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Weekend Roundup

IN A story on the effect of gas rationing on the economic life of huge Harney county, Oregon's biggest, the Burns Times-Herald runs an interesting list of "typical cases" of ranchers whose mileage allowance was changed by the Detroit ODT office after recommendations were made by the Harney county NSDA war board and transportation committee.

These cases show that in some instances the Detroit office reduced the mileage asked and recommended, and in others the mileage allowance was increased. In one instance, where a farmer asked for 40,000 miles by mistake and the local board cut him to 8,000 miles, the Detroit office raised it back to 40,000.

The Harney county board, in a resolution, points out that the Detroit office could not possibly know the situation as to each applicant and proposes that hereafter the applications be handled entirely by or through the recommendation of a local committee.

Klamath county has had a somewhat similar experience, and many cases similar to those pointed out in Harney county could be cited here. Here, too, it is plain that the most equitable handling of the farmers' mileage rationing can be done by the local committee.

There are current indications that such a plan is being recognized as desirable by federal authorities, and will probably be put into effect. The local boards working on these applications have so far put in hundreds of man hours. They are in a position to know the status of each applicant and they know well the general conditions of this area affecting travel and gasoline use.

Wherever it is at all feasible, local boards offer the most promising method of fairly and equitably handling these various governmental control programs. Honest, intelligent citizens on these boards can do the job right, carrying out not only the main purpose of the program but seeing to it that individual situations are properly met.

Klamath basin potato farmers, who have been anxiously awaiting word of an adjustment in the potato price ceiling, have complained about a slick arrangement of the previously announced ceilings which seem to favor growers in the central and southern California areas.

Chester Main, president of the Tululelake Growers, points out that the ceiling prices for Klamath potatoes are at their low point at the time of digging, and advance gradually through the season. On the other hand, the ceiling prices for the central California growing areas are at their highest level at digging time, and remain at that high level through three months when the potatoes are dug and largely disposed of. The California growers, it is pointed out, sell most of their potatoes directly from the field, without storage costs to the growers, whereas here the vast majority of potatoes go from the field into storage.

On its face, this appears to favor the deep California growers as compared with the ceiling conditions imposed upon the growers in the Tululelake and Klamath districts. We are not informed as to whether this was a piece of luck or there was some design behind it. At any rate, equity would require that ceiling synchronization with digging and normal selling conditions should be the same in all districts.

Andy Collier, who never misses a bet in the war savings business, asks us to remind employers that war bonds make excellent Christmas gifts.

Such giving will help to put Klamath county over on its December quota, which is somewhat larger than the November quota and is further affected by the fact that only E type of bonds will apply. Heretofore, larger bonds of other types have been applied on quotas.

Klamath county was the only county whose quota was boosted in December. That, we take it, is a compliment, and we believe Klamath county will come through.

Klamath Union high school basketball season has opened, and here is a suggestion to local athletic enthusiasts that they give basketball a try for interesting entertainment. Huge crowds turn out here for football, but the spectators are pretty sparse at basketball games. We have a hunch that people who try it will find basketball as interesting as football. And the lads who play the game deserve local support.

Klamath Meat Situation Not Serious, Report

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than one-half pound of meat per person per week," said Johnson. "Did you know that other states have meatless days? Did you know that countless packing plants in other parts of America have had to close? And, did you know that hundreds of markets in other parts of America are closing for lack of meat? I do not know of any market in Klamath Falls closing for lack of meat nor do I know of any one going hungry because meat is unavailable."

Johnson said that if there is complaint to the OPA and senators now when "you have all the meat you want," what will it be like after the first of the year when meat rationing goes into effect.

Complaint Made
"After all," he said, "there is a war going on and I'm sure we will all tighten our belts and do without, if necessary, to help

win it. So let us not cry before we're hurt."

Johnson complained facts had been published about his business without his verification.

Efforts to clarify the local meat quota situation have been underway here for some time, with inquiries and requests addressed to the OPA and to Senator Charles L. McNary by County Agent C. A. Henderson, who is also secretary of the local livestock association, and others. Frank Lowell, head of the Klamath Packing company, who is now in the navy, informed The Herald and News that he was endeavoring to make an arrangement whereby the Klamath Pack quota could be used by another local man during his absence.

GREEKS CLAIM SINKING
LONDON, Dec. 12 (AP) — A Greek naval communiqué announced today that a big axis supply ship had been sunk by a Greek submarine in the eastern Mediterranean.

Buy it through the want-eds.

Washington Column

By PETER EDSON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12. Unofficial new slogan of the Naval Guard, the outfit which mans the guns on merchant ships, is "Sighted sub. Glub! Glub!"

Unofficial designation of the new controlled materials plan or CMP, cooked up by the war production board, is "Cripes! More Paperwork!"

Munro Lief, the whimsical fellow who wrote "Ferdinand the Bull," has just been promoted to an army captaincy and sent out to a Kansas service school to find out what a fighting branch the service was all about. But a short time ago when he was just a first lieutenant in Washington, writing serious speeches for generals to deliver, Lief was sent on a speaking tour with a lot of colonels and majors who thought they were something. Imagine the surprise of the colonels and majors when, on picking up the local newspapers to look at the photograph of their arrival at the railroad station, they saw it under the headline, "MUNRO LIEF AND PARTY ARRIVE IN TOWN."

IT'S A WOMAN'S WAR

Flying Fortresses, the biggest, toughest fighting planes the U. S. army or any other army possesses today, are now being made by a labor force that is 50 per cent women, and by the end of next year officials at the Boeing plants in Seattle and Renton, Wash., say the labor force will be 70 per cent women.

In Washington it is believed this is the highest percentage of women employees of any aircraft plant in the country. In April, Boeing had less than 4 per cent women employees. By July it was 25 per cent and it has been doubled since then by simplifying work processes. Eighty per cent of all beginning and probationary mechanics being hired are women, and there are now some women doing practically every job in the plant. Ninety-five per cent of all the rivet buckers are women, and from two-thirds to three-fourths of the workers in upholstery, fabric covering, electric wiring and tubing shops are women.

Big surprise has been that most of the married women with children prefer the second shift, from 4 p. m. to midnight. They do household work in the morning, let a neighbor take care of the children till the husband gets home from his day shift.

UNSEEN SIGHT

The famous and highly-secret Norden aerial bomb sight is still believed to be just as exclusively a U. S. weapon as it was at the beginning of the war, all of them being accounted for and none having fallen into Jap or German hands.

What has surprised U. S. observers, however, is that the Japs appear to be better precision bombers than the Germans and it isn't known what sight the Jap bombers are using, either. Maritime Captain Raymond Lytz of Mobile, Ala., just back in Washington from Guadalcanal, says that when the Japs come over Henderson field for a high level bombing raid at 22,000 feet or better, they can hit the runways with remarkable precision. To appreciate what good bombing this is, you have to consider that the Jap bomber is not only more than four miles up, but he is also two-and-a-half to three miles horizontally off his target at the time he releases his eggs.

MOST AMAZING!

Most amazing thing about that rumored Harold Ickes-for-Fanny Perkins-for-Paul V. McNutt-for-Harold Ickes cabinet shift that had Washington so excited was that it offered such an ingenious solution to so many Washington headaches.

It raised McNutt to cabinet rank, which he has long wanted. It gave Ickes a larger voice in the war production program, which he had long wanted. It put Madame Perkins back in social work, for which she is best fitted. It pleased organized labor by promising to get Miss Perkins out of the department of labor. It paved the way for a possible transfer of control over the petroleum industry from Ickes to the war production board, which WPB has been asking for. It promised a stronger manpower setup in the department of labor, with an experienced, two-fisted cabinet member in charge who would get in there and fight for his rights, that is, labor's rights.

It demoted everyone for past mistakes and promoted everyone at the same time.

Big laugh was that organized labor seemed willing to accept

SIDE GLANCES



"I've phoned two doctors, but one is in Algiers and the other on Guadalcanal—do you think you could behave yourself if I called that woman doctor?"

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 300 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

BRICK AND TILE BOOST

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—The following statement was issued today for publication by Ernest Wallin, secretary of the Bricklayers, Masons, Tile Setters and Terrazzo Workers.

Thousands of additional skilled workers will be brought into the war effort as a result of the recent order of the war production board to the effect that brick and tile are to be used, wherever possible, in place of lumber in completing the nations huge war housing program. In addition, many urgently needed housing projects will be completed much sooner than otherwise would have been possible.

The WPB order came as a result of the acute lumber shortage which has threatened to delay construction of housing facilities. Frame construction originally was specified for many of these projects in the mistaken belief that brick and tile construction would be too costly to use in temporary structures. However, recent cost comparisons have shown that masonry construction costs little if any more than frame in most localities.

That the use of brick and tile means both economy and speed is shown by the experience in building the WAAC's camp at Fort Des Moines. The 112 buildings in this project were completed well ahead of schedule because ample supplies of brick and tile were available locally and because there was no difficulty in securing the bricklayers and masons needed to rush the job to completion.

Moreover, the contractor estimated that only three per cent of the total cost would have been saved by substituting lumber for masonry on this project, and the date of completion would have been seriously delayed by lack of materials.

Members of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union of America are pledged to exert their every effort in behalf of the war program. They are eager to assume the larger share in the national effort that has been assigned to them by the war production board.

In spite of the over-all shortage of manpower, thousands of members of this union have remained unemployed because of the failure to insist on masonry work. Mr. Donald Nelson is to be commended for his foresight in requiring that all available men and materials be utilized in this emergency.

ERNEST WALLIN, Secretary.

STYMIE

ONTARIO, Calif., (AP) — As Santa Claus' assistant in charge of his local correspondence, Miss Bertha Schwartz, elder, head of the city nursing staff, gets some tough assignments. But this one has her stopped completely.

Signed "Helen," the letter read: "Dear Santa: I am a little girl 18-years-old. I want 20 gallons of gasoline, four new tires and a second lieutenant."

FLYING FORTS BOMB NEW JAP FLYING FIELD

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Shipping Centers Hit

Munda, at the northwestern end of New Georgia island is only about 150 miles from Guadalcanal, and if the Japanese were successful in establishing a field of operations at that point, it would enable them to concentrate possibly considerable fighter forces for attacks on Guadalcanal, something they have been unable to do in recent weeks.

The attack on Fasi harbor was the first directed against that point for several weeks. Fasi has been a concentration point for Japanese shipping in the past and presumably still remains one of their advanced bases in the northern Solomons.

MONTGOMERY WARD ORDERED TO SIGN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt directed Montgomery Ward and Company today to "comply without further delay" with the war labor board's ruling that it sign a CIO contract embodying a clause for maintenance of union membership.

It was the second time the president had ordered the company to accept the board's directive.

The first time he acted after the company had objected to the union security clause and said it would comply only in case the president himself ordered the company to do so.

After the president's first order the company sought to insert in the order a clause contending the maintenance of membership was illegal and that it was signing with the union under duress.

The board objected to the duress clause but said the company could include a provision that it was signing under protest. This the company held inadequate, but again agreed to obey without the duress clause if the president "as commander in chief in time of war" directed that it do so.

Train Carrying Prisoners of War Wrecked in East

NEVADA, Mo., Dec. 12 (AP) — A Missouri Pacific train carrying prisoners of war was wrecked near here today, killing one American soldier, injuring eight others, two seriously.

Four prisoners were injured slightly, but none escaped.

The dead soldier is Pvt. William R. Duffy, Worcester, Mass. Another soldier is believed buried in the wreckage.

The injured: Staff Sgt. Edward M. Arnold, Technical Sgt. Frank H. Santoruf; Pfc. Jack Stone; Pfc. Vincent S. Osronowski; Pfc. John H. Platt; Pvt. Bernard Boudreau, Pvt. Salvatore T. Begeto. (Home addresses unavailable).

A report to seventh service command headquarters said five cars at the end of the train were thrown down an embankment by a broken rail.

NAZIS REPORT HEAVY ASSAULT ON LIBYAN LINE

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like mud, had thrown back axis attacks before Medjez El Bab, 35 miles southwest of Tunis, after what appeared to be a line-straightening withdrawal at the center.

Italian headquarters asserted that axis troops had extended their holdings in renewed local fighting.

While allied headquarters still gave only the meagerest details on the struggle, a spokesman expressed confidence that Lieut.-Gen. Dwight G. Eisenhower would marshal an overwhelming striking force "in due time" to drive the Germans back into the sea.

British front-line dispatches estimated that the axis now had 23,000 German troops and 5000 Italians in the French North African colony, while the allies were still bringing up their forces across hundreds of miles of rugged coastal mountains.

A Morocco broadcast, quoting French headquarters in North Africa, said the Germans suffered heavy infantry losses in the Medjez El Bab fighting, but it was also apparent that the deep allied wedge between Tunis and Bizerte had been forced back many miles.

NLRB CERTIFIES KESTERSON AGENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—The National Labor Relations board, in a decision issued here this week, certified Local 8-12, International Woodworkers of America, CIO, as bargaining agent for employees of Kesterson Lumber corporation, Klamath Falls, Ore.

The order does not affect office, clerical and supervisory employees.

The order stated that in an election November 18, 143 workers voted for the CIO union, 27 for the AFL, three for neither.

Simultaneously the board certified the same union to represent production, maintenance, railroad and cook house employees in the logging department of the Ewana Box company at Klamath Falls. This order includes scalers but excludes the superintendent, his assistant and the timekeeper.

Twenty-seven voted for the union, 20 against. There were no ballots for any other union.

EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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confined within the area between the Don and Volga rivers. They seem to be still in the outskirts of Stalingrad itself, from which the Russians are fighting to eject them. Red Star says the Russians have driven them off two more hills in the southern part of the city.

The fact that the Germans, threatened by entrapment, hold stubbornly to their positions in Stalingrad and westward to the Don shows the importance they attach to the hold they have there.

As long as they retain this hold, the Volga-Caspian supply line into Russia is menaced.

ITALY is still being pounded from the air.

Last night British bombers based in England hammered the factory city of Turin again and AMERICAN bombers based in Africa harried Naples.

Italy is now the chief axis supply base for Africa, and all this bombing is primarily intended to hamper reinforcement of the axis forces remaining on the African shore of the Mediterranean. A secondary purpose is to make Italy sicker and sicker of her axis bargain.

Axis forces in Tunisia, including a dentally, are reported today to number in the neighborhood of 28,000—23,000 Germans and 5000 Italians. That is about twice the number estimated a week ago.

The Germans are using air transport heavily to maintain their African hold. They are also using air transport extensively in Russia.

In all my 50 years of public service I have never seen a document that was more crowded with falsehoods and distortions, infamous falsehoods and distortions on a scale so huge that I never imagined until today that any government on this planet was capable of uttering them.—State Secretary Cordell Hull to Jap envoy on December 7, 1941.

Speaking of styles, the latest thing in pajamas is the last one home.

So Near, and Yet So Far Away

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Dec. 12 (AP) — Corp. Roy K. Mickleby spent 17 months learning invasion tactics. Then, rarin' for action, he headed for North Africa.

Within sight of land his ship was sunk. Another craft rescued him—and steamed off to the United States before he had set foot on African soil.

GERMAN ARMY HAMMERS AT EASTERN BANK

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enemy off two hills, occupied six pillbox positions and killed many nazis troops.

Slow-Moving

On the battlegrounds near Rzhev and Vellike Luki, Red Star said one nazi battalion brought up as reserves Wednesday was marched directly into battle and suffered serious losses. Generally, German counterattacks in the area were proving futile, Red Star said.

(The German radio broadcast a DNB report that Russian forces commanded by General Gregory Zhukov had driven to Belyi, 60 miles southwest of Rzhev and in the direction of Smolensk, a German headquarters point 75 miles south of Belyi.)

The Russian front thus continued a series of slow-moving battles in which red army legions clawed at German positions with slow headway and sought to stem the outcropping of a German offensive in the Don river bend.

MRS. GILLARD, 62, DIES IN MONTANA

Word of the death of Mrs. George J. Gillard, 62, in a Whitefish, Mont., hospital, was received here Saturday. Mrs. Gillard suffered a stroke the early part of the week and passed away Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillard left this city 10 days ago to make their home in Whitefish, selling their residence here at 820 Eldorado street to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wiggins. Mr. Gillard had retired from the Great Northern railway where he served as a foreman. A son, William W. Dewing of 2041 Melrose street, survives Mrs. Gillard. He left early Saturday for Montana.

Walter Salsbery Dies in Crash; Muskopf Missing

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of 1940. Muskopf with the class of 1939.

The army advised that cause of the airplane crash which took the life of young Salsbery, was not known. The youth received his wings at the advanced flying school at Williams field, Arizona. He was born January 27, 1922, and attended Klamath Union high school where he was an outstanding member of the Pelican football squad. Salsbery's father left Klamath Falls for Richmond to obtain a defense work a short time before the war department advised the youth's mother of the tragedy. Also surviving are two younger brothers. Salsbery enlisted in August, 1940, shortly after his graduation.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Muskopf of Pelican City, with another son, Earl, left Tuesday by train for Riverside, Calif., upon word that their young son was a crew member of the missing bomber. Richard was born March 28, 1920, near Medford, but moved to Klamath Falls as a child when his father took over the mill superintendency at Pelican Bay Lumber company. He enlisted August 16, 1941, in the army air corps and was recently promoted to the rank of technical sergeant.

Young Muskopf was married February 22, 1942, to Bobbie Anderson of St. Louis, Mo. His wife resides in Riverside. A sister, Mrs. Bernard Freese, 1536 Johnson street, received word Saturday from her father that he had not given up hope of finding the plane and occupants.

My body was pushed back against the rear armor plate and I had a feeling that any second the plane was going to pull away and leave me stranded five miles above the ground. —Lieut. Roger Dyer, who flew army plane to straight down speed record of 725 miles per hour.

A revolutionary moment in the world's history is the time for revolutions, not for patching.—Sir William Beveridge, British social reformer.

ALLIED AIRMEN BLAST ANEW AT NAZI EUROPE

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gined RAF bombers roared away from their British bases and, flying over the continent in a dangerous, four-mile layer of clouds, blasted badly battered Turin with another load of explosives.

The clouds were so thick that the results of the raid could not be determined. The Rome communiqué said the damage was slight. Despite the hazardous flying conditions, however, only three British planes were reported lost on the mission.

Turin, home of the Fiat works and other war industries was heavily bombed yesterday and Wednesday nights.

FOUR MEN LOST IN TRANSPORT SINKING

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ed Henry Nelson (3714 Irving street), San Francisco, the master of the President Coolidge.

This was the tenth transport announced by the navy as having been sunk by enemy action.

Largest Lost
The sinking of five transports in operations off North Africa early last month was reported on December 3. Prior to that the loss of four troop carriers in the Solomons area had been disclosed.

The President Coolidge was the largest of the ten.

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