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## Defense Activity in Second District

A RECENT announcement by Congressman Pierce that an army depot would be located in the second congressional district was released at La Grande. Mr. Pierce at the time said he did not know just where in the district the depot would be situated but there have since been reports that La Grande is considered a site, while one published story was that the depot would be placed somewhere near the Pendleton-Hermiston area.

It is a matter for consideration of people in this section of the second congressional district that there has been a concentration of defense activities in the northeastern part of the district. The south central and southwestern section of the district has gotten comparatively little, while the northeastern area has been made the site of an airbase and a huge ammunition dump. Recently another airbase was located just across the line in Walla Walla, in the same general area. Direct defense construction in other parts of the district has been confined largely to CAA airport development.

There is interest in this community in bringing a defense activity into the area. There has been little sentiment here for an over-size development such as a cantonment which promises unpleasant after-effects. What is most generally hoped for here is something for which this locality is well suited through its transportation and communication position, its protection from the coast yet proximity to the ocean, etc. The matter of the army depot has not gone unnoticed by those working for the welfare of this community, such as the chamber of commerce and city-wide airbase committee. Aviation development has received major attention, and in the adjoining Malton column today there is significant mention of this community as an air-base site in connection with a discussion of red-tape delays.

The situation here is fundamentally sound, because Klamath's agriculture and lumbering, bulwarks of the community's economy, have continued on a most active basis. Nevertheless, the location of a modest but sustaining defense activity in the area would be welcome and no community would be found more cooperative as a site for such a development. A policy of decentralization of defense activities, rather than their concentration in single areas, would bring this community more definitely into the picture.

## Money Well Spent

KLAMATH'S Boys' club, on Klamath avenue, has been performing a most worthwhile service to the youth of the community. It provides boys with a place to play and loaf, where the atmosphere is wholesome and inviting. Its establishment two years ago came in answer to a long-felt need.

Boys have been using the club. Daily attendance runs to 80 and 90 boys. Operation of this club costs from \$1000 to \$1200 a year. It is money well spent, and there should be no difficulty in finding sources for continuing support of this fine program.

## TILLAMOOK VETERAN ORGANIZES DEFENSE

TILLAMOOK, Ore., March 11 (AP) — A guerilla band, 1000 strong, organized by a blind veteran of the first World war, perfected plans Tuesday to support the army in fighting off any invasion attempt on the Oregon coast.

Stewart Arnold, the veteran, who lost his sight but not his spirit in the first AEF, said 24 companies of guerillas had been formed. Only a few more are needed, he said, to complete defense plans for this rich coastal dairy community.

"We're just sort of backing up the army," Arnold explained. "This is a big country and a rough country, and we can help guard it."

Woods-wise loggers, farmers and townsmen have joined, each swearing on enlistment to defend until death the green hills and valleys stretching back from Tillamook bay.

They provide their own rifles and ammunition. They have no uniforms and they do no drilling. They intend to fight, as the Indians did before them, from the sandpits and cliffs along the ocean and in the timbered mountain passes leading inland.

Four retired army majors have helped lay defense plans and once a week the companies, organized by groups of 30 to 70 men, meet for target practice.

"Not that these boys need much practice," said Arnold. "It's just to keep their eyes sharp so we won't waste powder."

Almost as feared as invasion is enemy incendiary bombing of the forest back of the bay, one of the last great virgin timber stands in the country. The guerillas have mapped off sections for each company to guard.

They have pledged also to help farmers get in their crops despite what threatens to become the worst agricultural labor shortage in history.

But first of all, Arnold said, they are brush fighters. "The army probably will take care of the Japs if they try to land on the beaches," he added, "but our boys will be pleased to meet any who might slip through into the woods."

## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 11 — Congress is handling the Morgenthau tax program as an incendiary bomb. It is advancing slowly with black glasses, and overcoat on backwards, looking for a sandbox.

On their private pads, ways and means committees have discovered the total tax on some corporations would run from 65 to 80 per cent. One senator figures that if General Motors earned \$240,000,000, it would be lucky to have half of it (\$120,000,000) for dividends, which would mean a sharp cut in earnings distribution.

Most of the taxmaking legislators think the income rates proposed are far too high to maintain popular enthusiasm. Nor do they like the substitute ideas of a sales tax or a withholding tax any better.

This overall dissent is too widespread to warrant any predictions on the final form of the bill yet.

## STOCK TREND

Drooping of the stock market, in the face of this tax threat, again raises a fine question of government publicity emphasis and public morale. In the last war, decline of the stock market would have been considered a bad sign. Public confidence was supposed to follow the market.

Not so now. Most administration authorities discredit the stock market as an influence on public opinion on the ground that stocks are narrowly held.

That may be, but the government is also relying on sheer patriotism, unstimulated by any direct personal interest, to sponsor enthusiasm for the war effort in many other ways (crowding of little business, prices, rationing sugar, tires, labor's priorities).

Abandoning the old profit motive for stimulating of the utmost national productive energy and enthusiasm, the question arises as to whether an adequate substitute has been provided to furnish the same full spur. Is personal incentive being blunted? Is the maximum driving force of the nation being maintained?

No one here seems worried. They expect to get the production job done better than planned. Yet the cumulative effects on the public mind of the peculiar new hope-killing ways in which the government, through necessity, is going about the purely non-military aspects of this war, may be a subject for investigation by Mr. MacLeish.

## KF PROJECT INVOLVED

Wrath is rising in the war department at delay in getting new air fields started, weeks and months after the decision to build them has been announced. Temperature around air corps headquarters here is

## SIDE GLANCES



"If you're in doubt call him Admiral if he's a Navy man, and General if he's Army."

so high that the staff has been warned, upon threat of court-martial, not to talk.

All types of red tape, resulting from conflicting authority between the air corps and engineers, is responsible in some instances. Projects involved:

Rapid City, Pueblo, Klamath Falls, Richmond (Va.), Topeka, Lompoc Maria (Cal.), Greenville (S.C.), Hattiesburg (Miss.), Fort Worth, Spokane.

Congress appropriates money for the fields and then the army decides the exact site. This decision is generally announced through senators and representatives, in order that they may get publicity back home.

But politics about the choice of local land sometimes becomes involved. Then the air corps and engineers are supposed to inspect the site and agree on installations, but agreement has not been easy.

It has been four months since the Greenville project was announced, three months since Lompoc Maria, two since Pueblo, Rapid City and Richmond—yet work has not started.

In another case, the army planned a field at Vero Beach, Florida, but the navy claimed this was too near one of its fields, and forced the army to move 25 miles south to Ft. Pierce.

## THIRD HIGHEST

In the United States, cerebral hemorrhage has a death rate of 85.7 per 100,000 of the population, and ranks third in causes of death.

Efficient cooling of the engine is impossible if dirt blocks the air passages of the light metal tubes of the radiator which carries the water.

## 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.

## LABOR AND WAR

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—The labor situation at the Tule lake sump job should open the eyes of the citizens of this community to the deplorable condition existing all over the United States. The men belonging to the labor unions are patriotic, in most cases and are willing to work and cooperate, but the labor leaders such as Joe Willis, who is in a small way a good example of the big shots in labor, are not willing to concede or give up any of the advantages they have gained.

In order to get this war won, we have to have materials and we can not get them as long as labor sabotages war industries with strikes and arguments. One strike in a vital defense plant was called because the men were not allowed to smoke on the job. Such practice as this will not be tolerated much longer and if congress does not do anything about it the people will. If labor is not willing to do its share in winning this war, then labor will have to be drafted. This will be just as fair as drafting the boys for the armed services.

Getting back to the Tule lake job, the land that this job will release for agriculture is badly needed and should be made ready if it is humanly possible, regardless of union agreements or commitments to the OPM or anybody else.

The people of the United States are not going to sit still and see our war efforts made in vain, just to keep a few men in power in the labor racket, who are not patriotic or big enough to put union industry into this fight wholeheartedly and wipe out the 40-hour week and overtime for the duration.

Sincerely yours,  
JOHN COOPER

Looking for Bargains? Turn to the Classified page

## SPRAGUE CALLS FOR SALVAGE CAMPAIGN

SALEM, March 11 (AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague asked chairmen of county civil defense councils Tuesday to appoint county salvage committees of five to nine members each to begin immediately to collect waste in the "salvage for victory program."

"In our total effort for total victory, every pound of waste material must be salvaged," the governor said.

He listed the following items as examples of the kinds of waste that is wanted: Scrap metals — iron, steel, brass, copper, aluminum, lead, discarded tools, metal beds, railings, tire chains, pots and pans, picture frames, hangers, toothpaste containers, pipe and hardware, batteries, and anything else made of metal, except tin cans.

Waste paper — wrapping paper, cardboard cartons and boxes, paper bags, newspapers and magazines.

Old rubber — discarded auto tires and tubes, rubbers, overshoes.

Old rags — cast-off clothing, burlap bags, draperies, mattresses, pillows and discarded carpets.

In all cases, the governor said, citizens are instructed either to sell waste materials to a collector, or give it to charities, schools or other organizations which collect it. He asked that wherever possible, people take their waste to dealers to relieve the strain on collection facilities.

Governor Sprague asked that county defense councils, invest selling waste materials, invest the profits in defense stamps or bonds.

## MOTHESS

There were no moths or butterflies during the Great Coal Age, when many other insects flourished, because the flowers upon which these nectar drinkers depended had not yet appeared.

## Klamath's Yesterdays

From the files — 40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From The Klamath Republican March 13, 1902

The Ashland line started the mail from here on horseback three times last week on account of deep snow on the mountains, but is now making regular trips with wagons, the roads being much improved.

The following men were victorious in the town election Monday: Trustees, Alva Beals, George Hurn, John Campbell, Joseph Pierce and Wm. Terrill; recorder, Fred Schallack; treasurer, J. W. Siemens.

The action against Dr. W. H. R. Huff, the Quaker doctor, was held in Justice Hutton's court, and a verdict of acquittal returned. He was charged with practicing without a license.

## From The Evening Herald

March 11, 1932

One hundred twenty-five employees of the county school system were given a 15 per cent wage cut today.

Louis Polin, Chiloquin merchant, will open a store here.

Six Klamath young people were injured, one fatally, when their automobile struck the center support at Esplanade and the S. P. tracks early today. Edward DeSpain was the fatality. Others hurt were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dalton and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCulloch.

## ELUSIVE MOTIVE

OTTUMWA, Ia., (AP) — Bob Heath doesn't know whether it was misguided patriotism or plain sabotage.

He purchased a large American flag and pole and placed them in front of his store. The flag was stolen.

Water in an automobile engine is not to keep the motor cool, but to keep it from becoming excessively hot.

# COME ON, CHILLUN!

TO THE PELICAN!

It's Kay and his playmates beating out Shakespeare eight to the bar... in a rhythmic, roaring, romantic session... with Barrymore on the lam from a bull-fighting Lupe... and Ginny simmering as she singal It's super... but duper!

## KAY KYSER

What he does to "Hamlet" makes even the "ham" go boogie-woogie—in

# PLAYMATES

with JOHN BARRYMORE  
LUPE VELEZ  
GINNY SIMMS  
MAY ROBSON • PATSY KELLY  
PETER LIND HAYES

5 SONG HITS to romance and dance to:  
"Humpty Dumpty Heart" "How Long Did I Dream" "Thank Your Lucky Stars and Stripes" "Romeo Smith and Juliet Jones" "Que Chico"

And these too!  
ROLLING RHYTHM  
★ MICKEY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY  
★ LATEST NEWS

KAY KYSER'S BAND  
featuring Harry Babbitt - Ish Kabibble - Sully Mason

## TODAY AT THE PINE TREE

THE MOST ROMANTIC RIOT SINCE EVE GAVE ADAM THE APPLE SAUCE!

Get delicious with Deanna! Get laughing with Loughton! Get romantic with Robert!

Deanna DURBIN and Charles LAUGHTON  
ROBERT CUMMINGS

# It Started with Eve

For Good Measure!

STEEDS and STEERS  
TROUBLE IN STORE  
GOING PLACES and LATEST NEWS

## NOW AT THE RAINBOW

Hollywood's New Sensation  
George Montgomery in  
**ACCENT on Love**

GEORGE MONTGOMERY  
OSCAR MASNEN  
I. CAROL MAISH - Cobina WRIGHT, Jr.  
Stanley CLEMENTS

The Second Feature Brings You  
CONRAD NAGEL  
and Eleanor Hunt  
in  
**"GOLD RACKET"**