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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

TALL, handsome Brigadier General S. M. Connell of San Francisco, who will present the distinguished flying cross at Tulelake tonight to the parents of Sergeant William J. Dieter of the Tokyo raiding party...

The Tokyo party trained first at Pendleton and then was moved to the southeast. The men were at Columbia, S. C., army air base in February, 1942, and in March of that year General James Doolittle took charge of the party.

The ceremony at Tulelake is a most unusual event, unprecedented in this area. In this war, only once before has the distinguished flying cross been presented in a ceremony held on the Pacific coast.

Sergeant Dieter was missing after the raid on Tokyo on April 18, 1942. But he is still only reported as missing, and the published statement that the citation is to be awarded posthumously is not technically correct.

His proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dieter of Tulelake. They visited General Connell in his room at the Willard hotel here Sunday.

The honor to be accorded Sergeant Dieter, and his parents, is one of which the entire Klamath basin may well be proud. Here was a Klamath basin man who participated in one of the most daring incidents of the war in the Pacific, with such distinction and bravery that he has been awarded a citation for extraordinary achievement.

Tardy Purple Heart

WHILE on the subject of wartime citations, let us relate another interesting incident in this connection that has recently occurred here.

Lee McMullen, the secretary-manager of the Klamath Production Credit association, only a few weeks ago received the purple heart for bravery in the last World War. Not many people here knew that Mr. McMullen, a quiet and unassuming business man, had won such an honor, and we are pleased at the opportunity of telling about it here.

Mr. McMullen was with the 316th motor transportation unit in the World War, a part of the famed 91st division. He saw action at St. Mihiel, Verdun and the Argonne. It was in the Argonne that the incident occurred that won him the purple heart.

When Lee was not operating trucks, he picked up wounded. He was engaged in that work one day, and was on his way to rescue a red-headed youth lying wounded on the field of battle. While still some distance from the youth, an airplane bomb dropped a few feet from McMullen.

Lee was badly wounded himself, and to this day he bears the marks of the damage on the side of his head. He never did find out what happened to that red-headed soldier.

The Klamath man was notified that he had been awarded the purple heart, but for some reason it was not presented to him personally. He didn't ask about it, and 25 years passed by.

A few months ago his commanding officer, Captain Loren H. Tryon of San Francisco, was in the Klamath country looking after some property he has here. He saw McMullen and asked him if he had ever received his purple heart. When he found the decoration had never actually been presented, he got busy with the war department, and a few weeks ago the medal arrived.

Mr. McMullen is the only wounded man in Captain Tryon's company who is still alive. The Klamath man has added the beautiful purple heart to another citation he received from the French for outstanding service at Verdun.

Odd Number Idea

AT SALEM, Klamath's veteran legislators, Senator Cornett and Representative Henry Semon, have taken the bull by the horns and introduced a proposed constitutional amendment which would add one senator and one representative and thus prevent such deadlocks as that which delayed organization of the senate this session.

At present, there are 30 senators and 60 representatives. The change would provide an odd number of members in each house, and a deadlock would be impossible. The idea was mentioned in this column at the time of the senate difficulty, which occurred when 15 senators voted for one presidential candidate, and 15 for another.

The proposed change, too, might bring Klamath county a fairer representation in the senate, by making possible division of the 17th senatorial district of which Klamath county is a part. If an extra senator is added, it might be given to this district.

People down at Salem generally recognize that the situation in the 17th district is inequitable, but efforts to do something about it have failed because nobody else wanted to give up anything. If a senator is added to the house, no one would have to give up anything.

Senator Lew Wallace's unique idea of basing representation in the legislature on area as well as population would also give this district a better break. Such a plan would "legalize" the present representation situation as it applies

to Portland and Multnomah county which, if the population basis were followed to the letter, would have many more members in the legislature than it now has.

Portlanders haven't done much kicking about this, possibly because it is realized that the quality of the legislature might suffer if Multnomah county contributed more members than at present. In general, upstate counties have a reputation for sending well-qualified legislators to Salem. In some sessions, especially back in the depression period, Multnomah county did not do so well along this line.

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1—The happy notion that we might feed all the world after this war has slipped away fast as it has become apparent we cannot even feed ourselves and allies well during it.

With spring planting only a few weeks off, some agricultural officials are conceding that less food may be produced this year than last, to meet the greatly increased war demand. The most hopeful of optimists only allow themselves to yearn for an increase of four per cent, whereas demand calls for a 50 or 100 per cent increase or more.

Our industrial output has been expanded 350 per cent over last year and will jump nearly two-thirds as much again this year, but the food production is running along just about the same—and the extraordinary part of it is no one is even proposing expansion to meet the situation.

Food Administrator Wickard and Manpowerer McNutt are pecking away at the problem here and there with soy bean bonuses, and the rationers are getting ready to impose a radical point system to divide our food scarcity, but the idea of crashing through the obstacles and really raising enough for Americans, British, Algerians, Russians and others apparently has not occurred to anyone.

Three Things Are Wrong

A FARMER friend of mine, who is also a good business man, has devoted some thought to the condition and has reached the conclusion that three things are wrong—three basic things which could be met if sufficient energy and intelligence were applied to them.

The first, he said, is fear, the fear among the farmers, and he thinks this fear is going to make production this year a lot less than the Washington bureaucrats concluded with their little pens and pencils. The farmer fears to plant primarily because he has no prospect of getting enough help to harvest. He will trim his crop planting to what he can safely handle unless he gets some formidable assurance from the government that greater planting is possible.

A number of solutions have been offered on this phase—the importation of Bahamans to the southern vegetable and fruit areas and cotton fields, Mexicans to the middle-west, and even Chinese to the Pacific coast—but no one has done anything about it, or offered any promise. Temporary release of some men from the army or non-essential industry or schools to help in planting or harvesting is possible, but so far the only hope offered the farmer has been the decision of the draft boards not to take much more of his help—and talk, only talk from McNutt about amassing a "land tilling army of civilians" who would probably ruin more acreage than they harvest.

Production Could Be Boosted

THE production of pigs and poultry could I have been quadrupled in this country if anyone had the sense, immediately after Pearl Harbor, to institute government sponsorship of such a movement, but officials then all were saying we would have enough food because we had great stores of surplus wheat.

Pigs and poultry could even now be doubled except for fear. The farmer must pay a high price for feeder hogs and premium prices for feed for chickens, and the margins ordained by the government are so short that if a few die he cannot make any money.

Far better it is for him individually—no matter how disastrous it is to the country—to tighten in his production range to what he needs for himself and can handle safely in addition. This is the second correctable thing wrong.

Regimented Economy

FEAR of his farm machinery and repairs and the gasoline rationing restrictions is the third factor working toward curtailment. His situation on trucks, tractors and tires urge him not to and, in fact, prevent him from doubling or tripling his production as the national situation requires.

Unless someone takes hold of this situation like Jeffers took hold of the similar confusion on synthetic rubber—and he did take hold of it and dispel it—food production may decline to such an extent as to startle the bureau boys. Regimented economy seems to have failed again. It worked all right on the way down, when it was dis-failed completely

contributing largesse. But it

SIDE GLANCES



"You insisted on coming out here after I told you you couldn't stand the hardships of winter on the Russian front!"

About That Income Tax

DIVIDEND INCOME Among the forms of income received by many taxpayers is that of dividends. Because of the wide distribution of investment securities, many persons have income of this character, even though often small in amount. Such income must be reported for federal income tax purposes to the extent that it represents taxable income.

Income from dividends is entered on line 2 of the return Form 1040. Dividends in general represent distributions of earnings and profits by a corporation or association to its shareholders, and constitute taxable income. In certain cases, however, such as the liquidation of a bank or other corporation, dividends may represent a distribution of the shareholders' original investment, and to that extent would not constitute income, but a return of original capital, and accordingly would not be taxable.

In certain cases, also, such as that of mining companies, declaring dividends out of depletion reserves, the dividend may represent wholly or partially a return of investment. Persons receiving dividends of this character are usually advised by the corporation as to the amount which it considers to be non-taxable as a return of capital. It is appropriate for the taxpayer to enter in his return the amounts received in accordance with the advice by the corporation, but it should be borne in mind that the determination of the taxable amount may be subject to revision as a result of official audit of the corporation's return.

Dividends on share accounts in federal savings and loan associations on shares issued prior to March 28, 1942, are exempt from normal tax, but must be included in surtax net income for surtax purposes. Dividends on share accounts with respect to

Klamath's Yesterdays

From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From The Klamath Republican Feb. 5, 1903. Si Doten, well known pioneer, died at his home at Keno Sunday.

Willie Baldwin, John Martin and Maggie Chase have lately entered the eighth grade at school here. The high school and eighth grade now number 31.

Mr. Lord, who has been buying a lot of horses in this county, passed through town with 21 Monday, en route to the railroad.

From The Klamath News Feb. 1, 1933. W. T. Dean is now the city fire chief, under appointment of Mayor Mahoney.

Local utilities companies have been given 15 days more time in which to file statements of their gross earnings for city taxation.

Many Klamath county roads are still blocked by snow.

ATTA BOY TWIN FALLS, Idaho, (AP)—Three-year-old Lyle Willis Lierman liked his four tiny shepherd puppies—but he'd heard about war bonds, too. Edwin Lierman, his father, explained at yesterday's auction that the boy wanted them sold so he could buy war stamps. The pups were sold and re-sold, 17 times, for a total of \$23.50.

FDR Reviews U. S. Troops in Africa



President Roosevelt salutes the colors as he reviews U. S. troops in North Africa during an interlude between conferences with Prime Minister Winston Churchill. With him in the jeep are the driver, Sgt. Oran Lass of Kansas City, and (l-r in rear) Maj. Gen. Ernest Harmon, Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark and unidentified civilians.

President Has Lunch in Open



President Roosevelt paused during his review of U. S. troops in French Morocco to eat a field lunch in the open from a mess kit. Left to right are Harry Hopkins, Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark, the president and Maj. Gen. George S. Patton Jr.

Leaders of the Allied Forces



Principal figures in historic allied war strategy conference at Casablanca, North Africa, are grouped on the lawn of the hotel where they met. (L-R) Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, North African high commissioner; President Roosevelt; General Charles de Gaulle, fighting French leader, and Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain.

OBITUARY

SARAH ANN DOWNHOUR

Sarah Ann Downhour, a resident of the Swan Lake district, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Catherine Collman, on Saturday, January 30, 1943, at 9:15 a. m. The deceased was a native of Cass County, Ind., and was aged 84 years 10 months and 10 days when called. She was a member of the Methodist church. She is survived besides her daughter, by four granddaughters, Mrs. Helen Campbell of LaCade, Ida, Mrs. Dorothy Hall of Culver City, Calif., Mrs. Ernest Parkhurst and Mrs. Edward Bruns, both of Klamath Falls, Ore.; two grandsons, James Downhour of U. S. Army, and Jesse Bemis of Naples, Ida. The remains will be forwarded via Southern Pacific accompanied by Mrs. Catherine Collman, to Warsaw, Minn., where the final rites will take place. Ward's Klamath Funeral home in charge of the arrangements.

KAREN MARIE FUNK

Karen Marie Funk, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Funk, residents of Klamath Falls, Ore., passed away in this city on Sunday, January 31, 1943 at 4:30 p. m. Baby Karen Marie was a native of Klamath Falls and was aged 5 months and 12 days when called. Besides her parents, she is survived by one sister, Sonja Lea, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Funk, of this city, and a grandfather, Mr. John Rogman of Everett, Wash. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street, where her daughter, by four granddaughters, Mrs. Helen Campbell of LaCade, Ida, Mrs. Dorothy Hall of Culver City, Calif., Mrs. Ernest Parkhurst and Mrs. Edward Bruns, both of Klamath Falls, Ore.; two grandsons, James Downhour of U. S. Army, and Jesse Bemis of Naples, Ida. The remains will be forwarded via Southern Pacific accompanied by Mrs. Catherine Collman, to Warsaw, Minn., where the final rites will take place. Ward's Klamath Funeral home in charge of the arrangements.

FUNERAL

JOHN W. LOGUE

The funeral service for the late John W. Logue, who passed away in this city on Sunday, January 31, 1943, will take place from the Community church at Bonanza, Ore., on Wednesday, February 3, 1943, at 1:30 p. m. Rev. William Rice of the Immanuel Baptist church of this city officiating. The commitment service and interment will follow in the family plot in the Bonanza cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Ward's Klamath Funeral home is in charge of the arrangements.

No Trouble Like That in Klamath

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 1 (AP)—Harbinger of spring—Harry Rief, who lives on Washington boulevard here, mowed his lawn yesterday.

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