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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 17 — Mr. Roosevelt has written the 48 state governors seeking a 40-mile national speed limit to save tires. Motorists will no doubt voluntarily impose one on themselves immediately so no redeemable rubber will be lost. But the president should also have written a more caustic letter to one of his own government departments, which, it now appears, is a great—if not the greatest—waster of rubber in the entire country.

SIDE GLANCES



"You put two whole spoons of sugar in your tea! Father says that's the same as sabotage!"

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 welcomed.

ON WEYERHAEUSER VOTE
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—An item appearing in The Herald March 13, 1942, titled "Unions Squabble Over Results of NLRB Election." We do not know where your paper obtained this article nor do we care. But we do feel the actual facts were misconstrued in such a manner as to confuse the average reader.

Inasmuch as the figures compiled by the balloting committee show a definite win for the IWA-CIO.

The ballots counted were as follows: IWA-CIO, 96; AFL-C and J, 42; neither, 45; challenged, 14; void, 1.

Seven of these challenged votes were IWA-CIO and seven were AFL, and according to my figures this gives the IWA-CIO the nod whatever the NLRB may decide on the challenged votes. Whether they be allowed the respective unions or declared void or whether or not the NLRB will recognize a protest from either union, time will tell. The Klamath Basin district council IWA-CIO feels this should be made clear to the public.

Respectfully yours,
C. R. COOPER,
Secretary KBDC

Editor's Note—The Herald story said that neither union polled a majority of the 198 votes cast, which is evidently true. Technically, therefore, the IWA-CIO has not won the Weyerhaeuser election. Actually, unless the NLRB allows the AFL protest and orders another ballot, the IWA-CIO cannot lose whatever may be the NLRB's findings on the 14 challenged votes.

ON MUSIC SITUATION
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—Wouldn't it have simplified things somewhat if the school boards of Klamath Falls had moved to La Grande

themselves instead of trying to bring La Grande to Klamath Falls?

During this crisis was it necessary to bring in such high salaried men when the schools were no doubt operating as efficiently as they will this coming year?

The highly recommended music supervisor is no doubt "tops" but wasn't our music already well taken care of by the present supervisor? Aren't more children than ever before participating in music here in Klamath Falls? It's true we've won no laurels in contests but is it better to pick out a talented few and go after state recognition—cups and medals—than to give all the average children a chance to participate?

Is it true that the new superintendent of schools told a committee of prominent business men that he has a three year contract and that the schools will be run according to his own standards regardless of adverse criticism of the citizens of Klamath Falls? That he hopes to bring our schools up to the level of the highly efficient system that he was instrumental in establishing in "La Grande"?

How many other lowly Klamath citizens have dared even wonder about these things or have we reached the stage of a Hitler with a chosen few buffaloes into submitting to a dictatorship?

MRS. EDNA THOMAS,
A home-owner.
P. S. Won't it be "GRAND" folks, when we all begin doing things a la La Grande?

Malin Eastern Star Sponsors Public Card Party

MALIN — The Eastern Star Social club is sponsoring a public card party to be held the night of Wednesday, March 25 in the Broadway hall. Bridge, pinocle and pitch will be in play with prizes to be given for high, second high and low scores. Refreshments will be served and the charge for both cards and refreshments is 25 cents plus tax.

Farmers are going to do their part by raising a big wheat crop. Say it with flour.

Klamath's Yesterdays

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

From the Klamath Republican

March 20, 1902
Editorial Note: Experience and growing enlightenment haven't decreased the gullibility of people a great deal. The naturally credulous man will be deceived periodically as long as he lives, and there is always a fresh crop of unshorn suckers. It chagrins some if they are detected in their inclination to be gulled. They seem to like the experience.

The roads have greatly improved this week and stages have been enabled to make better time.

Attorneys Mills and Leavitt were at Merrill Friday on business in connection with the ditch meeting.

From the Evening Herald

March 17, 1932
George G. Grizzle resigned today as president of the Klamath County Taxpayers league. He will run for the democratic nomination for county judge.

Klamath Falls Pelicans were ousted from the state basketball tourney today by Marshfield, 48 to 25.

A total of \$43,000 was spent in this county for relief in the period from September 15 to March 1.

Merrill Slates Band, Glee Fest

MERRILL—A combined band and glee club concert will be given by Merrill high school in its gymnasium Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, March 9. John Pasek is directing the band, and will render two numbers on the violin. Estrid Geraghty directs the Girls Glee club. This concert is without charge to the public, and a good attendance is expected.

State Line and Gas Rationing

WHILE it is difficult to forecast the effects of gas-line rationing on the community, one thing clear at this time is that Klamath Falls and Lakeview should not be included in the northwest rationing area. That bothersome state line has done it again to us.

Justification for northwest rationing lies in the fact that northwest areas are supplied by tankers, and the tanker situation is becoming an increasing problem.

But Klamath Falls and Lakeview for some time have been getting gasoline by railroad from California and not from the tanker supplies through Portland. For practical purposes, therefore, they should not be included in the rationing area.

They were placed in that area because the state line puts them in Oregon instead of California. There is no rationing south of the state line, but in Klamath and Lake counties, north of the state line, there is to be rationing, even though the same transportation conditions exist as in the case of the northern California areas.

Here is another quirk in the situation: 70 per cent of the gasoline deliveries from the Merrill distribution point (in Oregon) are over the line in California, where there is no rationing. The distributor, in Oregon, must operate on a restricted basis, delivering gasoline for unrestricted sale in California.

If some government bureau were induced to look at the realities of the situation, Klamath would not get gasoline rationing under the proposed set-up. But the chances of that are not good as long as the state line is shown on the map.

Fire Levy Questions

SEVERAL persons, participating in a discussion at the city council meeting Monday night on the proposed special continuing fire levy, expressed the opinion that the levy should be put on the ballot to "let the people decide" and then the council would not be blamed if the additional funds are not provided for the fire department.

However, there is something to be said for offering a moderate proposal that has a good chance of passage, rather than one that is so stiff it is turned down. That is particularly true if there is a real need of the money for the fire department. Better to get it a moderate sum to fill that need, rather than nothing at all as would be the case if the stiffer proposal were beaten.

The special committee which looked into the physical condition of the fire department's equipment and brought in recommendations for doubling the annual taxes for this department did a thorough job. It is a most trustworthy committee, and there is no question that it would be desirable to give the department all that is proposed if the people are willing to assume the added taxes at this time. The department does need stepping up in equipment and manpower.

One advantage that the present proposal has it that it would divide the support of the department between a special levy and a budgeted amount. Council and budget committee, therefore, could reduce the department's allotment in the future by cutting the budgeted amount. A straight eight-mill levy, as was proposed at first, would be an inelastic and continuing maximum burden on the taxpayers.

It is not possible, of course, to know for sure how people will react, but it is unlikely they are willing to vote the 4-mill additional levy. But carrying out the idea of letting them decide everything, as was suggested in the discussion, the council might put alternate proposals on the ballot, and let the voters decide whether and how far the city should go in spending additional funds for the fire department.

Olene

OLENE—Weekend visitors at the O. L. Brown home were Miss Mary Walker of Ashland and Mrs. Ivan Pankey and son Ivan Lee of Sprague River.

Miss Harriet Bruner has accepted a position with the Crater Lake Box company at Sprague River.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson are at present visiting at the George Relling home. They were here from Lakeview for a week-end visit but due to illness of Anderson they were unable to return to Lakeview as planned. His many friends will be glad to know he is showing improvement.

Mrs. Curtis Gebhart transacted business in Klamath Falls Saturday.

Lee McMullen, Charles A. Henderson and Stewart Balsiger were guests of Lost River grange on Wednesday evening. Moving pictures of the flying corps, cav-

airy and county production agencies were shown. These were greeted with much enthusiasm and the grange extended a vote of thanks to these gentlemen for their contribution to a pleasant and educational evening.

Mrs. Henrietta Lyon of Malin spent Saturday and Sunday as the houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Barnes.

RENO LICENSES
RENO, March 16 (UP)—Marriage licenses issued here included: Edward Wiggins, 45, and Audrey M. Johnston, 29, both Klamath Falls; Elm Orville Bailey, 26, Central Point, and Margaret Boere, 23, Medford.

It seems that too many Americans need a good belt before they'll buckle down.

The average lift of a coin is 25 years. That's what it gets for traveling so fast.

INVESTIGATION

A member of the board wrote me the circumstances and, upon investigation, I discovered the following facts:

About 2791 trailers were quartered by the federal government in approximately 50 camps established through the country up to February 1, and most of these trailers apparently still have tires on them. A majority of them have been set around in use since last summer and fall.

The trailer project started last June under auspices of the farm security administration of the agriculture department. The project had nothing to do with agriculture, but the department had some experience in handling migrating farmhands that way. Recently the national housing agency took over the project in accordance with Mr. Roosevelt's general reorganization order of several weeks ago.

The project calls for 8483 more trailers immediately and NHA is adopting a program whereby the steel undercarriages, wheels and tires will be returned to the factory for other vehicles as soon as they are delivered at camps.

Although FSA says it is jacking up its trailers now and removing tires as fast as possible, its own claims show it has not done much. They mention two or three factors holding them back:

Funds for this particular work have only recently become available. It "takes time" to get contracts from local firms to build sawhorses and furnish concrete blocks, etc. The work can be done only in good weather like building construction (although there have been few days this winter when concrete could not be poured in the latitude of Baltimore — if you must have concrete to remove a tire).

But they trip themselves because no one needs legal representation in this kind of a "claim" against the government. The law is clear, and the war and navy departments eagerly cooperate. Any "next of kin" would be foolish to throw money away in this apparently legal graft.

What authorities want to know is how the racketeers get an appreciable number of names of casualties and their next of kin. Neither war nor navy departments publish casualty lists. Nearest relative is generally notified by wire or letter, and sometimes this relative notifies the local paper. A clipping service might possibly collect a number of these local items, and sell them to shysters. It is conceivable also that leaks may have occurred in Washington, although the personnel handling this business in both army and navy was specially chosen.

Courthouse Records
MONDAY Dismissal Home Owner's Loan corporation versus S. Meade Badger and Irma M. Badger. Suit dismissed on motion of plaintiff, H. D. Boivin, attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court
Emil Norman Johnson. Violation of basic rule. Fined \$25, \$5 of which was suspended.

Nick Wallace Harrison. Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. \$100 fine and 10 days in the county jail. Committed for 60 days in lieu of fine.

Ira Benton Morris. No warning device. Fined \$5.50.

Cletas Vincent LaValla. No

tween two of these contentions. If they had to buy 400 new tires since rationing started January 1, as they say, then they certainly have not taken many tires for this purpose off trailers already placed. They should not have needed much more than 400 tires for their shuttle pool the past two months.

A speed limit might well be set for NHA to get those tires off those trailers in good weather and bad.

GHOULISH GRAFT
A ghoulish legal racket upon relatives of war victims has been reported to authorities and is being investigated. Some unidentified parties are supposed to be circulating letters to "the next of kin" of those killed in action, promising for a small fee to represent them legally in their claims against the government.

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