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**Today's Roundup**

By MALCOLM EPLEY  
SOME time ago a Mrs. McLean of Pelican City wrote a piece for this page in which she gave everybody the devil, in hard-hitting language, for not realizing the seriousness of war and the sacrifices required to win it. She concluded by calling us all, including herself, "big, fat, soft palookas." Mrs. McLean aroused considerable ire in the community. She was berated in a couple of letters sent in reply, whose authors contended that people in general do realize all the things involved in the current critical times. Well, we admired Mrs. McLean's letter. We won't say we liked it, because nobody likes to be treated roughly. But we think it served a good purpose in stirring those who read it into a sharper consciousness of all that is involved in a real war effort, and into a realization that any hardship or inconvenience we encounter is as nothing compared with that of the men who fight our battles on sea and land. Even the letters of resentment, which were no doubt justified from the personal standpoint of the writers, showed Mrs. McLean's little article was having that effect. They were more definitely aware of their own determination. We need an occasional jolt.

**And He Got One**

RECENTLY, we were told of the terrific impression received by a local resident who had occasion to see a number of wounded men who had been brought home from the battle fronts of the Pacific. After that experience, other things that previously loomed large in his thoughts faded into insignificance. Bitter complaints died on his lips, for he realized then that his grievances were petty—that nothing unpleasant that had happened to him compared with the tragedy of what he had seen. Thinking of those boys lying there, and the others to come the same route, we realize how important a single day—a single hour—can be in the time which elapses between now and victory. Every thing that we do, large or small, that moves that day closer or farther away, is of vital personal significance to untold numbers. That doesn't leave much to argue about. It leaves one only anxious to do his little part, and to miss nothing. Our whole nation, striving and straining in that direction, can become the greatest concentrated force in history.

**Pit River Bridge**

THE Pit river bridge on the Pacific highway south, a graceful structure slung spectacularly across the canyon where Shasta dam waters will be backed, was opened to traffic this week. Shasta Sam, writing in the Redding Record-Searchlight, notes that the war robbed the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland of one swell chance for glamorizing the country and capitalizing on an engineering marvel. Instead of bands and pretty girls cutting ribbons and dignitaries making speeches, state highway workmen simply moved the barricades and traffic began crossing the great bridge. Shasta Sam lives nearby and tells us "it was a thrill, anyway, riding over the bridge for the first time." If this gas rationing keeps up, it's a thrill a lot of us won't have for quite a spell unless we cross it on the railroad, which uses the lower deck. The Pit river bridge is a part of the big highway and railroad re-location job in connection with the Shasta dam construction. It crosses the Pit river canyon high above the old bridge, familiar to every Pacific highway traveler in past years. This new bridge is the highest double-decked span in the world. The lower deck, which carries the Southern Pacific main line, has been in use for some months. The total cost of the bridge was \$5,000,000. The top deck provides four lanes of concrete roadway, and the railway deck has two sets of track. The bridge is 3588 feet long, and when we get the tires and gas and a free conscience for travel, we're going to drive that 3588 feet.

A sports column in the Oregonian has been going strong recently on the wonders of muskrat as edible meat. We don't know anybody who eats muskrat, but if there are those in this area who are willing, there are plenty of the animals around. Irrigation farmers would be happy to have them all eaten.

Carl Engdahl, the Umatilla legislator who was named chairman of the powerful house ways and means committee, is a close friend of Klamath's Henry Semon. The two usually occupy adjoining hotel rooms and their desks are near together on the floor of the house. Both are on this year's ways and means committee and both have seen service on that committee before.

L. H. Craver, new Klamath legislator, received a number of favorable committee appointments. Mr. Craver must overcome the disadvantages of being new to the legislature and a member of the minority party. Anyone who received the appointment given him would be in exactly the same boat.

Governor Charles A. Sprague leaves office after four years of distinguished service to the state. Governor Sprague tackled the problems of his administrative term with intelligence and good judgment. He leaves the state with its finances in good shape, its civilian defense forces well organized and active, and its house generally in order. The retiring governor is returning to the helm of the Oregon Statesman, Salem morning newspaper.

**News Behind the News**

By PAUL MALLON  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—It is time we faced the full facts of what has happened to us in Tunisia. Two months ago (November 8) we went there with a light force. The size of our force shows we expected a quick and easy victory. A nazi delaying action was all we had cause to anticipate. But Hitler elected to make a fight for Africa. He withdrew crack veteran troops and his planes from more important places, even Russia, in order to make a stand. He stopped us. While mud and long communication lines are given as the official reasons for our lack of immediate success, and were mentioned by the president, these can furnish only secondary excuses. Our generals knew in advance the rainy season was at hand. The plain fact is we were unexpectedly stopped by superior nazi concentration. This rainy season will continue until the last of January or the first week of February, if it follows the normal weather line. The promised big offensive suggested by the president, cannot come before then. There is every reason to expect, however, that it will complete the victory which Hitler denied us at the start. He had about 40,000 troops in Tunisia and another 60,000 in Rommel's army down in Tripoli when a fairly accurate estimate was obtained a few days back. He will have a few more by the end of January. But we should have accumulated enough by then to assert a superiority. His plane concentrations in Tunisia have so far counted no higher than 200 to 250, most of which are fighters. Counting all he has in Sardinia, Sicily and a few more he has lately rushed to Rommel, or whoever is now in charge of the nazi army in Tripoli, he has no more than 600 in all that area. We can top that. Perhaps we have done so already.

**No Line in Tunisia**

DISPATCHES refer to "the fighting line" in Tunisia. There is no line. The British advanced along paved roads on the coast, and our armies went forward on the few usable highways in the interior. Fighting has been confined largely to clashes where we both encountered the Germans on these roads. Unfortunately, at the start, Hitler seized the two best airfields in all Africa, at Bizerte and Tunis. Both are very large and have long, paved runways. We had to construct practically all our fields, and photographs recently arrived here show our men working up to their knees in mud on these fields. Naturally, there could not be much activity either in the air or with armored and motorized vehicles on the ground at any points except upon the very few prepared highways during the rainy season. We found no gas there when we arrived. Most of it had to be shipped 5000 miles or more from the United States. While some of our original supplies came from Britain and a few are still being sent in from that source, the expedition is based on this country. Hitler has had enough planes to damage and sink some of our ships as they neared our Mediterranean coastal ports, and at the unloading docks. The only safe port we have is at Casablanca on the Atlantic coast. Hitler has bombed this twice, but his bombers came 900 miles from southern France and were unable to carry enough of a load to do much damage. Several landed in Spain and were interned. The inferior railroad from Casablanca, a thousand miles up to the front, offers such difficulties, however, that it is better for us to try to get ships in directly when we can. Thus, "the appalling mud and very limited communications," mentioned by Mr. Roosevelt, have annoyed us in the accumulation of superior fighting power, which we lacked when Hitler first decided to make his stand.

**Rommel Got Away**

GENERAL ALEXANDER'S British army, cutting in from Libya, has not been able to accomplish his expectations either. He thought he had the Rommel army trapped two weeks ago west of El Agheila, and the headlines were high expressing these hopes. When he came up to the line, however, he found Rommel had merely left behind two divisions as a rear guard. The smothering of these seemed a foregone conclusion, but, in the end, the Germans got away with the loss of only 500 men. Details are not yet available, but it appears that the rear guard was two armored divisions, which circled south into the desert and escaped while the British sought them up the coastal road. There are two more places Rommel can make a stand before Tripoli, in the coastal range of mountains, leading south either from Misurata or Homs. But it is unlikely that he will be able to extricate himself in the end.

**Allies Have Odds**

THE Germans do not have enough troops in Tunisia and Libya to hold a triangle from Biseria down to Misurata or Homs. Will Rommel attempt to cut his way across the Tunisian border and join the North Tunis nazi forces, or will he seek escape by sea from Tripoli and join them? In either event, the nazi hold on Africa will be concentrated in a small area with the sea at its back, wide open to the weight of our inevitably coming superior air power. The Tunisian-Libyan battlefronts, therefore, offer a deadly serious job ahead for us. A quick

**SIDE GLANCES**



"It's an invitation to Aunt Mary's anniversary celebration! They're sure to have champagne, but I wonder if we can spare the gallon and a half of gasoline to get there and back!"

victory is out of the question. Important results are not even to be expected within the next few weeks. But the weight of final expectations are heavily on our side.

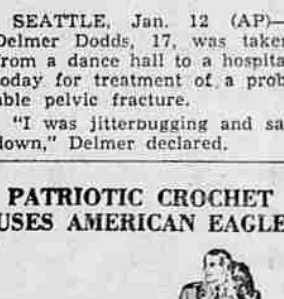
**Centenarian Ice Skater Aims to Keep on Going**

SPOKANE, Jan. 12 (AP)—Warming his hands before a 100-candle cake that would have made heat rationers lift their eyebrows, John Jerome White, centenarian ice skater, yesterday took in stride the gags of the athletic round table at a day-early 100th birthday party in his honor. The real party and official birthday will be tonight when White, no mean figure skater, will be the featured attraction at an ice carnival at the ice arena. White apparently plans still to be cavorting on the blades when he reaches 110. He announced yesterday he had just purchased a war bond and planned to live long enough to cash it at matured value.

**Seattle Jitterbug Pays the Price**

SEATTLE, Jan. 12 (AP)—Delmer Dodds, 17, was taken from a dance hall to a hospital today for treatment of a probable pelvic fracture. "I was jitterbugging and sat down," Delmer declared.

**PATRIOTIC CROCHET USES AMERICAN EAGLE**



Who of us today does not continually voice the prayer "God Bless America"? Express it in this flax crochet for pillow or panel—a piece that you will always cherish to commemorate these times. Pattern 7476 contains instructions and chart for pillow or panel; illustrations of stitches; materials needed. 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. 7476," followed by your name and address.

**Two Days' Work Nets \$16,000**

WESTPORT, Wash., Jan. 12 (AP)—Captain Hans Mickelson of the boat Trade Wind, fished two days and came in with a \$16,000 load of sharks. Buyer E. Kaakinen said the catch totaled 4000 pounds of soup fin shark livers, 900 pounds of dog shark livers and 11 tons of shark meat. It was a record return for this port.

**SAFE DEPOSIT**

SAN JOSE, Calif., (AP)—Excessive modesty—or caution—brought a San Jose youth before U. C. Commissioner M. S. Hall charged with draft evasion, but it's all straightened out now. After much urging, he finally produced his registration card, to the embarrassment of himself and Commissioner Hall's attractive secretary, who was present but not for long. The card was inserted between the seams of his shorts.

**MANPOWER PROBLEM**

YOUNGSTOWN, O., (AP)—The response to an advertisement for track laborers—men or women—gave Baltimore and Ohio railroad officials here something of a jolt. Seventy-five women and only 10 men applied. The men and seven of the women were put to work immediately. Railroad officials said 40 or 50 more women were ordered to report later this week. Working conditions in the muddy and oily debris of salvaged vessels cannot be imagined by anyone not personally in touch with such a situation. Navy report on Pearl Harbor damage.

**A WISECRACK SENT 'HORNET' BACK IN BATTLE**

SEATTLE, Jan. 12 (AP)—How a wisecrack sent the stunned men of the U. S. Aircraft Carrier Hornet fatally crippled October 26, roaring back into the fight against a host of Jap planes was told yesterday by Lieut. William Rummens of Seattle, a surviving officer. "We were a lot of decks down," Lieut. Rummens said, "when the first torpedo hit us. It knocked everybody flat. And almost at the same second a bomb crashed into the ship above us, exploding and starting fires blazing. Funny Thing "I said my little prayer like everyone else. Then I began reminding myself I was the senior officer present. There were about 25 men down there and it was up to me to lead them. (Lieut. Rummens was an electrical officer aboard.) "You say funny things at a time like that. A seaman—a talker—standing beside me, was opening and shutting his mouth. But words weren't coming out. I said: 'quit imitating a fish calling its mother.' I just said it, but it broke the tension." Carrier Identified After the Hornet was abandoned Lieut. Rummens spent two hours in the water, with Jap bombs falling in his vicinity, until he was picked up by a destroyer. (The navy department identified the Hornet for the first time yesterday as the carrier lost in the battle of Santa Cruz island in the Solomon. The communique announced that the Hornet was sunk by United States ships after being damaged beyond salvage.)

**Suicide Dive**

"The deck was a shambles," he said. "There is no use trying to describe it. Three Jap planes had crashed on us and burned, and we'd been bombed." Lieut. Rummens said the Jap planes were afire when they struck and expressed the belief their pilots headed for the ship after they saw their end was near in the flaming planes.

**Dr. Kelly, Famous Medical Authority, Passes Tuesday**

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 12 (AP) Dr. Howard Atwood Kelly, 84, internationally known medical authority, and member of the "Big Four" of the original Johns Hopkins medical school faculty, died today after a brief illness. At Union Memorial hospital where Dr. Kelly was a patient for the past week, death was ascribed to a heart condition complicated by his advanced age. He was born in Camden, N. J., February 20, 1858. He was known chiefly in his profession as a surgeon of the abdominal region and when he was but 28 years old became professor of gynecology and obstetrics in Johns Hopkins which was then organizing.

**Message to Garcia Hero Dies Sunday At Army Hospital**

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12 (AP)—Major Andrew Rowan, noted carrier of the "Message to Garcia" in the Spanish-American war, died Sunday at the army's Letterman hospital, the army announced today. He had been in ill health for about two years. The "Message to Garcia" was immortalized in an essay of that name written by Elbert Hubbard in commemoration of Major Rowan's achievement in carrying information from the war department through dangerous jungles to the Cuban Rebel leader, General Calixte Garcia, on May 1, 1898. The message notified Garcia that hostilities were imminent.

**WHERE'S WILLIE?**

NEW YORK, (AP)—The police searched diligently for Willie, 7, after his family said he had disappeared. No Willie. After hours of searching and while his mother paced the living room floor, Willie's dog, Fluffy, started barking frantically at her bedroom door. Willie was under her bed. Always read the classified ads.

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**About That Income Tax**

No. 2 THE VICTORY TAX The Victory tax is a temporary income tax, additional to the regular income tax, imposed by the Revenue Act of 1942. It is payable upon income for the year 1943; consequently taxpayers will find no reference to it in the income tax returns for the year 1942 which are now being sent out by collectors of internal revenue. However, payments on account of Victory tax will be made currently, by deductions, or "withholding" from wage payments made after December 31, 1942. The amounts of the payments are required to be deducted by the employer, and remitted quarterly to the collector of internal revenue. When the taxpayer makes his income and Victory tax return for the year 1943 (due in 1944) he will show in his return the amount that has been withheld by his employer and claim credit for this amount in his return. The amount withheld by the employer is 5 per cent of each wage payment in excess of the "withholding deduction." The "withholding deduction" is an exemption from tax on the first \$624 of "Victory tax net income" for the year, or the proportionate amount corresponding to the pay-roll period. Thus, for an employee paid weekly, the amount withheld on account of Victory tax is 5 per cent of the amount of the wage payment in excess of \$12. A table of approximate amounts may be used by em-

ployers for computing this deduction. For example, the table provides that on weekly wage payments over \$12 and not over \$16, the amount withheld is 10 cents, and on weekly wage payments over \$16 and not over \$20 the amount withheld is 30 cents. Corresponding amounts are withheld for wage payments of other amounts and for other payroll periods. The amount withheld is computed upon the total remuneration of the employee for the period (in excess of the withholding deduction), including remuneration in form other than cash. Thus, if board and lodging are part of the employee's remuneration, the cash value of the board and lodging must be included in computing the amount to be withheld. Employers are required to furnish employees a statement of Victory tax withheld. These statements are not furnished with each wage payment but are made for the calendar year, or for the period of employment during the calendar year. If an employee is employed until the end of the year, the statement must be furnished by January 31, 1944; if the employment ceases during the year, then the statement must be furnished within 30 days from the time of the last payment of wages. As the statements of an employee's claim for credit for Victory tax withheld, they should be carefully preserved by the recipient.

**Treadway Proposes National Ban on Pleasure Driving**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Extension over the whole country of the ban on pleasure driving of automobiles now confined to the east, was proposed Monday by Rep. Treadway (R-Mass.) "Every drop of gasoline used for non-essential purposes," he said in a statement, "means that much less available for essential driving, and at the same time it requires the use of tank cars and other transportation facilities which otherwise could be used for the shipment of sorely needed fuel oil." Treadway said that "if equality of sacrifice is to be the rule, the ban on pleasure driving should be extended to the country as a whole." If you want to sell it—phone The Herald and News "want-ads," 2124

**Klamath's Yesterdays**

From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago. From the Klamath Republican January 8, 1903 F. M. Barnum lost a valuable horse last Saturday in a peculiar manner. Two horses were running and kicking in a yard, when a stick caught in the shoe of one was thrust into the heart of the other, killing it instantly. The stick penetrated the flesh 18 inches. Born at Bonanza, to Mr. and Mrs. George Chastain, a son, January 1, 1903. L. F. Conn of Lakeview was here today on his way to Salem to watch the legislature perform. From the Klamath News January 12, 1933 City Engineer E. A. Thomas was named street commissioner by Mayor Mahoney today. A movement for rigid milk and meat inspection began taking shape today. A. L. Crawford was elected president of the Klamath Sportsmen's association Monday.

**Lt. Clark Gable Assigned to Second Air Force**

FORT GEORGE WRIGHT, Wash., Jan. 12 (AP)—Second air force headquarters announced Monday Lt. Clark Gable, who received the silver wings of an aerial gunner January 7, has been assigned to the second air force and arrived last night to report to the commander, Maj. Gen. Robert Olds. Reporters found Gable reluctant to talk, but accepted his brief explanation: "I'm not a film star now, but just another lieutenant who, like all the rest, are anxious to do a good job for their country." The announcement said Gable was not expected to remain long at this base, but gave no hint as to his future assignment. The second air force trains and organizes bomber crews for combat duty.

**OH, ABSOLUTELY!**

SAN PEDRO, Calif., (AP)—Baker Pietro di Carlo shrugs his shoulders. Should he obey Secretary Wickard's order to deliver only uncut bread to his customers, starting next week? Or should he comply with his army contract to deliver sliced bread daily to Fort MacArthur?

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