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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY... TOUR of the war training service living quarters and classroom set-up at Summers school today left us with the impression that the erstwhile school layout is serving with fair adequacy in its new function.

We were interested because of recently published comment on the CAA pilot training program, some of which has appeared with critical emphasis in the Oregon Journal... But the Journal, offhandedly, made a remark to the effect that the health department threatened to condemn the Klamath Falls war training service barracks, which is the Summers school layout, and on that point, the Portland paper was misinformed.

Sleep in Gym

SLEEPING quarters for the 50 men in the current training program at the airport are established in the gymnasium. They are clean, neat, and certainly as pleasant as the usual barracks dormitory.

Heating and sanitary facilities have presented some problems, and these are receiving attention now. A plan is underway to provide sufficient heat to keep the sleeping quarters in the gymnasium the coming winter.

The fact that the Summers school grounds are covered with heavy grass sod, and are well landscaped, will be found increasingly beneficial in the summer season.

Vague

IT is true that plans for the training program are too often in a vague status, and that many times there have been delays in calling the men for further training, or into some phase of active duty.

Local observers believe that something definite in the way of improvement in this situation is shaping up, and it is much to be hoped that it is true.

The training program here is sponsored by the University of Oregon, and it was moved here from Eugene when regulations prohibited such training flying west of the Cascades.

Uncertain Future

ONE trouble that has been ever-present is a question as to whether the program will be continued. No one has seemed to know for sure whether there would be another school when one training period approaches an end.

For instance, in early March, 46 trainees were finishing their course here. It was not known for sure whether there would be another. Then, on March 15, 50 additional men were moved in here for training.

That's the sort of thing that creates a problem for the management of the local schools. Right now, it is necessary to make plans for next winter's fuel supply, and the fuel is being laid in although no one seems to be able to guarantee that there will be a program.

Road Improvement

THE use of Klamath's fine airport for flight training through the CAA is locally gratifying, and it would have been indeed unfortunate if these facilities had lain idle during the

war period. It is to be hoped the airport can continue in its contribution to the war program with increasing effectiveness.

In this connection, a plug is in line for further improvement this year by the county court of the county road which connects the airport with the paved section of Summers lane.

The road, incidentally, passes Summers school and connects it with the airport a short distance away. It is constantly used by the trainees in moving between the airport and the living and classroom facilities at the school property.

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON... WASHINGTON, April 14—Rommel lost 30,000 men in prisoners alone from the Mareth line to Sousse.

No good estimate has been made of his dead and wounded, but as he is known to have had about 80,000 effectives on the Mareth line, he lost far more than one-third of his army in the few weeks of flight northward.

These losses should have been enough to destroy his army—but they did not. The crafty Nazi saved the backbone of his fighting power (his Afrika corps) from heavy retreating engagements.

Always he left behind a rear guard to cover the escape of his prized corps composed of substantial groups of Italians and less important German infantrymen.

More of them were left at El Akarit, 18 miles south of Gabes, where he was expected to make a strong stand. He had no prepared fortifications there, but was in an excellent position, with one flank resting on the sea and the other securely protected by salt marshes.

The constant pressure of American land forces, and particularly American airplanes, required Rommel to protect a line on his rear right flank more heavily than his front line facing the British eighth army.

The American fighting, therefore, was really the factor that made the British successes possible, because it drew enough cannon and men from the Nazi-British front to enable General Montgomery to break up anything Rommel offered.

There are some who may say that our failure to break through to the coast and cut Rommel off completely is a disappointing factor in our success. No doubt a break through of such a nature was part of our strategy.

But it had to be accomplished with such overwhelming strength that it could be defended successfully not only from Rommel on the southern side, but from Von Arnim on the north.

Rommel would have turned on us in his retreat and our break-through unit would have been opposed both from the north and south at the same time. The way it happened was much surer and safer though less decisive.

Speedy Retreat

SO FAST was he fleeing past Sfax, he did not have time to lay land mines and establish himself an advantageous natural line which was waiting for him 15 miles south of Sousse.

The mountain line, north of Enfidaville, was obviously the best place for final resistance. The highest peak in all north east Tunisia (Djebel Zaghouan) is in that range.

Only through narrow valleys in this range can we approach Tunis and Bizerte, and the Germans have placed their artillery in such position to make advances through the valley extremely difficult.

But they only have about six airfields left, three large ones around the two big cities and three or four smaller fields huddled closely within their narrow lines.

We have had superiority in the air until now and should be able to make hash out of those fields in a few days. Our fields are scattered far back and thus better protected.

Whether the Germans can escape successfully in another Dunquerque depends on the coming fight in the air. We have the sea power, a superior land force and air force (up to now). If Hitler can hastily assemble enough planes to get a temporary local air superiority over the 90-mile stretch of water from Tunis to Sicily, and thus harass the operations of the British-American fleet, he might sneak the bulk of his army out in planes and small boats and again leave behind the Italian army to be captured.

SIDE GLANCES



"Gosh, Muisy, Bill hasn't got a date—I hope you won't mind if he tags along with us!"

OUT OF THE WOODS

BY Jim Stevens

"I Hates Bulgarians..." This particular hate on Bulgarians was the only violent, or even positive opinion that Pewee Samson had ever been heard to express in his 30-odd years as a man of the woods.

Pewee was an old hand with the Lemola Logging company. In his prime, he could never quite inch up to five feet, even in his calked boots. Pewee lacked the cockiness that is common with many good little loggers.

A few other Lemolo old-timers knew that Pewee had dreamed for some years of a tractor-driver's job. He had spent many of his spare day-time hours tinkering and helping around the machine shop.

The Snake Ranch... The new trail forked into the Lemolo river road where stood "The Snake Ranch," a joint conducted by a Bulgarian called "Herman the Hog."

On a certain weekend Pewee parked his dozer in a clump of river-bank alders alongside the Snake Ranch. It was with grim purpose. This Saturday night, he vowed, he'd live up to his family name of Samson or bust something a-trying.

Pewee had a particular bill of complaint against Herman the Hog. Back in the depression years the two had been in camp together. During a summer shutdown in forest fire weather, Herman had somehow snagged a bottle of lemon extract from the kitchen and gone to the woods to drink it.

So now Rommel, with his battered Afrika corps, filled with replacements, has managed to preserve some considerable fighting power for the final fray at the side of Von Arnim.

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HIGH SCHOOL EDITOR WINS THIRD PRIZE

Edna Kahl's editorial in the Klamath Krater, under the title, "Keeper of the Flame," won the third national prize in a contest for high school journalists sponsored by the Scholastic magazine, it was announced Wednesday.

Clifford Rowe, high school journalism instructor, received word of Miss Kahl's award Wednesday. The young girl will receive a \$25 war bond as her prize.

TAFT FIGHTS OVER HIGH SCHOOL CORPS

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) clashed sharply today with J. W. Studebaker, United States commissioner of education, over the wisdom of granting federal funds for the high school victory corps.

SHOE DEALER MUST OPEN RATION BANK

Every shoe merchant who has access to ration banking facilities must open a ration banking account before Saturday in order to keep doing business, James B. Reese, district OPA rationing officer, reminded today.

VITAL STATISTICS

ELLIS—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., April 13, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Francis C. Ellis, 921 Prospect avenue, a boy. Weight: 7 pounds 103 ounces.

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EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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gomery, he has reached his last stand.

We had a field day against the axis air forces yesterday, destroying 84 German and Italian planes with a loss of only three of our own.

EXCEPT for mysterious sharp tank attacks, preceded by air assault, delivered by the Germans in the Leningrad area, the bulk of the fighting in Russia seems to be in the air.

Moscow is reported today to be expecting heavy German attacks somewhere along the line in the next two or three weeks.

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VFW AUXILIARY WILL INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Auxiliary to VFW, Pelican Post No. 1383, will hold open installation of officers for the coming year Thursday, April 15, in the K. C. hall at 8 p. m.

New officers for the coming year will be: President, Ruby Rous; senior vice president, Edna Carnahan; junior vice president, Anna McGilvray; treasurer, Gladys Lofdash; chaplain, Arvie Jenkins; conductress, Ella Mullins; guard, Dora Lohrey; secretary, Ermadee La Barge; pianist, Pat Henry; patriotic instructor, Grayce Crump; historian, Martha Townsend; banner bearer, Georgia Riggles; trustee, Elizabeth Lee; color bearers, Faye Meyers, Caroline Williams, Dagna Subject, Ethel Prairie.

FOR RENT—Five-room house, furnished, refrigerator and Maytag. Adults. \$30. 1715 Oak St. Call 10 a. m. till 5 p. m.

FOR SALE—Yearling Guernsey heifer, nice one. 4349 Winter avenue after 5 p. m. 4-17

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To the Coal Trade: TO HAVE COAL, OR NOT TO HAVE IT, that is the question! We Quote Just One of Many Authorities: (National Solid Fuels Coordinator, Washington, D. C.) "Reductions in fuel wood production threatens to increase substantially the demand for coal next winter." Coal users must store more coal during April, May and June this year than ever before. NOW, TODAY, is not too soon to order your coal. The Answer, We Believe, is Obvious, namely: We advise you very frankly that you MUST take your coal now, while it is available, or be prepared to do without your normal supply next fall and winter. FRED H. HEILBRONNER Office and Yard, 821 Spring Phone 4150 "FUELS THAT SATISFY" PLUS SERVICE Since 1919