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Weekend Roundup

OF VITAL interest to everyone in the Klamath area was the announcement Saturday that on December 1, the price of milk to consumers will be boosted from 12 cents to 13 cents a quart.

Back of this development is not merely the increased cost of production of milk, although that is of course a factor; entering the situation also is the demand for dairy products for overseas shipment under the lease-lend act. This is reflected particularly in the cheese situation, where the government is giving artificial stimulation to prices to increase cheese production. Milk producers in the Klamath basin can sell their milk for cheese almost as profitably as for milk for direct consumption, and the sanitary requirements are much less stringent. In other words the milk supply, because of the cheese production, is reduced and reduced supplies mean higher prices.

Milk is an essential part of every family diet, and family budgets for December must be adjusted to meet the increased milk cost.

Answering an inquiry: It is true that the state board made the ruling which prohibits store sale of milk at less than the delivery price. This ruling has been frequently criticized on the grounds that if a householder is willing to "deliver" his or her own milk, a saving should be permitted. It has been one of the points of attack against the state milk control law.

In spite of criticism, the board has maintained the theory that one price should prevail, whether the milk be received at the doorstep or bought at a store.

We hasten to correct a mis-impression which may have resulted from a quotation in this column from the Eugene News to the effect that some of the country in the proposed new 49th state might as well be given back to the Indians. Inasmuch as Arthur Prialux, former Chiloquin newspaper man, is publisher of the Eugene News, some of Art's acquaintances hereabouts wanted to know if he was taking a crack at his former county of residence.

We don't think so, though Art can answer for himself. Klamath county has not been included, in various press releases, in the rebel territory. First mention of such a thing appeared after the Eugene News editorial jibe was published. We trust Mr. Prialux was talking about some place else — although we disagree with his statement.

It is our opinion that Jackson, Curry, Josephine, Del Norte, Siskiyou and Modoc counties are good country, worth the keeping by any state.

Another contingent of troops will be in Klamath Falls Monday, coming in over the Willamette highway and The Dalles-California highway.

The recurrent use of this route by the army convoys would indicate that its favorable features have impressed the first troops who "pioneered" this trip last summer. Its favorable grades and long, straight stretches lend themselves well to orderly handling of the convoys.

Army machines, however, are not included in the figures which show the Dorris gateway to California leading all other northern entrances in traffic. Private motorists as well as the army are recognizing the advantages of the travel through Klamath Falls.

Lieut. William (Pelican Bill to you) Cummings, was in town a few days ago from Mather field, where he is serving Uncle Sam in the air corps.

Bill had an interesting yarn to tell about an airplane and a mouse.

A day or two before his trip here, Cummings was co-pilot on a plane that made a belly-landing at Mather field when the retractable landing gear retracted voluntarily just as the ship was coming in.

The plane plowed along on the oiled runway and came to a stop with no injuries to its occupants but quite serious damage to the machine. Equipment was brought on the field immediately and the ship was lifted into the air for examination of its damaged underside.

Friend Bill got under and looked up into the large cavity where the retractable gear is located. There, his eyes bulging out and his body shivering with excitement, was a tiny field mouse.

How he got there no one knew. Did he ride with the plane or was he scooped up when the ship plowed into the runway?

Anyhow, he was mighty happy to scamper away after his experience with aeronautics.

A young friend of ours had a startling experience the other morning. He had spent a very proper evening out with an attractive young lady of this city, but it was one of those parties that last into the wee hours.

Coming home, they stepped onto the front porch. The door opened and out walked the girl's father — with a shotgun!

Our acquaintance had a jittery moment or two before it dawned on him that dad was starting out on a duck hunting trip. Dad's daughter enjoyed the incident immensely. — M. E.

Worst of Atlantic Battle Said Passed

LONDON, Nov. 22, (AP)—A British convoy commander said Friday he was "confident that the worst has passed in the so-called battle of the Atlantic."

The commander, Rear Admiral F. Berges Watson, said that "the days of the unprotected convoy are past. They are escorted from one side of the ditch to the other."

He said British hunting craft were becoming more numerous every day and their com-

manders had become "most cunning."

Despite aircraft, Watson pointed out, the seas remain vast spaces and for the submarines hunting them the convoys are still "like the proverbial needle in the haystack."

German airplanes do not like attacking today's convoys, he said, because they are too well protected.

American factories now annually produce more than 800,000 bathroom scales, according to the census bureau.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 — Blood-quicken rumors have come in upon these Kurusu-Roosevelt negotiations suggesting the Japs are now ready to move in on Thailand at any moment. First official hint arrived on the heels of the Japanese peace emissary (who bore no peace plan). Such an invasion would bring the British Malay troops into conflict with the Japs, no doubt, and eventually involve the U. S. Asiatic fleet.

Our officials suspected the rumors were part of the clumsy Jap diplomatic pressure game, and declined to be disturbed. But they immediately began preparations to send certain very valuable war material to Thailand just in case it should be called for. Lend-lease aid will be granted in event of invasion.

This is only one of the official rumors that have disturbed the fragile Japanese-American negotiations. Such stuff seems to have become an expected phase of high-pressure diplomacy. Yet both the rumors and the negotiations have been tempered by the solid inner conviction here that there will be no war — and no peace.

DON'T MAKE SENSE

War just does not make sense from either the Japanese, or American standpoint. Our main commitment is in the Atlantic, against Hitler. We need our fleet for that. While we talk roundly of our Far Eastern interests, there are only two things we are trying to do there now.

1. Keep Vladivostok open for aid to Stalin (the Persian railroad will haul little for another year yet and the Archangel-Moscow railroad may be severed in a few weeks, leaving Vladivostok as the only port of entry for American goods), and

2. Keep the Burma road open for aid to China. War would close Vladivostok almost automatically, and threaten the Burma route seriously.

So also with Japan. While she howls "encirclement" and pretends to be an axis partner, her real interest is to get the raw materials from us and Britain to sustain her economic life. She is only trying diplomatically to break the blockade, by threats and negotiation. Hitler is too far away to do Japan any good — economically or otherwise.

War would only double the economic trouble Japan is now in. The blockade would be tightened. Without oil and munitions she cannot conduct a successful fight against a major

SIDE GLANCES



"I know I'm not old enough to join up—but I thought the Army might need Buck as a mascot."

power like the U. S. Her fleet would have to hide in home waters. She cannot even invade the Dutch East Indies past those British and U. S. bases in Singapore and the Philippines.

While peace may be impossible, war would be suicide for her and foolish for us.

TEDIOUS NEW ROUTE

Our Russian aid is taking a tedious new route. It goes by ship to Murmansk (Arctic warm water port, open all winter), thence south by rail to Kandalaksha, a White sea port, then by Archangel, and finally down the railroad to Vologda, where it is distributed. The distribution so far has largely been in the direction of Omsk, where new Russian armies are forming. The trip takes weeks.

The nazis are very close to Kandalaksha. If either that point or Vologda falls, the route is lost.

BATTLE OF ATLANTIC

Churchill thinks he is winning the second battle of the Atlantic. Naval authorities here are inclined to believe he may be right, but perhaps a little ahead of himself. It is true Hitler's latest sub offensive has not taken great toll and has lost many submarines, but the battle is not over.

Germany probably has more subs today than at the start of the war. She started with 120 mediums and 180 building. By authoritative calculation, she has

lost about 140, and has put 180 additional new ones into service. Thus while she had about 300 built and building at the beginning, she has about 340 today. Only half of these are in operation at any one time, which means daily fighting the obscure but vital battle of the seas.

SCRAP

Another one of those intramural defense scraps is on, this time, between Oil Coordinator Davies (for Ickes) and the maritime commission. Both say they are in charge of distributing the tankers which Britain is returning.

The job would nominally fall to a tanker committee composed of Davies, chairman, one representative of the maritime commission and three naval officers, but the M. C. does not like its minority position on that committee.

Since the scrap broke, Mr. Roosevelt has named (without announcement) another committee to handle oil service for foreign nations — State Secretary Hull, Ickes and Chairman Land of the maritime commission. This committee will allocate oil, and presumably also tankers for transportation overseas.

On this committee, Mr. Ickes is one — and alone.

Read the Classified page.

SOUTHEAST STORES CLOSE AT 6 P. M.

MALIN — Beginning Monday, November 24, the Everett Jones General Mercantile store and the Malin Mercantile company will close every day except Saturday at 6:30 p. m. during the winter months. The decision was made in cooperation with stores of Merrill and Tulalake.

The change will permit store employees to attend local civic entertainments and school functions that prevail during the winter, and customers are asked to make purchases during the day. It is hoped that the change will not inconvenience patrons. It was announced by Mayor A. Kalina of the Malin Mercantile and Everett Jones. Stores of both Merrill and Malin have been closing at 7 p. m. for some time. All stores will be open as usual during Christmas week.

HARVEY REMAINS AS LAKE GRANGE HEAD

LAKEVIEW — William Harvey was reelected master of Pomona grange for a term of two years at the meeting of Lake County Pomona grange last Saturday at the Thomas Creek grange hall. Other officers reelected at this meeting were: Roy Perry, overseer; Dean Harris, steward; Mrs. Anna Fisher, chaplain; C. W. Ogle, treasurer; Mrs. Bessie Hotchkiss, lady assistant steward; and Mrs. Nellie Ogle, home economics chairman. Ray Bishop was chosen gatekeeper; Mrs. Beatrice Harvey, Ceres; Mrs. Alice Johnson, Pomona; Mrs. Muriel Nelson, Flora; Raymond Fisher, assistant steward; Plumas Hotchkiss, executive board; and Mrs. Eben Tatro, musician.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Master William

Harvey. A short program followed. Mrs. Chester Otis gave a resume of 4-H club work. County Agent Victor Johnson showed pictures and talked on better methods of beef production. The usual business followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis joined the Pomona grange by demit. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cassidy and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kempf were also received as new members from the Thomas Creek grange. A chicken dinner was served by the ladies of the Thomas Creek grange to the 60 grangers in attendance.

Thomas Creek grange will hold the plaque for the ensuing three months. The next meeting will be with the Fort Rock grange in February 1942.

LAW FIRM MOVES TO NEW OFFICES

The law firm of Kuykendall and Kuykendall moved Friday from the Loomis building to new offices in the Pine Tree Theatre building at Seventh and Main streets where D. V. Kuykendall and William Kuykendall will occupy rooms 202, 203 and 204. It was the first move for the firm since D. V. Kuykendall established offices in the northwest corner of the Loomis building 30 years ago. Ten years ago, William Kuykendall joined his father as a partner.

Attorney Fred Fletcher, who shared the old office suite with the Kuykendalls, has moved to the Melrose building.

Herbalist Acquitted On Death Charge

RENO, Nov. 22 (AP)—A Nevada district court last night acquitted Q. S. Wons, Chinese herbalist, of charges of involuntary manslaughter and practicing medicine without a license.

The charges followed the death here last June of Velma Valentine Webb, 25, Sprague River, Oregon, who came to Reno for herb treatment.

Defense Bond Quiz

Q. Can unions undertake the sale and distribution of defense savings bonds?

A. Yes. Many unions, in connection with payment of dues, sell members defense savings stamps, exchangeable for bonds.

Q. Other than payroll allotments, is there any way employers can aid in the defense savings program?

A. One means is to give employees Christmas and other bonuses in defense savings bonds or stamps.

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 are now on sale at retail stores.

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