

Blackout Signal

One 5-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. Another long blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precautionary periods, watch your street lights.

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CONGRESS SET TO DRAFT YOUTHS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
SAN DIEGO. And a roof, thank heaven, to sleep under. But it was a narrow squeak. Ten minutes more and it would have been the street.

WHEN the war began, the hotel men of the Pacific Coast thought they were looking bankruptcy in the eye. As it turned out, it was quite something else they were looking at. (The big city hotel men, that is.)

Portland, with relatively few hotels to start with and priorities putting the kibosh on the building of any more, has a wild and woolly shipbuilding boom that makes a room in a hotel just something to dream about, as a Marine in a foxhole down in the Solomons dreams about luscious blondes.

Seattle has a shipbuilding boom, an airplane building boom and a navy yard besides. So that's that.

The cities around San Francisco bay have shipbuilding and other assorted war industries, with a navy yard at Vallejo. In San Francisco, the hotels are crowded with service men waiting for a convoy out and with their relatives who have come to see them off.

BUT San Diego is the payoff. It has a navy base and a Marine base, and nobody outside the statisticians of the war and navy departments has ever been able to count the camps of various sorts located around here and make the total come out the same twice in succession.

On top of that, San Diego is one of the leading airplane construction centers of the country, with great plants that go on growing like mushrooms on a hot and steamy night.

Add to that the parents, wives and other relatives who come to see their boys in the service and what you get adds up to a riot whose storm center is the room desks of the hotels.

The room clerks are beginning to wear the harried expression of a fellow who has more creditors than there are blocks to go around to avoid them. They duck every time they hear a harsh voice.

IN his worthy little book "Adventures in Good Eating," Duncan Hines gives the decided nod of approval to an eating place in downtown San Diego. Go around to give it the look.

It's closed. Doesn't serve dinner any more. Only breakfast and luncheon. Due to a combination of the labor shortage and the 40-hour week, presumably.

Come back to the hotel dining room. There's a long line waiting at the door. Ask the girl if it might be better to come back later. She answers: "It won't make any difference. They'll be (Continued on Page Two)

Tanker Sunk Off Oregon

NAVY REVEALS LOSS OF SHIP ON OCTOBER 4

Announcement Second In Three Days; One Man Dies

A WEST COAST PORT, Oct. 13 (AP)—Torpedoing of a heavily-laden American tanker off the Oregon coast October 4 with loss of one man was announced today by the navy, which reported 48 survivors landed by a neutral vessel. It was the second Pacific coast sinking announced in three days.

The tanker, set afire by one of three torpedoes from a Japanese submarine, finally sank six days later after a gallant effort was made to tow her to port.

Lies Helpless
Ray Jones, 25, Los Angeles, a messboy, was the man lost. He jumped overboard from the blazing ship and was never seen again.

The tanker, survivors disclosed, was attacked as she lay helpless from engine trouble about 25 miles offshore. One of three torpedoes fired struck the tanker far forward. The others missed.

Two Insured
The 39 men in the ship's crew and nine members of a navy gun crew left the blazing ship in lifeboats after turning on the live-steam smothering system to eliminate imminent danger of an explosion. Three hours later they were picked up by a foreign vessel flying a neutral flag. (Continued on Page Two)

Willkie Back In U. S., Hits 'Flippancy'

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 13 (AP)—Wendell Willkie, on the home-bound leg of an aerial tour of the world's battlefronts, arrived here at 2:22 p. m. CWT today.

He landed at World-Chamberlain field, naval base, in a four-motored army plane, which flew him here from Edmonton, Alberta, 1100 miles to the northwest.

The big ship was immediately surrounded by soldiers as it taxied to a hangar, where Willkie left the ship for a brief stop in the Twin Cities.

Willkie did not comment further on a remark at Edmonton that he would have something to say about "flippant statements made by certain public officials" concerning his views upon a second front, uttered while he was in Moscow.

Mmmm—Pretty Potato Pickers!



This comely crew set forth for Tulelake spud fields early Tuesday morning, ready to lend a hand in the harvest of Klamath basin's important tuber crop. Some 48 underclassmen of Klamath Union high school left school for a day's potato picking. They were driven to Tulelake in the Levi-Zentner truck. Some of these girls worked over the weekend and made from \$4 to \$6 per day, good picking in any man's language.

NAZIS WEAK, BUT CONTINUE ATTACK

Autumn Chill Strikes Stalingrad Front; Soviets Counter

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW, Oct. 13 (AP)—Weakened but still attacking, the Germans struggled to get a fresh offensive going against Stalingrad today while red army troops were reported cutting into several sectors of the Mordok area by vigorous counter-attacks.

Renewal of the assault upon Stalingrad, after a three-day lull devoted to artillery duels, found both German and Russian soldiers (Continued on Page Two)

Mercury Slides to 29 Monday Morning

"Hey, Momma, where's my longies?"

More than one Klamathite dug down Monday morning searching for the winter's underwear as the mercury slid to a new low for the season, a sharp, crisp 29 degrees. Maximum for the day was 57, the US weatherman said.

Flower gardens were apparently unharmed by the cold which followed closely on the heels of Sunday's slight hail storm.

Theatres Place Containers for Key Kollection

The 'Klamath County Key Kollection Campaign,' designed for the separate collection of old keys apart from the general metal scrap drive, went forward today with the announcement of theatre lobby containers established for the convenience of moviegoers.

Earl Baughman, manager of Klamath theatres, said that boxes are being prominently placed in all movie houses. He said that appeals for keys are also being flashed on all theatre screens.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Stephen Benson, key drive chairman, announced that more than 3000 keys have already been shipped to Fulton Lewis, Jr., radio commentator sponsoring the campaign on a nation-wide scale. All keys collected, she said, will be sent to Lewis.

Mrs. Benson, mother of Lt. Gordon Benson, believed to be a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines, disclosed also that collection boxes are placed in nearly every downtown retail store and urged shoppers to bring their keys to town with them.

"Keys contain valuable nickel and copper," Mrs. Benson said, "and should be turned into the key drive rather than general scrap metal piles where they're apt to be lost."

Mrs. Benson said that arrangements for collection of keys from containers are being made.

MARINES ENLARGE SOLOMON POSITION

Japs Suffer Heavy Casualties In Two Days of Fighting

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (AP)—The navy announced today that United States marines had succeeded in enlarging their positions on Guadalcanal island in the Solomon islands during two days of offensive fighting in which the Japanese had "many casualties."

Announcement also was made of destruction of 15 Japanese planes, damage to two enemy light cruisers and loss of two United States planes in operations on October 9 and 11.

First Offensive
The report of the marines' offensive tied in directly with a statement today by Rear Admiral John S. McCain, lately a naval air commander in the southwest Pacific, that "We can hold the Solomons and expand them."

It was the first offensive action reported for the marines in the Solomons since the early days of their invasion which began August 7.

Announcement of the damaging of two enemy cruisers raised to 40 the number of Japanese ships which have been reported sunk or damaged during the Solomons campaign and the destruction of 15 Japanese planes raised to 260 the number of enemy aircraft wrecked in the Solomons.

The offensive operations of the marines were carried out in the face of considerable enemy (Continued on Page Two)

GAS RATIONING REGISTRATION SET FOR NOV. 9

Motorists Must Agree To Tire Inspection, Limitation

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (AP)—Registration for gasoline rationing will begin November 9 in all parts of the country except the already-rationed east.

The office of price administration, announcing this today, said that while car owners in the east need not re-register, they must, like the rest of the country, provide additional information concerning the tires they own.

Innovations
In gearing gasoline rationing more closely to the tire conservation program, OPA made these innovations in the plan now operated in the east:

1. Periodic tire inspections as a requirement for any renewal of rations, as well as any application for tires or recaps.
2. Certification that the applicant owns no more than five tires for any vehicle.
3. Revocation or reduction of rations for drivers who exceed the 35-mile-an-hour speed limit.

Five-Tire Limit
The registration beginning November 9 will be for "A" coupon books, with the rationing plan to go into effect November 22.

Each applicant will be required to list the serial number of all tires he owns. If he lists more than five tires for each car, he will be denied an "A" book until he shows he has disposed of the excess tires.

2880 Miles Per Year
OPA said it would announce shortly details of the periodic tire inspection program.

All car owners registering next month will receive "A" (Continued on Page Two)

Potato Growers Meet Wednesday In Ceiling Talk

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (AP)—Growers, shippers and wholesalers of potatoes from Idaho, Maine, Long Island and other principal producing regions will meet with office of price administration officials tomorrow to discuss preparation of a permanent price ceiling on potatoes.

Potatoes were among the few vegetables included in Price Administrator Henderson's recent 60-day temporary price freeze, which set the ceiling for each dealer at the highest level charged by him in the period September 28-October 2.

After conferences with industry representative in each commodity line, OPA expects to issue permanent price ceilings sometime prior to expiration of the 60-day freeze.

Members of the board granted French's request that he be relieved of duties as head basketball coach, and named Wayne Scott, last year's Wildcat basketball coach, as head of this department. Teale, full time auto mechanics instructor, will teach this subject half-day, and the other half-day will be taught by Lloyd Emery of the English department. A teacher to fill in the English assignment has not yet been designated, according to Gralapp.

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Named



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WOODRUFF NAMED KUHS PRINCIPAL

Dean of Boys Succeeds Gould; French, Scott Upped

Stanley Woodruff, dean of boys of Klamath Union high school and now entering his seventeenth year of service at the institution, was elected principal of KUHS at a meeting of the board Monday night. Woodruff takes the place of Rolla Gould, who has left for duty with the United States navy.

Naming of Woodruff by the school board brought about numerous changes on the staff, Superintendent Arnold L. Gralapp stated. Dwight French was named dean of boys and Harold A. Teale takes over the assistant principalship, this post left vacant by Charles Tilton now at Newport News, R. I., with the U. S. navy as lieutenant (jg.).

Scott Named Coach
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SOLONS TAKE CUE FROM FDR RADIO SPEECH

President Says Lowering Age Limit to 18 Is Necessary

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (AP)—Congressional leaders took President Roosevelt's call for an army of strong young men to carry the war to the axis as their cue today for speedy action on legislation to lower the draft age from 20 to 18.

The president, in telling the nation last night that he believed it would be necessary to

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (AP)
—President Roosevelt today took a press conference today that the voluntary manpower program was not working satisfactorily.

He gave no indication, however, that any immediate request might be made for legislation to put job assignments on a compulsory basis.

He said he had set no time limit in which voluntary efforts must produce the desired results in bringing adequate workers into industries and onto farms.

lower the minimum age limit for selective service to 18, said: **Expedition Pledged**

"We have learned how invaluable that is—and how important to the speeding up of victory."

Chairman May (D-Ky) of the house military committee, who previously had said he would have to be convinced of the need of drafting younger men, declared that in the light of the president's speech his committee (Continued on Page Two)

Flying Forts Pound Tobruk; Malta Raided

CAIRO, Oct. 13 (AP)—Flying Fortresses of the United States army battered the axis North African supply harbor of Tobruk yesterday while British fighters held off a second day of terrific German-Italian air assault on Malta, shooting down at least 24 axis planes and damaging about 50.

The fortresses were said to have scored a probable hit and several near misses on a L. 50-dium-sized ship in the Tobruk harbor. They encountered anti-aircraft fire which unofficial accounts described as heavy but inaccurate.

(The Italian communique acknowledged the Tobruk raid and claimed, without confirmation, that three four-engined American bombers were downed.)

Navy Takes Control of Explosive Firm; Vice President, Four Others Arrested

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (AP)—The navy took possession today of the plant of Triumph Explosives, Inc., at Elkton, Md., and two subsidiaries at Milford, Del., and the White House announced that the FBI had arrested a plant vice president and an army and a navy inspector on bribery charges.

A White House statement said the inspectors were charged with accepting bribes in the guise of "service fees" and that the navy's "preliminary investigation indicates that more than \$1,000,000 in management 'irregularities' may be involved."

FDR Order
The navy took over the plants under terms of a presidential executive order which said it was desirable that they be operated "efficiently and safely."

Those arrested, the White House said, were Josef Ben Decker, executive vice president of Triumph; J. A. McCambridge, until recently civilian army inspector at the Triumph plant, and Reginald Gregory, chief civilian navy inspector at Triumph.

The two subsidiaries taken under governmental control are the Milford Ordnance company and the Sussex Ordnance company. All have been placed in charge of the commander, A. B. McCrary, acting for the army and navy.

More Arrests Eyed
Details of the bribery charges were not immediately available from the White House. It said more arrests were expected.

Later in the day, U. S. District Attorney Bernard J. Flynn announced in Baltimore that three more Triumph subsidiaries had been seized and two other inspectors arrested by special agents of the FBI.

Flynn said the companies taken over were the Elk Loading Mills Corp., Elkton; the Kent Defense Co., Chestertown, Md.; and the Maryland Display and Fireworks Co., Elkton.

He identified the additional inspectors arrested as A. P. Fabrizio and Frank Poughkeepsie, and said FBI agents would take all those arrested to Baltimore late today.

(At Elkton, acquaintances of Decker said he had founded the Triumph company about seven years ago, previous to which time he had been founder and manager of the Victory Sparkler and Specialty company.)

The arrest of Decker, McCambridge and Gregory, the White House said, resulted from an audit by the renegotiation section of the navy procurement office which "uncovered numerous instances of bribery in the Triumph company management."

Welfare Load Now Lowest In History

Klamath county's welfare load is the lowest since the office was established, it was announced Tuesday by Mrs. Altha Urquhart, welfare administrator.

She said the office started October with 50 cases on general assistance. This is fewer than at any time since the bureau was established under the old county relief commission.

Many of those on general assistance, she stated, are almost of an age making them eligible for old age assistance.

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Enterprise Cuts Water Charges \$1.03 Per Acre

Enterprise Irrigation district has just fixed its budget for the new year and announced a reduction in charges to the extent of \$1.03 an acre, it was announced Tuesday by A. M. Thomas, superintendent of the district.

The new charge will be approximately \$6.50 an acre.

Thomas said good collections had helped make the reduction possible. The EID recently changed its collection system, making collections through its own office rather than the county tax office. The EID tax roll is no longer turned into the courthouse.