me like the next time they burn weeds in the city they'd better call in some of the country boys. Sincerely though, folks, was it necessary? Or did it "have to happen." Need those grain fields have burned; those 3 hay stacks; Mrs. Staub's water supply; her barn and garage; numerous people's fences. Or was it careless?

So you see why I can't help that little sneer that's in my smile as I read tonight's newspaper article, and think of all the things that article covers, "Fire Blackens Hills, Burns Barn, Windmill."

M. HASSETT, Homedale Road.

In the past two and one-half years the number of our civilian pilots has increased 225 per cent and our civil airplane production has increased 235 per cent.

Quiet people aren't the only ones who don't say much.

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MARTHA SHOPS FOR OPINIONS

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left. At first I thought it was a trash fire, then that it must be a blazing haystack. Finally I saw an attractive white farmhouse with flames shooting from the roof near the chimney.

Turning the car at the side-road and dashing down to the house took just a minute. And then I was carrying big chairs and mattresses and things out of the house and dumping them on the lawn with the flick of a finger. It's amazing how much strength one has when necessary.

The last I saw of the house it was oozing flames from every opening. There was nothing more I could do, because scores of neighbors had arrived before the fire reached the downstairs and I didn't even know who lived there.

I took a look at the mailbox by the road. Saw Sam Enman's name. And hurried on, because by that time I really was late.

Now, however, I was mighty curious to see what the Enmans had done during the two years since the fire. So I stopped at the house, introduced myself to Mr. Enman, was taken in to meet Mrs. Enman formally for the first time, and shown throughout the new building.

When I left I told Mrs. Enman that she couldn't be too sorry that the house had burned. This one is larger and more modern. And has so many man-savers and time-savers that it must be a joy to keep up.

"We don't think we'll have another fire," Sam Enman told me. (I looked to see if his fingers were crossed.)

He showed me the brick construction, the metal and concrete window frames and sashes. And indicated a sample of the thick Johns-Manville asbestos shingles that form a roof which can never burn or wear out.

I'm afraid my visit caused the Enmans a late dinner, because when I was on the highway again I discovered it was after

Defense Bond Quiz

Q. If I have several defense savings bonds, or one bond of large denomination, may I obtain part of my money should I need it, and leave part invested?

A. Yes. For example, a Series E bond may be redeemed on demand at any time after 60 days from date of issue, payable at its cash redemption value. Upon payment in part, the remainder will be reissued and will be of the date of the original bond.

Q. Can I get my defense stamps money back, if I suddenly need it?

A. Yes. Owner may redeem at any time.

Note: To buy defense bonds and stamps, go to the nearest post office or bank, or write to the treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., for an order form.

Big Crowd Sees 48 Klamath Men Leave for Army

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, July 12 —

Eden and Losovsky have been hinting they have seen some evidence of a political break developing within Germany. Both the British foreign minister and the soviet foreign commissar are talking publicly about a rupture "between the government and the army, and the army and the people."

Behind these expressed hopes apparently is the same information received here, no doubt on the same grapevine. Hitler and Goering wanted to go after Britain now instead of Russia. The army insisted on Russia first, and won the argument.

There is unfortunately no factual reason to hope that this "break" will hasten a nazi political collapse any more than the break between Mr. Roosevelt and Senator Wheeler will seriously injure domestic political morale. The army is in control in Germany and will continue so until it has plainly lost the war. Then someone will provide Hitler and Goering with a pistol, or hold it for them, and a new regime will take over to sue for peace. That is the customary way.

The facts so far only indicate the army decided Russia was a sure conquest, while Britain was not. If an attack on Britain failed, all would be lost, but the easier attack on Russia could still be followed by invasion of Britain at any time. It was a question of military tactics, and the politicians gave way.

Down deeper among the German people there is plain evidence of dissatisfaction with the war, but no possibility of revolt. There could be no successful revolt anyway as long as army morale remains flushed to its highest point of victories.

But deterioration of civilian morale is plainly developing. The nazi win battle after battle but the war goes on, and no tangible advantages have yet reached the people. The standard of German living (except for bulges when the nazis picked up booty such as hogs and dairy products in Denmark) is depreciating. Casualties are going up. Hans and Fritz have been away from home two and a half years, and yet there is no indication of their victorious return. The pain of sacrificing, regulations, rations, goes on, but under a military regime it can go on a long time before it reaches the point for which Eden and Losovsky are longing.

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SIDE GLANCES



"I'll be a senior in chemistry next fall, and dad says a summer in a drug store is just what I need!"

tions had produced no settlement as this column went to press (another meeting between the union and the board was being held) yet the labor board had persistently declined to think of turning the dispute over for settlement to the agency Mr. Roosevelt has established to supercede it, in a way.

While the workers thus have no redress against this ex-bon-champion-of-labor, there is said to be no probability now of a strike. If there is a single strike the rearming nation could well afford, it might be a strike against the labor board. Mr. Roosevelt certainly would not call out the troops to occupy the labor board. The strike thus could be won.

But the union leaders who have been dickered unsuccessfully with the board are extraordinarily patient men. They even conspired with the board to maintain in secrecy their just grievances. Hence they were dismayed that what they had said in their own news magazine about the board being anti-union, was published in this column.

Apparently the board's refusal to deal satisfactorily with its own labor may be traced at least partly to loss of internal morale. Lawyers and other employees have been moving out of that organization, transferring to other government departments and to private life. The era of the labor board seems to be waning.

Farmhouse Razed by Fire Friday Night
 A farmhouse and all its contents were destroyed by fire Friday night a mile and a half west of the Merrill highway near Mac's store.

D. M. "Doc" Daugherty and his son, who occupied the house, were away from home when the fire broke out about 9:30 p. m. The flames attracted neighbors from as far as the Merrill-Lakeview highway junction but they were unable to do more than put out sparks that threatened out-buildings nearby. One chair was removed from the house but it later burned in the yard.

Frank Phillips, who leased the place to Daugherty, said the house was built only seven months ago and that Daugherty had several hundred dollars worth of furniture in the place. No insurance was carried, Phillips said.

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