

CITY HITS 100-TON SCRAP RUBBER MARK

Klamath Falls' scrap rubber total shot over the 100-ton peg today amid predictions that it would hit the 150-ton mark by the time the drive ends on June 30.

R. O. Snodgrass, chairman of the city campaign, reported the city total as over 200,000 pounds this morning. He said he expected another 10 to 15 tons would be turned in before nightfall.

Snodgrass said that 300,000 pounds has been tentatively set as the city goal and predicted the final figure would exceed it.

He again pointed out that rubber may be either donated or sold for one cent per pound to any service station. The government, he said, will later purchase it for \$25 per ton. Profits will be turned over to the USO, Red Cross and army and navy relief groups.

Japanese Goods Sale Nets \$39 For USO Drive

Purchasing discarded Japanese merchandise from a counter labeled "Must Go, Pay What You Like, For the USO," J. J. Newberry company customers Saturday rolled up a total of \$39.29 which the company immediately turned over to the USO drive for funds to help the boys in the services.

This contribution started the fund on the way to the \$6000 mark, still short of the \$8000 quota earmarked to support Klamath's share of USO activities, navy relief and local troop entertainment.

Proof of how much the USO means to the boys was received this week in a letter turned over to headquarters from Pvt. Eugene Andrews, stationed at Shepherd Field, Tex. Andrews said "They have two nice USO buildings here and they're the only thing about the town I like." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Andrews of Radcliffe avenue.

Dr. Black Called To Active Duty

Dr. Neil Black, Klamath physician and surgeon, has been called to active duty as a medical officer with the armed forces. It was announced Tuesday.

Dr. Black, who has been commissioned a captain, will report to the Pendleton air base July 6. He will close his office here July 1.

Dr. Black is a former Klamath county public health officer, and later had charge of medical services for the state welfare organization.

Return Home—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gwyn and two children, Joy and Graydon, returned the first part of the week to their home on Martin street from a month's vacation spent visiting relatives and friends in Portland, Seattle, Bellingham, Wash., Chicago, St. Louis and other midwestern points. Anita Gwyn, who accompanied them on the trip, stopped in Bellingham on late home, where she will visit with friends for a short time.

Circle to Picnic—Miriam circle of the First Presbyterian church will hold a picnic on the lawn at the home of Mrs. A. B. Epperson, 130 North First street, on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Coffee and buns will be furnished. Those attending are asked to bring their own sugar for coffee.

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Wesley Yancey Tells His Version of "Lex" Sinking

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of stories about the experiences of Klamath county youths who survived the sinking of the aircraft carrier Lexington in the Battle of the Coral Sea on May 8. Today's story is by Wesley Yancey, a 1938 graduate of Klamath Union high school, where he was a two-year varsity man in football, member of the track team and president of the Hi-Y club. Young Yancey also attended Linfield college for a year and a half. Previous interviews have told the stories of Jack Waits of Klamath Falls and Norman King of Merrill. Others by Weston Watson of Klamath Falls and Joe Rogers of Malin will follow.)

By WESLEY YANCEY

As Told to Bob Leonard
As a seaman second class and aviation machinist's mate, I was stationed on the hangar deck of the Lex—that's below the flight deck—during the entire battle and didn't see any of the attacking planes. But judging from the cannonading topside I knew we were being assaulted by a large force.

I was handling planes at my station when, without warning at about 11:30, nearly every gun on board opened up and I knew that something was coming.

A minute later I heard and felt an intensive but dull thud and I knew we had been hit—I learned later that three torpedoes had struck our port side in the first attack. The ship began to list, making work among the planes kind of difficult.

Meantime the terrific gunfire continued from topside but we dulled it somewhat by stuffing cotton in our ears. The attack lasted from 15 minutes, but immediately afterward our list was corrected and we were steaming along at a good clip. At about 2 o'clock a large explosion shook the ship and several smaller blasts followed it.

They continued all afternoon, but we in the hangar deck didn't pay much attention to

em because we had our hands full with the aircraft which had returned from battle.

Want Up
I went topside a little after three o'clock for a breath of air and found most of the crew busy with hoses and lines fighting fires which had broken out below. I helped up there for a while until orders were given to abandon ship.

About that time somebody broke out the Lex's supply of ice cream so most of us there on the flight deck pitched in. A little later I went off to the fantail and sat there for about 15 minutes.

Many of the crew were in the water by that time so I took off my shoes, placed them neatly side by side, inflated my life jacket and jumped.

It was from 30 to 40 feet to the water and I went down pretty deep but came up quickly enough. The water was as calm as a millpond and warm—between 70 and 80 degrees.

No Sharks
Sharks would have had a picnic there because there were nearly 2000 men in the water by the time all the crew had gotten off. Fortunately, none appeared.

None of the boys that I saw were panicky and I don't think that any of the others were.

I wasn't in the water long—I saw a life raft some 40 yards away and swam over to it. Nearly an hour later we were picked up by a cruiser and several days later re-transferred and taken home.

It was my first engagement. I had only been at sea a little less than a month. Jack Waits later told me that he had been through three others on the Lex.

I enlisted on October 16, 1941, spent several weeks in a San Diego machinists' school and was assigned to the Lex in April.

Most of us must report back for duty this Saturday, but where we go from there is up to Uncle Sam and the Japs.

As an aviation machinist, I suppose I'll again be on carrier duty. And the next time out, it'll be different.

Expense Statements Must Be Filed, Court Rules Today

SALEM, June 23 (AP)—The Oregon supreme court ruled today that the organizations and individuals who sponsored the state union control initiative measure, later declared unconstitutional, must file their expense statements with the secretary of state.

The decision, by Justice Belt and upholding Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling of Marion county, held that the corrupt practices act requires the filing of expense statements in connection with campaigns for or against initiative measures and referendums, just as the law requires that such statements be filed in connection with campaigns of candidates for public office.

The suit was brought by D. E. Nickerson, executive secretary of the State Federation of Labor, against the Associated Farmers of Oregon, the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, Horace Meckle, Henry L. Corbett, Hamilton F. Corbett, William Knight, George L. Baker, Aaron Frank, and the

MacWilkins and Cole corporation. Nickerson alleged that the defendants spent \$80,000 in obtaining passage of the law at the 1938 general election.

In answering the defendants' contention that the corrupt practices act does not apply to initiative measures, the court said that the people, in enacting the corrupt practices act, "desired to maintain the purity of the ballot and to prohibit illegal practices in elections, whether a measure or a candidate is involved."

Committee Approves Education Aid Bill

WASHINGTON, June 23 (AP) The senate education and labor committee has approved a bill which provides for appropriation of \$300,000,000 a year to assist states and territories in meeting financial emergencies in education.

Funds would be apportioned on a basis of need under a formula involving the number of persons between 5 and 17 years old and the net income of persons in a given state, compared with all states.

The bill provides for distribution of \$1,622,500 in Oregon.
On Business—Eldon P. Darley, Macdoel dairyman, was a business visitor in the city on Tuesday.

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\$50 to a pickpocket. Police immediately nabbed a suspect, but a few hours later released the man on the arrival of a special delivery letter with the wallet and \$50 intact.

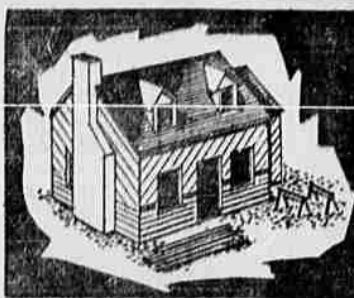
Move to Rogers—The Dan Farris family, who have been residing on the Keno route, are moving this week to the residence at 220 South Rogers street, formerly occupied by Mr.

and Mrs. Alvin Macartney. The Macartneys are now residing on LeRoy street.

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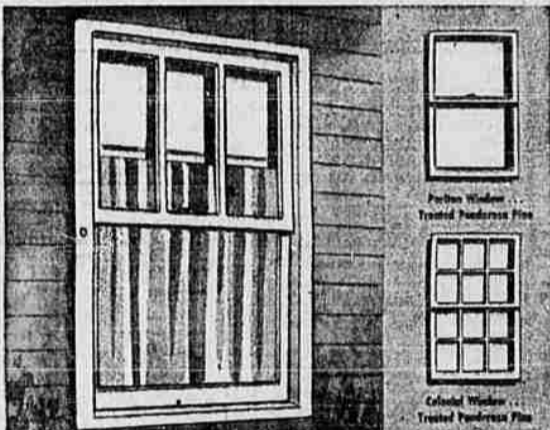
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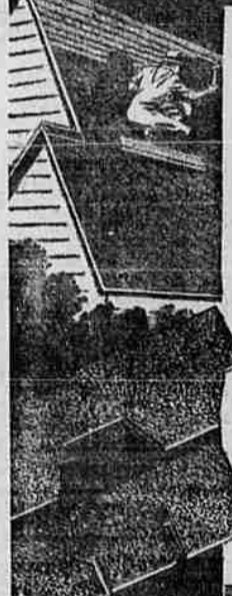
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