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## Period of Greatest Danger

SUCCESS too often breeds carelessness, and it is possible something of the kind has happened in the forest fire situation this summer.

The fire season opened after a terrific campaign to make the public conscious of the seriousness of the fire problem this summer, with the war providing a patriotic motive for safe practices.

Man-caused fires showed a marked decrease, and it was apparent that people had gotten the idea all right. Now, we are past the middle of the summer. It has been one of the most favorable fire seasons in years—TO DATE.

But last weekend, at least three man-caused fires occurred in the Klamath district, not counting grass fires in town. It is just possible that people, having been careful all summer, are beginning to ignore the fire danger. We have gotten by so far, and perhaps this fire business isn't so bad after all, they may be saying to themselves.

On the contrary, we are now entering the most dangerous period of the year. The drying out process has been going on all summer, and all outdoors is ready to explode into flame from a spark.

It is the proper time to strengthen every precautionary measure. It is the time for every individual to renew the pledge he took at the opening of the dry season—to promise himself he will do nothing that could be responsible for a fire of any kind.

Most of the great fires in the history of Oregon and Washington occurred in late August or early September. We are on the threshold of that period.

Dave Bridge had 132 boys at Lake o' the Woods last weekend for the annual city recreation camp, and he looked a bit harassed when in town Monday, all ready to start the girls' week at camp. Somebody, we are told, complained because Dave didn't let the kids go swimming every time they wanted to go. If "somebody" would undertake to handle 132 boys at a camp for a week, he would understand that a few rules are necessary.

C. H. Mueller offers a suggestion that trees along The Dalles-California highway north of Modoc Point, which have been partially burned, ought to be cut for wood to help meet the shortage. It is a fact that their removal would do much to improve the appearance of the roadside there. Finding the labor to do the job might prove a problem, but how about giving a few days of wholesome labor to the endless string of drunks who make the city and county jails? Many of them, in fact, come from the reservation on which the burn is located.

## U. S. Is Ready to Put on A Show in North Africa

CAIRO, Aug. 17 (AP)—The star-in-a-circle of the United States army air force is almost ready to put on its own fighter show in north Africa's skies.

The dress rehearsal—days of intensive training of American pilots as flying comrades with desert-wise RAF squadrons—is over.

When the Americans go back into combat, they will fly the newest American pursuit planes, with their own insignia, in complete United States air force fighter squadrons.

U.S.A.A.F. bomber squadrons already are in action.

The fruits of air battle, sweet and bitter, were shared by the Americans and their British and South African mates in camps pitched together for the final fighting-training partnership.

Two firsts at the enemy's expense were logged for Major Claremont E. Wheeler, of San Jose, Calif., and Capt. Glade B. Bilby, of Skidmore, Mo.

Wheeler fired the first shot at an axis plane and Bilby, who flew a fighter-bomber in a big show at dawn Friday against the airbase at Fuka, dropped the first bomb.

Second Lieut. Jack S. Wilson of Benton City, Wash., may get credit for half a German plane.

Wilson was the first American flier shot down but as he stepped out of his damaged fighter inside the British lines the Messerschmitt which had attacked him also was seen plunging.

A Lieutenant Whitaker of Tennessee let go several bursts at a Messerschmitt but did not claim to have hit it.

First Lieut. William W. O'Neill, Jr., of Seminole, Okla., was shot down into the sea. He swam ashore and is in a hospital recovering from exhaustion.

Brig. Gen. Aubrey C. Strickland, an Alabamian who formerly commanded Paine field, near Everett, Wash., spoke enthusiastically of the Americans' final warm-up.

"We had the finest training you could imagine with the RAF," said Strickland, who commanded the fighters under Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, commander of the USAAF in the middle east.

"Our boys got along splendidly with the British. They are out of the same soup plates. If I ever saw comrades in arms it was the British and American fliers in the desert."

## Radio Day by Day

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (Wide World)—When America's service men return from the wars, they probably will be confirmed short wave fans. There have been many broadcasts and re-broadcasts of the more popular radio programs, and there are to be more.

One will consist of half-hour dramatizations of the world series baseball games in October and will be heard in Latin America, Australia, Europe and the Middle East over NBS short-wave stations WRCB and WNB, and Westinghouse WBOX.

## Packers Vote To Join AFL

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 17 (AP)—Employees of the Altona, Wash., plant of the Columbia River Packers' association have voted to join the AFL Columbia river gillnet fishermen's union, Secretary Guy Lawrence announced Saturday.

The AFL had a 2 to 1 margin over the CIO Columbia river fishermen's protective union, he said.

## FUNERAL

DENNIS ALLEN CRAIG  
Dennis Allen Craig, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Craig, passed away in this city on Saturday, Aug. 15, 1942, at 12:15 p. m. Surviving, beside the parents, are the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Loll of Rainier, Ore., and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Craig of this city. Funeral services were held Monday, August 17, 1942, at 1:30 p. m. in Linkville cemetery, where commitment services and interment followed. Arrangements were under the direction of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home of this city.

## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 — Unanimously the house has repealed its restriction delaying payment of five months arrears allowances to wives, parents and children of fighting men until November 1, two days before the election.

The repealer comes up in the senate on Monday, and it no doubt will be adopted there, although the senate is less amenable to correcting its mistakes, as only one-third of its membership is for reelection this year, whereas all the house is facing the voters.

Thus the injustice, brought to the attention of the public by this column, as published in newspapers of July 15, 27 and August 11, is likely to be fully rectified—but not without some interesting ramifications.

For a time it appeared nothing would be done. When Rep. John Rankin, democrat, of Mississippi, officially proposed a correction in the house, he actually ran into opposition from the war department. Policy there was being guided by Col. Thurston Hughes, administrative officer, handling the law.

An official announcement of the department's position was made, in an obvious effort to stop the Rankin movement. It seemed likely to succeed, as congress was practically in recess, and the department was openly willing to assume the responsibility.

One of the democratic leaders in charge, (not acting leader Jack Cochran, of St. Louis), was against doing anything, and there were not many congressmen round. Rankin was blocked.

But letters started coming in, from those wives and parents in need, who did not know how they would buy food and pay the rent until two days before election.

Down in Kentucky, Chairman Andrew May, of the house military affairs committee, heard of the Rankin movement, which corresponded to what he wanted to do in the first place with the original law. He came back from his vacation. (Incidentally his job, handling army legislation, has been among the most onerous in congress, and entitled him to one.)

May went to the war department and argued, also to the navy, trying to get the official stopper withdrawn. The army weakened, only slightly, but enough. The navy wholeheartedly endorsed the correction.

In a letter to Acting Speaker Bulwinkle, dated August 5, the acting navy secretary, James Forrestal, wrote:

"The making of these payments at once will have a decided effect on morale. The navy recommends enactment of the proposed legislation."

That did the job.

It is a remarkable matter when the government openly corrects a mistake, and all who had part in this correction deserve resounding cheers. The easier pattern of official behavior in such matters is to insist that there was no mistake, and to concoct all the excuses and arguments which lawyers can devise to justify a blunder.

Acting Secretary of War Patterson, a brilliant New York judge and attorney, for example, wrote a letter, also dated August 5, to the house speaker, making two pleas, which contradicted each other, in substantiation of the position which Col. Hughes had led him into.

Mr. Patterson said it would be discrimination against our soldiers overseas, who cannot get the necessary blanks quickly, if he paid the dependents of soldiers in this country first.

This, of course, is a matter of hunger and rent paying. Judge Patterson's arguments would have you believe that, when faced with hundreds of thousands of hungry women and children, it is a "discrimination" to feed any of them first.

In a hospital, Judge Patterson, if faced with a hundred dying men, would refuse to treat any until he could get enough doctors to treat all at once—and the day before election, presumably.

His other point denied his first one. It was that "a large force of reasonably well-trained persons, many typewriters, and the necessary desks and filing equipment and forms are required"—perhaps 3000 persons to look over 1,000,000 forms.

He said it would, therefore, be physically impossible to get

out all the checks even on November 1, so he intended to practice some of the "discrimination" he decrees. He only thinks it a sin to do so before November 1.

Of course this is no excuse for delaying everyone, but he used it and thereby unintentionally suggested that if the second front is to be opened on the same basis, perhaps this country needs a swifter assistant secretary of war as well as a swifter army financial department.

But the prettiest of all excuses was advanced by Senator Thomas, democrat, of Utah (he is not up for reelection this year), who blocked the Rankin correction in the senate Thursday, because, he said, it was dishonest to hold out hopes to dependents that they might be paid before November 1, because it could not be done.

Apparently he wanted a humane argument to support his inhumane position, but he even strained his own credulity with that one, for a few minutes later he told Senator Tydings, the November 1 date had been adopted for all payments because they did not want the checks which would be ready before that date to go out until all were ready.

That put him on both sides of the argument—that checks both would and could not be prepared before Nov. 1—within the span of a single breath. Also he was apparently unaware of the Forrestal navy letter, read earlier that same day in the house, saying the navy wanted the restriction removed.

The boys certainly got balled up in their alibis.

## SIDE GLANCES



"Somehow I can't picture our boys as war heroes—I keep thinking about when they were little, how sad they got when we'd kill a duck for dinner!"

## Klamath's Yesterdays

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

From the Klamath Republican August 21, 1902

The Ashland Board of Trade has raised \$462 for advertising and has ordered 10,000 pamphlets. Nothing slow about Ashland in that line, and her example is worthy of imitation.

The heaviest rain storm in many years occurred last Thursday and the electrical feature was quite severe.

Call at Bradley and Gunther's and inspect their complete line of robes and horse blankets before buying elsewhere.

From the Klamath News Aug. 17, 1932

Dewey Powell and Bill Canton have been nominated for commander of the local post of the American Legion.

Ralph Hill, Klamath distance runner, left today for Chicago where he will again run against Lauri Lehtinen, the Finn.

Work on the water reservoir for Moore park began today. It was announced by City Engineer E. A. Thomas.

## Trade News

Interesting Notes of Herald and News Advertisers, Their Products and Activities

The Firestone Tire and Rubber company has finished tests on a new tire and rubber preservative, and the product is now on sale at all local Firestone stores.

The preservative is a chemical compound which protects tires and other rubber articles against the deteriorating action of sunlight and oxidation. It maintains resiliency and flexibility of tires, both increasing the life of the tire and keeping it in better shape for recapping later. It will add life to any rubber article, according to Ted Fix of the local Firestone store. One application lasts about three months.

## Parents-Teachers Executive Group Calls Meeting

A meeting of the executive committee of the Klamath county council of parents and teachers has been called for Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 2 p. m. at the Fairview school.

All council officers and chairmen and presidents of local units are urged to attend.

## RAINBOW NOW PLAYING

Features

HIT NO. 1—  
The O'Brien-Donlevy  
Two Yanks in Trinidad

HIT NO. 2—  
"COMING ROUND THE MOUNTAIN"

## SOLONS TOLD OF LABOR PROBLEMS

TULELAKE — Congressmen and senators of both California and Oregon were advised Friday by telegram of the seriousness of the impending labor shortage during the potato and beet harvest that is just around the corner. The action was taken by the Tulalake chamber of commerce at the request of the Tulalake Growers, who ask cooperation of the chamber in bringing political notice to the situation that threatens disaster unless drastic measures are taken immediately.

Migrant labor that has been plentiful in previous years is expected to be less than 50 per cent of normal, and with the basin facing one of the heaviest crops in recent years the situation is sure to be critical, it was pointed out.

Tulalake Growers since early summer have followed every suggestion offered for procurement of a labor supply with the cooperation of all other organizations in the area.

The possibility of importing Mexican laborers or of using some Indian labor from the vicinity of Alturas has been checked but no definite action has been taken. Potato harvest will probably begin about October 10.

## Malin

Dick Craven, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Craven, has returned to army service in Denver after being incapacitated since last February. Injured in a collision between a motorcycle and a truck at San Francisco in which he suffered a broken arm and leg, he spent several months in a hospital in the bay city, returning to Malin on furlough for 10 days. He had hoped to be able to spend 30 days here helping his father, who has been ill, but was called back to Denver at the end of 10 days.

Kathleen Wilson, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson, has recovered from a recent tonsillectomy performed at the Merrill hospital.

A number of members of the Helping Hand society plan on a trip to Huckleberry mountain about Aug. 19. A truck will be furnished by Mrs. Charles Hamilton. Plans for the event, which has been a highlight of the summer for the last three years, were completed at a meeting of the society held at the home of Mrs. Oscar Hammer. The next regular meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Hamilton Sept. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Kirkpatrick have returned from Seattle, where Kirkpatrick has been employed for several months in the Boeing factory. He was granted a leave of absence to assist with harvest work for the next two months. Mrs. Kirkpatrick is the former Merle Watkins.

Lois Hand, Marie Fields, Grace Howell, Annabert Howell, Joanne Wilson, Jerry Lou Steyskal, Joanne Steyskal, June Woodley, June Sanders, Marjorie King and Shirley Kay Johnson, members of the Malin Girl Scout troop, returned Wednesday night from Medicine lake where they spent three days camping. They were accompanied by Mrs. Donald Dod, leader, and Mrs. Sam Woodley, who drove and donated the truck for transportation.

## Smith Woods Buys Timber

ROSEBURG, Aug. 17 (AP)—The Smith Woods Products company, Coquille, has purchased 8900 acres of timber in northwestern Douglas county from Henry A. and Mary B. Lovejoy.

Revenue stamps attached to the deed indicated sale price was approximately \$85,000. The company is building a veneer plant near Sutherlin.

Dealer shortages put new value on used merchandise. Cash in on your "junk" through a classified ad. Phone 3124.

## We're In The Army Now In Stitchery, Too



by Alice Brooks

A reminder for you of all the chores our boys are doing! You'll enjoy embroidering these motifs (there are six). Why not make them for some one with a boy in the service! Pattern 7373 contains a transfer pattern of 6 motifs averaging 5 1/2 x 7 1/2 inches; materials needed; illustrations of stitches.

To obtain this pattern send 11 cents in coin to The Herald and News, Household Arts Dept., Klamath Falls. Do not send this picture, but keep it and the number for reference. Be sure to wrap coin securely, as a loose coin often slips out of the envelope. Requests for patterns should read, "Send pattern No. 7373, to \_\_\_\_\_ followed by your name and address."

## Merrill

Linda Ann is the name chosen by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Willis, Los Angeles, for their new daughter, born Aug. 8. The little girl weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces, according to "Grandfather" Bob Dalton, who hopes to have Mrs. Willis, the former Louise Dalton, and new daughter and son Bob visit Merrill in the near future. Mrs. Dalton is south at the Willis' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Hodges are leaving Sunday for Los Angeles, where they will visit with Hodges' brother Clemens, new inductee at Camp Roberts, and with Mrs. Hodges' brother, Sergeant John W. Petty, who is serving in the anti-aircraft corps at Camp Hawthorne.

Mrs. Homer Heaton, who has assisted Postmaster Hodges in the Merrill postoffice for several months, is leaving Aug. 23 for Vallejo to join her husband, who is serving as a machinist at Mare Island. Mrs. Heaton received word this week that Heaton had been able to find an apartment near the business district. During their absence, their apartment here at the Union station will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Denson. Denson is seed specialist for the Drager company of Hatfield. Mrs. Heaton is well known here, having served for several months in the postoffice during the time that Inez Given was postmaster.

The Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Virgin was observed Saturday, Aug. 15, with 9 o'clock mass at St. Augustine's church, read by Father James M. O'Connor.

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## FOUR BABIES BORN IN TULELAKE AREA

TULELAKE — Four new arrivals made their appearance in Tulalake homes during the last few days. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Klar welcomed a daughter on Aug. 7, who weighed in at 8 pounds 10 ounces. On Aug. 3, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Guthrie at the Clendenn home. The little boy, first child in the family, weighed 7 1/2 pounds and has been named Charles Edward Guthrie. His father left a few days later to enter service at Monterey.

On Aug. 8, Mr. and Mrs. John Carter, Stronghold, became parents of a six pound daughter. Carter is employed on construction work on the Canby Hatfield highway and their home is Moreed.

July 24, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clendenn became parents of a 10 pound daughter. The family lives at McCollum's mill near Malin, and the father is a brother of W. A. Clendenn of the city police force.

## Midland

Mrs. James Olson spent the week with her husband in Medford. Olson, who has been ill, is some improved.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Heavilin and son spent Sunday in Medford with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cole and son have moved into the Webb home at Midland.

Mrs. Edna Travers has returned home from Eureka, where she spent several weeks with her father, who has been seriously ill for some time.

Mrs. O. D. Anderson and son Charles and Mrs. Harry Quimby left for San Francisco where they will visit Mrs. Anderson's son, who is in the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Motschenbacher and Mrs. A. J. Stewart and children spent the weekend at Diamond lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wicklander, state grange deputies, visited Midland grange Wednesday evening.

Bobby Stewart underwent a tonsil operation Tuesday afternoon and is reported recovering nicely.

## Waste Fats Called For

PORTLAND, Aug. 17 (AP)—William Denny of the state salvage committee urged Oregon housewives today to contribute more waste fats to the war effort. Contributions are running about 300 pounds a day, while capacity of reducing plants in the state is 5000 pounds daily, he said.

If it's a "frozen" article you need, advertise for a used one in the classified.

## PELICAN NOW PLAYING



Ann's carrying a new torch—an acetylene torch in a plane! She's a red-headed Bomber on Uncle Sam's assembly line—and good!

A WARNER BROS. HIT  
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and DENNIS  
MORGAN

EXTRA!  
"In the Groove"  
"Lights Out"  
Latest News

## PINE TREE THE BIG DOPE IS STILL HERE!



—ADDED ATTRACTIONS—  
"How to Take a Vacation"  
"Truant Officer Donald" • News