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A Preventive Measure

FIRE hazards are now extremely serious in the Klamath country, and they will grow progressively worse until the general fall rains. There has been much talk of saboteurs, but the greatest danger still lies in the carelessness of ordinary citizens.

To combat one phase of this carelessness, the Keep Oregon Green organization has distributed widely little red "fag bags" made by the Girl Scouts. These bags are for cigarette packages. They are intended to serve as a reminder to all smokers to refrain from smoking in unsafe places and to dispose properly of cigarette butts. It is a clever idea.

The bags are being distributed by forest protective services throughout the state. This writer got his from the Klamath Forest Protective association offices, where Charley Ogle handed it to us with admonishment to smoke safely this summer.

Ample tests have been made to prove that cigarette butts, thrown carelessly into grass, leaves, or other outdoor debris, will start fires. When the wind is blowing and humidity is low, a carelessly thrown cigarette butt can easily inaugurate a holocaust.

Attached to each fag bag is a tag containing the smoker's pledge, which every smoker should take to heart. It ends with the promise: "I will remember yesterday . . . think of tomorrow . . . and act today!"

Phony Ring

RADIO Tokyo has been producing some amazingly ingenious propaganda purportedly quoting British prisoners captured at Singapore and elsewhere in the far east.

The letters and statements quoted by the Japanese propaganda station read like long-winded editorials written by Tokyo's most rabid military journalists, and that is probably exactly what they are. They are so carefully comprehensive in presenting every suggestion that Tokyo would like to see in them that they defeat their own purpose.

Their rings is definitely phony. It is conceivable that a disgruntled British seaman might take a crack at his government and its war effort, but he wouldn't be likely to do so thoroughly and in such beautiful school girl English, all on his own. Nor would he be likely to develop such a complete and many-angled case for Japan. If he had anything to do with it at all, it probably was to comply when somebody gave him a piece of paper and told him to "sign here."

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, July 27—Cheapest political trick of a rather sordid wartime season is the strange delay in paying subsistence allowances to dependents of our fighting men for more than four months, until the day before the coming congressional elections in November.

Further investigation makes it worse than suggested in this column published June 15. The official publicity makes no mention of who was responsible for this calloused political chicanery, saying only that printing, investigations and bookkeeping will prevent mailing out the checks before Sunday, November 1.

But if you will prowl back through the several thousand words of the law, you will find, by careful reading, a single sentence, which places the responsibility for the decision. It says: "Any allowances which accrue under this title before November 1, 1942 shall not be actually paid until after November 1, 1942."

So congress itself, the very legislators who are to face the voters on Tuesday, November 3, and not the war department, or Mr. Roosevelt, or the democratic national committee, seems to have been the guiding force in denying monthly payments owed to women and children for June, July, August, September and October.

First it was pensions, then X-cards, and now delaying allowances to women and children.

There was some excuse for congress voting itself pensions, although when the secrecy of its action was exposed, it shamefacedly repealed the law.

There was also some excuse for X-cards to give congressmen extra (although they are not justly entitled to unlimited) gas to do public business, if they will do public business. Now that their X-cards have expired and stronger gas rationing is in force, they and all politicians are granted in the east all the gas they want to conduct their political business as usual, while all other business men must stand in line at rationing stations and appeal for meager allowances. The business of politics has been officially placed on the same basis as ambulances, police and doctors.

Only excuse for delaying food and livelihood to the dependents of our fighters was brought up in a few sentences of the house debate on the bill.

ONE QUESTION
The record of that debate contains page after page of bleed-

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SIDE GLANCES



"We'll pay for the window, but you won't charge much, will you, considering that's my mother over there?"

Trade News

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ing rhetorical sympathy for the soldier and his family, but at only one point did a congressman arise to question the four months' delay in administering this justice. Representative Robison, republican of Kentucky, arose in protest and offered an amendment cutting the time to two months.

The leaders in charge of the bill accepted the proposal, but somewhat later on in the various congressional machinations before the bill reached Mr. Roosevelt's hand, election eve became payment time.

Representative Thomas, democrat, of Texas, handling the bill, told Robison (the Congressional Record shows) that he thought the payments could be made in two months, but the war and navy departments "said they must have a reasonable time in which to set up the machinery and the accounting system to carry this act into effect."

At the war department later, a further excuse has been offered that investigations of the validity of claimants must be made.

How thin these excuses are is evident from close inspection of the act itself. No investigation is required for the wives and children of soldiers, sailors and marines. The law flatly says these class A claimants must be paid if they produce a marriage license or other proof. Only the claims of class B dependents (fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters) are subject to investigation, or must prove dependency.

Anyway, the excuse falls flat when you consider that payments are not to be made as cases are verified, but are to be delayed for one big bulk lump distribution after five months accumulation—on election eve. No one has even tried yet to offer an excuse for this.

If congress does not repeal this clumsy effort to influence voters and the facts begin to get around, congress had better not pass the pending legislation allowing soldiers to vote, and might do well to exclude their wives from voting also.

I have always thought the recent generalized attacks on congress were dangerous and unjustified during a period of centralized executive controls. Congress is supposed to be the direct representative of the people, closer to their wishes than the executive branch, which is largely appointive. The house is elected each two years, the president only every four.

Also there are good, bad and indifferent congressmen, and it is unwise not to distinguish between their various consciences, abilities and acts. But this latest example of mass legislative stupidity is just a little too much for me. In this case perhaps half the congressmen, or more, may not have known the single delaying sentence was in the act. No one, however, can escape the responsibility—or the reaction.

Enlistments To Be Taken Here Tuesday

PORTLAND, July 27 (AP)—Officer applicants for an Oregon maintenance company for combat weapons and vehicles were interviewed here today. Applications as enlisted men will be taken at Klamath Falls Tuesday, Medford Wednesday, Eugene Thursday and Salem Friday.

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Transportation News

UNITED AIRLINES RECORDS INCREASE

United Airlines, currently carrying approximately one-third of the nation's air cargoes, recorded a 147 per cent increase in air express pound-miles and a 58 per cent increase in mail pound-miles for the first half of 1942. District Traffic Manager W. R. Thippen said today.

The large gain reflected extensive use of air cargo shipments in the war program, particularly up and down the Pacific coast and between Pacific northwest cities and the industrial east and Midwest.

During the first six months of the year United flew 3,216,906, 139 express pound-miles, compared with the 1941 first-half total of 1,306,441,536. Mail pound-miles totaled 5,328,701,541, compared with 3,366,600,713 for the corresponding period of 1941.

Figures for June, 1942, showed a 193 per cent jump in express pound-miles from 246,966,773 a year ago, to 724,396,937 for June, 1942. Air mail pound-miles increased 79 per cent, from 607,277,288 in June, 1941, to 1,086,095,469 last month.

Negro Held in Connection With Heriston Slaying

HERMISTON, Ore., July 27 (AP)—Still unable to identify the victim, police were holding Eastern Campbell, negro transient, for investigation in connection with the death of a man who was stabbed to death during an argument at a negro recreation hall here yesterday.

Police Chief Bert Nation reported early today that Campbell confessed the fatal stabbing after he was captured late last night in the brush northwest of town.

Campbell was to be transferred to the county jail at Pendleton later today.

Kaiser Shipyards Seek 14,000 Welders

PORTLAND, July 27 (AP)—The Kaiser shipyards of Portland and Vancouver, Wash., began training welders today—and paying the trainees 95 cents an hour.

After 60 hours the trainees, drawn from state and federal vocational schools, will go on production work. The company seeks 14,000 welders.

ruptures must never be "repaired" by the insertion of an inner boot. Inner boots should never be used except in a temporary emergency. A boot can cause severe chafing in the tire carcass and result in a second blowout which usually renders the tire unfit for a permanent repair and further service. All cuts and breaks should be promptly vulcanized by a competent repair man.

"Change wheel positions every 5000 miles. Periodic switching of tires, right front to left rear, etc., equalizes tire wear and gives better mileage.

"Let's all get serious about rubber conservation and practice it as well as preach it. It is the vital duty of every car owner to get maximum mileage from his tires. It is the vital duty of every tire merchant to provide every possible service towards tire conservation. Remember, every ounce of wasted rubber is a gift to the axis."

"Check wheel alignment twice a year, or after any accident that could effect alignment, or immediately when excessive irregular tread wear appears. A tire one-half inch out of line will be literally dragged sideways 87 feet out of every mile. Alignment checks should be complete, not confined to front ends and steering linkage. Wobbly wheels, bowed axles, loose spring clips, broken springs, and bent frames are all capable of causing rapid tread wear and premature failures.

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"Hedda Hopper in Hollywood"
"Nifty Nineties"
Latest World Events

Americans Live Brutally Hard, Cheerless Life in Aleutians, Wheeler Finds

(Editor's Note: This is the fifth in a series of stories by Staff Correspondent Keith Wheeler of the Chicago Times on action in the Aleutian islands.)

By KEITH WHEELER
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SOMEWHERE IN ALASKA (Delayed)—This is the record of a 10-day 3000 mile trip out along the Aleutian battlefront to Kiska island and return.

Americans are living and fighting in the Aleutians—and the Aleutians are American soil. They are fighting and dying there to stop an invader who, they firmly believe, is bent on conquest of the United States itself.

They lead as brutally hard, cheerless and dangerous a life as man can. They have pared living down to its essentials—and these do not include baths, clean clothes or beds to sleep in. They sleep and eat—when such necessary luxuries are available—in tents and burrows in the soggy Tundra. They fight in airplanes, flying in weather that at its mildest would keep any peacetime plane nailed to the ground.

The trip began from a nameless base on the southern shore of the great peninsula. Only one reference point will be named here and that is Dutch Harbor—dreary enough by itself, but an oasis of luxury compared to others.

We started in a Catalina flying boat that roared across a narrow bay, rose into the air, banked steeply to avoid a jutting cliff and leveled off to slide across a 1000-foot pass so low the scrubby fir trees almost scraped the big boat's hull.

Last Tues Puny as they were, those would be the last trees except three for 1000 miles. Dutch Harbor boasts three sickly pines but they are not native. Some lonely American carried them there and now fondly nurses them through a discouraged life. The inhospitable Aleutians encourage trees no more than they welcome men.

We turned westward and set a course down the peninsula in weather that, for once, was good. Two hours later it began to close in and I saw the sun only once again in nine days.

The wet cold of the islands soon bit into me, an emergency solved by shoving a pile of miscellaneous gear off a bunk and going to ground in an eiderdown sleeping bag.

I awakened and scrambled through the plane to the gun blisters and looked out into a gray wet world in which the only distinguishable features were the darker gray waves directly beneath. We were outside Dutch Harbor, the gunner said. There was no land, no sky, nothing but fog.

"Who knows it's Dutch Harbor?" I yelled.

But we didn't land. We cruised in circles for an hour but the rocky harbor entrance, guarded on one side by the black buttress of Cape Cheerful and on the other by the sharp fang of Priest Rock, was so choked with fog that we couldn't get in.

Two hours later under a lowering sky we slipped into a desolate bay and landed. The big boat hit the water with a ripping sound as though she had come down in wet concrete.

Dispersal Point This was a dispersal point. The radioman scrambled into the gun-bay with a signal lamp and soon a motor whaleboat came buckling through the seas

to pick us up. We tied the plane to a buoy and left her.

That night we slept aboard an old destroyer converted to duty as a seaplane tender. And we stayed two days, for next morning the wind had risen to gale force and the ship pitched and strained at anchor even in the harbor.

This tender had serviced the big flying boats through the worst of their two-week ordeal early in June when the Japs were in these waters with aircraft carriers, cruisers, transports and subs. Some were still there.

Her men were a friendly, hospitable lot. The officers were young, juniors in years but veterans in point of war service. They had fought in Dutch Harbor and in the open sea and they were ready to fight again. They had burned an evacuated town, rescued civilians, sunk a sub, shot down three planes and the war had little more to teach them.

Vivid Memory On the second day I went ashore to acquire as vivid a memory as I shall ever have. The boat put me within reaching distance of a 50-foot ladder up the cliff and I scrambled up while a fiendish wind tore at my borrowed raincoat and threatened to jerk me back to the water.

At the top I saw the Tundra for the first time, a hummocky morass that looks like land God plowed experimentally and then wisely decided to throw away.

If that were true probably he would be surprised at the use his children have made of it. For that bleak, treeless plain under a sky as heavy as heart-break was filled with American airplanes, trucks, shacks, tents and American fighting men.

Four-engined B-17 and B-24 heavy bombers, fast P-40 and P-38 fighter-planes and a half dozen huge Amphibian Catalinas crunched along a runway carved through that useless land.

In a lantern lit shack I found a field telephone and soon in a truck driven by a cheerful kid from Texas came journeying over the Tundra to get me.

"This is a hell of a place," I told him.

"Well, it ain't Texas," he admitted. "But you get used to it."

WAR QUIZ

1. This flag, consisting of a blue cross on a red background, flies over one of the northern European countries which has fallen under the Nazi yoke. Its citizens are among the staunchest fighters of the invaders through the underground.

2. If you were a buck private in the army and Maj. Ovetta Culp Hobby gave you an order, would you respond, "yes, sir"?

3. Here's one that may fool you. What does AWOL mean?

ANSWERS TO WAR QUIZ

1. Flag is that of Norway.

2. No, you would reply "yes, ma'am." Major Hobby, who oddly enough wears a colonel's eagle, is director of the Women's Army Auxiliary corps.

3. Absence Without Official Leave.

If your dealer is out for the duration, advertise for a used one in the want-ads.

Klamath's Yesterdays
From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From the Klamath Republican July 31, 1902
Organization of the Olene Livestock company with capital stock of \$30,000 was completed last week. Members of the company are I. D. Applegate, C. N. F. Armstrong, Robert W. Prosser, Rex E. Bord and C. W. Jackson.

Owing to this being the busy season with most people, a smaller crowd than usual went on the steamboat excursion to Odessa last week.

State Treasurer C. S. Moore has been on vacation at his summer place on Spring creek.

From the Klamath News July 28, 1932
Superintendent Percy Wells is moving his city school offices from the Underwood building to the Fremont school building.

Sheriff Lloyd Low said today that he believes while federal Indian officers should be employed in law enforcement work on the reservation.

Crater Lake National forest was re-named the Rogue River national forest by presidential proclamation today.

Hitler, Yamamoto And Mussolini Put on a Program

NEW YORK, July 27 (AP)—Hitler, Mussolini and Yamamoto came in for some scathing denunciation on the National Broadcasting company's "Army Hour" radio program yesterday, the uncomplimentary remarks being made by—Hitler, Mussolini and Yamamoto.

Sergeant Louis S. Hitler of Fort Knox, Ky., directed his tirade at Adolf; Private Fred M. Mussolini of Buckley field, Colo., aimed his at Benito, and Private Shiroi Yamamoto of Fort Riley, Kas., got in a few choice cracks at Isoroku, commander-in-chief of the Japanese fleet.

LEGION DEMANDS UNIVERSAL SERVICE

PORTLAND, July 27 (AP)—Universal service, with men in the industrial army on the home front receiving pay comparable to that paid men in the armed forces, was advocated by Oregon American Legion convention delegates who closed the annual session Saturday with election of Hugh A. Bowman, Pendleton, as department commander.

The Universal service resolution proposed that the industrial force be recruited through draft and enlistment; that uniforms or insignia be provided and that the army system of rank and pay be instituted.

Another resolution advocated lowering of draft ages to reach 18 and 19-year-olds. Deportation of aliens who do not become naturalized citizens within five years also was urged.

Bowman, a 45-year-old hotel man and past district commander of the Legion, was elected unanimously after Blazier C. Small, Salem, the only other candidate, withdrew.

Other officers: Dr. E. J. Corcoran, Mount Angel, vice commander; the Rev. John Magoon, Gresham, chaplain; Thomas D. Stoughton, Portland, finance officer.

District commanders, elected for two-year terms: Otto Heider, Sheridan, district 2; Lloyd Williamson, Medford, district 4; Henry Duggan, Milton, district 6; Larry Wells, Oceanlake, filling the unexpired term of Herschel Taylor, now in the army, district 3.

Radio Tokyo Names Wesley Carter As Wake Prisoner

The name of Wesley Carter, Bonanza, headed a list of civilian war prisoners from Wake island read Sunday night over radio Tokyo.

Carter, formerly located at Oregon hot springs at Bonanza, went with Lloyd Pepple last year to Wake island to work on the government construction program there. He was listed some time ago as a probable prisoner.

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