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Weekend Roundup

CHRISTMAS week witnessed a buying campaign in Klamath Falls that has seldom, if ever, been equaled here, but the unusual feature of it all was that much of the sales pressure came from the customers rather than the sellers. Stocks were depleted as Christmas shoppers went on an intensive quest for goods on which to spend money, demonstrating the presence of large supplies of cash in this area. Such conditions are general in the nation.

This, in turn, is indicative of an inflationary tendency, and a phase of the nation's effort to fight inflation is the purchase of war savings bonds. Now that the Christmas shopping season is over, war savings come forward again as an excellent place to put extra money.

In Oregon, every organization of employees has been asked to get on a 10 per cent war savings plan by December 31. We do not know how this campaign is going in other counties. In Klamath county, some 145 groups are now on the 10 per cent honor roll, but there are still a considerable number which have not achieved this position.

A few days are left for all Klamath groups to sign up. Look over the 10 per cent honor roll published again in today's paper, and if your group isn't there, do something about it now. Let's put Klamath county in line 100 per cent in this campaign.

Police Chief Earl Heuvel has suggested that we say a word here in warning to those who motor in winter weather. Extreme hazards exist on icy and snowy streets and highways of the Klamath county, and police are concerned lest there be a relaxation of caution based on a feeling of security on the part of those who drive more slowly than of yore.

It is still important to maintain the highest possible visibility through windshields. It is still important to take it easy on the brakes on icy surfaces, and the best way to do that is to drive so carefully little braking is necessary. It is still important to stay off of steep, icy streets if at all possible.

Auto fatalities in Klamath county are, so far, lower than usual for the year. But in many past years, the death list has been lengthened in the week between Christmas and New Year's. It can happen again.

Klamath's list of heroes, missing or killed in action, grows steadily, bringing sorrow to our hearts and sympathy for the families and friends of the men who are gone.

Two lads who have served their country well are Darwin and Erwin Wissenback, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Wissenback of Shady Pine. On a bombing flight over western Europe from England, Erwin was lost in October. On the day before Christmas, the family received word that Darwin was missing on a similar mission over Hitler-held targets.

These boys may have landed safely in occupied territory. Such is our hope for two lads who were known to The Herald and News circulation department as dependable, hard-working boy carriers at Algoma a number of years ago.

Are you careful about your talk on movements of our armed forces? In spite of a continuous campaign against idle gossip, the office of censorship still finds it necessary to warn Americans that a slip of the tongue may bring disaster to some American unit somewhere, and may be responsible for the deaths of men who otherwise would live to come back to us.

This is the information which individuals and newspapers are asked not to tell the enemy (who may be listening any time):

Do not tell the names of ships upon which sailors serve. Do not tell the troop units in which soldiers serve overseas.

There is no objection to revealing that Pvt. John Jones is in Australia or that Seaman Tom Brown saw action in the Atlantic, but there is military information which endangers the lives of American fighting men in stating that Pvt. John Jones, "Company C, 600th Infantry," is in Australia, or Seaman Tom Brown, "aboard the USS Wisconsin," is in the Atlantic.

The office of censorship says: "We ask editors not to publish these troop identifications, and we ask parents and relatives not to reveal them. Don't give the enemy anything that may lengthen the war!"

Five Christmas Babies Born in Klamath Falls

Five Christmas babies, and one boy who arrived Christmas eve, have Santa Claus and birthday presents all wrapped up in one. First baby to arrive Christmas morning was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Burgess, 1405 Wall street, who are parents of a boy weighing 6 pounds 6 ounces. The infant arrived at Klamath Valley hospital at 8:35 a. m. The father is a cook at Eddie's.

Other babies included a 9-pound girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold McLeod, 2057 1/2 Applegate avenue, the father an employee of Ewauna Box company. Mr. and Mrs. Roland T. Warren, 2008 Homedale road, are parents of a 6 pounds 10 ounce girl. Warren is now stationed on the Atlantic coast as chief petty officer with the U. S. navy. He is a former Copco employee. Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Kangas, 323 South Fifth street, have a

Christmas baby girl, 7 pounds 6 ounces. All the infants were born at Klamath Valley.

At Hillside hospital, the stork left a Christmas package for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Fredrickson, 434 North Sixth street, when an 8 pounds 2 ounces girl arrived at 6:25 p. m. On Christmas eve the same one-legged messenger brought a 7 pounds 3 ounce son to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Zier of Merrill.

The army moves only on those nations with whom we are at war. It is the people's army with its men drawn from the entire nation. So any talk of military aggression ought not to terrify anybody.—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

If autos are cut down enough, pedestrian will again mean "one who walks"—instead of jumps.

GOP Outvotes Demos, Breaks 14-Year Jinx

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Virtually final official figures show that the republicans, though failing to win house control, outvoted the democrats in the races for congress for the first time in 14 years in the November 3 elections.

The highest vote recorded in each state, whether for senator, governor, representative—at-large, or the combined vote for representatives by districts, disclosed an aggregate of only 30,024,927 persons cast ballots. This was the smallest since the presidential year of 1924 when 29,058,647 voted.

House Vote Down
The combined vote for representatives was still smaller—28,111,583—the lowest national vote of any kind in 22 years. The war, which took thousands of potential voters out of the country and transplanted other thousands in industry, cut the aggregate house vote more than 8,000,000 below the 1938 total of 36,203,133, the record for total year balloting. It was slightly more than half the highest presidential vote of nearly 50,000,000 in 1940.

Mississippi was the only state to poll more votes this year than in 1938—51,602 against 35,439.

Republicans polled 14,217,320, or 50.6 per cent, of the total vote for members of the house; the democrats 13,331,245, or 47.4 per cent, and other parties 563,018, or 2.0 per cent. In the last congressional elections in 1938 the republicans polled 47.3 per cent against the democrats' 49.0 per cent.

The tabulation showed the republicans received more votes than the democrats in the combined house races in 27 states which in 1944 will have 344 electoral votes or 78 more than the 266 needed to win the presidential election. Democrats polled the largest vote in 21 states with 187 electoral votes.

Doesn't Hold
This comparison does not hold, however, if contests other than for the house are considered. North Dakota, for example, gave the republicans almost twice the democratic vote in the congressional races, but reelected a democratic governor by a big majority. Also, Wyoming elected a democratic governor while choosing a republican senator and republican house member.

Furthermore, the popular vote comparison does not jibe with party representation in congress. Although outvoted in the popular total, the democrats won 222 house seats, or 51.05 per cent of the 435; republicans won 209, or 48.04 per cent, and other parties four, or .91 per cent.

California, Too
The republican vote exceeded the democratic in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

These include all the big electoral vote states. In six of 27—California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Missouri and West Virginia—the democrats polled more than the republicans in 1938.

Police Probe Cremation of Man At Eagle Point

MEDFORD, Dec. 26 (AP)—State and county police today investigated the cremation in a small cabin 18 miles north of here of Raymond S. Wooley, 24, Eagle Point.

Sheriff Syd Brown said Wooley had been visiting the cabin of Wray Shimmessell, who was paroled last week from the state penitentiary after serving about four months for larceny of livestock in Jackson county.

The origin of the fire, which leveled the cabin, is undetermined.

"Important News" On Food Slated for Sunday Broadcast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—The office of war information announced today that "an important announcement on the food situation" would be made by radio from 5 to 5:30 p. m. PWT, tomorrow.

OWI Director Elmer Davis and Food Administrator Claude R. Wickard will go on the air at that time, OWI said, to give out announcements "of unusual importance, directly affecting every family in America."

The Columbia, Mutual, National and Blue networks have agreed to donate the half hour of time. An OWI spokesman said he presumed the broadcast chains had been informed confidentially what the announcement would be.

SIDE GLANCES



"Don't feel self-conscious—I'm sure everyone thinks you're at least a secret agent, you have such a military air!"

New Concert Artist Slated For Klamath Program Friday

The war changed the program of the Klamath Community Concert association schedule and the concert slated for Friday, January 15, with Edward Kiley, pianist, on the platform will find a newcomer to the concert field in his place.

Dr. F. Cecil Adams, president, announced the next concert artist as young Witold Maluczynski, pianist, who will take Kiley's place. It is understood that when Kiley signed up for his concert series he was to be given leave by his commanding officer to fulfill all 1942-43 engagements. That commanding officer is now overseas and Kiley's present superior does not see eye to eye with the musical world.

In the meantime Maluczynski steps into the picture. The young Pole, student of Paderevski, has appeared in concert all over Europe and escaped to Paris just before the Germans entered that city and made his way to Spain and from there to South America where he appeared in 70 concerts.

While in South America, Maluczynski met Yehudi Menuhin, violinist, who persuaded his fellow artist to come to the United States. After a successful concert at Carnegie Hall, Maluczynski was persuaded to join the concert association. He will now take over the seven concerts originally scheduled for Kiley.

Oregon News Notes

By The Associated Press
Mrs. William E. Borah, widow of the late Idaho senator, arrived in Portland for the Sunday launching of a Liberty freighter to be named after her husband. . . . For the first time in years numbers of stores in Portland, Eugene, Salem and other cities remained closed the day after Christmas, affording

OC AND E EMPLOYEES GET SAVINGS FLAG

A 10 per cent war savings flag was presented employees of the Oregon, California and Eastern railroad in special ceremonies at the Great Northern waiting room Saturday.

The flag was presented by County War Savings Chairman A. M. Collier, with Grady Sanders and C. L. Michael accepting it in behalf of the employees of the railroad. Sanders made an acceptance talk.

Collier and Vern Owens, county payroll deduction chairman, made short talks, praising the railroad employees for their patriotic efforts. The local line is one of the first, if not the first, railroads in the United States to go on the war savings 10 per cent honor roll.

H. M. Shapleigh, superintendent, said that a flagpole will be erected for the O. C. & E. flag. Employees and their families gathered for the ceremonies.

Mrs. E. J. Wires Fractures Hip in Fall Christmas Eve

Mrs. E. J. Wires, 94-year-old Malin matron and mother of Mrs. E. A. Thomas of that place, is in Klamath Valley hospital suffering from a fractured hip which she sustained at the Thomas home in Malin Christmas eve.

Mrs. Wires fell in the living room as she stood up from a rocking chair. She is one of the oldest and best known residents of the county.

Camp Newell Officers, Men Express Thanks

Officers and men at Camp Newell, the military police headquarters for the Japanese relocation center, have asked The Herald and News to express appreciation for the many Christmas contributions made to the camp by citizens of the Midland Empire.

The Newell men had a big Christmas dinner and a tree on Christmas day.

ARMIES GRIND AHEAD IN GIANT CIRCLING MOVE

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counterattacks in the Velikie Luki sector, 90 miles from the Latvian frontier, and heavily blasted nazi dugouts and block-houses west of Rzehev.

7. Captured or destroyed at least 822 axis tanks and seized huge stores of booty.

On the middle Don steppe, where Col. Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's armies are driving toward Rostov in a thrust to cut off the whole great mass of Germans fighting in southern Russia, the soviet command reported 15,860 nazis were killed or captured in the past 24 hours.

Soviet dispatches pictured Gen. Vatutin's troops as steadily closing in around Millerovo, key rail hub 120 miles north of Rostov.

Hitler's Problems
May-Gen. Nikolai Zruravlev, soviet military expert, declared in Moscow that Hitler was now confronted with three desperate problems:

1. To save his armies in the tightening pincers at Stalingrad.
2. To prevent nazis forces in the Rzehev district, 130 miles northwest of Moscow, from being completely surrounded.
3. To halt the Russian offensive sweeping toward Latvia in the Velikie Luki zone.

INCREASE IN GAS PRICES AUTHORIZED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Gasoline dealers over the country were granted permission by the office of price administration today to sell at a 3-cent retail margin over cost, a margin which has been allowed Atlantic seaboard filling stations since last May.

The action thus permits dealers whose prices are now frozen at each station's level of October 1-15, 1941, to increase their prices if they provide a margin of less than three cents.

Such an increase is not mandatory, it was emphasized by an OPA spokesman, but will allow dealers whose prices were frozen at an unprofitably low level—because of local price wars or other reasons—to get back to a profit making margin.

A minority of dealers will be affected, OPA said.

The action was described as "part of OPA's program to aid small business establishments to withstand the impact of war time expedients," and to help retailers to stay in business despite the curtailment in sales volume caused by rationing.

US BOMBER CREW BLOWS UP VESSEL

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Jap pilot who flies a distinctive marked plane and has been giving our boys a tough time in the New Britain area. His favorite technique is to fly straight at the nose of a big bomber, holding his fire until he is about 200 yards away. Faulkner just kept coming and finally "Terrible Tojo" swerved to one side.

Second American General Wounded in Guinea Decorated

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 26 (AP)—A second American general wounded in the fighting near Buna in New Guinea, Brig. Gen. Clovis E. Byers of Columbus, Ohio, has been awarded the distinguished service cross for extraordinary heroism in action.

General Byers was decorated yesterday by General Douglas MacArthur. Earlier the same award was given Brig. Gen. Albert W. Waldron, Rochester, N. Y., also wounded in action near Buna. A third general, Brig. Gen. Hanford MacNider, Mason City, Iowa, was wounded at the Buna front in November.

General Byers, carrying a tommygun in the attack on Buna village, was wounded in the hand by a sniper's bullet. Disabled, he gave his gun to a soldier, but continued to direct the assault. He has been promoted to brigadier general since arriving in Australia.

FOOTBALL
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 26 (AP)—A star studded southern team completely outclassed its northern foe here today to win the fifth annual blue-gray football game here, 24 to 0, before 16,000 fans.

Seventeen Eat Christmas Dinner In County Jail

Seventeen prisoners ate their Christmas dinner at the county jail on Christmas day.

"The jail is always popular at Christmas," said Sheriff Lloyd Low. "I guess the boys like our holiday meal."

City police entertained only six prisoners, and reported drunkenness was not serious on local streets Christmas eve.

The city discharged a number of prisoners just before the holiday, but some of them were finding their way back to the hoosegow Saturday.

JAMES BOWMAN HURT IN FRAY CHRISTMAS EVE

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was unfamiliar with the location of the Bowman home.

Unconscious
Swan Johnson, neighbor who lives in the Shasta apartments, said he heard the altercation and walked across the street where he found Bowman on the ground, his face in a three-inch deep mud puddle. In the meantime, Wallan had walked toward South Sixth street where he encountered State Police Officer Walter S. Walker who was on duty in the vicinity of Hendricks' drugstore. He is said to have advised Walker that he had just struck a man and would like to come back and investigate.

Walker found Bowman in an unconscious condition, according to his report, administered first aid and called Ward's ambulance which rushed Bowman to the hospital.

Condition Critical
Sheriff Lloyd L. Low said Wallan's bond had been set at \$1500 cash or \$3000 property, and he was expected to provide bail late Saturday afternoon. Low said he had known Wallan for a good many years and this was the first trouble in which he had known the man to be involved.

Bowman regained consciousness Saturday morning although his condition remained critical throughout the day.

First Naval Sub Built on Great Lakes Starts Out

CHICAGO, Dec. 26 (AP)—The U. S. S. Peto, first naval submarine ever built on the Great Lakes, has begun its long voyage to the sea.

Headquarters of the ninth naval district announced today that the big undersea boat, more than 300 feet long and dead as a nest of rattlesnakes, had entered the Illinois waterway on her way to join the fleet.

She will not be ready for action, however, until she has undergone an extensive fitting out in New Orleans.

For reasons of national security, news of the Peto's departure was withheld until she had passed safely through the Chicago river and was on her way to Lockport, Ill. There she will be eased into a great box, a sort of floating drydock, for her trip down the Illinois river and the Mississippi.

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ARMY WITHIN 12 MILES OF CITY, REPORT

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of Marshal Rommel across Libya.

The communiqué said British forces still were hammering enemy rear-guard units covering the withdrawal.

Action of the Tunisian front also was reported by the Italian communiqué to be "more intense" but it said axis forces "beat off and repulsed enemy elements, thus consolidating positions which have been violently contested for during the last few days."

Sirte Falls

The Morocco radio said allied forces advancing from fighting French territory at Lake Chad in equatorial Africa into southern Libya were continuing to make progress in a threat to Marshall Erwin Rommel's southern flank. Sirte fell to the British yesterday, marking a 180-mile advance in pursuit of the retreating Africa corps since Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery launched his offensive at El Agheila.

Meanwhile, on the Tunisian front of the North Africa battle-ground, an allied force held its position on a height six miles northeast of strategic Medjez-el-Bab, about 30 miles southwest of Tunis, beating off a series of enemy counterattacks over muddy ground.

FOES TEST POWER IN BURMA BATTLE

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were repelled with losses to the enemy on both occasions. This was the first flare of activity reported in the northern hills in some time and indicated that the Japanese were testing out British defenses in that area.

RAF bombers and fighters blasted anew at Japanese aircraft at Toungoo airdrome and carried out widespread attacks on other enemy targets in Burma.

24 Destroyed
Elsewhere in the far Pacific, American fliers destroyed 24 more Japanese planes at Munda, new enemy air base on New Georgia island 170 miles north of Guadalcanal, and pounded barges attempting to land reinforcements and supplies.

Fourteen Japanese planes were shot down out of the skies and 10 others destroyed on the ground without damage to a single U. S. plane.

Following up these attacks, American Flying Fortresses operating from Guadalcanal on Christmas day attacked enemy shipping at the big Japanese base at Rabaul, 560 miles to the northwest, scoring direct hits on a large transport and several near-hits on three cargo vessels. Rabaul, the enemy's biggest base south of Truk island, presumably is the key to the Japanese defense system in the South Seas theater.

On the New Guinea front, trapped Japanese forces still held out on a mile-long sector along the Papan beach at Buna, with American and Australian troops slowly moving in against the enemy's strongly fortified defenses.

Aussie Crewmen Fight Sharks in Flight From Ship

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ned survivors struggling in the water, diving to within 10 feet. When the machine-gunning ceased, some survivors plugged a bullet-riddled motor boat with their clothing, and rescued the badly wounded.

Others formed a raft from floating wreckage. "Several crewmen, including myself," Parkes said, "paddled the raft, with the fins of sharks cutting through the water sometimes only 10 feet away. We frightened them by splashing when they came too near."

The motor out was picked up and gave the position of the raft. It was located and supplies were dropped seven days after the sinking. The men kept up their spirits singing "We're Going to Spend Christmas With the Old Folks at Home."

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