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# Herald and News

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## Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

THE best we have is what we want to give the men who are doing our fighting in combat areas. Hence, there is cause of real satisfaction in the fact the armed forces are taking, for overseas shipment, the remainder of the No. 1 potatoes in the Klamath basin.

We have a war to win, and if Klamath potatoes help to win it, more power to them. That the army and navy are so anxious to get these potatoes is further recognition of their quality. Because the spuds will take long journeys overseas, it was necessary to get the kind of potato that will hold up. Our spuds were selected on that basis.

Local people who got out and helped the farmers harvest these potatoes know now that there was real meaning to the description of the spuds last fall as "food for fighting" that had to be saved.

## No Unfavorable Effect

IN GENERAL, the armed force purchase of all the No. 1 potatoes here is not expected to have any notable effect on the basin economic situation.

The potatoes were to be sold, anyhow, and they simply will go into armed force channels instead of civilian channels as is usually the case. The army will buy under OPA price ceilings, which would prevail in buying for civilian consumption.

It appears, however, that there may be some selling under prices which certain farmers would otherwise receive, for the peculiar reason that some farmers have received offers above the ceiling prices. This was brought out at the farmer-buyer meeting at Merrill with the army representatives.

These farmers are not in violation of the OPA rulings by selling at above-ceiling figures, for the ceilings apply to country shippers, not to growers. There is no OPA limit on what a grower may accept for his potatoes. But under any ordinary circumstance, it is not likely that anyone would pay growers more than the law allows the shipper to get for the potatoes.

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## May Boost No. 2's

THE new potato deal does remove that many No. 1 potatoes from civilian consumption, and it appears from what the quartermaster corps representatives said that civilian stocks of high quality spuds are going to be pretty low.

The effect here will probably be that No. 2 potatoes will assume new significance in the market, there being no No. 1's left.

No. 2 spuds have been selling somewhat under the OPA ceiling for No. 2's. Under the new situation, it seems likely that No. 2's will increase to the ceiling level, and that farmers who still have No. 2's may receive more for them than they would had not this situation developed.

County Agent Charles Henderson, who never misses a chance to put in a plug for Klamath potatoes, made the remark that Klamath No. 2's are better than some No. 1's from other areas, and, therefore, the civilians who must now eat our No. 2's need not feel too badly.

The general conclusion to be drawn from the whole affair is that it emphasized the great importance of our fertile soil, our ample irrigation water supply, our able growers and our farm workers in this business of fighting a great war.

## Read Your Paper

A FRIEND of ours asked us today about some news that has been appearing daily in this newspaper, but which appears on an inside page and therefore hasn't received his attention.

He said he didn't take the time to read the whole paper, and yet he had been missing something about which he was sufficiently interested to ask.

Not all the news can be placed on the front page. People who get full value out of their paper look through it.

Furthermore, right now a vast amount of vital government information concerning rationing, etc., appears in the newspapers and affects the daily lives of everyone. Never was your paper more important to you.

For instance, the advance publication of the rationing book No. 2 blanks is now appearing in newspapers. There will not be enough of these blanks to go around when the sign-up takes place. The clipped blank from the newspaper is expected to make up for this deficiency.

## New Pine Creek PTA Clears \$75 On Big Dance

NEW PINE CREEK—The big PTA Valentine's dance held here last Saturday turned out really better than was expected by those in charge. Around \$75 was netted after expenses were paid. The light installation charges have now all been paid and there remains in the treasury a little over \$50 which will be used to begin work, possibly during spring vacation, on

cleaning and refinishing the school rooms.

Committee members and workers wish to thank every one who cooperated in making the project a success, and are especially grateful to the East Side grange for donating the use of their hall and kitchen facilities.

Music was furnished by an orchestra composed of Teresa O'Connor, piano; Mildred Adams, banjo, clarinet and sax; Irvin Faris, fiddle; Frank Ross, electric guitar, and Coleman George, drums. The group was

## News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—A sub-division of farm bloc known as "the house agricultural appropriations sub-committee" has turned down the Wickard \$100,000,000 subsidy program—the idea of dipping into the treasury for this amount now and more later to pay farmers more than their vegetables can bring in the ceiling market, and then selling the vegetables to the consumers at a government loss.

The true significance of the action was obscured by a loud rhetorical controversy as to whether a subsidy is a subsidy or a "bonus" or merely an "incentive payment," and there has been some cheering around the country on the theory that the congress has again repelled radicalism. The cheering may have been somewhat premature.

The real question involved in the scrap was how high farm prices should go. The farm bloc apparently believed Wickard's program would not go high enough. They expect to get theirs later, in another way.

When all this quibbling and farm prospects are sifted, it is clear that before Mr. Roosevelt will be able to free the world of fear, he is going to have to free the farmers from fear of prices, and fear of want of help, equipment, repair parts and gasoline.

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## SIDE GLANCES



"The government won't have to worry about us raising record crops this year—I've got two sons in the Army and I know how they eat!"

## About That Income Tax

DEDUCTIONS FOR CASUALTY LOSSES AND THEFTS

Losses arising from fires, storms, shipwrecks, or other casualties, or from theft are allowable deductions in computing net income for federal income tax purposes. Thus, if a taxpayer's home is destroyed by fire or damaged by flood or storm, or if his automobile is wrecked, or if his property is stolen, he may claim a deduction for the loss sustained and not compensated for by insurance or otherwise.

The amount of such loss, if incurred in connection with a trade or business, is entered in Schedule H to arrive at the net profit (or loss) shown in item 9 of the return; other losses are entered as item 15 of deductions in return, Form 1040, and must be explained in Schedule C of the return form.

The intent of the law regarding deductions for casualties, generally, is to allow for losses caused by natural forces. Such losses may be either of a personal or a business nature. To be an allowable deduction, the loss may not arise from the willful act or negligence of the taxpayer. Damage sustained to one's car by collision or accident, for instance, is a deductible loss, unless the damage is due to a willful act or negligence on the part of the taxpayer. Faulty driving would not be classified as negligence, but driving while intoxicated would be so regarded.

Likewise, in the case of claims for loss of property by theft or burglary, it must be established that the property actually was stolen, and not merely mislaid or lost.

In the case of insured property, the amount of recovery through insurance must be taken into account in determining the amount of loss.

The amount of loss allowable in the case of property damaged or destroyed is frequently difficult of determination. A general rule is that the loss is measured by the difference in the value of the property immediately before and immediately after the casualty. The loss on a wrecked car would be the difference between its market value just before the accident and the salvage value after the accident.

In the case of trees, or ornamental shrubbery, destroyed by a sleet or snowstorm, the measure of the loss is the loss in the value of the property of which they were a part, that is, the reduction in the value of the property arising from the casualty. This may or may not be the same as the value of the particular trees or shrubs destroyed.

In determining the amount of loss, also, sentimental values are excluded, for the reason that such values are not susceptible to measurement. Losses claimed must, in general, be related to market value of the property affected by the casualty. Losses claimed for the destruction, damage, or theft of family portraits, heirlooms, or keepsakes, must be based upon loss of intrinsic value, apart from the sentimental value.

A further rule regarding deductions for losses from casualties and thefts is that such losses are deductible only in the year in which they are sustained, even though they may not be discovered until a later year.

A deduction for loss from casualty or theft may be allowed only to the owner of the property with respect to which the loss is sustained.

## Klamath Banks, City Hall, Court House Close Monday

Klamath Falls banks, the city hall, and courthouse will be closed all day Monday, February 22, in observance of George Washington's birthday. The state liquor store will be closed from Saturday at 8 p. m., to Tuesday at 10 a. m.

The city council's regular Monday night session will be held over until Tuesday night.

## Juke Box, Pinball Tax Favored by Senate Committee

SALEM, Feb. 18 (AP)—The senate assessment and taxation committee recommended passage today of a bill by Rep. John Steelhammer, Salem, to levy annual taxes of \$50 on pinball games and \$10 on coin-operated phonographs.

The committee also urged passage of three house bills to permit counties, cities and school districts to set up reserve funds for post-war use.

We'd all sometimes like to do what an usher is paid for. Tell people where to go.

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## Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 100 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

### AN OLD TOM-CAT TO A NEW ONE

By WILLIAM C. HURN

In the group of 99 Klamath men who entrained from here Thursday night, February 11, for army service, is centered an interesting story. One of these boys was bearing a souvenir of World War I, of 25 years ago that has more than a close connection for this day of February 11, 1943.

The lad was carrying it with him for what value it might have, to gain his acceptance into the branch of the service he favored. While he was coming from double shift duties as a welder in a Portland shipyard on the swing shift and the day driver of a big fire truck out of the Multnomah fire station, a dual-defense rating, yet the fact that he had been rejected on all enlistment efforts previously, made him hope that in this draft call he might be passed so he was glad to pin his hopes that this souvenir might help him in case he was accepted for service this time.

What he had, was the July, 1918 issue of the "Camp Colt 'Treat 'em Rough' Tanker Tom Cat News." It was a descriptive edition of the camp magazine of the tank corps issued at Camp Colt, Gettysburg, Pa., where our first tank corps was organized in 1916. The boy's dad had enlisted in the tank corps and had trained at Gettysburg and this relic was dug out from the suitcase of the other war's mementos for Bill to take along in hopes of helping him, because of the relation between a yesterday of 1918 and today.

In the pictorial section, on the first page, are two photo-

graphs in which the same person is featured, our camp commandant. In the first one the 'C-O' is shown with the army staff officer from Washington, who was head of the newly created branch of service and the other pictured him with the two British staff officers who were assigned to us for instructors and under whom we did our actual field training.

The character of interest is the Camp Colt commanding officer for the 'C-O' was Major Dwight D. Eisenhower, and the very day this booklet was brought out and given to Bill, was the day that General 'Ike' Eisenhower was nominated to become a full general and was placed in supreme command of the allied forces. And incidentally, for a time, the second in command at Camp Colt was a Major Serena Britt, now General Britt and in command of a sector in the South Pacific.

Yep—Bill is trying his darndest to get into the tank corps. Both he and I are hoping he gets to serve under General Eisenhower, too.

And somehow the dad in me believes that if Bill can only get in, somebody (?) is going to be in for some rough treatment from one "Treat 'em Rough Tanker Tom Cat."

### ROAD COMPLAINT

LANGELL VALLEY—(To the Editor)—Roads are in such bad shape in Langell valley that school has been shut down for several days. The teachers had planned on having school on Saturday so work could be caught up for the month school was out for the potato harvest, but now are unable to have any school.

All fall the county road crew worked on what is called the Lake bottom road, or Tear road, which is a side road with six families living on it. Rocks were blasted out, and the road was widened, graded and graveled.

Now I think that's fine to fix up side roads but I'm for fixing

## VICTORY CORPS TO DRIVE FOR BOOKS

HENLEY—One group of the Henley high school Victory corps has set a goal of 600 books in a Victory book drive promoted for men and women in the armed forces.

The communities and organizations of Olene, Poe valley, Midland and Henley are asked to donate.

General chairman of this division of the corps is Bruce Hess; chairman of the book drive is Margaret Murphy; co-workers are Mildred Sparlin, Alice Crumrine, Pat Masten, Norman Smith, Jennie Carson, Bonnie Smith, Glenora Chestnut and Leroy Stewart. Advisors are Mrs. Duncan and Mr. Marvin.

Donated books may be deposited in boxes placed at the high school, grade school, Henley Cash store, Mallory's store and Mac's Cash store.

"Please get behind this drive to reach our set goal," urged Bruce Hess. "Give a book you would like to keep to help entertain the service men and women." Recently published technical books, especially mathematics, have been asked for.

### BRIDGES RULING

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18 (AP)—Harry Bridges, west coast longshore leader, will surrender here March 3 to Immigration Director Irving F. Wixon and then will be released on \$3000 bail while he awaits filing of an appeal to the U. S. circuit court of appeals from a deportation order.

up the main road where the mail and school buses run. How about it, members of the county court? We all pay taxes and still have a vote. —CORA LEAVITT.

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