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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

PLEASE stay with us today through at least the first half of this column, for it contains information of prime importance to the reputation of our community for patriotic endeavor in behalf of our fighting men.

This concerns surgical dressings — bandages for dressing the wounds of our fighting men in combat areas in all parts of the world.

These dressings are made in Klamath Falls, under direction of the American Red Cross. So many of them are needed—the government only today asked for 180,000,000 more—that every town and hamlet in the United States has been given a quota.

Klamath's quota is 63,000 a month. **NOT ONCE HAVE WE MADE THAT QUOTA.**

We go to shows, to sports events, to "culture" clubs, or we sit at home by the fire, while in field hospitals on distant fronts our men lie wounded and dying. There is a way the people at home can help these wounded men, but they are not coming through.

It is rather surprising that there is a deficit in surgical dressings, for the value of them and the need for them is so apparent. When one makes one he knows what it is going to do.

But there IS a deficit, and it has been difficult to maintain the production pace already set here.

Men Can Do It

SURGICAL dressing making is not necessarily women's work. Men can do it.

A group of Klamath Falls men at one time indicated a desire to do this valuable work. Painters' caps were obtained and other arrangements were made, but the men did not show up at the appointed time.

Men should work in groups or teams. Men being the way they are, the sporting element might be introduced, with a "pot" for the worker who makes the most dressings in an evening.

If there are men who are interested, the Red Cross would be pleased to hear from them, and even more pleased to see them go to work.

Not Enough Machines

SOURCE of some of the indifference toward this vital project, we are told, is a belief that the dressings should be made mechanically.

Here is the answer to that: there are not nearly enough machines to do the needed job.

It is only in recent years that dressings have been made by machine, and when the war broke out there were not many machines. Because it was believed people would respond to the appeal to make dressings by hand, the steel that might have gone into these machines was used instead for armament.

The enlargement of hospitals, the quick spread of our forces to combat areas throughout the world, and lease-lend, brought tremendous increases in the need for dressings.

There is absolute dependence on communities like ours to come through on this job.

Civic Demonstration

MAYOR JOHN HOUSTON made an excellent presentation and a gallant fight for chamber of commerce endorsement of the cities' highway revenue measure, but he couldn't win. In this wide-open country, where through transportation and trading center development are regarded of prime importance to future welfare, the principle of keeping state highway revenues for major and secondary highways is strongly felt.

People here know that a city like Klamath Falls wouldn't be much without the transportation arteries that lead to it and through it. That, primarily, has been the basis of chamber of commerce road policy through many years, and the policy was reiterated Wednesday. It is to be hoped it bears fruit in further and greater road and highway development for the benefit of this community in future years.

The chamber stuck with the policy this time against the pressure of a skillful debater who had the zeal of conviction. Mayor Houston had asked this writer, and probably other directors of the chamber, to give him the benefit of an open mind until he could present his argument. That promise we kept, and we confess his story was good. It was not enough to win our support for the present measure, but it did convince us that the city needs sympathetic interest and help from the chamber of commerce and other civic-minded groups and individuals in protecting local investments in improved streets.

The alternate freezing and thawing that occurs here is constantly causing damage to city streets, and a steady, adequately financed, maintenance program is necessary. Whether it be through some statewide program, or on a local basis, a solution for this financial problem is of public interest and deserves chamber attention.

The Wednesday meeting was a success as an outstanding demonstration of serious discussion and honest exchange of opinion. Personalities were left out of the picture. It was an excellent way to settle an issue.

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11—A wholly different policy on rationing is being worked up by Prentiss Brown.

The first modicum of common-sense changes to correct the inefficiencies and injustices of the Henderson regime was evident all down through the shoe order, although no official pointed them out.

In the first place, it was Henderson's custom to ration the retailers without applying production control at the same time. The regulations on producers generally came along three or more weeks later, and, until then, the producers manufactured as much as they wanted or stewed in confusion.

This time, Brown issued the regulations promptly.

The "hoarding period" which Henderson always provided for consumers was likewise dispensed with.

It was Henderson's policy to assume a dark scowl and make threats publicly about rationing a certain commodity a month or so before he acted. This invited the public to rush to the stores. Merchants were not adverse to this shopping rush as it enabled them to get rid of even the most inferior portions of their stocks at premium prices.

Of course, Mr. Henderson always sweetly and piously reminded the public that people would have to tell how much of this hoard they had accumulated when rationing was finally ordered. But no one has been able to determine how many consumers told the truth, and there was a vague impression extant that Henderson's policy tended toward promoting a nation of liars-by-necessity.

This policy still prevails on canned goods, but Mr. Brown dispensed with it on shoes.

Apparently, there were two leaks. Mayor LaGuardia's advance hint is supposed to have started a minor run on some New York East Side shops which were open Sunday. Drove of government employees had the tip here and purchased shoes Saturday. But otherwise, hoarding was not encouraged by advance official notice.

Other moderations are coming, bit by bit. Portions of the eastern seaboard are now swimming in fuel oil, which fully corrects the shortage here, now confined to anthracite coal (those who converted are not suffering much, however, as inferior coal is available). Dealers now want consumers to fill their tanks as storage space is limited.

West Virginia and West Florida have been pushed out of the fuel oil rationing area.

The "B" card ceiling on gasoline is being broken to let people get to work.

Recapped tires are to be authorized soon without certificates.

But most of all, no one here is talking about forcing the public to get pneumonia if necessary (as Henderson did). This time, on shoes, Brown hastened "to inform the public as to the reasons for the action."

Army Question

SENATE LEADER BARKLEY (leader in name, anyway) refuses to take seriously the Bankhead campaign to limit the size of the army. He does not think the restrictions will pass, but many another congressional authority notes the growth of its support.

Letters continue to pour in from farmers, labor groups and plain citizens to an extent where chief of staff, General Marshall, may have to make some compromise with congress. He may not get the 11,000,000 total he desires, but neither will he be cut as much as the Bankhead group wants.

Public May Decide

THE Wadsworth-Austin national service (compulsory labor) bill seems destined for defeat. Already, it is being called the "involuntary servitude" bill and union leaders doubt its constitutionality.

Public opinion will probably be allowed to sift on this subject for a long time before the bill is pushed.

Cook Quietly

REPORTS that General Marshall would become supreme commander of all Anglo-American forces died down after Casablanca, but have been cooking quietly inside since then. The British have been pushing it.

Such an appointment would not only provide supreme command, but would promote the unity of the two nations for the post war settlement.

Hoover's Intentions

IT WAS the democrats who drew Mr. Hoover into the national spotlight here with his views against increasing the size of the army to the extent desired by the war department. The Hoover viewpoint happened to coincide with Senator Bankhead's.

Some months ago, Bankhead also called Hoover in to testify on price controls, because his views conformed with those of the administration.

While the Hoover move has been widely characterized as an indication of his intent to run for president in 1944, the above circumstances belie such a conclusion.

De Gaulle Fades

GENERAL DEGAULLE will continue to fade from the picture. The impression he made at Casablanca was not forceful. He controls a relatively small group of Frenchmen as compared with Giraud.

SIDE GLANCES



"Another case of love at first sight, I suppose! If you have to be romantic, why not make friends with that boy across the street whose father is a butcher?"

Klamath's Yesterdays

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

From the Klamath Republican Feb. 12, 1903

Dave Elder of Merrill is quoted in the Lakeview Examiner as saying Merrill is the best alfalfa country in Oregon. Irrigation works wonders on the land that surrounds Merrill.

A flurry of excitement was caused last evening, bringing out the hose company, when a chimney on the Esmond hotel caught fire.

The Chewaucan Post at Paisley is now in its third year and is growing as a bright and prosperous newspaper.

From the Klamath News Feb. 11, 1933

Local taxicabs soon will be prohibited from parking on Main street, according to a rumor at the city hall.

Mrs. Frank Yancey of Fairhaven skied two miles Friday to attend the Founders' day meeting of the Parent-Teachers association.

Senator Jay H. Upton has introduced a bill calling for the construction of an armory at Klamath Falls.

VITAL STATISTICS

ROGERS—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., February 10, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rogers, Merrill, Ore., a boy. Weight: 7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces.

HANSEN—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., February 11, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hansen, 1722 Johnson street, a boy. Weight: 7 pounds 1 1/2 ounces.

OBITUARY

NELS LINDAHL

Nels Lindahl, a resident of Klamath Falls for many years, passed away in this city on Wednesday morning, February 10, 1943. He was a native of Sweden. The deceased was 65 years of age at the time of his passing. The remains rest at Wards Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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Telling The Editor

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C. M. Phelps Writes

CAMP PEARY, Va., Jan. 2— (To the Editor)—Since my last letter to you I have seen a few more Klamath Falls men starting their naval career in Camp Peary. Those who arrived here about a week ago were: Arden "Dib" Dybevik, Jimmy Parker, Horace "Sheets" Knight, Jack Duracha and a man by the name of Storck.

The list I gave in my last letter have been split up and are in various battalions and some of them have already been sent to embarkation bases. Camp Peary is so big that one doesn't get to contact men out of his area.

The weather is much better than when I wrote before but it travels in cycles. We have about 3 or 4 days of rain, then about 3 or 4 days of sunshine. Our good old Camp Peary mud just about dries up when it starts to rain again. We now have sidewalks in most of the areas and conditions are a lot better now.

When I came in here we had no recreation halls, no church services, no ship's stores or libraries. Now all the areas have these accommodations and everything is getting systemized. We are even getting our streets graveled.

I was selected to stay in ships company as an instructor and I attended a special school for a while and then was assigned to a platoon. My men are all from Texas and a fine group of men to be associated with.

I had the opportunity of having an unfortunate recruit in my platoon. His father died and it took us some time to get him on his way home. I would like to inform the public the right way to send a service man a notice of serious illness or death of a relative. First contact your local Red Cross and have them investigate your case. Have them contact the service man by telephone or telegraph for you. Action will immediately get under way if the Red Cross thinks it is necessary for him to be there as soon as word is received from them. If you do not refer your case to the Red

Cross the service man will be in the fix my man was. When he received the telegram he came to me as to what to do. I took the matter up with the commander of my area. He referred it to the chaplain and the chaplain contacted the camp commander and he contacted the Red Cross in Richmond, Va. They contacted the Red Cross in the town from which the telegram was sent. Then they went out and investigated the case and wired the commander. Then the commander consented to a leave and word came down through the proper channels and it was over 24 hours the man had to wait because of improper methods of contact.

In case of an instance like this please contact the local Red Cross and you will find it speeds up the arrival of the man in service to his home.

Hoping to hear from friends back home, I remain,

Sincerely,
 Donald Dale Phelps, CM 1/c., Primary Mil. to Ships Co., N.C.T.C., Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Spiritual Work and Service Men

KENO, Ore.—(Written on New Year's eve)—As the old year fades, I am listening to the radio broadcast of "Our Fighting Chaplains" in which "First Mate Bob" and the "Crew of the Good Ship Grace" are taking a prominent part. It is a program portraying the splendid work done by the chaplains among our men in the army service, and I think how fortunate we are to have these men among our boys, giving them spiritual help and comfort. What a privilege it is, also, to have this type of program on the air on New Year's eve and the beginning moments of the new year. It is truly a "Haven of Rest"—a "Shelter in the Time of Storm"—in the midst of confusion, strife, misery and heartache.

To parents of boys who are away from home in army camps and on battlefields, it is surely a great comfort to realize that there are spiritual men of God among our boys ready and glad to give counsel and aid to these boys, many of them lonesome, homesick and worried about the future.

I have one boy in the service and another one (married) who may be in before we have won this war, and so I am deeply appreciative of tonight's program.

It seems to me that truly the

most important thing to give to our boys who are at the battle front and to the many more who will soon be there is God's word, that they may receive faith in God, faith to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour. They will need Him to guide and strengthen them in difficult situations, and to be with them in that last hour if it be their lot to be among the "killed in action."

It is with thankfulness in my heart that I can say that I have this Saviour for myself at the beginning of the new year. I know the comfort He can give in times of stress and loneliness and I am glad to recommend Him as "our perfect refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Although I am always glad to help in every way possible in bringing clean, wholesome amusement and recreation to our service boys, I am convinced that their greatest need in this emergency is Christ, and my resolve for 1943 is to help bring Him to them through the message of some of these radio programs and all praise-worthy channels.

This may be a peculiar letter, but surely we are living in "peculiar" times.

Mrs. Joe H. Foster.

MORALE-SHAKER

BUTTE, Mont., (AP)— The twenty Crow Indians who were inducted into the army may confuse the enemy a bit.

Some of their names: Harry Rising Sun, Myers Black Eagle, George Real Bird, Sampson Bird in Ground, Jr., Joseph Mountain Pocket, Jr., Frank Grasshopper, Guy Old Bear, Peter Old Bull, Felix Well Known, George Little Light, Cyril Not Afraid, Frank Falls Down and Kelly Passes.

The war will not be won until we give our enemies a bill of rights, national and international, and tell them they have no choice but to accept it.—Postmaster General Frank C. Walker.

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