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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY
ONE day last fall Charles Henderson, the county agent, dropped into our office with a small paper sack full of dandelion roots.
He picked out a root, broke the brittle bark, and then drew apart the two ends, which were held together by tiny, rubberish threads. These stretched a fraction of an inch, and contracted as the ends were released.
"That," said Mr. Henderson, "is Klamath county rubber."
And so we used some news stories and pictures at the time about the experimental growing of Russian dandelion by E. G. Gross in the Spring Lake experimental area. We heard that there were test plots of a similar nature all over the country, and we were frankly skeptical about ever hearing much more about the Klamath rubber deal.

Almost Forgotten

WE HAD almost forgotten it, until this week we had a visit from Larry Mays of the U. S. forest service, who introduced himself as the man sent here to conduct the rubber project.
Mr. Mays explained that the experiment with kok-saghyz, the Russian dandelion, conducted here proved to be one of the most successful, if not the most successful, of all the dozens of tests made in many parts of the North American continent.
As a result, a much larger planting is to be undertaken here this year, and particular attention will be paid to results on peat soil. We have a lot of peat soil hereabouts, and that type of soil is supposed to be the best for the growing of Russian dandelion.
But it is interesting that the highly successful test made by Mr. Gross last year was not on peat soil. Hence, it appears that climatic conditions in this area are ideal for the rubber plant. Combining the climate with peat soil may produce even better results than those yet attained.

This Year's Plan

WHAT is being done this year is to make a planting on considerable acreage chiefly for seed purposes. A small portion of the crop may be harvested this year for processing of the roots, to determine further the feasibility of extending the planting on a large scale next year.
The plants, incidentally, are heavier seed producers the second year, and most of them will be left in the ground for a seed harvest in 1944.
Meanwhile, what happens to our rubber project may be determined by the war. If in the next two years there is still imperative need for a domestic source of rubber supply, Klamath may have sweeping fields of dandelions whose roots will be processed for all the various uses to which rubber is put.
The Russians have a huge acreage and kok-saghyz is their principal source of material for synthetic rubber.
If a similar undertaking occurs in this country, the Klamath area may have an important part of it. You never can tell what's likely to happen around here.

VICTORY GARDEN IDEA

Chemists could grow enough potatoes in an area of 15 square miles to feed the entire United States, using growing solutions instead of soil.

I believe all reasonable men with sufficient military background to properly evaluate the results must realize the importance of both day and night bombings—in short, the ability to strike at any time and at any place where the enemy is building his war machine or building

Tax Front Roundup

By JAMES MARLOW and GEORGE ZIELKE
WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—The income tax situation is foggy—but clear.
It's clear to this extent: you'll have to pay as much taxes this year as if nobody had ever mentioned pay-as-you-go or any other change in the present law.
It's foggy because the whole tax problem is up in the air and probably will stay there for months to come.
So for months to come, don't expect any change in the way you are going to pay your taxes—or in the amount you pay.
Remember this, too, for your peace of mind: no matter what plans are offered in the months ahead, no matter what else you hear, no new tax arrangement will become a law until President Roosevelt has signed it (or congress has passed it over a presidential veto).

It May Rest

BUT the latest word from the tax front—and it may vary next week or be completely changed around in a month—is this:
Since the house flip-flop on the Ruml-Carlson skip-a-year plan, Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) of the house ways and means committee talks about letting the matter rest several months; at the same time many congressmen talk of an Easter recess and going back home to hear personally from the voters what kind of tax bill they want.
Treasury Secretary Morgenthau says it looks as though collection of the tax at the source (a check-off from wage envelopes and paychecks) will have to wait until next January 1.

Compromise

REPUBLICANS in the house who backed the Ruml-Carlson plan—and some democrats—now talk of compromising on "forgiving" the first 19 units of the tax on 1942 incomes—the 6 per cent normal tax and the first 13 per cent surtax bracket. This would mean that the average taxpayer would have his 1942 tax wiped off the slate.
But then what?
Even if this plan were enacted quickly, he'd still have to pay his June 15 tax installment (same as on March 15), only it would apply on 1943 taxes—and so would the March payment.
Then he'd go on a pay-as-you-earn basis July 1. Starting on that date, he would have 20 per cent (over exemptions) of his pay deducted—which would approximately cover his taxes (including victory tax).
At the end of the year, he'd still have to file a report on his 1943 income, perhaps make a small payment—perhaps even get a small refund—on the difference between the actual tax due, as figured on his report, and the amount he had paid in taxes this year (the March and June payments, plus the total deducted from his pay).
Of course, if such a compromise plan were adopted too late to start paycheck deductions before January 1, the taxpayer still would have to pay the September and December tax installments now scheduled—and then would go on a pay-as-you-earn basis next year.
Whenever the deductions from pay started, the average taxpayer would have no other federal income tax payments to make except for that adjustment at the end of the year.
The big taxpayer, of course, would be carrying over his upper bracket surtax payments from year to year.

munitions to equip it.—Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, 8th air force commander.

TRANSCONTINENTAL

Estados Unidos de Colombia is the only nation south of Panama with ports and trade on both the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans.

In winning the war we shall not have finished our job; we will only have cleared the way for a fresh beginning.—President Everett Case of Colgate.

At the moment we've a cosmic struggle on our hands. Even apart from the fact that we wish to keep gossip from aiding the enemy, wouldn't this be a grand time to keep our thoughts on the "Hush!" placards, and put a part of that conserved energy into pouring out ships and shells rather than sound?—Channing Pollock, author and lecturer.

Pizarro's mummy lies in a transparent case in an ancient cathedral at Lima, Peru. Pizarro was the Spanish conqueror of that country.

Giraud Visits Tank Repair Base in Africa



French General Henri Honore Giraud (right) inspects a tank repair depot behind the French lines somewhere in North Africa.

SIDE GLANCES



"Let our cry be 'On to Tokyo and Yokohama!' Those Japs will surrender pretty quick when we go marching into their principal cities!"

Klamath Gardeners Urged to Plan Their Work Carefully; Available Plots Reported

By J. R. McCAMBRIDGE, Assistant County Agent
Planting time is drawing near for the victory gardener, but there is no big hurry about planting yet. Get your planning done and then plant. A good garden is a well planned one.
In laying out the garden tract we should reserve one section of it for early vegetables, such as spinach, peas, lettuce, carrots, beets, onions (sets), and radishes. This will enable us to clear these off in time to again prepare the ground for planting of late crops for early fall and winter use. Successive plantings of vegetables is a very important practice, especially to those who have limited garden space.
Time will be saved and better quality of vegetables will be produced if people will get their soil in good shape before planting. A good application of barnyard manure, well worked into the soil will aid in warming up the soil for planting as well as furnishing plant food for the vegetables.
Many people will get in a hurry to plant their gardens while the soil is still cold and vegetables will not make a fast growth until the soil does warm up, so there is really no hurry to start planting.
A number of people are wanting space to plant a garden. If you have land available and suitable for gardening, contact the county agent's office and we will list these and try to get an interested party to contact you. Here are some names and addresses of people who have garden space:
Five acres—Bill Burness, on Lakeshore drive—phone 6322. Will furnish tractor to break soil and will do plowing if someone will plant the ground and use it. Has irrigation. Peat soil.
Plot 100x110—Chas. Knopf, Pelican City—has ground to rent or will let someone use it for victory garden. Also has fertilizer for it.
Plot—3004 Summers Lane. One-half acre—Pete Lesmeister, 3227 Altamont drive, phone 5834. Will give use of half this land including free water and three rows of raspberries to someone who will help owner make rows and plant his half of the garden.
One-half acre—G. A. Holt, 1312 Worden avenue, phone 5757. Property on Cottage avenue and Homedale road, to be used for victory garden.
One-half acre—Mrs. Dan Fitzgerald on road running north at El Padre night club, first house on right. Land to rent for garden, irrigated.
From all indications there is going to be a much greater demand for fresh vegetables this year than ever before. At a meeting of the Market Vegetable Producers in Portland, Mr. B. K. Gage of the Quartermaster Marketing Center of Seattle, Wash., said "Vegetables and other food items for 1,000,000 extra rations will be required to supply needs in and from western Oregon, western Washington and Alaska during 1943." Mr. Gage stated that this influx to the Pacific Northwest, totaling 1,000,000 people, would require the following quantities of certain foods daily:
700,000 lbs. of potatoes.
105,000 lbs. of onions.
75,000 lbs. of carrots.
50,000 lbs. of celery.
75,000 lbs. of cabbage.
125,000 lbs. of tomatoes (in season).
Take care of your garden this summer—it may have to take care of you this winter.

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE



like to see some Klamath snow, and also he is lonely and would like some of his friends from here to write him. The address can be secured from his mother.

INSTRUCTOR—Donald Dale Phelps, who enlisted in the Seabees in October, 1942, as C. M. 1/c, is now an instructor. Phelps attended a special school for three weeks and then was assigned the job of instructing new recruits. In his letters Phelps says that he finds his work very interesting and educational and that he has come into contact with a "swell bunch of men." He states that he is very proud to be a part of the Seabees. However, he still prefers Klamath Falls and the west and misses his friends. Phelps is stationed at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. His wife is remaining here.

TWO IN SERVICE—Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Patterson, 2424 South Sixth street, have two sons in the service. PFC Tom Henry Patterson, left, 22, now in Morocco, and Robert Green Patterson, 27, now stationed at Camp White, Ore.
Tom is a graduate of Klamath Union high school, enlisted in June, 1940, and trained at Monterey in the army engineers. He was one of the first to arrive in Ireland where he spent three months before going to Africa. Tom will be remembered as one of KUHS' best basketball players.

Bob, at Camp White, is a member of the 361st infantry and doing "KP" duty at the present time. He is a former Kesterson mill employe. The following poem was sent to Bob's mother this week:
K. P. COMMANDO
I'm in the army now and I work all day,
Can't ask for a raise though I don't like my pay.
Plenty of action at the front of the sink,
For me—don't you think.
A soldier in action is what they made of me,
But I don't hear any guns for I'm a fighting KP.
It's potatoes I peel, and onions too,
A good combination for old army stew.
You start at six and work till late,
Though it's not the work but Hitler you hate.
You scrub a pot and shine a pan,
Then curse the Japs that live in Japan.
You don't get a chance to ever feel blue
For you keep on cursing all nazis too.
Now when this war is over, it's lots of rest for me
For I'm darn sick of being a fighting KP.
PVT. R. G. PATTERSON,
Camp White, Ore.

CZECH-AMERICANS HOLD CARD PARTY

MALIN—A public pinochle party is being sponsored by the Malin Czech-American alliance the evening of Wednesday, April 7. Play will begin at 8 o'clock in the Bohemian hall with admission at 35 cents, including tax. Refreshments will be free.
An interesting feature of the evening will be the sale of a feather quilt made by a number of Czech women of the community who in the style of the homeland have stripped the feathers for the filling. Feathers stripped from the quilt are downy soft.
The alliance is raising funds to help buy and equip an ambulance for the armed forces.

VEGETABLE PRICES SET

Minimum prices for Oregon growers for three more vegetables for processing—beets, cabbage and carrots, have been announced by the state USDA War Board. The prices, representing increases over last year, are: Beets—No. 1, \$28 a ton; No. 2, \$21; No. 3, \$12. Cabbage, \$12 a ton, field run. Carrots, \$22 a ton, field run. Processors who contract to pay growers at least the specified prices will be certified as eligible to participate in a government purchase program. Similar minimum prices were previously announced for peas, tomatoes, corn and snap beans.

I firmly believe that not until there is imposed on every man and woman the equal obligation to render service in the war effort will this country make the all-out war effort which is necessary and of which we are capable.—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson.
Robert A. Sharp, 2/c seaman, graduated from boot camp at Farragut, Ida., March 27, 1943. Sharp joined the navy at Rapid City, So. Dak. He graduated from high school in Rapid City and was employed at Swander's bakery there for four years. Sharp left Farragut for Rapid City after his graduation to visit his wife and friends there. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharp, 1527 Etna street, Klamath Falls.
Mrs. May Stillwell of 317 Martin, has received a letter from her son, Billie Stillwell, field musician, who is somewhere in the southwest Pacific. Stillwell says that he has gained weight and is feeling fine, but he would

REPORT SHOWS INCREASE IN RETAIL SALES

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP) Retail sales in 495 independent Oregon stores were 38 per cent higher in February than for the same month a year ago and 11 per cent higher than January of this year, the census bureau reported today.
Women's ready-to-wear stores had the greatest gain over last year—83 per cent—while shoe stores showed 88 per cent and department stores 77 per cent in dollar volume.
Salem retailers were up 54 per cent over a year ago and Eugene registered a gain of 25 per cent.

From Other Editors

SOCIAL LIFE EBBS (Klamath High Crater)
The social life of Klamath Union High seems to have hit an all-time low. The old school, to all appearances, has lapsed into a coma.
The students are moaning because of the lack of school activities. No carnivals, no formal dances, no hit assemblies, and no student body or class plays.

In the questioning of those who should have something to do with the entertainment of the student body, they merely smile and make some trite excuse such as, "Well, you know we're in a war and there's a shortage of everything. Guess you students will have to amuse yourselves. There's no time for entertainment in this war."
I believe that's where the biggest mistake is being made. Wartime is not the time to drop social activities. It should not be used as an excuse to do so for those who have perhaps tired of their duties as supervisors, heads of committees, etc.
It may be merely cooperation that is the bottleneck. Some of the students seem willing to cooperate as do some of the faculty. Yet others are definitely lacking in this quality.

It's true we are all busy, busier than most of us have ever been before. But let's not let our own small plans and enterprises interfere with our school spirit. If we all get in there and pitch, together we may be able to raise the morale of the entire school to its former basis. Other schools have done it, why not KUHS?
ARTLESS ANSWER
WASHINGTON (AP)—Washington Post Staff Writer Chandler Brossard walked around the Corcoran art gallery, seeking to see how many art lovers agreed with the judges in giving Henry Mattson's "Rocks" first place in recent biennial competition.
Some did and some didn't. Finally, a white-haired man holding an old hat was asked. Said he, raising his eyebrows: "I think it is a very good painting."
"Why?" asked the scribe with pencil poised.
"Because I painted it."

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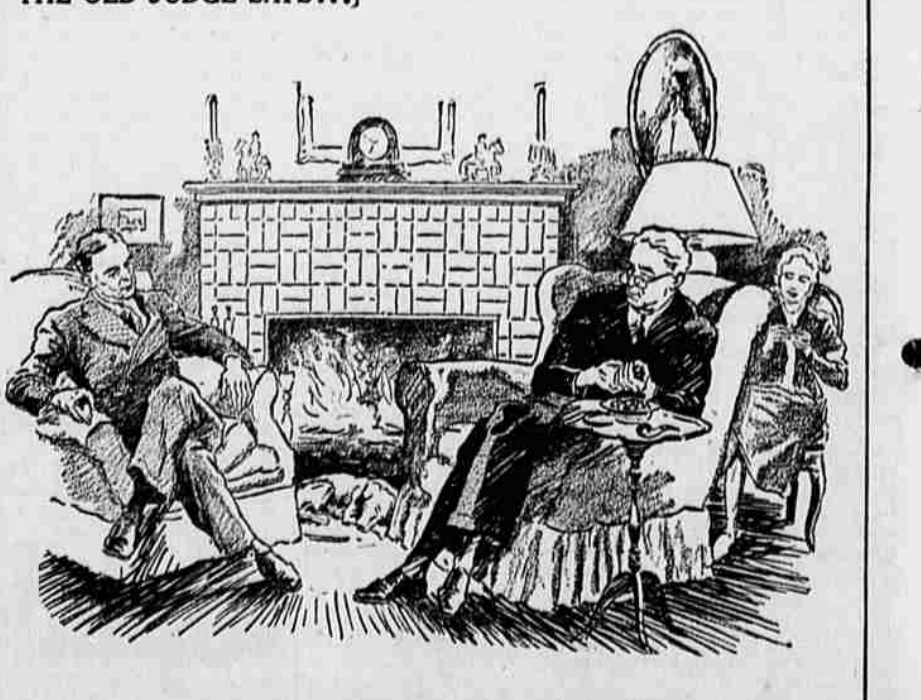
By The Associated Press
A group of 381 farmers and dairy workers from Oklahoma and Mississippi arrived at the farm security administration's Dayton camp for training which will prepare them for jobs on western Oregon farms... District Engineer H. G. Iverson of the U. S. bureau of mines told Albany businessmen that conversion of the old Albany college campus into an electrochemical laboratory will make the city the focal point of the northwest's mineral industry.
Astoria high school students started a drive to sell enough war bonds to purchase an army jeep and wound up by selling enough to buy 20... Recent bad weather in the North Bend area forced suspension of woods operations, resulting in log shortages that closed all but three sawmills... A false report that clothes rationing was to be invoked April 1 sent customers to Marshfield stores on a buying spree.
At Portland, Harold Puarica, a gravel company executive, took a shot at a prowler and missed, then he reloaded his gun which discharged accidentally, wounding him in the leg... Funeral services will be held at Portland Saturday for Mrs. Josephine Stapleton, 72, widow of former Circuit Judge James P. Stapleton... Chairman George J. Beggs of the Portland Red Cross drive reported contributions totaled \$727,000 while the quota was only \$518,000... Forest Grove's Red Cross drive has netted \$2106, or \$169 over

the quota, reported Mrs. C. A. Broderson, chairman.
Dr. G. Canby Robinson, national director of the Red Cross blood plasma program, said at Portland that blood donations are the greatest contributions non-combatants can make to the war effort... Ellis McCurley, 17, Medford high school senior, was informed by Rep. Harris Ellsworth that he has been named principal appointee to the U. S. naval academy at Annapolis.
WITH ARMED ESCORT?
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Mrs. Kenneth L. Simmons' ration board granted her a supplemental fuel oil ration.
Fuel Dealer John T. Carson delivered personally the two gallons—in eight milk bottles.

ONE VOTE DECISION
Tucson was selected by a majority of one vote when the people of Arizona Territory voted for a capital city in 1867. Phoenix was chosen much later.

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Had any news from George and his family since they moved away, Judge?"
"Yes, I had a letter from him day before yesterday. He's in Kentucky... the family's fine and they all like it there. George says he has a fine job in a beverage distillery. He brought out an interesting point in his letter I hadn't thought of before. He said that while the beverage distillers are working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week turning out war alcohol for the government for ammunition, tires, medical supplies and chemicals, they still are able to account for nearly a billion and a half dollars in taxes each year. That's on account of the fact the beverage distillers, though working 100% for the government, are still able to supply the public with beverages from the reserve stocks made during peacetime.
"Quite an unusual case, isn't it, Jim?"