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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

THE Siskiyou county Pomona grange is on record with a demand for a "legislative inquiry" of the conduct of the Tululake project of the war relocation authority.



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Specifically, the Siskiyou grangers assert that they have verified:

- 1. Waste of products vital to the war effort.
2. Favoritism to Japanese inmates in the use of items denied American citizens.
3. Laxity in guarding inmates that might prove a catastrophe under certain possible conditions.

The Tululake project has been investigated and re-investigated. Shortly after charges were leveled against the administration of the project by Fred Heilbroner of Klamath Falls, some months ago, there was a parade of investigators through here, both military and civil.

Results of these inquiries have not been publicized. Locally, interest in the question seems to have subsided, and the torrent of gossip about the project, so much in evidence a few months ago, has dwindled to a trickle.

But it is still under fire in some quarters, as the Siskiyou grange action indicates. Likewise, in Washington, Senator Wallgren recently broke out with accusations against administration of the WRA projects and said he favored placing the army in charge of the evacuees of Japanese descent instead of the civilian WRA.

Past Due Accounts

ONE phase of local relationships with the WRA project that has received constructive attention recently is the sad state of certain accounts carried with local businesses.

The WRA let some of these accounts get months behind, without making payment. At a time when the government was cracking down on private use of credit, the credit record of this government agency was going from bad to worse.

A case in point is that of one local business to which the project owes more than \$1000. This account runs back to June, and every cent of the bill is past due. This business has recently been informed that an effort will be made to pay up after the first of next month.

The chamber of commerce recently went to bat on this question, and has made what appears to be progress.

Harvey Coverly, new director of the project, has shown honest concern over the situation, and has told the chamber that he will make every effort to take care of past due accounts if the local businesses will write to him about them.

The chamber of commerce is willing to act as a clearing house for people who want to make requests for payment in this manner.

Shocking Incident

A SHOCKING local incident was the case of the police dog which wandered to a suburban restaurant with its eyes gouged out.

Here was a fiendish act that boils the blood. It is evidence of a sadistic tendency of somebody in these parts which may manifest itself again in some such horrible manner.

Unfortunately, it is not easy to trace down the perpetrator of such an act with convicting evidence. One cannot prosecute on suspicion.

The public has been helpful with tips and clues, and anyone with any concrete facts that might throw light on the case should inform the state police or the humane society, which, properly, is interesting itself in this case.

The dog, a male police dog, lacked collar or license tag. The authorities do not know its owner. Discovery of the owner might help in tracing the perpetrator of the offense.

It would be most satisfying to see this fiend brought to justice.

Friendly Help

THE city traffic authorities acted wisely, during the current storm period, in suspending regular operation of the stop and go traffic system. Stopping and going is a pretty tough business under these conditions, and our observation was that motorists generally used good judgment in operating their cars without the controls.

This scribe, for one, wants to testify here and now to the friendly helpfulness of a lot of folks he can't identify. His chainless car was "stuck" a dozen times on the first night of the big snow. In each instance passersby helped with the needed pushing. One taxicab driver came through with a push at the strategic moment when we were in a drift at Ninth and High streets, and after he had left, another motorist gave us another boost at the same intersection.

We are sorry for the trouble we made these folks, and we deeply appreciate their good-natured efforts in our behalf. We mention all of this here because we imagine a lot of other motorists received similar aid and in behalf of all such, we speak out in warm thanks.

Thursday was an inopportune day to report that plans for a dehydrator here had been dropped by a Chicago company. We needed a lot of dehydrating Thursday.

The legislative ways and means committee says it thinks it's about time to give the taxpayer a break. We're eagerly waiting.

Southenders had something to crow about today. While we were struggling with drifts up here Thursday, there was virtually no snow at Merrill, Malin and Tululake.

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22—About two weeks ago, local fuel oil rationing officials were daily announcing plenty of stocks existed in the hands of local dealers, although many dealers were either low or out entirely and unable to make deliveries to coupon holders.

I wrote some of my personal experiences showing I was unable to get oil and proving the district officials were wrong.

Since then the local rationing officer, L. P. Steuart, has been pushed out of office by Mr. Henderson under rather vague circumstances.

A week ago, it was learned, Mr. Steuart had been asked to resign, but other local rationing officials professed to know nothing about it, and Mr. Steuart kept announcing daily that he had done nothing wrong and would not resign until he was forced out. Mr. Henderson ultimately obliged him, preferring no charges and offering no explanation.

The fact behind the matter is that, at a private meeting of Washington oil dealers, it was charged that a local oil company in which Mr. Steuart is a stockholder had a storage cache of about 2,000,000 gallons of oil—apparently the largest of any here, when other dealers were dry. Other dealers claimed the Steuart concern was getting oil by the train load when others could not get it, and that the government itself was buying oil from the concern for its office buildings.

Now this matter has not been aired in public, but Mr. Steuart says this oil concern which bears his name, "L. P. Steuart and Bro., Inc.," is not his, that he is a minority stockholder, and the concern is operated by a nephew. He has not been quoted as saying how much oil it had on hand but indicated the amount was substantial due to "foresight" of his nephew, a foresight apparently beyond the other dealers here.

In recent days, the shortage here has been eased but the rationing boards have not yet made any effort to issue additional coupons to those whose homes cannot be kept livable under allotments.

Evidence of preposterously unfair cuts throughout the eastern half of the country as far west as Minnesota and Iowa, are contained in letters from readers, some of whom are rationing board officials.

Large Size Cuts

A MARYLAND woman was cut from 1700 to 470 gallons, an amount which was entirely consumed before she received the coupons. After days of negotiation, she finally got 300 more to run the entire remainder of the winter.

A Savannah, Georgia, consumer, who had already used 35 gallons, received an allotment of exactly one gallon.

A Baltimore feed dealer was cut from 3300 gallons consumed last year to 660 this year.

An Ohio boarding house keeper, who has as tenants a retired policeman who is ill, and a sick wife and baby, was cut from 2600 gallons to 1450; a Brooklynite from 2800 to 1100; a Hingham, Massachusetts, couple of 75 and 62, with a bedridden, paralyzed woman aged 80, was cut 1000 gallons.

And so on through stacks of mail a couple of feet high, the evidence mounts, the worst areas apparently being the eastern seaboard and central states.

Cold Attitude

IN MANY instances, users foolishly failed to include necessary parts of their dwellings, and did not understand what they needed at first.

As is natural in such a vast complicated affair, both the boards and consumers made many mistakes, and the basic formula was cruel and inefficient in the first place.

The boards should be ordered publicly by Mr. Brown to welcome the sufferers in for a sympathetic hearing. Consumers should be invited to present their difficulties and promised a fair consideration as promptly as possible, not to allow unjust increases, but to save human lives and health where needed. Now the official attitude is cold, inconsiderate and inhumane.

Whatever additional oil from our supply is needed to correct mistakes and keep the homes of the country in a livable condition should be taken from other non-military sources if absolutely necessary.

Consumers' Czar Talked

THE consumer has had too little, if any, representation in this government. No one champions his individual rights and interests. A consumer's counsel in the agriculture department quit in open disgust a week ago. He found he could do nothing.

Congressmen are beginning to become aroused over this fact. Talk in the Truman committee and the small business investigating committee is congealing into a demand that a consumer's czar be appointed somewhere in this government to champion the cause of the people, to act as a check on the various government rationing units, to urge them to consider the humane side.

A campaign along this line will shortly get underway, and legislation may be enacted.

All this evidence shows criticism acts as life-blood to keep democracy alive in times of necessary war restraint. Eternal vigilance is the price of justice as well as liberty. People who make no claim of their rights will not have them long.

Only one test can be applied to criticism. It must be sincere and valid. Only the other kind should be barred.

SIDE GLANCES



One more hand—that's always the way—and after that you probably won't have enough money left to buy our next pound of coffee!

About That Income Tax

INCOME TO BE REPORTED

In preparing a Federal income tax return, income from whatever source, unless specifically exempt by statute, must be reported in the return. The types of income specifically exempt are listed in the instructions accompanying the return form.

In addition to salaries, wages, fees and commissions which must be reported, all bonuses, tips, prizes and awards, and other forms of compensation, must be included. A minister of the gospel must report all fees he receives for funerals, for masses, for baptisms, for marriages, and for other like services. If a person is paid in whole or in part for his services in anything other than money, the fair market value of whatever was received must be reported as income. This applies to the rental value of quarters furnished an employee as part of his compensation (with the exception of the rental value of parsonages furnished to ministers of the gospel), board and lodging furnished as part of an employee's compensation, where the board and lodging is not provided primarily for the convenience of the employer.

Income must be reported whether received in hand or not, if there is "constructive receipt." That is, if it has been credited to the account of, or set apart for, a taxpayer without any substantial limitation or restriction, and which may be drawn upon by him at any time. This applies to interest credited to a savings account, and subject to withdrawal during the year, to dividend checks received during the year,

whether cashed or not, to interest coupons maturing during the year whether cashed or not (unless the bond is in default and no funds are available to pay the interest coupons), and the like.

Interest accumulated, or accrued, during the year, on War Savings Bonds may be treated by a taxpayer reporting his income on the cash basis either as income during the year, or the accrual may be deferred until the maturity of the bonds and reported as income then. However, a taxpayer on the cash basis who elects to report such income as it accrues must adhere to that method in all subsequent returns.

A farmer who trades or exchanges the produce of his farm for goods or services must report as income the value of the goods or services received by such trade or exchange.

Alimony and separate maintenance payments periodically received by a wife subsequent to decree of divorce or of separate maintenance must be reported as income.

In the case of noncommissioned military and navy personnel, compensation for military or naval service, to the extent of \$250 for a single person and \$300 in the case of a married person or head of family, received during the year, may be excluded in reporting income. Also the amounts contributed by the Government to the service man's "monthly family allowance" are in the nature of gifts by the Government and need not be included in income.

of what we were going to do during the year. The meeting was then adjourned. We hope that we will see our news in the paper soon. Joan Thompson, news reporter.

Health for Victory

The 8A and C classes of Altamont junior high are the members of a 4-H Health club. There are 38 girls enrolled. At our second meeting, we chose the name for our club, which is, "The Health for Victory Club." The officers are: Evelyn Long, president; Evelyn Robinson, vice president; Louise Henry, secretary; Dolores Steinerson, song leader; Mary Cox, yell leader; Uldena McCool, program chairman; and Shirley Sutton, news reporter. Mrs. Frances Koertje is our leader.

This was not a regular meeting, but we received our books and filled them up to date. Our leader explained the things we are to do in the club. We also received the 4-H posters to put up at home. A short program consisting of songs and reading followed. Our song leader, Dolores, led us in the 4-H pledge. We then sang "God Bless America." Our news reporter was absent so Gloria Mayfield took her place for this meeting. Gloria Ann Mayfield, news reporter.

OR WHAT HAVE YOU?

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—The man waved a bottle and handed Morris plan bank employees this note:

"This bottle contains nitroglycerine. I don't care whether I live or die. Give me \$1000. I'm desperate."

"I don't have \$1,000," said Mrs. Woodrow Atkinson, a teller.

"Then gimme what you got." She shoved out a handful of bills. He grabbed them and fled.

A checkup showed the loot totaled \$3135.

A full moon is a shining example of what makes people lovesick.

Klamath's Yesterdays From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago. From the Klamath Republican January 22, 1903.

J. A. McIntire, manager of the Ashland-Klamath Falls stage line, was here this week and informed us he had made arrangements with the Klamath Lake Railroad company to build a stage and livery barn about two and one-half miles east of Pokegama. The company plans to run the railroad that far and will have trains running regularly in about 60 days. This will reduce the journey from Klamath Falls to railway connection one-half. Thus, in a short time, Klamath Falls will be rescued from its long isolation.

From the Klamath News January 22, 1933 Sheriff Low said today there are only 14 persons in the county jail now, a new low for four years.

A large number of unemployed people held a meeting in the circuit court room last night for the purpose of forming an organization for mutual benefit.

LOVE SLAYER DIES IN GAS CHAMBER

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Jan. 22 (AP)—Leslie Bela Gisseth, 39, died in the prison gas chamber today, an enigmatic sentimentalist, who slew a girl he loved and then lived with her memory. He had been a prosperous and highly-regarded businessman of Glendale.

Last July he shot to death beautiful 21-year-old Dorena Hammer as she slept in a bed in a motor court they were occupying at San Leandro. The slaying, the wealthy jeweler said, was "on the anniversary of our love."

He resented any move in his behalf for clemency, and today he was impatient for death. Those last with him said they were sure he believed that at the moment of death he and Miss Hammer would meet again.

Women Take Over Engineering Jobs—And Do It Well

PORTLAND, Jan. 22 (AP)—Three men's jobs on the US engineers' Columbia river survey boat Bonneville are being filled—and adequately—by young women.

Every bit as capable as the men they succeeded, said Chief Survey Engineer F. W. Rodolf of Nedra McCoy, Barbara Rock and Lucille McCallum, who are aiding in the preparation of records used for navigation charts and guiding dredging operations.

The three Portland women receive men's pay, Miss McCallum being rated as an assistant engineers' aide and the others as junior aides.

Architectural styles may change from year to year but the last word in modern homes still is the wife's.

WALLACE ASKS COMMISSIONS TO GET BUSY

SALEM, Jan. 22 (AP)—Sen. Lew Wallace, Portland democrat and chairman of the senate industries committee, was on the warpath today against state commissions, particularly the industrial accident commission, which have not yet submitted the bills to the legislature.

Wallace's committee will handle the industrial accident bills. "We've been here almost two weeks," Wallace said on the senate floor, "and those bills aren't in yet. These members of commissions draw lucrative salaries, and there's no reason why they couldn't have had their bills prepared before the session started."

"I want to make it known right now that if those industrial accident bills aren't introduced in a reasonable time, they'll get short shrift from my committee."

SALEM, Jan. 22 (AP)—The senate agriculture committee today recommended passage of a memorial asking President Roosevelt and congress to provide sufficient labor and machinery to permit farmers to increase production.

SALEM, Jan. 22 (AP)—Schools could hold Saturday sessions under a bill introduced by the house education committee today.

The sessions could be held whenever the state board of education declares an emergency. The committee said the bill would be helpful during harvest seasons, when children could be excused from school to work in the fields, and then make up their classes by going to school on Saturdays.

SALEM, Jan. 22 (AP)—A CIO-sponsored bill to provide benefits for dependents of unemployed persons was prepared today for introduction in the house.

An unemployed workman now draws a maximum of \$15 a week for 16 weeks. The bill would allow a dependent wife \$3 a week additional, plus \$2 for each dependent child. The total limit for each family would be \$24 a week.

SALEM, Jan. 22 (AP)—A bill to prohibit dentists from advertising that they permit credit was introduced in the house today by Reps. Dean Bryson, Portland, and L. M. Ramage and W. W. Chadwick, both of Salem.

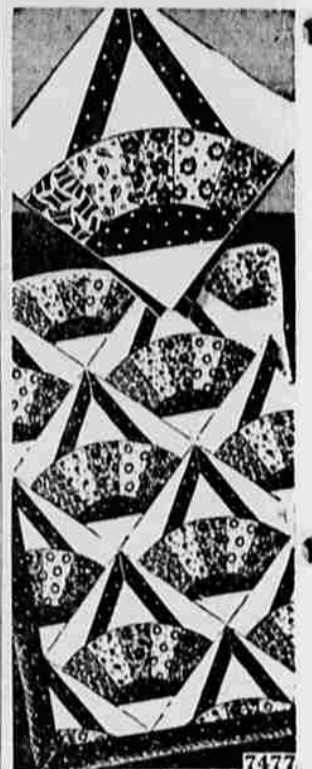
The measure also would set up a board to be elected by members of the profession, replacing the board appointed by the governor.

New Pine Creek

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dlek were dinner guests of the Walter Cambrons on Sunday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Wingard left for Kansas on Monday morning. They expect to make

AMERICAN HANDICRAFT USES SMALL SCRAPS



by Alice Brooks

Show your skill as an American needlewoman—use up scraps of material to make a lovely quilt. It will be an easy task if you select this scrap quilt, Colonial Basket. Pattern 7477 contains Block Chart; carefully drawn pattern pieces; directions for quilt; yardage chart; illustration of quilt.

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. 7477, to _____ followed by your name and address.

an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Edward Keller entertained at a dinner party for Miss Leola Lee and Tom Dick on Saturday evening. Miss Lee's birthday was on Friday, and Dick's on Saturday. The following guests enjoyed the turkey dinner: Miss Leola Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cambron, Miss Eleanor Hamilton, and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Vinyard. Bridge was played following the dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith entertained at two tables of pinocle on Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Blumer McCrary, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman George, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivin Faris were guests for the evening.

Mrs. Richard Keller left on Tuesday morning for a trip to California. She went with Neva Lowell from Lake City, who expects to visit her son, who is stationed at Santa Barbara. Mrs. Keller will visit with Bernice, who is working at Treasure Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Glessner Blunt returned on Monday from Portland, where he was called for his physical examination. He is to report for duty in the army on February 1.

Revenge for the sake of revenge would be a sign of barbarism. — Vice President Henry A. Wallace.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Judge, I didn't realize till the other night when I ran across an article in the paper what a whale of a lot of industrial alcohol the government needs for the war." "I should say it does, Chet. I understand the beverage distillers around the country are producing about 240,000,000 gallons of industrial alcohol this year for ammunition, tires, and other things. I'd say it's mighty fortunate these distilleries are available to do the job. Otherwise, if we still had prohibition, the government would have had to spend millions of dollars and use up a lot of critical materials to build plants...to say nothing of all the time it would take. It might have been just another case of 'too little, too late.'"