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Where Homage Is Due

AS was remarked upon this page yesterday, two events of the week are unfortunately scheduled for the same evening, and both deserve the support and interest of Klamath people. They are the Medford-Klamath football game and the Klamath basin potato festival banquet. They're on the date book for Friday evening.

But Klamath people, who do not go to the festival banquet, at which Governor Sprague will speak, should by all means plan to spend at least a few hours at Merrill Friday or Saturday, helping pay homage to the potatoes which have meant so much economically to the Klamath basin in the last twenty years. A good time to go, if not the banquet Friday evening, is on Saturday morning when the annual parade will move through the streets of the busy south end town.

Potatoes years ago proved the answer to the need in the basin for a good cash crop for farmers. In 1922, when Charley Henderson was appointed Klamath county agent, this was known largely as an alfalfa and stock county, with only 487 acres planted to potatoes, these being largely consumed locally.

A survey was made at that time which showed soil and climatic conditions here favorable for the production of potatoes, and development of this crop was made one of the main lines of work for the new county agent. It was decided that Nette Gems and Burbanks should be the varieties emphasized. A potato association of 18 members was formed, and orders pooled for seed purchases. That fall 27 carloads of potatoes were shipped from the county.

In 1925, acreage was increased 50 per cent. In that year, the first carload of Nette Gems was sold by Klamath farmers for seed. From then on, the development has been steady, with Klamath becoming one of the dominant potato-producing sections on the Pacific coast. Methods and practices have improved, with remarkable results in quality improvement and in production volume.

In 1925, the average production was 101.4 bushels to the acre. In 1940 the return was 420 bushels to the acre. In 1925, the value of the potato crop in the basin to growers was \$181,666. In 1940, the value was \$2,959,257. The peak value was in 1936, when the return to growers totaled \$4,800,000.

All of this shows ample reason for a Klamath Basin Potato Festival, where King Spud is paid all the honors due him. To the Merrill Service club, which originated the idea and has made it work for a number of years, congratulations and best wishes for another successful festival.

Regarding our comments on the football drizzle at Corvallis Saturday, which San Francisco sportswriters described as a torrent and a downpour, we came upon one prominent football fan (an Oregon grad who holds a high local public office) who agrees with the California sportswriters. As one Oregon grad to another, we hate to do this, BUT—we have the weather bureau on our side. The official statistics show that exactly .07 of an inch of rain fell in Corvallis in the 24 hours ending at 5 p. m. Saturday.

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.

TO YOU THE PRESS

To you the press my thanks I give,
For you have helped free speech to live.
You say your piece and let us say,
We write our thoughts in the press each day.
You write of justice and of crime,
The latest news, the march of time.
You write of war, you write of peace,
You told us of the fall of Greece.
You bring us news from far off lands,
From Arctic wastes to burning sands.
You write of books, and write of plays,
Of those that set the world ablaze.
You write of paupers and of kings,
You write of high and lowly things.
You write of lands and of of seas,
Of hurricanes and gentle breeze.
You write of science and knowledge gained,
Of land and sea and earth perained.
All this you write and of others, too,
So again free press, thanks to you."

FRED HARVEY.

BEST BORDER

The international boundary between the United States and Canada is the largest undefended boundary in the world. It covers more than 5500 miles.

Most brides expect to be kept in all the little luxuries to which they haven't been accustomed.

SIDE GLANCES



"When you come home late after what you call entertaining a customer, something funny always happens—this morning I find Mother's picture in the icebox!"

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 — It seems Speaker Sam Rayburn was the main one who whittled Mr. Roosevelt's new drive for amendment of the neutrality act into a single spearhead—a proposal merely to arm American merchant ships.

The speaker and congressional associates talked the president out of trying to repeal the whole act and open up the war zones now blacked out for American ships—or nearly. The president is carrying forward the undertone suggestion toward that end in his message, but abided by Mr. Rayburn's advice and is refraining from pressing it hard.

F. D. R. privately takes the position that the ship-arming is an immediate problem, but that his unstressed point of clearing away the combat zone is far more important. Eight congressional leaders found that out when they were invited to the White House last week. No agreement was reached at that conference because of the absence from town of Speaker Rayburn and House Leader McCormick. Next day they came in and strongly disagreed with the president's intention.

It is more than probable Mr. Rayburn still remembers too vividly the scare he and the other administration leaders got when the draft extension bill passed by only one vote. The condition of administration morale in the house required a spanking victory for Mr. Roosevelt next time, certainly not another hazardous undertaking.

A check-over in advance showed the ship arming idea would provide just what was needed.

The president therefore was content to leave his major idea as a mole in the ground. You may next see it arise in the senate. If the political situation there is found to be auspicious, the reopening of the seas idea will be nailed on as an amendment.

QUESTION OPEN

The question of the practical advantage of arming American ships is still open. Experience in the last war (as far as available naval records show) developed no instance in which a merchant ship ever sank a submarine. For this reason, it is possible Mr. Roosevelt's "shoot first" program may be criticized as a "get shot first" development in practical application. However, Mr. Roosevelt's position is that the arming will keep the Nazi subs below surface and hinder their aim.

A superior consideration that has swayed the minds of a congressional majority to Mr. Roosevelt's recommendation, however, is that the steps he has already taken on his own initiative make arming an obvious follow-up step. If our war vessels are to shoot first as ordered, the arming of our merchantmen becomes a comparatively minor matter. Their safety in the face of that policy necessitates whatever protection can be afforded, effective or not.

Note—Incidentally Mr. Roosevelt has made up his mind Hitler will never declare war on us, no matter how far he goes. He men-

tioned that in both congressional conferences.

Behind Nazi Economic Minister Funk's brag that Russian industry had been annexed was more truth than is customary in Nazi declarations—about 50 per cent.

Hitler's slowly creeping hordes have grasped about half of all Russian iron concentrated in the area around the Dnieper river between Odessa and Kiev. Over half the red coal is now almost completely within the Nazi clutch in the district between Rostov and Kharkov. The Donets and Don basins are doomed. Of the two main railroads going from the industrial and coal area in the south to Moscow, one is already cut.

No official here is taking a pessimistic attitude on these red setbacks. Pessimism seems to have been forbidden, for fear of offending Moscow.

The plain truth is, however, that the series of red defeats is realistically regarded, in general, as serious, but not necessarily fatal.

The red government has been ready for some time to move from Moscow at a moment, although the escape no doubt will be concealed for as long a time as possible after it has taken place.

Courthouse Records

TUESDAY

MARRIAGE LICENSES
WOODARD-RUMER, Warren Wadsworth Woodard, 2, Klamath Falls, creamery employe, native of Oregon. Ardrey Naomi Rumer, 24, Klamath Falls, stenographer, native of Oregon.

WRIGHT-TAYLOR, Earl E. Wright, 37, Klamath Falls, lumber worker, native of Iowa. Ruth Janet Taylor, 32, Klamath Falls, native of Indiana.

CLARK-STOCUM, Markley Hugh Clark, 34, dry cleaner, native of Tennessee. Marian Holley Stocum, 27, Klamath Falls, bank employe, native of Pennsylvania.

Complaints Filed
Home Owners Loan corporation versus S. Meade Badger and Irma M. Badger. Suit to collect note. Plaintiff asks judgment of \$2111.34 against defendants, also \$170.97 for taxes, fire insurance and title evidence to property Harry D. Bolvin, attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court
Leonard H. Gibson, failure to check in in doe area. Fined \$25 and 30 days, suspended. Cost of \$7.20 paid.

Clifford Barr Grenshaw, no PUC permit. Bond of \$25 filed. William Eugene Swygart, no operator's license. Fined \$5.50. Horace Lee Arment, only one headlight. Fined \$5.50, suspended.

Jack D. Cornett, violating basic rule. Fined \$50 or 25 days in jail. Defendant's operator's license suspended for 30 days. Defendant committed to county jail.

Joy Clinton Berry, no operator's license. Fined \$5.50. Inadequate brakes. Fined \$5.50. Ray Franklin Mitchell, no operator's license. Fined \$5.50. J. B. Cochran, improper lights, no operator's license. Fined \$11, \$5.50 suspended.

Edward Lee Pierce, no operator's license, four in front seat of car. Bond of \$10 forfeited.

DEFENSE DUTY
Truck and bus owners, do your part in our national defense effort by filling out your defense questionnaire and placing it in the mails promptly. The national truck and bus inventory will gather data vital to our nation's safety in time of crisis, according to Earl Snell, secretary of state and supervisor of the survey in this state.

Read the Classified page.

U. S. WEATHER OFFICE HERE HELD ASSURED

Establishment of a government weather bureau station here is at last assured, City Engineer E. A. Thomas disclosed to the city council Tuesday night.

The engineer reported that weather bureau men had been here making preliminary plans for a station to be located at the municipal airport. Quarters at the field will be leased for 10 years, beginning November 15, and the council approved expenditure of about \$100 in preparing for the station.

An observer for the weather bureau will take four readings daily. It is understood that once the post is in operation, Klamath will be on the regular coast weather reporting schedule. The chamber of commerce has been working to bring this about for several years.

The city engineer said that the weather bureau here will be a first step in getting extended air facilities for Klamath Falls. The weather reports, he added, will also be valuable to shippers of perishable goods through here either by rail or truck.

Mayor John Houston announced at the council meeting that immediate steps are being taken to get additional information on the soot and cinder situation here. The council this time has moved first in anticipation of the annual protests from citizens against the "black snow."

"We recognize this as a problem and will do something about it," he said.

Councilman Martin of the utilities committee said that Klamath Heating company is experimenting with a new chemical that may alleviate the soot nuisance.

Roland Wright, local real estate man, asked that the council give consideration to extending the present Linkville cemetery into vacant property to the north, rather than go to the expense of undertaking an entirely new cemetery out of town.

He pointed out that six acres are vacant north of the present site, and that the city and county already own about two-thirds of this ground.

The council took the suggestion under advisement. City Treasurer Ruth Bathiany discussed with the council the matter of paying expenses of trips she takes as head of the state finance officers association. Councilmen last week had discussed Mrs. Bathiany's trips and the question of the propriety of the city paying the expenses.

The treasurer explained that when she first went into the state organization work she was given to understand by city officials that the city would meet the expenses because of value received and the credit accorded the city. She added that the trips are not "pleasure trips" but involve a great deal of hard work.

Mrs. Bathiany has another trip coming up this weekend. After the council meeting, the finance committee approved this trip but did not come to any conclusion about other trips the treasurer may take. Mrs. Bathiany told the council that if the city would not help her on expenses, she would pay her own way on the upcoming trip.

A representative of the Bonneville power program will appear before the council on October 20, it was announced.

Fire Chief Ambrose reported the fire station needs a new roof and he was authorized to have the work done.

CRUSHED BY LOG

MOLALLA, Oct. 11 (AP) — Clarence E. Mallatt, 36, was fatally crushed yesterday by a log that rolled off a lumber camp truck. Formerly of Mill City, Mallatt is survived by the widow and four children.

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Today and Thursday

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BIG FEATURE

Hit No. 1
George Brent
Martha Scott
in
'They Dare Not Love'

Hit No. 2
Ralph Byrd
in
'DESPERATE CARGO'

RAINBOW

Read the Classified page.



Defense Bond Quiz

Q. How many defense savings stamps does it take to fill an album?

A. Seventy-five 25-cent stamps; 75 50-cent stamps; 75 \$1 stamps; or 15 \$5 stamps. The completed albums are immediately exchangeable for defense bonds (series E) at your post office, or through your bank.

Q. Who directs the national movement to sell defense savings stamps in retail stores?

A. The treasury's retail advisory committee, of which Benjamin H. Namm, of the National Retail Dry Goods association, is chairman. Officers of 13 other great national retail organizations comprise the committee.

Note—To buy defense bonds and stamps, go to the nearest postoffice, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. Also stamps now are on sale at most retail stores.

Truck Industry Topic at Meet

In a meeting at the Jackson hotel in Medford Monday, General Motors truck dealers and factory executives discussed the company's selling plans for ensuing months and the business outlook as it pertains to the truck industry.

One of the most significant phases of the program, according to H. E. Hauger, distributor for GMC trucks in this area, was the discussion of the importance of truck transportation in the nation's all-out defense program.

"Truck manufacturers are making every possible effort to meet all defense needs," said Hauger. "At the GMC factories in Pontiac, Mich., for example, thousands of trucks are scheduled for delivery to the army each month. At the same time, GMC domestic deliveries to truck buyers are currently running 31 per cent ahead of last year's figures."

Spin in Fog Nearly Fatal in 3-Flag Hop, Woman Says

ALBANY, Ore., Oct. 15 (AP)—A spin in a fog, bank almost wrecked Evelyn Burleson's Vancouver, B. C. Tijuana, Mexico, non-stop flight in a light plane, she related here today.

"I could see the headlines, 'woman flier crashes,' when my ship went into a spiral at 8000 feet," she said.

She encountered "the worst fog bank of my career" near Ashland, Ore., over the Siskiyou mountains. That sinking feeling was not helped by knowledge that mountain peaks below her were 5000 to 6000 feet high.

The spin also cost her a lunch basket—her only food for the 16 1/2 hour flight—and broke her thermos of coffee.

Mrs. Burleson left for Portland late yesterday en route to her home at Tacoma. She is a former civil aeronautics authority instructor at the Albany airport.

DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY

EVANSTON, Wyo., Oct. 15 (AP)—Fifty years ago, Harry and Ephraim Harris were the bridegrooms in a double wedding ceremony yesterday they and their wives celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

"Rills" are very small brooks.

CITY GETS SECOND PLACE IN SAFETY

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 15 (UP)—Despite 18 fatal traffic accidents in Klamath county since the year began, the city of Klamath Falls was rated second in the first division of an Oregon cities traffic safety contest, Secretary of State Earl Snell said today.

Standings were based upon the percentage of improvement in traffic safety during the first eight months of this year as compared to last year.

Standings, first division: Bend, Klamath Falls, Salem, Portland, Medford, Astoria, Eugene.

Local Sears Man Gets Promotion

Stanley Pavish, merchandise manager of the local Sears store for several years, has just been appointed assistant manager of the Walla Walla store, according to word received here by T. R. Thompson, local manager. Reed Clark, who was assistant manager here, is the manager of the Walla Walla store.

Five "graduates" from the Klamath Falls store are now in the field in executive positions, according to Thompson.

Mallard ducks are learning how to make their nests in trees instead of on the ground.

At Sears!

BIGGER THAN AN ELEPHANT...



NOW PLAYING

Armstrong
IS SHE A DOUBLE MURDERESS...
OR VICTIM OF A FIENDISH PLOT?

SU
\$2
the GIRL in the NEWS

MARGARET LOCKWOOD
BARRY K. BARNES
Faith Williams

★ ★ Added ★ ★
"Mad About Women"
"Sojourn in Heaven"
Community Sing

FOOTBALL SCOOP
Oregon State — Stanford Game

PINE TREE