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Farm Wages Up

SUBSTANTIAL increases will be made in the wages paid to men working the harvest of Klamath's big potato crop this year.

Despite several years of low prices and none too rosy prospects for the present year, the potato growers of the Klamath area have upped wages to a point where they must be attractive to laborers even in these times.

At 2 1/2 cents a 60-pound sack, a good potato picker can make excellent daily wages. Farmers say that these wages are better than can be made in other agricultural industries employing transient and semi-transient labor, such as hops and berries.

Unlike many industries where wage increases have followed revenue gains, the farmers must set their wages ahead of time and their revenue prospects are definitely uncertain. But they recognize the increased living costs of the present period and the realistic features of the labor situation. It is to be hoped they find an ample supply of competent labor for harvesting Klamath's major cash crop, and, furthermore, that market and price conditions become such as to make it possible for them to meet the increased costs and make a fair profit.

That Depot Mailbox

EVERY community has certain peculiar customs of its own. One such in this community is to post mail at the depot mailbox.

This box is for the convenience and use of people with mail that can be posted only at the last minute before a train leaves, and is too late for posting at the postoffice where the train mail is made up.

But postal officials say that a lot of Klamath people simply make the depot box their postoffice. They mail in it for hours before a train leaves, and some actually drive by the postoffice to place mail in the box at the depot.

The result is serious congestion in the depot box and a complaint from the railway mail service. The railway clerks don't like the idea of working the entire Klamath mail, which is supposed to be worked at the postoffice. The situation has gotten so bad there is a possibility the depot box may be removed, which would deprive local people of the convenience of a last-minute mailing place.

The rule to follow is this: if you have mail to go north in the evening and can mail it before 8:30 p. m., take it to the postoffice. It will go north all right.

If you can't possibly make it to the postoffice by 8:30 o'clock, use the depot box.

It's the night northbound mail that is causing the difficulty.

Scholarships for Miners

A NEW scholarship has just been established at the University of Illinois. We don't know whether it has a specific name, but it ought to be called the American Scholarship. There is something deeply American about it.

This scholarship goes to some young miner now actually working at that trade, or the son of such a miner. The Illinois Mining Institute has set up a series of such scholarships in order to provide mining engineering training to young men most likely to profit by it.

It was Woodrow Wilson in "The New Freedom" who said something to the effect that if a country is good for those who are on the make, it doesn't matter so much how it is for those who are already made.

Every time someone opens up an opportunity like this for young men on the make, we feel proud that we are in and of America.

Ford's First Plastic Auto Unveiled on 'Dearborn Day'

DEARBORN, Mich., Aug. 14 (UP)—Ford Motor Company officials last night unveiled Henry Ford's first plastic automobile.

The showing came as a surprise at the annual "Dearborn day" celebration and capped 12 years of research of 29 young scientists whom Ford had commissioned to find out about "using agricultural products in industry."

Steel Saved

The sleek car, mounted on a tubular-welded steel frame, has a super-structure composed entirely of a plastic fiber, a material said to be superior to steel in everything but tensile strength.

Its manufacture on a mass-production basis, Ford officials said, would enable widespread use of agricultural products—cotton, wheat, soybeans and corn—and huge savings of steel and other vitally-needed defense materials.

Ford, 78-year-old genius of mass production from whose assembly lines have rolled more than 28,000,000 automobiles, predicted in a pre-birthday statement July 28 that the war would force car manufacturers to switch their search for materials "from the forest and the mine to the farm."

Farm Products Used

"Literally tens of thousands of articles and manufactured automobile parts—now made from metals will be made plastically

Troop Movements in Europe



NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14—Public confusion about Mr. Roosevelt's nerve diplomacy in the far east is apparently a primary purpose of the policy and will be officially maintained. You will get no clarity here on that subject.

Whether his shipping restrictions, for instance, are likely to cut deeply into the economic life of the Japs, or merely frighten and annoy them, is something this government does not want anyone to know.

STRATEGIC REASONS

Neither the treasury nor state department will even give an indication whether this country is continuing to ship large quantities of material to Japan, or nothing. It cannot be a military secret because the Japanese government well knows what licenses have been applied for or granted, what ships have sailed. But the Japanese and American people and the rest of the world are not to be allowed in on the affair for strategic reasons.

The official idea is that by keeping the facts of the situation mysterious—letting the situation simmer without clarification—diplomatic purposes will be advanced in some way. That is state department viewpoint. In addition, the treasury department takes the view that what Japan does with her money in this country is none of the public business.

This is what has been done so far:

The only materials absolutely embargoed and therefore certainly not being shipped to Japan are aviation gasoline, aviation lubricating oil, scrap iron and some less important metals we need.

FUNDS FROZEN

Anything else could be shipped, but only through the secret government process. All Japanese funds in this country have been frozen (placed under treasury control). When Japan wants to buy something she goes to the treasury and asks release of her funds to pay for it. If permission is granted, she must go to the state department for a license to export it.

As none of these transactions will be divulged, no one can tell how strongly or weakly the keynote of far eastern policy is being pursued.

The progress of price legislation through congress like a platypus through a molasses barrel is beginning to cause comment. House banking committee hearings resemble a continuous quiz program without the benefit of Kieran, Levant and Adams. Leon Henderson, the Roosevelt price man, was stopped after the hearings by Committee-man Gifford, the Massachusetts republican, who observed Henderson was belying his reputation as a tough guy in his testi-

mony, forecasting the possibility that the price administration would be "sweet and reasonable."

NOT SWEET

"Reasonable, yes," said Henderson. "Sweet, no. If you fellows want some sweet administration of prices, you had better get someone else."

It looks as if they might. The first sharp open personal attack on Henderson came almost unnoticed in the senate from the new Mississippi Senator Eastland, who claimed Henderson had not done right by the southern cotton farmer. Board control, replacing Henderson's single-headed authority is now considered certain to be included in the legislation, but the bill probably will not get through until October.

Discouraging military reports on the reds have caused men at the maps here to move up from September 15 to September 1, their date for the anticipated evidence of the end. By that time they would not be surprised to find Leningrad, Kiev, Odessa and possibly Moscow in nazi hands. Any unexpected developments which would delay that eventuality would draw cheers throughout this government.

Small industrial concerns are beginning to bombard their congressmen about the defense program, squeezing them out of business through pre-empting their raw materials and the pre-empting has only started. A congressional eruption is being planned.

All congress has been politically saddened by the necessity of voting onerous taxes. One southern senator who survived even a new deal purge says: "We'll apply the taxes to the people this year; they'll apply the pitchfork to us next year."

FUNERAL

OMAR GALLARD WEAVER
 Funeral services for the late Omar Gallard Weaver who passed away in this city on Sunday, August 10, 1941, will be held in Linkville cemetery on Thursday, August 14, 1941, at 3 p. m., with commitment services and interment following. Arrangements are under the direction of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home of this city.

BERLIN STRUCK BY RAF BOMBS

LONDON, Thursday, Aug. 14 (UP)—Scared and blasted by British and Russian bombs for five nights out of six, Berlin was believed to be under a new aerial assault early today only 24 hours after an attack by tree-skimming RAF bombers that set the German capital ablaze.

The Berlin radio suddenly went off the air at 10:45 o'clock last night, the usual indication of either a British or Russian air attack.

Britain's biggest aerial weapons—new four-motor bombers—lighted Berlin with angry red fires visible for a great distance Tuesday night in the RAF's most widespread raid of the war, hurled against a dozen other cities of the reich and nazi-held territory.

Nights Traded
 Huge Wellington-Manchester, Stirling and Halifax bombers attacked Berlin for two hours in a step-up of the new allied offensive in which the British and Russian air fleets are "trading off nights" for the bombing of the German capital, it was revealed.

Fires beginning as white points of light became a red glare beneath the clouds and ended in a sullen glow in the skies which crews saw a great distance away, the air ministry said of the Berlin raid.

The raiders met one of the heaviest barrages ever sent up from Berlin's ground defenses, the ministry said, and had to drop their bombs in the glare of hundreds of searchlights which followed the planes through the sky in massed groups of 30 to 40 beams.

Widespread Attack
 The British bombers were taking their turn in the joint Russo-British aerial offensive against Berlin and industrial targets in Germany. On four of the five previous nights, soviet bombers had swept in on Berlin from the northeast.

The RAF, no longer restricted to attacks on one or two German objectives a night, was reported officially to have attacked, in addition to Berlin:

Industries at Magdeburg and Hanover, the great Krupp armament works at Essen, the North sea port of Bremen, the naval base at Kiel, Stettin, important Baltic sea port; Osnabruck, Duis-

POTATO LABOR WILL RECEIVE HIGHER WAGES

Increases from 25 to 39 per cent in wages to be paid potato harvest workers in the basin this year were announced Wednesday following a meeting of representative growers at the county agent's office.

The scale:
 Potato pickers—24 cents per 60 pound sack. Last year it 2 cents. Increase, 25 per cent.
 Day laborers—55 cents per hour. Last year it was 40 cents. Increase, 39 per cent. For a full 9-hour day, \$5.

Living Cost Up
 Growers said the increased cost of living was taken into consideration in setting the upped prices, and added that because of the favorable wages offered they expect there will be no shortage in harvest labor this fall.

It was pointed out at the meeting that on the basis of available information, the potato outlook is worse at this time than a year ago at the same time. Growers also called attention to such increasing costs as the upped price of sacks and motor fuel.

Usually, it was pointed out, low prices carry for about three years, when relief comes with a high-price year. However, in the Klamath potato industry, low prices have now prevailed five years.

Some early potatoes will be harvested next week, and active shipments will start about August 25, it was anticipated. However, the big picking season will get underway late in September and the peak will be reached in early October.

Courthouse Records

WEDNESDAY
Complaints Filed
 Lucille Wyckoff versus William D. Wyckoff. Suit for divorce. Couple married at Reno, Nev., October 11, 1940. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment and asks restoration of her maiden name, Lucille Bland. Edward B. Ashurst, attorney for plaintiff.

Albert G. Morrison and Susan Gladys Morrison versus Patrick A. Hodges and Violet M. Hodges. Suit to collect \$1099.49 on contract of sale of property. Plaintiffs ask that defendants be required to perform conditions of contract. Fred O. Small, attorney for plaintiff.

Decrees
 Mildred M. Caudie versus Gordon W. Caudie. Divorce granted on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Plaintiff's maiden name Mildred Hunt restored. D. E. Van Vactor, attorney for plaintiff.

Zora Morache versus Roy Morache. Divorce granted plaintiff on grounds of desertion. A. W. Schupp, attorney for plaintiff.

Sentences
 State versus James J. Purdy. Defendant sentenced to serve 10 years in state penitentiary on conviction of two felonies.
 State versus Halie Ashur. Defendant sentenced to two years in penitentiary following conviction of burglary not in a dwelling.

Justice Court
 Francis William Cassidy, no operator's license. Fined \$10 or five days. Committed to county jail for five days.
 George Frederick Smith, no operator's license. Fined \$5.50.
 James F. McGrew, no operator's license. Fined \$5.50.

berg, Cologne, still smoldering from the great daylight raid Tuesday; the docks at Le Havre, France, airdromes in Holland, and harbors and an airdrome in Norway.

The 5,359,822 used passenger vehicles sold last year represented an increase in used-car sales of nearly 1,000,000 cars.

SIDE GLANCES



"They're all hopping mad—the chairman of the house committee was drowning and the life guard saved him!"

DARLAN HIT AS NEW DICTATOR

LONDON, Aug. 14 (UP)—The British government today branded French Vice-Premier Admiral Jean Darlan as a dictator and said he is prepared, with his new broad powers, to force France into "further surrender" to Adolf Hitler's demands.

Darlan was pictured in an authoritative statement as the dictator of France and the 85-year-old Marshal Henri Philippe Petain as "his Hindenburg." From neither man, it was said, can any good be expected now as result of yesterday's grave events in Vichy.

More Pressure
 Germany, according to authoritative British circles, is bringing more and more pressure on Vichy as Germans' difficulties increase in the war against Russia, and both Petain and Darlan appear to be ready to acquiesce to these broad nazi demands.

"Dictator Darlan has been placed in the strongest possible position for forcing on the French people measures of further surrender and collaboration with the axis which otherwise would be impossible for him to force on his countrymen," the authoritative statement said.

The reference was to the Vichy government's action in giving Darlan, strongly anti-British and champion of fullest collaboration with Germany, supreme authority over all the French armed forces and the overseas colonies.

OBITUARY

JAMES HOWARD ANDREWS

James Howard Andrews, for the last four years a resident of the Malin district, passed away at his late residence on Wednesday, August 13, 1941, at 4:55 p. m. following an illness of seven months. He was a native of Merlin, Ore., and at the time of his death was aged 21 years, 3 months and 4 days. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Cora Andrews, a son James Darrel and a daughter, Margaret Ann, all of Malin, Ore., his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andrews, and two sisters, Mrs. S. A. McElligott of Lakeview, Ore., and Mrs. J. C. Smith of Oakland, Calif. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine street at Sixth, where friends may call after 4 Friday. Notice of funeral will be announced at a later date.

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.

ABOUT NOON CLOSURES

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—It seems to me there is poor team work between the state police and the sheriff's office. Why should they both close for lunch at the same hour?

A few minutes ago, a man tried the time-honored short-change trick on me and I wanted to report him. I had small hope that the police could do much, but I had a vague idea that they might be able to warn people in Merrill and Malin to be on guard. Anyway I called the state police and the sheriff's office and found both closed.

I did get the county jail, but the lady there told me to call about 1 o'clock. There was no answer at the state police office at all.

Of course, it did not really matter to me whether I got them or not, because there is really nothing the police can do about short-change artists. At the same time, if I had just seen a murder, those offices would have been closed. I assume that the lady at the jail could have found someone from the sheriff's office if it had been urgent.

But why have both offices closed at the same time? Surely they could find someone in one office or the other who could cinch up his belt and survive until 1 o'clock.

Yours very truly,
 VERN S. McLELLAN.

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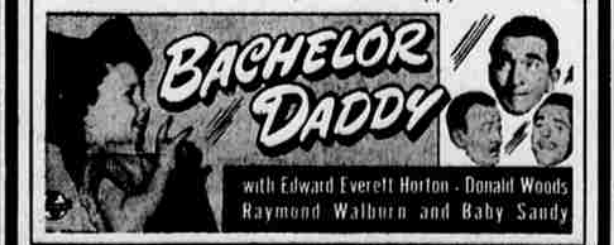
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